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ISRAEL LEADS THE WAY

The Israeli Schools team is building up a substantial lead after another excellent day yesterday. A perfect 75 out of 75 on the day leaves Israel on 174 VPs, 26 clear of Australia and China Hong Kong, who are tied for second on 148, ahead of USA Blue on 144 and Latvia on 138.

USA Red made a serious move with 69 VPs from their three matches, including the first 25-0 in the Schools, against China, though they still have some more catching up to do after a slow start. It is good to be able to report that our hosts, Thailand, achieved a first Schools win, 21-9 over Indonesia.

In the Juniors, Poland still leads with 177 VPs after scoring 58 on the day, but Israel closed the gap with

63 VPs from three matches and are second on 172, while USA1 had an even better day with 65 VPs to move into third on 171. Singapore comes next with 166, then there is a bit of a gap to France, on 149, Egypt 148 and Norway 146.

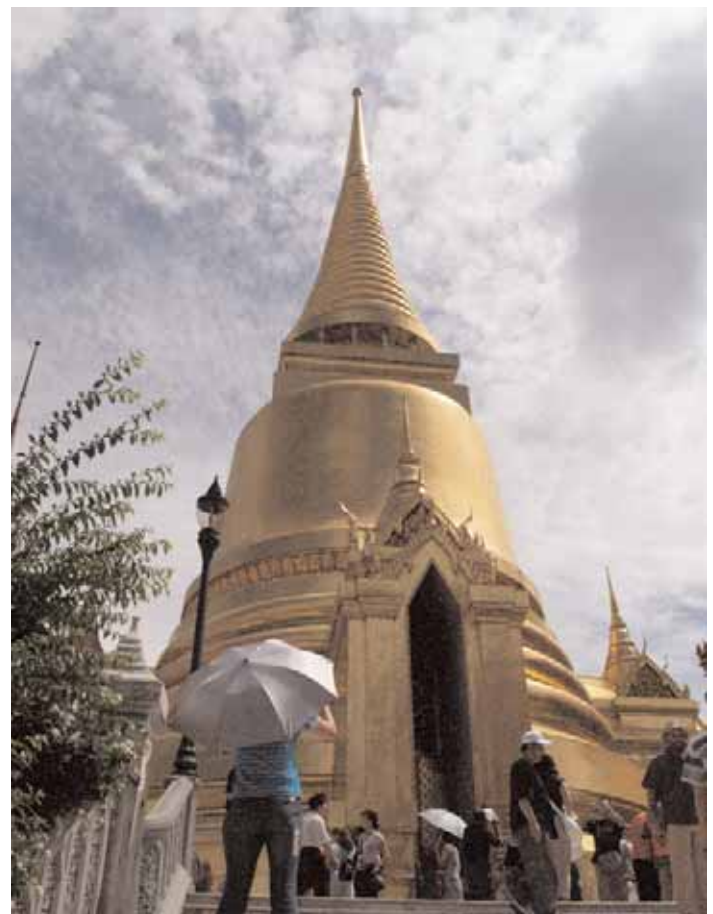
The Egyptian Juniors scored the day's second 25-0, against Thailand.

Line-Ups

Team Captains are reminded that they must put in their line-ups 15 minutes after the end of the previous match.

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Phra Sri Ratana (The Golden Stupa), which houses a piece of the Buddha's breastbone.



TOMORROW'S PROGRAM



JUNIORS SESSION 10

1	ITALY	JORDAN
2	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE
3	JAPAN	CANADA
4	SINGAPORE	USA2
5	CHILE	USA1
6	POLAND	HUNGARY
7	EGYPT	ISRAEL
8	THAILAND	NORWAY
9	BRAZIL	CHINA HONG KONG

SCHOOLS SESSION 9

41	INDONESIA	ISRAEL
42	SWEDEN	LATVIA
43	ITALY	POLAND
44	AUSTRALIA	NORWAY
45	USA BLUE	PAKISTAN
46	CHINA HONG KONG	USA RED
47	CHINA	CANADA
48	CHINESE TAIPEI	THAILAND

JUNIORS SESSION 11

1	JORDAN	BRAZIL
2	CHINA HONG KONG	THAILAND
3	NORWAY	EGYPT
4	ISRAEL	POLAND
5	HUNGARY	CHILE
6	USA1	SINGAPORE
7	USA2	JAPAN
8	CANADA	AUSTRALIA
9	FRANCE	ITALY

SCHOOLS SESSION 10

41	ITALY	INDONESIA
42	AUSTRALIA	SWEDEN
43	USA BLUE	ISRAEL
44	CHINA HONG KONG	LATVIA
45	CHINA	POLAND
46	CHINESE TAIPEI	NORWAY
47	THAILAND	PAKISTAN
48	CANADA	USA RED

