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POLISH POWER PLAY



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While Italy still leads the Junior series, it is by but half-a-VP from defending champions, Poland. The Poles had a great day yesterday, scoring 72 VPs out of a possible 75, including a crucial 24-6 win against the host nation. The leading scores are Italy 289.5, Italy 289, Norway 283, Hungary 278.5, England 277, France 260, Netherlands 250, Israel 246.

The Polish Schools team had a mixed day but still emerged in the lead after taking 56 VPs from two wins and one defeat. The defeat came against second-placed Israel, while one of the wins was over third-placed Latvia, so 56 VPs was not a bad return from a very tough day for the Poles. It is tight at the top, with Poland on 118, Israel 114, Latvia and Sweden 111, Italy 107 and Netherlands 104.

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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.

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TODAY'S VUGRAPH

10.00 England v Portugal14.00 Denmark v Norway

Juniors Juniors

JUNIOR TEAMS RESULTS

		ROUND 13		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VP s
1	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	25 - 32	14 - 16
2	ROMANIA	POLAND	29 - 89	3 - 25
3	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL	68 - 53	18 - 12
4	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	46 - 78	8 - 22
5	ITALY	GREECE	72 - 9	25 - 3
6	LATVIA	AUSTRIA	56 - 62	14 - 16
7	DENMARK	TURKEY	67 - 17	25 - 5
8	CROATIA	SCOTLAND	57 - 38	19 - 11
9	ISRAEL	LITHUANIA	65 - 23	24 - 6
10	NORWAY	HUNGARY	38 - 63	10 - 20
Ш	SPAIN	CZECH REP.	62 - 27	22 - 8

	ROUND 14		
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VP s
I HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	72 - 7	25 - 3
2 LITHUANIA	CZECH REP.	45 - 43	15 - 15
3 SCOTLAND	SPAIN	49 - 59	13 - 17
4 TURKEY	NORWAY	28 - 53	10 - 20
5 AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	40 - 58	11 - 19
6 GREECE	CROATIA	56 - 24	22 - 8
7 ENGLAND	DENMARK	61 - 48	18 - 12
8 PORTUGAL	LATVIA	59 - 48	17 - 13
9 POLAND	ITALY	75 - 31	24 - 6
10 FRANCE	SWEDEN	47 - 27	19 - 11
I I ROMANIA	BELGIUM	30 - 69	7 - 23

		ROUND 15		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP s	VPs
ı	NETHERLANDS	ROMANIA	99 - 38	25 - 3
2	BELGIUM	FRANCE	57 - 41	18 - 12
3	SWEDEN	POLAND	36 - 76	7 - 23
4	ITALY	PORTUGAL	47 - 51	14 - 16
5	LATVIA	ENGLAND	30 - 21	17 - 13
6	DENMARK	GREECE	67 - 40	21 - 9
7	CROATIA	AUSTRIA	39 - 91	5 - 25
8	ISRAEL	TURKEY	41 - 36	16 - 14
9	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	41 - 28	18 - 12
10	SPAIN	LITHUANIA	28 - 53	10 - 20
Ш	CZECH REP.	HUNGARY	30 - 65	8 - 22

JUNIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROUNI	0.00	
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
1	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	
2	NORWAY	CROATIA	
3	SPAIN	DENMARK	
4	CZECH REPUBLIC	LATVIA	
5	HUNGARY	ITALY	
6	LITHUANIA	SWEDEN	
7	SCOTLAND	BELGIUM	
8	TURKEY	ROMANIA	
9	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	
10	GREECE	POLAND	
11	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL	

	ROU	ND 17	14.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Tean	n
I	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	
2	PORTUGAL	GREECE	
3	POLAND	AUSTRIA	
4	FRANCE	TURKEY	
5	ROMANIA	SCOTLAND	
6	BELGIUM	LITHUANIA	
7	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	
8	ITALY	CZECH REPU	JBLIC
9	LATVIA	SPAIN	
10	DENMARK	NORWAY	
11	CROATIA	ISRAEL	

SCHOOLS TEAMS PROGRAM

	R	OUND 7 10.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	LATVIA	ENGLAND
2	SWEDEN	DENMARK
3	ITALY	HUNGARY
4	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
5	TURKEY	AUSTRIA
6	GERMANY	ISRAEL
7	NORWAY	POLAND

	RO	JND 8 14.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
- 1	TURKEY	LATVIA
2	GERMANY	FRANCE
3	NORWAY	ITALY
4	POLAND	SWEDEN
5	ISRAEL	ENGLAND
6	AUSTRIA	DENMARK
7	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY

SCHOOLS TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 6

I POLAND	118
2 ISRAEL	114
3 LATVIA	111
—SWEDEN	Ш
5 ITALY	107
6 NETHERLANDS	104
7 NORWAY	94
8 FRANCE	91
9 GERMANY	90
IO DENMARK	85
II ENGLAND	71
12 TURKEY	61
13 HUNGARY	53
14 AUSTRIA	36

JUNIORS TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 15

I ITALY	289.5
2 POLAND	289
3 NORWAY	283
4 HUNGARY	278.5
5 ENGLAND	277
6 FRANCE	260
7 NETHERLANDS	250
8 ISRAEL	246
9 DENMARK	238.5
10 SWEDEN	226
I I BELGIUM	224.5
12 AUSTRIA	220
13 TURKEY	219
14 PORTUGAL	218.5
15 GREECE	198
16 LATVIA	195
17 ROMANIA	194
18 SPAIN	170
19 CROATIA	158.5
20 CZECH REPUBLIC	152
21 LITHUANIA	143
22 SCOTLAND	141

