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Bulletin 10

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POLAND ALMOST THERE



The Polish Junior team has come on strong in the last few days and another three wins yesterday, totalling 66 VPs, leaves them 19.5 VPs clear and needing only to avoid complete disaster in this morning's last round, where they face England, who are certainly in need of a very big win themselves. The silver medal almost certainly belongs to Italy, who are 18 VPs ahead of third, but the bronze could go to any one of Hungary, Norway, Israel and France, who are covered by just 6.5 VPs.

There are two rounds to go in the Schools Championship, with the title likely to be decided by the final round match-up of Israel and Latvia, though certainly Poland and Norway will also have something to say about that. Yesterday saw all the main contenders struggle, allowing Norway, who scored 60 on the day, to close right up to the leaders. Meanwhile, Sweden slipped a little but could still win a medal with a good last day.

TODAY'S VUGRAPH



10.00 Israel v Norway14.00 To be Arranged

Juniors Schools

IMPORTANT



Please note that the **Closing Ceremony** will be at **7.15** pm and not as in the official program. The ceremony will take place on the second floor of the tournament building.

After the ceremony, buses will take everyone to the venue for the Victory Banquet.

There will be no return buses after the banquet, however, it is only about 15 minutes walk away.

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JUNIOR TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND 18				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs	
1	LITHUANIA	NETHERLANDS	39 - 26	18 - 12	
2	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	22 - 95	I - 25	
3	TURKEY	CZECH REP.	71 - 40	21 - 9	
4	AUSTRIA	SPAIN	42 - 71	9 - 21	
5	GREECE	NORWAY	34 - 37	14 - 16	
6	ENGLAND	ISRAEL	37 - 54	11 - 19	
7	PORTUGAL	CROATIA	66 - 72	14 - 16	
8	POLAND	DENMARK	63 - 25	23 - 7	
9	FRANCE	LATVIA	54 - 37	19 - 11	
10	ROMANIA	ITALY	48 - 51	11 - 16	
Ш	BELGIUM	SWEDEN	48 - 17	21 - 9	

		ROUND 19		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VP s
1	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	33 - 23	16.5 - 13
2	SWEDEN	ROMANIA	26 - 19	16 - 14
3	ITALY	FRANCE	48 - 42	16 - 14
4	LATVIA	POLAND	11 - 61	5 - 25
5	DENMARK	PORTUGAL	58 - 27	21 - 9
6	CROATIA	ENGLAND	29 - 64	8 - 22
7	ISRAEL	GREECE	112 - 30	25 - 0
8	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	12 - 36	10 - 20
9	SPAIN	TURKEY	25 - 39	12 - 18
10	CZECH REP.	SCOTLAND	51 - 42	17 - 13
П	HUNGARY	LITHUANIA	28 - 57	9 - 21

ROUND 20			
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	25 - 13	17 - 13
2 SPAIN	ISRAEL	16 - 87	2 - 25
3 CZECH REP.	CROATIA	62 - 31	21 - 9
4 HUNGARY	DENMARK	40 - 36	16 - 14
5 LITHUANIA	LATVIA	34 - 26	16 - 14
6 SCOTLAND	ITALY	12 - 81	2 - 25
7 TURKEY	SWEDEN	31 - 44	12 - 18
8 AUSTRIA	BELGIUM	14 -105	0 - 25
9 GREECE	ROMANIA	72 - 22	25 - 5
10 ENGLAND	FRANCE	40 - 64	10 - 20
II PORTUGAL	POLAND	35 - 49	12 - 18

JUNIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROU	ND 21 10.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
I	NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL
2	POLAND	ENGLAND
3	FRANCE	GREECE
4	ROMANIA	AUSTRIA
5	BELGIUM	TURKEY
6	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND
7	ITALY	LITHUANIA
8	LATVIA	HUNGARY
9	DENMARK	CZECH REPUBLIC
10	CROATIA	SPAIN
Ш	ISRAEL	NORWAY

SCHOOLS TEAMS PROGRAM

	RO	UND 12	10.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting T	eam
12	ITALY	LATVIA	
13	FRANCE	SWEDEN	
14	TURKEY	ENGLAN	D
15	GERMANY	DENMAR	K
16	NORWAY	HUNGAR	Υ
17	POLAND	NETHERL	.ands
18	ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	

	ROUN	D 13 14.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	LATVIA	ISRAEL
13	AUSTRIA	POLAND
14	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY
15	HUNGARY	GERMANY
16	DENMARK	TURKEY
17	ENGLAND	FRANCE
18	SWEDEN	ITALY



SCHOOLS TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 11

I ISRAEL	206
2 LATVIA	204
3 POLAND	198
4 NORWAY	194
5 SWEDEN	184
6 FRANCE	179
7 ITALY	178
8 DENMARK	172
9 NETHERLANDS	168
IO GERMANY	164
II ENGLAND	136
12 HUNGARY	118
13 TURKEY	104
14 AUSTRIA	81

JUNIORS TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 20

I POLAND	398
2 ITALY	378.5
3 HUNGARY	360.5
4 NORWAY	360
5 ISRAEL	358
6 FRANCE	354
7 ENGLAND	345
8 NETHERLANDS	318.5
9 DENMARK	315.5
10 BELGIUM	312.5
II SWEDEN	308
12 TURKEY	304
13 PORTUGAL	283.5
14 GREECE	269
15 AUSTRIA	259
16 LATVIA	255
17 ROMANIA	237
18 SPAIN	232
19 CZECH REPUBLIC	228
20 LITHUANIA	208
21 SCOTLAND	204
22 CROATIA	198.5