JUNIORS SESSION 12

1	JAPAN	JORDAN
2	SINGAPORE	AUSTRALIA
3	CHILE	ITALY
4	POLAND	FRANCE
5	EGYPT	CANADA
6	THAILAND	USA2
7	BRAZIL	USA1
8	CHINA HONG KONG	HUNGARY
9	NORWAY	ISRAEL

SCHOOLS SESSION 11

41	INDONESIA	CANADA
42	USA RED	THAILAND
43	PAKISTAN	CHINESE TAIPEI
44	NORWAY	CHINA
45	POLAND	CHINA HONG KONG
46	LATVIA	USA BLUE
47	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA
48	SWEDEN	ITALY

Team Profiles

We would like to publish team profiles in the Daily Bulletin of all 34 teams at this Championship. This is not only of interest to others present in Bangkok or reading the bulletins on the internet, but is valuable material for bridge journalists around the world. Ideally, we would like to receive the profiles in electronic form, however, handwritten is OK, but only if your handwriting is more legible than mine.

Thank you

Public Computers

The computers which we have made available for the players' use, and also the internet connections, are for emails only. Please respect this. If you use them for other purposes you take up essential bandwidth which is required for the smooth running of the tournament.

There is a Business centre on the 18th floor and several internet cafes nearby for other purposes.

Thank you for your understanding.



RESULTS



JUNIORS SESSION 7

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	JORDAN POLAND	31	69	7	23
2	EGYPT CHILE	48	23	20	10
3	THAILAND SINGAPORE	48	44	16	14
4	BRAZIL JAPAN	93	31	25	3
5	CHINA HG KG AUSTRALIA	65	35	21	9
6	NORWAY ITALY	52	42	17	13
7	ISRAEL FRANCE	33	20	18	12
8	HUNGARY CANADA	56	33	20	10
9	USA 1 USA 2	56	19	23	7

SCHOOLS SESSION 6

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	THAILAND INDONESIA	60	29	21	9
2	CANADA CHINESE TAIPEI	30	47	11	19
3	USA RED CHINA	99	9	25	0
4	PAKISTAN CHINA HG KG	11	61	5	25
5	NORWAY USA BLUE	45	35	17	13
6	POLAND AUSTRALIA	42	58	12	18
7	LATVIA ITALY	60	35	20	10
8	ISRAEL SWEDEN	72	15	25	4

JUNIORS SESSION 8

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	USA 1 JORDAN	74	14	25	3
2	USA 2 HUNGARY	53	51	15	15
3	CANADA ISRAEL	36	59	10	20
4	FRANCE NORWAY	44	42	15	15
5	ITALY CHINA HG KG	69	23	24	6
6	AUSTRALIA BRAZIL	30	38	14	16
7	JAPAN THAILAND	48	31	19	11
8	SINGAPORE EGYPT	42	23	19	11
9	CHILE POLAND	35	54	11	19

SCHOOLS SESSION 7

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	INDONESIA CHINA	92	22	25	2
2	CHINESE TAIPEI CHINA HG KG	56	40	18	12
3	THAILAND USA BLUE	24	76	5	25
4	CANADA AUSTRALIA	41	40	15	15
5	USA RED ITALY	112	39	25	1
6	PAKISTAN SWEDEN	36	92	4	25
7	NORWAY ISRAEL	22	94	2	25
8	POLAND LATVIA	41	57	12	18

JUNIORS SESSION 9

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	JORDAN CANADA	27	103	1	25
2	FRANCE USA 2	26	43	11	19
3	ITALY USA 1	44	54	13	17
4	AUSTRALIA HUNGARY	37	36	15	15
5	JAPAN ISRAEL	15	73	4	25
6	SINGAPORE NORWAY	34	31	16	14
7	CHILE CHINA HG KG	17	70	5	25
8	POLAND BRAZIL	51	46	16	14
9	EGYPT THAILAND	112	24	25	0

SCHOOLS SESSION 8

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	POLAND INDONESIA	46	34	17	13
2	LATVIA NORWAY	41	32	17	13
3	ISRAEL PAKISTAN	73	11	25	3
4	SWEDEN USA RED	55	74	11	19
5	ITALY CANADA	87	36	25	5
6	AUSTRALIA THAILAND	79	30	25	5
7	USA BLUE CHINESE TAIPEI	42	44	15	15
8	CHINA HG KG CHINA	70	28	24	6

JUNIORS RANKING AFTER SESSION 9

1	POLAND	177
2	ISRAEL	172
3	USA 1	171
4	SINGAPORE	166
5	FRANCE	149
6	EGYPT	148
7	NORWAY	146
8	CHINA HONG KONG	141
9	ITALY	140
10	USA 2	138
11	BRAZIL	137
12	CANADA	133
13	CHILE	121
14	AUSTRALIA	112
15	HUNGARY	109
16	JAPAN	102
17	THAILAND	87
18	JORDAN	52

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 4 (1993)

Aarhus in Denmark hosted the fourth World Junior Championship in August 1993. Sixteen teams were expected but India had to pull out, leaving a field of 15, with all the WBF zones represented. The standard was generally high, with every team having its successes. For example, last-placed Pakistan defeated Italy 19-11 in the last round of qualifying to end the Italians' hopes of a semi-final place, while 14th placed Colombia defeated both finalists. Both Chinese Taipei and china came desperately close to providing the first semi-finalists from the PABF zone, just falling short by 3 and 5.5 VPs respectively.