SCHOOLS TEAMS RESULTS

		ROUND 4		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I	AUSTRIA	LATVIA	24 - 63	7 - 23
2	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	33 - 40	14 - 16
3	HUNGARY	POLAND	37 - 84	6 - 24
4	DENMARK	NORWAY	35 - 42	14 - 16
5	ENGLAND	GERMANY	26 - 65	7 - 23
6	SWEDEN	TURKEY	81 - 42	23 - 7
7	ITALY	FRANCE	42 - 45	14 - 16

ROUND 5						
	Home Team Visiting Team IMPs VPs					
1 1	LATVIA	SWEDEN	57 - 62	14 - 16		
2	ITALY	ENGLAND	41 - 20	19 - 11		
3	FRANCE	DENMARK	40 - 57	11 - 19		
4	TURKEY	HUNGARY	37 - 31	16 - 14		
5 (GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	15 - 40	10 - 20		
6 1	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	38 - 53	12 - 18		
7 1	POLAND	ISRAEL	18 - 39	11 - 19		

	ROUND 6				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs	
ı	POLAND	LATVIA	71 - 44	21 - 9	
2	ISRAEL	NORWAY	27 - 42	12 - 18	
3	AUSTRIA	GERMANY	30 -111	0 - 25	
4	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	52 - 51	15 - 15	
5	HUNGARY	FRANCE	27 - 64	7 - 23	
6	DENMARK	ITALY	72 - 21	25 - 5	
7	ENGLAND	SWEDEN	43 - 54	13 - 17	



Italy v England — Round 12 Juniors

To Bid or Not to Bid

9 9 6

West

Lo Presti

Although many points are gained or lost by fine declarer play or excellent defence, the Italian juniors demonstrated that judging when to bid (and not to bid) could gain many points. They gained around 30 IMPs on the following three boards from this top match. Test your judgement against theirs.

To Bid or Not to Bid I

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

★ K 10 9 8

♥ K 8 4

♦ A 10 9 5

♣ 5 4

West North East South ?

Sitting East, do you open?

To Bid or Not to Bid 2

Dealer West, All Vul.

♠ Q93

♡ A 4

♦ A 6 3

♣ Q9872

Pass **Pass**

Sitting East, do you open?

West

North East South

To Bid or Not to Bid 3

Dealer South, All Vul.

♦ ○ 108

♥ Q97

♦ AQ|92

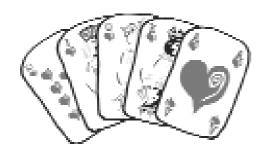
♣ A 10

West North East South **Pass**

 $\downarrow \Diamond$

Sitting North, do you bid INT?

The problems refer to Boards 2, 4 and 7. When your decisions are made, please read on to see if you were miserable or brilliant.



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 6 2 ♥ Q J 6

♦ 6

AKQ832

♠ Q 5 4 3 ♡ 2 ♦ KQ8432

★ K 10 9 8 ♥ K84 ♦ A 10 9 5

♣ 5 4

♠ | 7 ♡ A 10 9 7 5 3 ♦ | 7

♣ J 10 7 South North East Woodcock Burgess Di Bello

INT **Pass** 27* 3♣ All Pass

West North East South Boldrini Happer Green Sbarigia

2♡ Pass **Pass** 2NT 3♡ **Pass** 4♡ All Pass

On our first example Di Bello did very well to open INT weak. 2° was alerted to North, and explained as a transfer, but not by Lo Presti to Woodcock, sitting South. N/S therefore missed the cold game in hearts, and indeed a slam on a finesse. The bottom line was 10 IMPs from nowhere but Burgess/Woodcock complained and the director changed the score to 4% with an overtrick for N/S for a push. The right answer was to bid.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

★ K 10 9

♦ 074

♣ KQ8765

★ A | 8 6 5 4 ♡ 109

♦ | 9 2

♣ A 10

West

Lo Presti



♠ Q 7 2 ∇ K O 4 2 ♦ A 10 3

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♥ 187653 ♦ K 8 6 5

♣ | 3

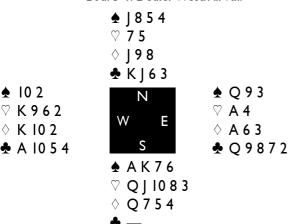
North South East Di Bello Woodcock Burgess

Pass 2♠ All Pass 3♣ 3♠

West	North	East	South	
Happer	Boldrini	Green	Sbarigia	
			2♡	
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Ben Green went one light in 3NT, so Italy had the possibility to gain their first IMPs here. On some occasions there is a very little difference in strength when Lo Presti/Di Bello open one- or two- of a major. 2\(\Delta\) was natural and weak, so Di Bello didn't have any thoughts of game. In 3\(\Delta\) the defence have a heart ruff if North leads his singleton ace then switches to a diamond. When Burgess led the king of clubs, declarer only had four losers. Lo Presti won the ace and missed the opportunity of simply playing the ace of trumps and another. When declarer at trick two instead played a heart up, North could win and switch to a diamond. Of course, declarer was unlucky as hearts are not likely to be 6-1, nevertheless, South could win the trick and correctly play a heart, ruffed by North. Very well defended by Andrew Woodcock not to play a club back. N/S +100 at both tables meant that no IMPs were exchanged on this board.







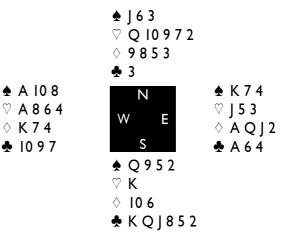
Fabio Lo Presti, Italy

West	North	East	South
Lo Presti	Burgess	Di Bello	Woodcock
Pass Pass All Pass	Pass I♠	Pass Dble	I♡ 4♠
West	North	East	South
Happer	Boldrini	Green	Sbarigia
Pass Dble 3♣	Pass Pass All Pass	I ♣ 2 ♣	I ♡ 2♦

On our second exhibit, Di Bello passed. This time Woodcock bid game going off, whilst Boldrini/Sbarigia let their opponents have the final contract. Note that spades were never mentioned at all; England +110.