SCHOOLS TEAMS RESULTS

		ROUND 9		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I	LATVIA	NETHERLANDS	58 - 30	21 - 9
2	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	68 - 31	23 - 7
3	DENMARK	ISRAEL	40 - 24	18 - 12
4	ENGLAND	POLAND	38 - 52	12 - 18
5	SWEDEN	NORWAY	18 - 80	3 - 25
6	ITALY	GERMANY	33 - 46	12 - 18
7	FRANCE	TURKEY	62 - 26	22 - 8

		ROUND 10		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I	GERMANY	LATVIA	58 - 42	18 - 12
2	NORWAY	TURKEY	86 - 16	25 - 2
3	POLAND	FRANCE	62 - 18	24 - 6
4	ISRAEL	ITALY	67 - 58	17 - 13
5	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN	12 - 60	5 - 25
6	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	32 - 59	9 - 21
7	HUNGARY	DENMARK	19 - 88	2 - 25

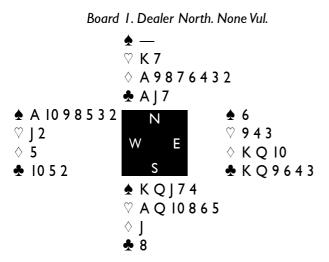
		ROUND 11		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMP s	VP s
ı	LATVIA	HUNGARY	50 - 36	18 - 12
2	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	25 - 54	9 - 21
3	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	61 - 43	19 - 11
4	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	43 - 44	15 - 15
5	ITALY	POLAND	69 - 41	21 - 9
6	FRANCE	NORWAY	40 - 17	20 - 10
7	TURKEY	GERMANY	36 - 56	11 - 19



Belgium v France — Round 15 Juniors

Beware of Derby Matches — By Jean-Francois Jourdain (Belgium)

For the first time since I became the captain of the Belgian Junior team (this means 1998), my boys managed to beat France, forcing me to go for the third time of the tournament to the grocer's, buying a bottle of Mumm Cordon Rouge (some in my team prefer Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin, but this is my business after all). Belgium had an excellent day on Wednesday, winning their three matches against Portugal (18-12), Romania (23-7) and finally France. The Frenchies, however, were the first to fire:



West	North	East	South
Hubert	T Bessis	Guiot	Gaviard
	I♦	Pass	I♡
3♠	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♡
All Pass			



Steven De Donder, Belgium

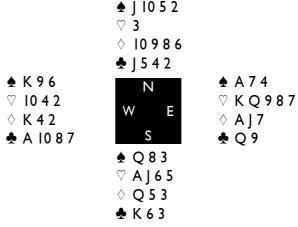
West	North	East	South	
de Tessieres	De Donder	O Bessis	De Roos	
	I♦	2♣	2♡	
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♠	
Pass	6◊	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, France had a fairly easy auction to reach 4° when Gaviard seemed not to be too interested in his partner's long diamonds. This contract was made with an overtrick when West immediately covered the K \spadesuit , allowing declarer to take the ruffing finesse; France +450.

In the Open Room, Olivier Bessis overcalled 2♣ and Godefroy de Tessieres prudently bid 2♠. Sitting behind the cards of Steve De Roos, if I had not known Godefroy for so many years, I should have thought he had simply psyched, but it appeared not to be the case at all. Intending to show his spade stopper (and what a stopper!), De Roos bid 3♠, which encouraged De Donder to leap to the thin diamond slam. This simply requires an even break in both red suits, and that was not the case. Olivier Bessis doubled happily but could not bring it more than one down. Anyway, I I IMPS went to France.

France did not stay in the lead for very long. This is what happened on Board 6:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Hubert	T Bessis	Guiot	Gaviard	
		I♡	Pass	
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			
West	North	East	South	
De Tessieres	De Donder	O Bessis	De Roos	
		INT	Pass	

3NT All Pass

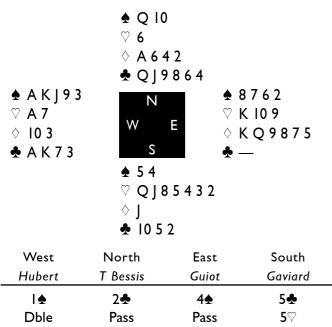
When I started to play bridge, it was stated in all French bridge books that the INT opening bid with a five-card major was a kind of heretic disorder, but nowadays they know better. Both tables avoided the inferior contract of 4° , which can still be made if you guess right in clubs, providing two discards for declarer's

two losers, one in diamonds and one in spades. In the Closed Room, Gaviard was told a heart lead was insane, and led the ♣6. This soon gave two early club tricks to declarer. After that he played on hearts and made his contract easily with three hearts and two tricks in each side-suit; Belgium +600.

In the Open Room, De Roos knew nothing about declarer's heart holding, so he simply started his long suit. This ran to dummy's ten. Back came another heart to the king which was ducked by South (the key play), De Donder discarding the $\Diamond 10$. A third heart was taken by the jack, De Donder pitching this time the $\spadesuit 5$. De Roos switched to the $\spadesuit Q$ and Bessis ducked. He had to win the spade continuation in hand in order to clear the hearts. Back came a spade for dummy and now declarer had to guess the clubs right to make his contract. With only one entry left in his hand he could no longer take the double finesse in clubs, so he tried a club to the queen and was doomed to go down; 12 IMPS to Belgium.

A few seconds later, the Frenchies had a disaster:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Julien Gaviard took a very optimistic save in 5♣, hoping to find some heart values with partner. Alas, this was not the case. Alexandre Hubert had no difficulty in finding a double which could reward him. This would have been +1400 after the lead of two top spades and three rounds of trumps. Gaviard changed his mind and ran to hearts, so he escaped for 'only' five down. Belgium +1100 and that meant a first drink to pay for me.