Germany pipped Norway for first place and selected Denmark as their semi-final opponents, giving the Germans a 10.5 IMP carry-over edge and leaving Norway with an 8.5 IMP carry-over against defending champions USAI in the other semi-final.

1. Germany	283
2. Norway	283
3. USAI	269
4. Denmark	250.5
5. Chinese Taipei	247.5
6. China	245
7. Italy	242
8. Canada	221
9. Australia	220.5
10. CAC2	211.5
11. New Zealand	211
12. USA2	200
13. Argentina	177
14. CAC1 (Colombia)	177
15. Pakistan	146

Germany scraped through their 64-board semi-final against Denmark by the narrowest possible margin, 0.5 VP, the final score being 103.5-103 — the carry-over was crucial to the German success. Meanwhile, Norway had a surprisingly comfortable 208.5-93 win over USAI.

The dramatic semi-final loss clearly had an adverse effect on Denmark as they went 27-121 behind at the halfway point of the third-place play-off. That left them with too

much to do and, though they had a strong second half, USAI took the bronze medal by a margin of 173-137.

This deal helped Norway on their way in the semi-final win over USAI:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ Q J 10 6 4 3 2 ♦ Q 8 ♣ Q 9 7	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2">N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		♠ A 6 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ A K ♣ A K J 10 5 2
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W	E							
S								
♠ K J 10 7 4 ♥ K ♦ 10 9 6 3 2 ♣ 6 4	♠ Q 9 2 ♥ A 8 7 5 ♦ J 7 5 4 ♣ 8 3							

West	North	East	South
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
—	—	-	Pass
Pass	3♥	Dble	4♥
4♠	Pass	4NT	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Aaseng</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
—	-	—	Pass
Pass	3♥	Dble	4♥
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Espen Kvam raised his partner's pre-empt then decided to bid again to test his opponents' methods after interference over Blackwood and was doubled. The defenders took their five top tricks then played a club through to ensure a trick for the king of hearts; four down for -800.

In the other room there was no interference over 4NT and Lasse Aaseng declared the spade slam. After the ace of hearts had been cashed, Aaseng played for the pre-emptor to be short in spades, playing ace then low to the jack, and made his slam; well done for +1430 and 12 IMPs to Norway.



Germany began the 96-board final with a 5.5 IMP carry-over advantage, which was reduced to 46.5-46 in the first set despite this deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ K J 8 4 ♦ K J 9 8 ♣ Q 4 3 2	♠ A 10 9 8 7 6 4 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ 6 ♣ K 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K Q 3 ♥ 9 7 5 3 ♦ 10 5 2 ♣ J 7 5	♠ J 5 ♥ A 10 ♦ A Q 7 4 3 ♣ A 9 8 6	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hopfenheit</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Rohowski</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
—	-	INT	Pass
2♠(i)	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

(i) GF, normally balanced or three-suited

West	North	East	South
<i>Aaseng</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Joest</i>
—	-	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣(i)	Pass	3♦(ii)	Pass
3♥(iii)	Pass	3♠(iv)	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

- (i) Relay
- (ii) Five-card minor
- (iii) Which minor?
- (iv) Diamonds

Jorgen Molberg doubled the artificial game-force of 2♠ so it was natural for Kvam to lead the suit. He continued with a second round, which Roland Rohowski ruffed, drew trumps, then played the ace of clubs. When the ten dropped, Rohowski followed restricted choice by running the nine next so made his game; +600.

There was no bidding from North/South at the other table, but Geir Helgemo had noticed that North had thought about bidding over 2♣. Marcus Joest led two rounds of spades so North surely had the ♣K for his hesitation during the auction. Had the trumps split evenly, Helgemo might have played three rounds of hearts, ruffing out the queen, before running the ♣9 to endplay North. However, the three-one split meant that this line was not so attractive. After drawing trumps, Helgemo decided that North was more likely to hold three clubs than two. Accordingly, he ran the ♣9, ruffed the spade return and crossed to dummy in hearts to lead the ♣Q, in hope of pinning a doubleton jack. Alas, for once Helgemo's table presence had let him down and the contract failed by a trick; -100 and 12 IMPs to Germany.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 7 6 4 ♥ K Q 8 3 ♦ — ♣ K 9 4 3	♠ Q J 2 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ A Q 9 7 6 3 ♣ 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 3 ♥ A 6 4 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ A Q 10 8	♠ 9 8 5 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ J 7 6 5	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Aaseng</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Joest</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In the other room, the Norwegian North/South played the normal 3NT, making eleven tricks for +660. But this time Helgemo's table presence was working very nicely. He noticed that his screenmate hesitated slightly before passing over the 1♠ opening so decided that this would be the perfect time for a little psyche. Everything looked quite plausible from South's perspective. Perhaps reps could have doubled the 4♦ splinter, but if the auction was genuine this was more likely to help his opponents than his own side, as they were most unlikely to want to sacrifice at this vulnerability. Helgemo scrambled seven tricks for -150, but 11 IMPs to Norway.