4♠ by Burgess was just bad judgement and off it went; down three for —300 and 5 IMPs to Italy. The right answer was not to bid.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Lo Presti	Burgess	Di Bello	Woodcock	
	Pass	♣*	Pass	
ΙŸ	Pass	INT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			
West	North	East	South	
Happer	Boldrini	Green	Sbarigia	
	Pass	I♦	2♣	
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

The lead was the same at both tables: the king of clubs. Both declarers won the club continuation and from here Green didn't find his the way to success as he ran the diamonds then cashed the two tops in spades and exited with a spade. The position he was playing for was for North to hold four to the queen and jack in spades with king and queen in hearts as well. If that had been the case North would have had to give declarer a heart trick. This was not the day, however; down one for —50.

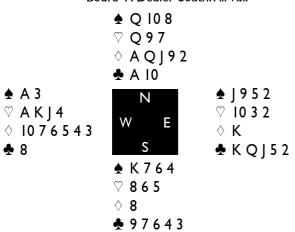
In the vugraph, the commentators suggested one option for declarer would be to play a low heart up to the jack twice, in case North is holding king and queen in hearts. What they didn't notice was that the heart suit will become blocked as dummy will

run out of entries. Di Bello took his time then judged better as he played South for one top honour singleton, thus he cashed the ace of hearts then played a heart up; +400 and 10 well-earned IMPs to Italy.

What if South held a singleton heart but not an honour; can declarer still succeed? The answer is yes. After winning the ace of hearts declarer runs all the diamonds. South has to discard two cards. If he is holding on to his clubs, pitching two spades, North will have to keep three spades and come down to only three hearts. On a heart North will be thrown in. He can win his three heart tricks then has to open up the spade suit. A low spade must be played, to the queen and ace. When the ten of spade is played there is no defence.

If South keeps three cards in each black suit and North keeps four hearts, a club will endplay South. In that case South can win three club tricks but then has to play a spade to the eight, jack and king, then a spade finesse with the ten will succeed.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Lo Presti	Burgess	Di Bello	Woodcock
			Pass
I ◊*	INT	Dble	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
		_	
West	North	East	South
<u>Happer</u>	Boldrini	Green	Sbarigia
			Pass
I ♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2◊	All Pass		

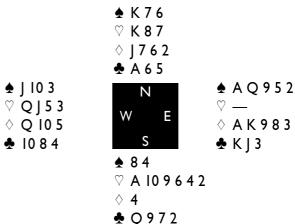
The third hand was even more lucrative for the Italians when Boldrini passed. The English ended up playing in 2^{\lozenge} at both tables! Badguess, sorry, Burgess, bid INT and now the English finished in the inglorious contract of 2^{\lozenge} doubled by North. Although, to be fair, once he bids INT, not unreasonable at all, his side is destined for a poor score.

When Burgess flew to 2♦, Lo Presti was happy to defeat that contract rather than 2♣. Without any hesitation he doubled. You could actually see how he licked his lips on the vugraph screen. Burgess had to struggle to avoid 800, but the Italians misdefended slightly; still two down and —500. That meant another 12 IMPs to Italy when Happer had gone one off in the Closed Room. The answer was not to bid,

After II boards Italy was in leading position by a remarkable

37-0! From here England started to win IMPs, although in only small packages.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Lo Presti	Burgess	Di Bello	Woodcock
			Pass
Pass	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3◊	Pass
3♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Happer	Boldrini	Green	Sbarigia
			2♡
Pass	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

After Sbarigia's $2\heartsuit$, Green could show a two-suited hand by bidding $4\diamondsuit$, and that led to the goal; +420.

Di Bello showed a powerful 16+ with spades and diamonds. Despite nice values in diamonds, Lo Presti went for a partscore; +170. Should East bid game anyway? We leave that to you to decide. As the cards lay, the game was cold and that was a small package of 6 IMPs to England.

Italy really got everything right in this top match — very impressive! The final score was changed into 56-19 after a ruling on Board 2. Italy decided not to appeal, so we summarize it to Italy 23 England 7.

We hope you liked our examples. However, they contributed to a fine win for Italy over their nearest rivals, England, and put them in a commanding lead after 12 rounds.



7♠ Doubled and Made — Three Aces Missing

This modern stuff, to show multiple aces in response to Blackwood may from time to time confuse the players of today. See what happened on this board from Round 2 in the Schools (and Round 11 in the Juniors).

Board 18. Dealer East, N/S Vul.

Bou	o i o. Dealer East	
	♠ K J♡ 10 8 6 5 4◇ 6 5♣ A 10 9 7	
♠ 754 ♡ A K J 72 ◇ — ♣ Q J 642	N W E S ♣ 86 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A 9 8 7 3 2 ♣ 8 5 3	♠ A Q 10 9 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ K Q J 10 4 ♣ K

West	North	East	South
Johansen	Katerbau	Bogen	Rehder
		I♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	Dble	All Pass	

In the Schools, Germany was playing Norway. Haakon Bogen opened I♠, then showed his second-best suit. 4♣ from Lars Arthur Johansen was either natural or a cuebid, Johansen then wanted

Haakon Bogen, Norway

more than a mere game bonus so he asked for aces. Five Diamonds showed one **or** four aces out of five. One must take an optimistic view in this world, Johansen thought, and asked for the queen of trumps as he realized (hoped) that all the aces were under control. Bogen was happy to show the trump queen, thus he bid the small slam. Well, since East is holding at least five to the ace, king and queen in trumps and the two minor-suit aces, the grand must have a decent play reflected Johansen as he nearly emptied his bidding box. Janko Katerbau knew there was something fishy in this auction, so he doubled by instinct, or it might have been the fact that he held the trump king and another ace besides.