All Pass

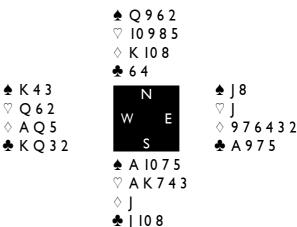
Dble

However, this could have been a pretty good result for France if Olivier Bessis and Godefroy de Tessieres had bid 6♦ or even 6 NT in the other room, but they found absolutely no reason to escape from the nine-card spade fit, and so went one down in 6♠ when De Donder, who had pre-empted 3♠, found the lead of the ♦A and gave his partner a ruff at the next trick. Anyway, after North's pre-empt it would have been quite difficult for declarer to find the ♠Q. Belgium scored a further +50 and 14 IMPS.

On Board 13 Belgium stopped in the Closed Room in 2NT for a simple make but, at the table, the French players suggested that the vulnerable 4 % should be cold. Deep Finesse thinks, meanwhile, that it should go one down. The Frenchies were consistent in the other room when they indeed settled for 4 %, doubled and two down; -500 and a further 12 IMPS to Belgium.

The Belgian lead had increased to an interesting 20-10 VP potential, when France went seriously wrong again, this time in the Open Room:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



	•			
West	North	East	South	
Hubert	T Bessis	Guiot	Gaviard	
	Pass	Pass	I♡	
INT	2 ◊(i)	Pass	2♡	
Pass	Pass	3♦	3♡	
All Pass				
West	North	East	South	
de Tessieres	De Donder	O Bessis	De Roos	
	Pass	Pass	I♡	
INT	2♡	3 ♣ (i)	3♡	
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass	
4 ♠ (ii)	Dble	4 NT	Pass	
5♠	Dble	Pass	Pass	
6♣	Dble	All Pass		

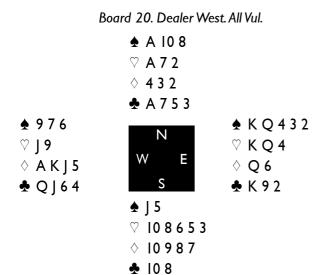
When Alex Hubert overcalled INT, Thomas Bessis transferred to 2° . When that came back to him, Benoit Guiot tried the simple and efficient competitive bid of 3° , which should have been lay down. Gaviard tried a third heart but it appeared to be one too many. He guessed the spades right after the bidding, but had nevertheless to go one down; Belgium +50.

In the Open Room, Olivier Bessis transferred immediately to diamonds, but then took the push to $4\clubsuit$. Despite the fact that he was facing a passed hand, Godefroy de Tessieres could still imagine something like $\clubsuit Qx \heartsuit - \lozenge Kxxxxx \clubsuit Axxxx$ with his partner and started cuebidding. His partner desperately tried to stop him by bidding 4 NT but that only comforted de Tessieres in his opinion that $4\clubsuit$ was forcing, so he answered to RKCB, showing two



key cards and the ♣Q. When the smoke cleared, and De Donder ran out of doubles, he was four down for —800; Belgium another 13 IMPS.

Finally, France limited the damage a little on the very last deal:



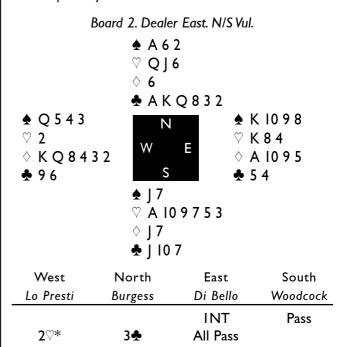
West	North	East	South
Hubert	T Bessis	Guiot	Gaviard
Pass	I♦	I♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3◊	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
de Tessieres	De Donder	O Bessis	De Roos
I♦	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Alex Hubert proved to be the most conservative junior in the field when he did not consider his cards to be worth an opening (this is not very surprising as he will be too old next year to be a junior). So Thomas Bessis could enter the bidding by opening his best minor (if you could say so). Nevertheless, the Belgians rapidly bid the game, but it proved not to be the best spot. Hubert should have settled for the obvious 3NT when his partner showed a fair hand with diamond problems. Knowing he was trailing, Bessis needed points and his three aces encouraged him to double. Julien Gaviard took the lazy \$10 in hand, but he had a sudden inspiration and changed his mind, considering his best chance with his poor hand was to get a club ruff. So it happened soon and France scored +200.

In the Open Room Godefroy de Tessieres judged his hand very well when his partner first transferred to 2♦, then offered a choice of games. De Donder led the ♣5 for the two, eight and queen. He played a spade to the king which held, then a heart to the jack. De Donder hopped up with the ace and fired back another club. As the cards lie (i.e. the ace of spades onside) the contract could anyway not be defeated, but de Tessieres, not aware of that, did well by putting up the king, pinning the ten, so he made an overtrick and scored the last 13 IMPS of this exciting match, enough to hold the French loss to 12-18 VPs.

Correction

Stelio di Bello and Fabio Lo Presti were not allowed to use their regular convention card in this championship, since they're using different methods depending on the vulnerability. Therefore, it sometimes has been slightly difficult for us to follow their auctions. On this deal from Italy's victorious match against England, Stelio di Bello pointed out that 2° over the no trump opening (9-11) was not a transfer, as we wrote in Thursday's bulletin. It in fact showed hearts and a weak hand. This time Fabio Lo Presti had psyched. This was the complete layout:



N/S missed the cold game in hearts, and indeed a slam on a finesse, but the director changed the score to 4% with an overtrick for N/S for an unusual push, due to the fact that there was only a special alert at one side of the screen.

Teams and Players' Photos Schedule — Saturday July 23rd

SCHOOLS

13.10 Italy 13.15 Latvia

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



Norway v Italy - Round 8 Schools

The Flat Boards Were the Most Enjoyable

Both these teams were stuck in mid-table and needed some big wins quickly if they were to get into a medal position. A nice result here would improve the chances for either team. In this match, we truly enjoyed the flat boards rather than the swings. We considered displaying only pushes from this match for a change, but as a matter of a fact only one swing will follow.

	Board 2. De	652	∕ul.
♠ A 7 5 ♥ I0 4 ♦ J 9 8 6 ♣ 6 5 3 2	N W S ♠ K 9 ♡ Q ◇ A Q ♣ A K	8 6 2 7	10 4 3 A K J 7 3 K 3 2 Q 9
West	North	East	South
De Marco	Rogen	Montanari	lohanse

		-		
West	North	East	South	
De Marco	Bogen	Montanari	Johansen	
		I♡	Dble	
Pass	I♠	Pass	4♠	
All Pass				

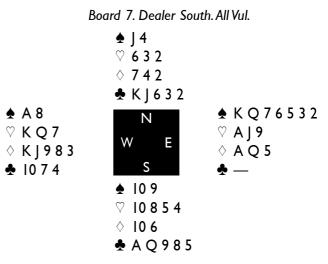


Erlend Skjetne, Norway

West	North	East	South	
Skjetne	Mistretta	Simonsen	Di Franco	
		IΫ	Dble	
Pass	♠	Pass	3♠	
All Pass				

Neither player in North's seat was tempted to pass I^{\heartsuit} , so there were not many other options than to bid $I \clubsuit$. Now South, Massimiliano di Franco's $3 \spadesuit$ might be found in the school book of bridge, but on this very board his opponent in the other room, Lars Arthur Johansen was more successful when he went for game.

At both tables East led the ace of hearts then switched to a diamond. Two rounds of hearts might disturb declarer, but the play would be quite straightforward due to the lie of the cards. The Norwegian N/S pair scored +620 and the Italian +170 and that was 10 IMPs to Norway.



West	North	East	South
De Marco	Bogen	Montanari	Johansen
			Pass
I ♦	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Dble
2♡*	3♣	4♣	Pass
4◊	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	7♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Skjetne	Mistretta	Simonsen	Di Franco
			Pass
I♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	7♠	All Pass

De Marco/Montinari solved this board easily enough. $2\clubsuit$ asked for the length in spades and $2\heartsuit$ denied three. By bidding $4\clubsuit$ diamonds was agreed as trumps. Montinari knew his partner held a balanced hand with two spades, therefore he could tell that $4\spadesuit$

was a cuebid for the ace. 4NT asked for the aces and 5° showed two aces out of five, still with diamonds as trumps. Now Montinari thought he had all necessary information, thus he jumped to 7^{\bullet} . The grand was cold; E/W +2210.

Did you read Thursday's bulletin, where the Norwegian pair, Johansen/Bogen made 7\(\Delta\) doubled when three aces were missing? Well, here it was the other Norwegian pair who landed on their feet. 2\(\Delta\) was 15+ with six spades or more; 3\(\Delta\) showed trump support then two cuebids followed; 4NT asked for aces and 5\(\Delta\) showed one or four out of five. When Mistretta doubled 5\(\Delta\) Fredrik Simonsen was quite confident that West held the ace of trumps rather than the ace of clubs, thus he bid 7\(\Delta\). When no one doubled he was even surer.

"You are just too lucky; I just had the king of clubs", complained Eugenio Mistretta, when declarer claimed at trick one.

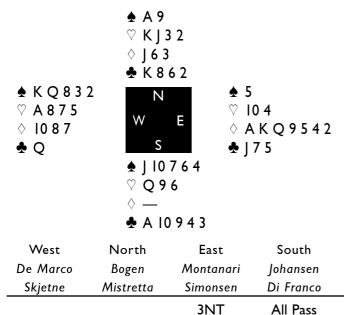
Simonsen could have used Exclusion Blackwood in this situation, as the Norwegian pair uses this convention, but Simonsen wasn't completely convinced if his partner would remember it.

No swing on this board, and halfway through the match the score had moved onto 20-11 in favour of Norway.

What do you lead from this hand, if your right hand opponent opens 3NT (gambling) in first position and all pass?

It is obvious that East has gambled with a long diamond suit. Do you lead the ace of clubs, to see the dummy, or do you prefer something more exotic? Make your decision first, then read on.





As you can see, the winning answer to our question above was to lead a low club. A spade might lead to the goal if North wins, then cashes the king of clubs and plays on clubs, while a heart lead or switch after the ace of clubs also defeats the contract. Did you find the killing lead?

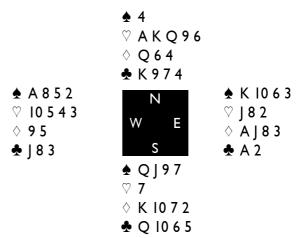
Johansen led the jack of spades, to queen and ace at his table. North found the switch — but in hearts; 3NT just made for +400. Di Franco tried the ace of clubs and continued in clubs when he got a positive signal from his partner. North could win the club ace but declarer now had his nine tricks; +400 and no swing. The result in the match was 49-27 to Norway; 20-10 VPs.

Disaster Corner

By Jean-Francois Jourdain (Belgium)

Thursday, July the 21st, is the national day in Belgium, so many of you were not a bit surprised when our team arrived in the morning carrying the national flag. It seems as though the gods of the calendar gave us a wink, since on this single day we had to face the two bottom teams, Scotland and Lithuania. This last match was a success (and cost me a fourth bottle of champagne when we scored our only 25 of the tournament), but before that I had a very painful morning when Scotland won by a resounding 25-4. To put things clearly, we simply committed suicide on a string of deals, playing unmakeable games or refusing to bid them when they were ice cold. So after missing three games in a row, Pieter Vanparijs tried to force destiny and earned a well-deserved place in the Disaster Corner.