Martin Rehder wondered what was going on, although he didn't complain as his partner had doubled the grand while he was holding an ace. However, the ace of diamonds, while it would not have been my choice, was Rehder's selection for the opening lead. He might have thought it didn't matter, as his partner must have a secure trick somewhere to dare to double. Bogen was quite happy to have avoided the club lead. He ruffed the diamond ace then finessed the queen of trumps. When it held he crossed to dummy in hearts, ditching his singleton club on a second top heart. A spade to the ace followed and declarer claimed 13 tricks. 7♠ doubled made without three aces — and that was +1770 and 16 powerful IMPs to Norway when the comparison score was +450 from the other table. Thanks to this board Norway won the match by 34-20 IMPs; 18-12 VPs.

This astonishing score of 1770 actually appeared in one other match. In the Juniors, Marius Korkevicius/Rokas Blazevicius also managed to put themselves into this horrifying grand but, when a respectable Polish player also found the ace of diamonds as his lead, the Lithuanians collected all thirteen tricks. That was worth 15 IMPs to Lithuania as the Poles at the other table were playing in 42+2. Nevertheless, Poland managed to win the match by 19 to 11.

Five tables reached 6♠; all the rest 4♠ or 5♠. One other score stood out — 7NT doubled down three by the Belgians in the Juniors. No champagne from the captain for that, we presume.

Teams and Players' Photos Schedule — Thursday July 21th

SCHOOLS

13.30 Italy

13.40 Latvia

13.45 Netherlands

13.50 Turkey

17.00 Norway

17.10 Poland

17.20 Sweden

17.25 Austria

JUNIORS

17.30 Croatia

17.35 Italy

17.40 Spain

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.

The Czech Junior Team

A week before the Championship began it was still not clear who was coming as captain of the Czech junior team, which is mainly based on individuals rather than pairs. My choice of the players would have been a little bit different.

The evening before departure Petr Jelinek called to say that his father had had a heart attack and he will not play. What now? We were looking for a player who would be able to pack and leave next morning.

Miloslav Pojman (20) was a good choice. He is a young and aggressive player who is studying logic at the Charles University. He is a vice-world champion after the first four boards of the World Junior Pairs Championship in Tata. This was his only experience of international bridge competitions. He lives in Prague.

One of his partners here in Riccione is **Martin 'Sigi' Sigmund** (22) He is attending the same University as Mila. He was a member of the junior team last year in Prague.

Zbynek 'Pivek' Pisa (22) is the third player creating 'the pair' He is studying at the Czech Technical University in Prague. Martin and Zbynek live in Ceske Budejovice, in the south of the Czech Republic full of natural beauty, towns and castles.

The second 'threesome' begins with **Milan 'Cicam' Macura** (21), the most experienced player in the team. His international bridge career began in Poland four years ago with the World Pairs and Camp. Then came the European Junior Teams in Torquay, Tata World Junior Pairs and finally he took a place in the Czech school team last year in Prague. He lives in Hranice na Morave (eastern part of Czech Republic). Morava is famous for 'Slivovice', a delicious alcohol made from plums.

On the other side of the south, Moravia's highlight is very good wine, as **Vladimr 'BeRRi' Beran** knows very well. This tall blond guy has broken a lot of girls' hearts. Milan and Vladimir are studying in the Faculty of Nuclear Science and Physical Engineering at the Czech Technical University in Prague. They stay in one room at the colleges

The Benjamin of the team is **Michal Kopecky** (19), who played for the school team last year. He took the twelfth place at the first World Junior Individual Championship in New York last year. He has just entered the Economical University in Prague. He lives in Trutnov, in the north of the Czech Republic with the highest mountains.

In these sunny hot days we all miss the greatest Czech product - beer.

With thanks to the organizers, EBL and the President of the Czech Bridge Federation, Premek Poslednik, we can enjoy this beautiful tournament.



Team Profile Of The Dutch Juniors

By Tim Heeres

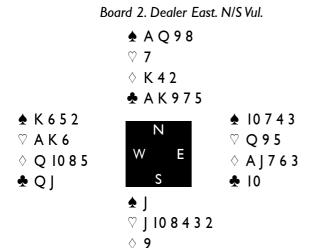
This year's Dutch Junior team has only one consistent factor: the coach and non-playing captain are the same. However, between them there are some differences. For example, Kees Tammens (55) smoke cigars and on a bad day he exhales the smoke in your face, which can result in headaches, dizziness and nausea. So you'd better talk to **Schelte Wijma** (33). Although he smokes cigarettes, his bad breath is mainly caused by his credo: Don't drink more than you eat. Fortunately for us, it's not necessary to open your mouth while playing bridge, but if you play against Kees's son, **Bas Tammens**, you probably have to yawn all the time; Bas was once a very talented soccer player; playing for Ajax. He always has the disadvantage of having his father as coach. His old man never talks about the boards that went well and this pessimistic view reflects on Bas' play. Whenever he goes down, Kees will look angry, so Bas avoids contracts that are too high. A turtle with bound legs will reach Timbuktu more quickly than Bas will reach a simple game. However, there's still his partner **Bobbe**jaan Drijver. This selfish 18 year old student (Well Bob, last year you were still attending high school) has two rules to preserve the good relation with his partner: 1) Bas is not allowed to bid NT, 2) Bas has to make sure his hand will be dummy. With this style they mostly get to the right contract, but some Dutch supporters begin to realize that a lot of the contracts are down because of the wrong hand being declarer.

Merijn Groenenboom (21) says he makes mistakes. This is a priori an excellent explanation of his bad defence, but it seems it only occurs when he's thinking of food, which is pretty often as his partner Danny Molenaar (21) can confirm. This feller doesn't make as many mistakes as Merijn, but Danny is probably the worst player at postmortems. He can't remember any hand he just played: AQxxx will become J10xx and a king which West had will belong to East. So after a session don't listen to him. The third pair consists of Andor van Munnen and Richard Ritmeijer. Andor (25) likes to play rubber bridge at very high stakes against old ladies who barely can count to 13. No problem of course, as Andor can't either. The only one about whom I can say some positive words is Richard Ritmeijer a.k.a. Ricardo Rimeira. He's so understanding and barely ever makes mistakes. Richard can't get angry; even when I tried to ruin his suit by spraying some vinaigrette on it he said: could have happened to anyone... thanks Richard.