Round 16. Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



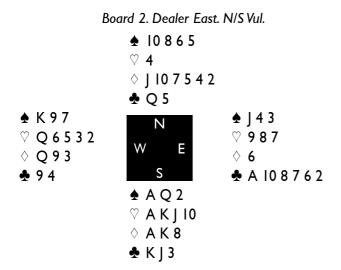
After Els Toutenel opened 1° with the North hand, Pieter responded 1^{\bullet} , then over 2^{\bullet} invited game with the ugly overbid of 2 NT. When Els accepted that and Phil Morrison for Scotland started with the ${\clubsuit}3$, he missed the chance to get things right, as double dummy you can make this very thin contract.

Frazer Morgan rose with the ace after some thought, and switched to the \$6. With only six tricks in the bag, Vanpariis needed something very lucky to happen and could have tried his luck with the \$9, developing a trick in this suit. After all, when you do not do so, you rely on the 3-3 diamond break and you need to finesse the \(\) as well, so a finesse in spades (or a defensive mistake by playing a second round of spades, for example) seems your best chance. But Pieter was afraid to go down immediately and put up the queen. Now he was doomed to down one, since the diamonds did not break. Simply to play a neutral club, or even a heart, should have been enough for the defence. But Morrison had some commiseration for declarer and decided to give him a last chance by putting the $\lozenge 9$ on the table. Now Pieter Vanparijs had still a winning line by covering with the queen and taking the deep finesse in diamonds, crushing the $\lozenge 5$ with the six and scoring his four! But he let it run to his ten, and since the hearts had the very bad idea not to be $\Im 10x$ in one hand, he finally went one down. Scotland scored 5 further IMPS, on the way to their first maximum score of the tournament.

Latvia v Netherlands — Round 9 Schools

Latvia lay second, trailing leaders Israel by 9 VP, going into this match, while the Netherlands were in mid-table. Although they could not know this, of course, Israel were to lose to Denmark by 12-18 in this round, so Latvia needed 22 VPs to lead on their own, 21 to tie with Israel.

Our first exhibit is a well-played push.

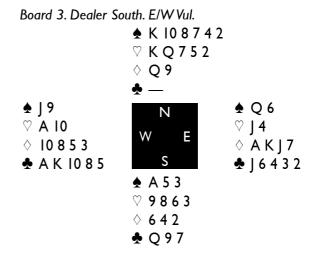


West	North	East	South	
Michielsen	P Bethers	De Pagter	Lorencs	
		Pass	♣	
Pass	I♦	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
Balasovs	Verbeek	J Bethers	Нор	
		Pass	2◊	
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♣	Dble	3♦	
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT	
All Pass				

Both Souths opened with a strong artificial bid and eventually declared 3NT.

Marion Michielsen led a heart into declarer's suit because nothing else looked to be any more attractive. Martins Lorencs won the $\heartsuit J$ and played three rounds of diamonds. Michielsen followed Vincent De Pagter's discards and switched to the nine of clubs for the queen and ace and back came a heart. Lorencs won the $\heartsuit A$, cashed the club winners and played king then ten of hearts, leaving Michielsen to lead into the spade tenace to give the ninth trick; +600.

Jurijs Balasov led a club in response to Janis Bethers' double of the 34 enquiry. That was covered by the queen and ace and Bethers switched to a heart. Jacco Hop rose with the heart ace and cashed the top diamonds, then the club winners, before exiting with his third diamond. Balasov won the diamond and returned a heart to the jack. Two more rounds of hearts put him back on play and he too had to lead into the spade tenace; nine tricks for +600 and no swing.



West	North	East	South
Michielsen	P Bethers	De Pagter	Lorencs
			Pass
♣	1♦	2♠	Pass
3♣	3♡	Dble	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Balasovs	Verbeek	J Bethers	Нор
			Pass
I ♦	2♦	2NT	3♡
Pass	Pass	4 ♦	All Pass



Janis Bethers, Latvia

Both Norths showed the major two-suiter with their initial calls. Peteris Bethers then competed at the three level on his own and that convinced his partner to go on to 4° over 3NT— a big winning decision, as it turned out, with 3NT cold unless a spade is led, plus, 4° doubled proved to be a very nice contract indeed. De Pagter cashed a top diamond then switched to a club, ruffed. Short of dummy entries, Bethers led a heart honour from hand, lost a diamond, then ruffed the next lead, laid down the remaining heart honour, and tested the spades. When they too divided evenly, he had ten tricks for a rather nice +590.

At the other table, Hop competed with 3° but North, Tim Verbeek did not go on to 4° . Four Diamonds should have been made after the lead of the king of hearts. Balasovs won the heart and played a diamond to the ace. Now he tried a club and when that was ruffed there were four tricks for the defence; down one for—100. When North shows a major two-suiter, there is no reason to try to cross to hand to try a diamond finesse, so declarer should just play diamonds from the top and hope for the best; still 10 IMPs to Latvia.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	Dould O. Dealer West.	. I None vai.
	★ K 4 2	
	♡ A 5 3	
	♦ K J 8	
	♣ A Q J 6	
♠ 9765	N	★ 10
♡ Q86		♡ 10 4 2
♦ A 7 3	W E	Q 10 9 6 5 4 2
♣ K 8 4	S	♣ 10 3
	♠ A Q J 8 3	
	♡ K J 9 7	
	♣ 9752	



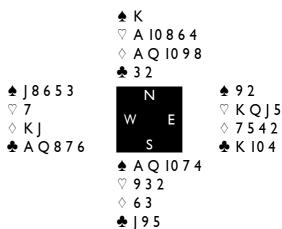
Tim Verbeek, The Netherlands

West Michielsen	North P Bethers	East De Pagter	South Lorencs
Pass	♣	3◊	3♠
4 ♦	4NT	5◊	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Balasovs	Verbeek	J Bethers	Нор
Pass	♣	3◊	3♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 ♡
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The Dutch E/W pair made life as difficult as they could for their opponents by competing to the five level, but Lorencs was prepared to believe that his opponents must have most of the diamond honours and so was willing to drive to slam when facing a partner who could ask for key cards. Six Spades was easy after the ace of diamonds lead. Lorencs ruffed and drew all the trumps then took a successful club finesse. He continued with ace of hearts and a heart to the jack and queen. Back came a diamond but Lorencs could win the king and cash out, via a second club finesse; +980.

The Latvian E/W pair allowed their opponents more room in which to explore the hand and, after one cuebid each, the Dutch settled for game; +480 but 11 IMPs to Latvia.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Michielsen	P Bethers	De Pagter	Lorencs
I♠ Dble Pass	2 ♠ 3 ◊ Pass	Pass Dble Pass Dble	Pass 3♣ 3♡ All Pass
West	North	East	South
Balasovs	Verbeek	J Bethers	Hop
I ♠ Pass	2♡ 4♡	Pass Pass Dble	Pass 3♡ All Pass

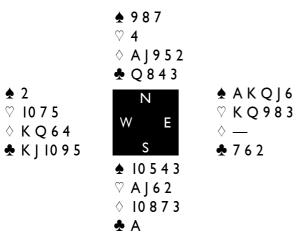
Bethers showed a two-suiter and for a second time his side declared a doubled contract, again with great success. Lorencs ducked the trump lead to De Pagter's jack and back came a spade. Lorencs rose with the ace, crashing dummy's king, then

threw a club on the spade queen. Next he took the diamond finesse and, when that worked so well, continued with four more rounds of diamonds, throwing spades from hand. Now he exited with a club, ruffed the club return and exited with a low trump to endplay East, who had to lead into the ace-ten of hearts at trick twelve to concede the overtrick; nicely played for +930.

Verbeek made a simple overcall then raised himself to game on getting support from Hop. He too was doubled and received a spade lead. Verbeek won the spade ace and threw a club on the queen of spades. Next he played a diamond to the king and ace before exiting with a low club to the king. Verbeek ruffed the club continuation and cashed the queen of diamonds. He must have liked what he saw and just cashed the ace of trumps, after which he played on diamonds for one down; -200 and 15 IMPs to Latvia.

Had Verbeek tried ducking a heart instead of cashing the ace, Janis Bethers could have won and exited with a diamond. Declarer can play out the diamonds but East ruffs the fifth round and still has a third club with which to get off play so comes to a third trump trick in the ending for down one.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Michielsen	P Bethers	De Pagter	Lorencs	
			Pass	
Pass	Pass	I♠	Pass	
INT	Pass	3♡	Pass	
3NT	Pass	4♡	All Pass	
West	North	East	South	
Balasovs	Verbeek	J Bethers	Нор	
			Pass	
Pass	2 ♣ (i)	Pass	2♦	
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass	
3NT	Pass	4♡	Dble	
All Pass				

(i) Strong and artificial or weak with diamonds.

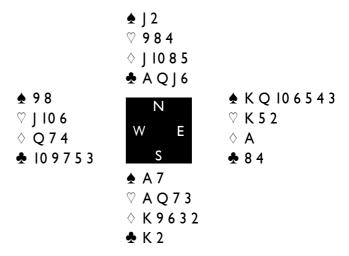
Both Easts declared the heart game. Lorencs cashed his ace of clubs then switched to a diamond for the king, ace and ruff. De Pagter played the $\heartsuit K$, ducked, then the $\heartsuit Q$ to the ace. Lorencs led a diamond to dummy's queen and declarer started on the spades. De Pagter cashed all five spades, Lorencs correctly not ruffing the fifth round. Now, had he pitched all four clubs from the dummy, he would have been in a position to ruff the club loser and there would have been nothing South could have done to beat the contract. Alas, De Pagter threw one diamond away

before spotting what he needed to be doing, and now there was no way to shut South's little heart out of the game; down one for —50.

Hop led a diamond at trick one, the ace being once again ruffed out. Bethers led the $\heartsuit Q$ to the ace and threw a club on the queen of diamonds continuation then played five rounds of spades, being sure that the trumps had to be four-one for the double. Hop did not ruff the fifth spade, throwing a diamond. Now a club to his ace left him powerless to take more than one more trump trick; +590 and 12 IMPs to Latvia.

At this stage Latvia looked to be on course for a maximum win but, to their credit, the Dutch team came back well in the last few boards, aided by an unnecessary—1400 by the Latvian N/S pair who, having made +590 and +930 already in the set probably thought they could walk on water — they were mistaken.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Michielsen	P Bethers	De Pagter	Lorencs
		I♠	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Balasovs	Verbeek	J Bethers	Нор
		I♠	INT
Pass	2♠	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4 ♦
All Pass			

Bethers simply raised to game and the spade lead, ducked, and spade continuation, swiftly put paid to that contract; down two for—200.