Then there is the team manager, **Tim Heeres**. Don Heeres owns various castles and houses all through Italy. This is because he has various activities that ignore the law. And with his several habitations it's very tough for the legal authorities to capture him. The main strong point of the 'Don' is that he can see anyone's weak spot in a blink of an eye and if he finds it necessary he will use it and use it until there is nothing left and then he'll dismiss you. That's why everyone should be afraid of the Dutch. Or we will send the DON.

Denmark v Turkey—Juniors Round 13

Both these teams were stuck in mid-table going into Wednesday morning's vugraph match and needed to get some big wins quickly if they were to get into serious contention for a qualifying place for next year's World Championship. And, as it turned out, one team did indeed achieve the sort of result they required.

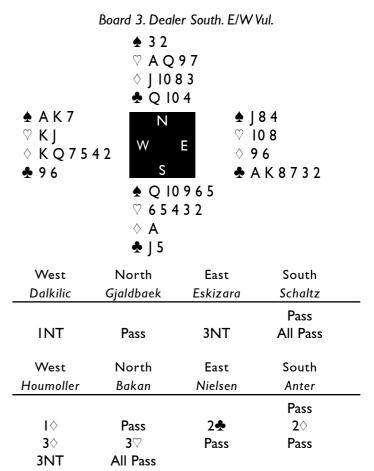


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West	North	East	South
Dalkilic	Gjaldbaek	Eskizara	Schaltz
	Pass		Pass
INT	Dble	Pass	2♡
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Houmoller	Bakan	Nielsen	Anter
	Pass	Pass	
1♦	2♣	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

What a difference an opening bid can make. Basar Dalkilic opened INT, Kare Gjaldbaek doubled and Martin Schaltz ran to 2° , ending the auction. That proved to be quite a comfortable contract, the club fit making up for North's lack of heart support. Dalkilic led a club to dummy and Schaltz played a heart, running the seven to the ace. Dalkilic switched to a spade and Schaltz rose with the ace, ruffed a spade and played the $^{\circ}$ J to Omer Eskizara's queen. He ruffed the spade return and now could not afford to play another round of trumps in case they split unevenly. Schaltz's club play was ruffed but there was just a diamond and a trump to lose from here; +110.

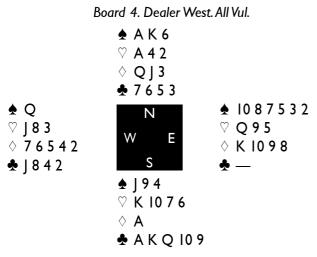
Jonas Houmoller had a $1 \diamondsuit$ opening in his methods and that led to a quite different auction after Huseyin Bakan's $2 \clubsuit$ overcall. Lars Nielsen made a negative double and, when Salih Anter's preemptive leap to $5 \clubsuit$ came back to him, felt that he had to bid on because of the big diamond fit. Bakan doubled $5 \diamondsuit$ and there were three spades and a club to be lost; -300 and 5 IMPs to Turkey.



The Turkish E/W had a free run to 3NT and Gjaldbaek led the \heartsuit 7 round to declarer's jack. Dalkilic ducked a club to South's jack and Schaltz played back a heart. Gjaldbaek took his three heart winners and, on seeing Schaltz play hearts upwards, switched to a diamond to the ace, enabling Schaltz to cash the last heart for down two; -200.

Again, system played a part as Houmoller had a $I \lozenge$ opening and that allowed Anter in with a two-suited overcall of $2 \lozenge$ on the way to 3NT by West. Bakan led the $\heartsuit Q$ rather than a small one and Houmoller won the king. He too ducked a club and the defence cashed three hearts but now Bakan switched to a spade, putting more weight on his partner's bidding than his carding in hearts which, to be fair, was less clear than at the other table. Houmoller had only eight tricks, but the run of the clubs squeezed South between spades and the $\lozenge A$ to provide the ninth; +600 and 13 IMPs to Denmark.



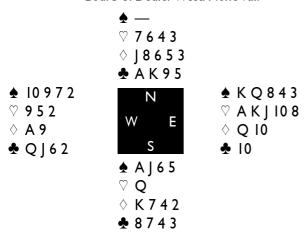


West	North	East	South
Dalkilic	Gjaldbaek	Eskizara	Schaltz
Pass	I ♦	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Houmoller	Bakan	Nielsen	Anter
Pass	♣	Pass	I♡
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5◊
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Gjaldbaek/Schaltz play a strong club that starts at 15 HCP and have to open $1\Diamond$ with this North hand. INT was a relay and an artificial sequence saw them get to 3NT, which made a lot of tricks — eleven, for +660.

The natural Turkish auction reached a good but by no means secure small slam. You would feel that 6♣ would have very good chances, until the trumps proved to be four-zero offside. That was an unlucky one down for —100 and 13 IMPs to Denmark when it might well have been 12 the other way on a slightly different lay-out.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

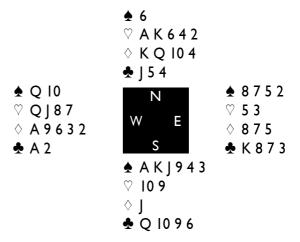


West Dalkilic	North Gjaldbaek	East Eskizara	South Schaltz
Pass	I♡	I♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			
		_	
West	North	East	South
Houmoller	Bakan	Nielsen	Anter
Pass	Pass	I♠	Pass
3◊	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The other side of the Gjaldbaek/Schaltz methods is that they can open $1\%/\Phi$ to show only 8-14 HCP. Hearing partner open the bidding, even with such potentially limited values, was sufficient to convince Schaltz that a double of 4Φ would be a worthwhile enterprise. Right he was, though the penalty was not something to get rich on. Schaltz led his singleton heart and Eskizara won the ace then played ΦQ from hand. Schaltz ducked that and declarer played the $\Phi 10$. Gjaldbaek won the club and gave his partner a heart ruff. With two trumps to come, that was down one for—100.