Verbeek bid $2 \pm$ to invite game and, when Hop doubled, takeout in context of having already shown a balanced hand with a spade stopper, tried $4 \pm$, converted by Hop to show the red suits. Four Diamonds was a nice contract. Hop won the spade lead and played three rounds of clubs, throwing his spade loser as East ruffed with the bare ace. Hop ruffed the spade return and played king and another diamond. Balasovs won the $\Diamond Q$ and exited with his last diamond. Hop won in dummy, cashed the club winner and had just one heart to lose; +130 and 8 IMPs to Netherlands.

Latvia ran out winners by 58-30 IMPs, converting to 21-9 VPs, to move into a tie for the lead with Israel.

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•	20.30	Open Pairs Session I
Thursday November 17th:	16.00	Open Pairs Session 2
,	21.00	Invitational Tournament
Friday November 18th :	15.00	Open Pairs Session 3
•	20.30	Distribution of prizes
Saturday November 19th:	10.00	Teams Session I
•	16.00	Teams Session 2
	20.30	Cocktail & Distribution of Prizes

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David Birman and the organizing committee are glad to invite the winners of the 2005 European Junior Bridge Championship to this festival. These players will receive free accommodation and entries.

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SCHOOLS BUTLER AFTER 11 ROUNDS

ī	Simonsen Fr	NOR	0.84	100
2	Padon Dr	ISR	0.78	180 220
2	Tarnovski Ba	ISR	0.78	220
4	Katerbau Ja	GER	0.78	220
5	Bethers Pe	LAT	0.76	220
6	Balasovs Ju	LAT	0.64	220
7	Assaraf Er	ISR	0.63	140
_	Schwartz Ro	ISR	0.63	140
9	DelleCave Gi	ITA	0.61	160
10	Spangenberg	NET	0.58	100
_	Spangenberg	NET	0.58	100
12	Rehder Ma	GER	0.55	200
13	Skjetne Er	NOR	0.48	220
14	Bogen Ha	NOR	0.47	180
_	Krawczyk Jo	POL	0.47	200
_	Wasiak Ar	POL	0.47	200
17	Lorencs Ma	LAT	0.46	220
18	Bethers Ja	LAT	0.44	220
19	Sjoberg Em	SWE	0.43	200
20	Lebatteux Ay	FRA	0.39	199
_	Lhuissier Ni	FRA	0.39	199
22	Levoy Qu	FRA	0.36	120
	Valo Ya	FRA	0.36	120
24	Rimstedt Sa	SWE	0.34	200
_	Bilde De	DEN	0.34	180
_	Jepsen Em	DEN	0.34	180
27	Johansen LA	NOR	0.30	160
28	Montanari Ma	ITA	0.19	220
29	Igla Ba	POL	0.18	100
_	Machno Ar	POL	0.18	100
31	Eide Ha	NOR	0.17	140
32	Rohrberg Ma	DEN	0.16	180
_	Tofte La	DEN	0.16	180
34	Sikora Ja	POL	0.12	140
_	Sikora Ma	POL	0.12	140
36	Bech Si	SWE	0.07	200
37	Hop Jacco	NET	0.05	160
_	Verbeek Ti	NET	0.05	160
39	Fryklund Er	SWE	0.01	200
40	Gottanka Da	GER	0.00	160
_	Ege NR	DEN	0.00	80
_	Mortensen MD	DEN	0.00	80
	DePagter Vi	NET	0.00	180
_	Michelsen Ma	NET	0.00	180
45	Rimstedt Ce	SWE	-0.03	80
46	Jones Ed	ENG	-0.04	140
_	Rogers Da	ENG	-0.04	140
_	Tal Da	ISR	-0.04	80
	Segev Ro	ISR	-0.04	80
50	DiFranco Ma	ITA	-0.09	200
51	Atthey Jo	ENG	-0.11	219
_	Owen Ch	ENG	-0.11	219
53	DeMarco Ge	ITA	-0.13	80
54	Mistretta Eu	ITA	-0.16	180
55	Landry An	FRA	-0.23	120



	Franceschett	FRA	-0.23	120		
57	Orth Pa	GER	-0.29	139		
58	Hoffmann Ta	HUN	-0.35	180		
	Sinkovicz Pe	HUN	-0.35	180		
60	Ormay Kr	HUN	-0.51	140		
	Retteghy Or	HUN	-0.51	140		
62	Karol Ar	TUR	-0.52	180		
63	Guba Ge	GER	-0.68	159		
64	Mamatoglu Gu	TUR	-0.74	200		
65	Karacik Be	TUR	-0.78	180		
	Suzer Ug	TUR	-0.78	160		
67	Resch Ma	AUT	-0.90	139		
68	Bozzai Be	HUN	-1.03	120		
	Torma Ro	HUN	-1.03	120		
70	Hopfler Ma	AUT	-1.04	139		
71	Demirel Ah	TUR	-1.08	100		
72	Haidinger Do	AUT	-1.19	160		
_	Porstl Ag	AUT	-1.19	160		
74	Kautny Pa	AUT	-1.24	140		
75	Suda Ma	AUT	-1.38	140		
76	Mela Jo	ENG	-1.73	80		
	Shah Sh	ENG	-1.73	80		