Of course, North did not have an opening bid in the other room and the Danes got to game via a Bergen raise. There was no reason for Anter to double — and just as well, as he failed to defeat the contract. Anter led a club to the king and back came a heart. Nielsen won the heart and played \clubsuit K and, when that was ducked, a low spade. Anter won the \spadesuit J and played two more rounds of trumps. Nielsen won the fourth round of trumps in dummy and led the \clubsuit Q to the ace and ruff and had the rest, the \clubsuit J providing a parking place for his diamond loser; +420 and II IMPs to Denmark.

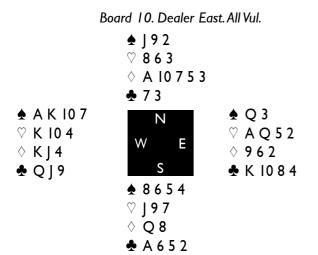
Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Dalkilic	Gjaldbaek	Eskizara	Schaltz	
	Ι♡	Pass	INT	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠	
All Pass				
West	North	East	South	
Houmoller	Bakan	Nielsen	Anter	
	ΙØ	Pass	I♠	_
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				

Schaltz responded INT to show spades and the 2Φ rebid showed diamonds. Now, facing 8-14 and seeing a misfit, Schaltz signed off in 2Φ — well done as he made just eight tricks for +110 after losing both a spade trick and a club ruff.

Anter was facing a normal range opening bid. Still, perhaps the misfit should have persuaded him that 3\(\Delta\) was sufficient at his second turn — not that this would necessarily have made. Four Spades was quickly down when Houmoller led ace and another club and received a ruff. He exited with a heart and Anter took the spade finesse. Now the ace of diamonds was cashed for down two; -100 and 5 IMPs to Denmark.



Both Wests opened INT and played the no trump game on the lead of a low diamond to the queen. Both declarers ducked this, which was necessary if they would otherwise have won and played on clubs — the normal choice as cashing the majors first could easily establish five defensive winners when diamonds were four-three all along. Both did very well indeed, because it is not at all clear that ducking is correct — put the ace of clubs in the North hand to see why.

Both Souths played back a diamond to the king and ace. Now Bakan, who knew he did not have an entry, switched to a spade, putting no pressure on Houmoller, who played on clubs for ten tricks; +630. Gjaldbaek, who also knew that he did not have an entry, appreciated the fact that declarer could not know that and cleared the diamonds anyway. It was still open to Dalkilic to change tack and try to bring in eight tricks in the majors, when a spade finesse would have led to defeat, but he got it right, deciding that this line needed too much compared to the simple hope that the club ace would be with South; the same ten tricks for +630 and an interesting push.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul. **★** K 10 9 ♡ 4 ♦ KQJ742 ♣ 10 5 4 **★** A | 654 **★**87 ♥ 932 ♥ A Q 10 6 ♦ A 9 ♦ 1065 **♣** K 8 6 ♣ A Q 3 2 **♠** Q 3 2 ♡ K J 8 7 5 ♦ 83

♣ J 9 7

West	North	East	South	
Dalkilic	Gjaldbaek	Eskizara	Schaltz	
	Pass	2♣	Pass	
2◊	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South	
Houmoller	Bakan	Nielsen	Anter	
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass	
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

Again both E/W pairs bid to 3NT but from different sides. I believe that Dalkilic's 20 rebid was just marking time rather than being anything special systemically—presumably Gjaldbaek would have doubled had he been told that 20 was artificial. Anyway, Schaltz led a heart and could not have been too impressed when declarer won this with the six. Eskizara started well, playing a spade to the jack and king. Back came the $\Diamond K$ to the eight from South and low from dummy, followed by the \$7 to the three from South and dummy's ace. Eskizara seems to have convinced himself that South had shown an even number of diamonds and that the suit was splitting four-four. This is actually pretty unlikely after the first trick, but never mind. He crossed to hand with a club to exit with his last diamond and Gjaldbaek could not believe his luck. He cashed out and that was two down for—I00. Even had diamonds split evenly, it is not clear that anything good could have happened to allow declarer to make his contract, as North is then likely to be 4-1-4-4 and can afford to pitch a spade when the ∇A is cashed.



Omer Eskizara, Tourkey

What declarer missed was an entirely legitimate and successful line. He has to hope that the diamonds are indeed six-two and, after winning the second round, must cross to hand with a club to lead a spade for an avoidance play. If South plays the queen he ducks and the even break later allows him to make three spade tricks and ten in all, while if South plays low he goes up with the ace then plays another spade, and North never gets in to enjoy the diamonds. So is the contract always cold on a heart lead? No, but it would be a far-sighted South who managed to go up with the queen on the first round of spades, thereby stopping the later avoidance play and, if the queen was ducked, would then find the diamond switch.