JUNIORS BUTLER AFTER 20 ROUNDS

I	Ferrari Fr	ITA	1.43	160	65	Damaso Nu	POR	0.01	280
_	Sangiorgio A	ITA	1.43	160		Pratas Pe	POR	0.01	280
3	Jerolistch S	AUT	1.01	180	67	Serea Ga	ROM	0.00	280
4	Kalita Ja	POL	0.92	320	68	Drijver Bo	NET	-0.03	259
5	Marjai Pe	HUN	0.88	320	70	Tammens Ba	NET	-0.03	259
7	Minarik Ga DiBello St	HUN ITA	0.88 0.83	320 400	70	Beran VI	CZE	-0.04	280
/	LoPresti Fa	ITA	0.83	400	71	Johansson Pa	SWE SWE	-0.05	300
9	Ringseth JA	NOR	0.83	260	— 73	Morin He Schaltz Ma	DEN	-0.05 -0.07	300 380
10	Kotorowicz K	POL	0.81	340	/3 —	Doxiadis Ko	GRE	-0.07	380
11	Bessis Th	FRA	0.80	340		Karamanlis M	GRE	-0.07	380
_	Gaviard Ju	FRA	0.80	340	76	Seker BD	TUR	-0.09	300
13	Araszkiewicz	POL	0.79	399	<i>7</i> 0	Ucan OI	TUR	-0.09	300
	Buras Kr	POL	0.79	399	_	Gjaldbaek Ka	DEN	-0.09	380
15	Ginossar El	ISR	0.73	379	79	Eglseer We	AUT	-0.10	400
_	Reshef Op	ISR	0.73	379	80	Malmstrom Pe	SWE	-0.13	280
17	Eide EA	NOR	0.72	260	_	Salomonsson	SWE	-0.13	280
18	Lindqvist Es	NOR	0.71	280	82	Kontomitros	GRE	-0.16	379
19	Berg Er	NOR	0.63	280	_	Vroustis Va	GRE	-0.16	379
20	Soderlund Ro	SWE	0.61	220	84	Anter SM	TUR	-0.22	180
	Thalen Bj	SWE	0.61	220		Bakan HG	TUR	-0.22	180
22	Azizi Ad	ISR ENG	0.59 0.59	240 300	86	Balint Mi	ROM	-0.29	260
_	Byrne Mi Morris Al	ENG	0.59	300	_	Lazar CL	ROM	-0.29	260
25	DeDonder St	BEL	0.51	400	88	Owczarek Pi	AUT	-0.35	400
	DeRoos St	BEL	0.51	400	_	Schulz Di	AUT	-0.35	400
27	Bar Yossef Yo	ISR	0.50	220		Kopecky Mi	CZE	-0.35	260
28	Groenenboom	NET	0.47	260	91	Barzda Sa	LIT	-0.40	260
	Molenaar Da	NET	0.47	260	92	Morgan Fr	SCO	-0.42	300
30	Houlberg AS	DEN	0.46	160	94	Morrison Ph KulovicProbs	SCO CRO	-0.42 -0.43	300 280
_	Houlberg Si	DEN	0.46	160	74	Martinovic S	CRO	-0.43 -0.43	280
32	Eide Pe	NOR	0.40	260	96	Macura Mi	CZE	-0.43 -0.44	320
_	Munnen An	NET	0.40	280	97	Barbosa Ja	POR	-0.46	260
	Ritmeijer Ri	NET	0.40	280		Palma An	POR	-0.46	260
35	Woodcock An	ENG	0.37	219	99	Blazevicius	LIT	-0.48	300
 37	Burgess OI	ENG	0.37	219	100	Bielskis An	LIT	-0.51	300
3/	Nyaradi Ga	HUN HUN	0.26 0.26	240 240	101	Korkevicius	LIT	-0.54	300
— 39	Nyaradi Zs Braga Ra	POR	0.25	260	102	Brikmane Li	LAT	-0.55	220
	Braga Ri	POR	0.25	260	_	Veksa Na	LAT	-0.55	220
41	Birman Al	ISR	0.24	200	104	GomezHierro	SPA	-0.58	260
··-	Bessis Ol	FRA	0.24	240	_	SunolTorres	SPA	-0.58	260
_	DeTessieres	FRA	0.24	240	106	Pojman Mi	CZE	-0.61	239
44	Dalkilic Ba	TUR	0.21	319	107	Toutenel El	BEL	-0.66	180
	Eskizara Om	TUR	0.21	319		Vanparijs Pi	BEL	-0.66	180
_	Houmoller Jo	DEN	0.21	260	109	Pisa Zb	CZE	-0.70	319
47	Livgard Al	NOR	0.20	260	110	Brguljan Ka	CRO CRO	-0.77 -0.77	300 280
48	Nielsen La	DEN	0.17	260	112	Kazalicki Ma Ellison My	SCO	-0.77	300
49	Neimanis Ja	LAT	0.14	379	112	Wilkinson Al	sco	-0.83	320
 51	Rubins Ka	LAT	0.14	379	114	Baronaite Mo	LIT	-0.91	220
31	Chauvelot Ni Thibault Ma	FRA FRA	0.12 0.12	220 220	115	Mandruta Co	ROM	-0.94	280
53	Honyek An	HUN	0.12	239	116	EscaleraGuer	SPA	-0.95	259
	Szabo Cs	HUN	0.10	239	_	LedesmaPique	SPA	-0.95	259
55	Argelazi El	ISR	0.09	180	118	Vulcan Bo	ROM	-0.96	260
56	GodedMerino	SPA	0.05	280	119	Jogun Ni	CRO	-0.98	240
	Goncalves Pe	SPA	0.05	280	120	Vukic Go	CRO	-1.00	220
_	Guiot Be	BEL	0.05	220	121	Gruber Ch	AUT	-1.01	220
_	Hubert Al	BEL	0.05	220	122	Laukus La	LAT	-1.16	200
_	Green Be	ENG	0.05	280	_	Movsovics Le	LAT	-1.16	200
_	Happer Du	ENG	0.05	280	124	Vainikonis E	LIT	-1.20	220
62	Moraru Co	ROM	0.04	260	125	Pearson Go	SCO	-1.29	200
63	Boldrini An	ITA	0.03	240	126	Ellison Gy	SCO	-1.33	180
_	Sbarigia Ma	ITA	0.03	240	127	Sigmund Ma	CZE	-1.42	180