In the other room West was declarer and the automatic diamond lead meant that there was nothing to the play. Declarer tried for ♠KQ onside and was quickly two down for —100 and just another dull push.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul. ♠ A | 10 5 4 ♡ | 62 ♦ A J 9 6 **♣** 3 **★** K Q 9 **♦** 62 ♥ K 9 5 ♥ Q 10 7 4 ♦ Q 3 108754 **♣** AKQ62 ★ 873 ♡ A83 ♦ K 2

West	North	East	South		
Dalkilic	Gjaldbaek	Eskizara	Schaltz		
			INT		
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass		
3♣	All Pass				
West	North	East	South		
Houmoller	Bakan	Nielsen	Anter		
			Pass		
2♣	2♡	Pass	4♣		
Pass	4♠	All Pass			

The very-mini no trump from Schaltz got doubled and Gjaldback ran to 2. Once Eskizara did not take any action, it was normal for Dalkilic to compete with 34 and he was left to play there. Note that Gjaldbaek showed a healthy disrespect for his partner's opening bid and did not consider competing despite holding 11 HCP and some useful distribution. Gjaldbaek led a heart to the eight and nine and Dalkilic led the ♠Q then, when that held, the ♠9. Gjaldbaek won the ♠10 and continued with the ♠A for dummy to ruff. The defence had no problem in coming to two diamonds, two clubs and a heart for down two; -200.

Anter did not have an opening bid so Houmoller got to open a strong artificial 2. I do not have the Turkish systems in front of me but I believe that 2° showed one major and 4^{\bullet} asked the overcaller to bid his suit. Four Spades was, of course, quite hopeless after a trump lead to the queen and ace. Bakan played a diamond to the king and back to the ace, then ruffed the $\Diamond 9$ in dummy and was over-ruffed. Houmoller cashed the &K and played two top clubs, after which the defence sat back and waited to collect two heart tricks; -100 and 7 IMPs to Denmark.

Denmark won by 64-16 IMPs, just sufficient for a 25-5 VP win.



SCHOOLS BUTLER AFTER 6 ROUNDS

ī	Spangenberg	NET	2.20	40 I	_	Tofte La	DEN	0.12	100
<u> </u>	Spangenberg	NET	2.20	40	41	Sikora Ja	POL	0.11	80
3	Gottanka Da	GER	1.07	60	··-	Sikora Ma	POL	0.11	80
4	Krawczyk Jo	POL	0.93	100	43	Jones Ed	ENG	0.10	60
_	Wasiak Ar	POL	0.93	100		Rogers Da	ENG	0.10	60
6	Bogen Ha	NOR	0.91	100	45	Segev Ro	ISR	0.07	60
7	Schwartz Ro	ISR	0.87	60	46	Tal Da	ISR	-0.05	40
8	Padon Dr	ISR	0.83	120	47	DePagter Vi	NET	-0.06	100
_	Tarnovski Ba	ISR	0.83	120	·-	Michelsen Ma	NET	-0.06	100
10	Bethers Pe	LAT	0.82	120	49	Orth Pa	GER	-0.19	100
11	Katerbau Ja	GER	0.80	120		Landry An	FRA	-0.19	80
12	Simonsen Fr	NOR	0.75	80		Franceschett	FRA	-0.19	80
13	Assaraf Er	ISR	0.73	80	52	Mamatoglu Gu	TUR	-0.28	100
14	Balasovs Ju	LAT	0.67	120	53	Atthey Jo	ENG	-0.32	120
15	Karol Ar	TUR	0.59	80	_	Owen Ch	ENG	-0.32	120
_	Rimstedt Sa	SWE	0.59	100	55	Skjetne Er	NOR	-0.38	120
17	Sjoberg Em	SWE	0.57	120	56	Demirel Ah	TUR	-0.45	60
18	Rehder Ma	GER	0.51	100	57	Ormay Kr	HUN	-0.58	60
19	Bilde De	DEN	0.47	100	_	Retteghy Or	HUN	-0.58	60
	Jepsen Em	DEN	0.47	100	59	Hoffmann Ta	HUN	-0.60	120
21	Lorencs Ma	LAT	0.46	120	_	Sinkovicz Pe	HUN	-0.60	120
22	Montanari Ma	ITA	0.43	120	61	Guba Ge	GER	-0.72	100
23	Lebatteux Ay	FRA	0.36	99 99	62	Hopfler Ma	AUT	-1.00	79
	Lhuissier Ni	FRA	0.36		_	Resch Ma	AUT	-1.00	79
25	Rimstedt Ce	SWE NOR	0.35	40 100	64	Eide Ha	NOR	-1.17	80
26	Johansen LA DiFranco Ma	ITA	0.32 0.32	120	65	Karacik Be	TUR	-1.26	100
_	Mistretta Eu	ITA	0.32	120	_	Suzer Ug	TUR	-1.26	100
	Fryklund Er	SWE	0.32	100	67	Mela Jo	ENG	-1.33	60
30	DelleCave Gi	ITA	0.31	100	_	Shah Sh	ENG	-1.33	60
	Bech Si	SWE	0.31	120	69	Esmer Sa	TUR	-1.40	40
_	Bethers Ja	LAT	0.31	120	70	Kautny Pa	AUT	-1.43	80
33	Hop Jacco	NET	0.30	100	_	Suda Ma	AUT	-1.43	80
_	Verbeek Ti	NET	0.30	100	72	Bozzai Be	HUN	-1.53	60
35	Igla Ba	POL	0.27	60		Torma Ro	HUN	-1.53	60
_	Machno Ar	POL	0.27	60	74	Haidinger Do	AUT	-1.85	80
37	Levoy Qu	FRA	0.15	60	_	Porstl Ag	AUT	-1.85	80
_	Valo Ya	FRA	0.15	60	76	Ege NR	DEN	-1.90	40
39	Rohrberg Ma	DEN	0.12	100	_	Mortensen MD	DEN	-1.90	40



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JUNIORS BUTLER AFTER 15 ROUNDS

I	Ferrari Fr	ITA	1.54	120	_	Serea Ga	ROM	0.05	180
	Sangiorgio A	ITA	1.54	120	66	Gjaldbaek Ka	DEN	0.03	280
3	Berg Er	NOR	1.15	200	67	Drijver Bo	NET	0.02	179
_	Ringseth JA	NOR	1.15	200		Tammens Ba	NET	0.02	179
5	Jerolistch S	AUT	0.96	160	69	Eglseer We	AUT	0.01	300
6	DiBello St	ITA	0.93	300	70	Doxiadis Ko	GRE	0.00	280
_	LoPresti Fa	ITA	0.93	300		Karamanlis M	GRE	0.00	280
8	Marjai Pe	HUN	0.91	240	72	GodedMerino	SPA	-0.06	220
_	Minarik Ga	HUN	0.91	240		Goncalves Pe	SPA	-0.06	220
10	Kalita Ja	POL	0.85	220	74	Balint Mi	ROM	-0.08	200
П	Soderlund Ro	SWE	0.82	160		Lazar CL	ROM	-0.08	200
	Thalen Bj	SWE	0.82	160	76	Johansson Pa	SWE	-0.09	240
13	Bessis Th	FRA	0.79	260		Morin He	SWE	-0.09	240
	Gaviard Ju	FRA	0.79	260	78	Birman Al	ISR	-0.14	140
15	Groenenboom	NET	0.74	200	79	KulovicProbs	CRO	-0.19	220
	Molenaar Da	NET	0.74	200	_	Martinovic S	CRO	-0.19	220
17	Kotorowicz K	POL	0.70	240	81	Seker BD	TUR	-0.21	220
18	Eide EA	NOR	0.69	200	_	Ucan OI	TUR	-0.21	220
	Lindqvist Es	NOR	0.69	200	83	Toutenel El	BEL	-0.26	140
20	Byrne Mi	ENG	0.68	200	_	Vanparijs Pi	BEL	-0.26	140
22	Morris Al	ENG	0.68	200	_	Kontomitros	GRE	-0.26	279
22	Araszkiewicz Buras Kr	POL POL	0.67 0.67	299 299	_	Vroustis Va	GRE	-0.26	279
24		ISR	0.67	279	87	Anter SM	TUR	-0.3 I	140
	Ginossar El Reshef Op	ISR	0.65	279	_	Bakan HG	TUR	-0.31	140
26	Woodcock An	ENG	0.63	199	89	Malmstrom Pe	SWE	-0.37	200
20	Burgess Ol	ENG	0.60	199		Salomonsson	SWE	-0.37	200
28	Damaso Nu	POR	0.42	180	91	Kopecky Mi	CZE	-0.40	200
20	Munnen An	NET	0.42	220		Barbosa Ja	POR	-0.40	220
_	Ritmeijer Ri	NET	0.42	220	93	Argelazi El	ISR	-0.43	120
31	DeDonder St	BEL	0.39	300	94	Palma An	POR	-0.47	240
_	DeRoos St	BEL	0.39	300	95	GomezHierro	SPA	-0.52	200
33	Houlberg AS	DEN	0.35	120	_	SunolTorres	SPA	-0.52	200
_	Houlberg Si	DEN	0.35	120	_	Guiot Be	BEL	-0.52	160
35	Nyaradi Ga	HUN	0.34	180	_	Hubert Al	BEL	-0.52	160
_	, Nyaradi Zs	HUN	0.34	180	99	Blazevicius	LIT	-0.58	220
37	, Azizi Ad	ISR	0.29	200	100	Morgan Fr	SCO	-0.62	220
38	Pratas Pe	POR	0.26	200		Morrison Ph	SCO	-0.62	220
39	Braga Ra	POR	0.25	180	102	Barzda Sa	LIT	-0.63	180
_	Braga Ri	POR	0.25	180	103	Korkevicius	LIT	-0.66	220
41	Honyek An	HUN	0.23	179	_	Brikmane Li	LAT	-0.66	160
_	Szabo Cs	HUN	0.23	179	_	Veksa Na	LAT	-0.66	160
_	Eide Pe	NOR	0.23	200	_	Mandruta Co	ROM	-0.66	220
	Livgard Al	NOR	0.23	200	100	Vulcan Bo	ROM	-0.66 0.70	220 220
_	Green Be	ENG	0.23	200	108 109	Macura Mi Bielskis An	CZE LIT	-0.70 -0.74	220
	Happer Du	ENG	0.23	200	110	Pojman Mi	CZE	-0.74	199
47	Neimanis Ja	LAT	0.21	279	111	Baronaite Mo	LIT	-0.78	180
	Rubins Ka	LAT	0.21	279	111	Jogun Ni	CRO	-0.90	180
	Bessis Ol	FRA	0.21	180	112	Vukic Go	CRO	-0.90	180
	DeTessieres	FRA	0.21	180	114	Brguljan Ka	CRO	-0.93	200
51	Dalkilic Ba	TUR	0.19	239 239	· · · · ·	Kazalicki Ma	CRO	-0.93	200
53	Eskizara Om	TUR FRA	0.19	160	116	Wilkinson Al	SCO	-1.00	240
33	Chauvelot Ni	FRA	0.16 0.16	160	117	Ellison My	SCO	-1.02	220
<u> </u>	Thibault Ma Houmoller Jo	DEN	0.15	200	· · · ·	EscaleraGuer	SPA	-1.02	179
56	BarYossef Yo	ISR	0.13	180	_	LedesmaPique	SPA	-1.02	179
57	Beran VI	CZE	0.14	180	120	Gruber Ch	AUT	-1.07	140
	Boldrini An	ITA	0.11	180	121	Pisa Zb	CZE	-1.15	239
	Sbarigia Ma	ITA	0.11	180		Laukus La	LAT	-1.15	160
60	Nielsen La	DEN	0.10	200		Movsovics Le	LAT	-1.15	160
61	Owczarek Pi	AUT	0.08	300	124	Pearson Go	SCO	-1.24	160
_	Schulz Di	AUT	0.08	300		Vainikonis E	LIT	-1.24	180
63	Schaltz Ma	DEN	0.07	280	126	Ellison Gy	SCO	-1.29	140
64	Moraru Co	ROM	0.05	180	127	Sigmund Ma	CZE	-1.54	160
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