Norway won the second set by precisely the swing they had gained on the above deal, and led by 80-69.5.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K Q J 10 ♥ K 9 6 3 2 ♦ 10 9 3 2 ♣ —	♠ 7 6 5 2 ♥ - ♦ A 8 7 4 ♣ A K 10 7 6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 3 ♥ A J 7 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ Q 9 5 4 2	♠ 9 8 4 ♥ Q 10 8 5 4 ♦ J 6 ♣ J 8 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Thomassen</i>	<i>Hopfenheit</i>	<i>Karlberg</i>	<i>Rohowski</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦(i)
Pass	2♥(ii)	Pass	2NT(iii)
Pass	4♥(iv)	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- (i) Weak with hearts or strong with clubs
- (ii) To play opposite hearts
- (iii) GF with clubs
- (iv) Splinter

West	North	East	South
Joest	Helgemo	Reps	Aaseng
1♥	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Hopfenheit/Rohowski had a smooth auction to the small slam, looking at the possibility of the grand before settling for six when they discovered that there was no second-round spade control; +1370.

Joest's light opening bid created a more difficult scenario for Helgemo/Aaseng and, while Aaseng's jump to 3NT may not have been best, it was hardly ridiculous. Plus 660 meant 12 IMPs to Germany, helping them to a big session as they moved into a 137.5-94 halftime lead.

Set four was level at 43-43 but Norway came back strongly in the penultimate set to trail by only 4.5 IMPs with 16 deals to play. The last set was close for a while but gradually Germany took control of the match and ran out winners by a deceptively comfortable looking 254.5-203.

Germany had become the first team to win a World Junior Championship on foreign soil, though Denmark is right next door to Germany, of course, so there was not much travelling involved. They were also the first team of four to win the championship.

1. Germany (Roland Rohowski, Guido Hopfenheit, Klaus Reps, Marcus Joest, NPC Michael Gromoller)

2. Norway (Geir Helgemo, Lasse Aaseng, Espen Kvam, Jorgen Molberg, Svein-Gunnar Karlberg, Kurt-Ove Thomassen, NPC Sverre Johnsen)

3. USA1 (Eric Greco, Leni Holtz, Debbie Zuckerberg, Richard Pavlicek Jr., Jeff Ferro, Kevin Wilson, NPC Chip Martel)

Today's Play Problem

By John Carruthers

Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 4 2
♥ Q 9 3
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ K Q J



♠ 8 5
♥ A K 10 7 4 2
♦ 3
♣ A 10 9 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

West leads the three of spades, an obvious singleton. East wins the ace and king of spades, then cashes the ace of diamonds before leading the ♠Q. You ruff with the ace of hearts and cash the king — five, three and six. When you next lead the ♥2, West follows with the eight. Do you play the nine or the queen, and why?

Teams and Players' Photos Schedule — Thursday August 3st

- 13.00 China/Schools
- 13.00 China Hg Kg/Schools
- 13.15 Brazil/Juniors
- 13.15 Chile/Juniors
- 13.15 Jordan/Juniors
- 13.45 Chin. Taipei/Schools
- 13.45 Indonesia/Schools
- 17.00 Australia/Schools
- 17.00 Thailand/Schools



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
WBF Photographer



SCHOOLS

Round 5



AUSTRALIA v

LATVIA



After four rounds of the Schools Series, Australia and Latvia were both well in touch with the qualifying places for the semi-finals, lying fifth and seventh respectively, on 73 and 70 VPs against an average of 60. Both were keen to close out their second day of competition with a win to consolidate the good work done so far.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 6 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ K 5 4 3 ♣ 10 9 8 6	N W E S	♠ 10 2 ♥ A K 10 5 ♦ A Q 10 8 ♣ 4 3 2	♠ K 8 ♥ Q J 6 3 2 ♦ J 7 6 2 ♣ Q 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		



Janis BETHERS, Latvia

West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Both East/West pairs started the match well by bidding to the good spade slam. If declarer tests the clubs first, he will see that he can afford to play safe in the trump suit. Australia picked up an overtrick IMP when Janis Bethers, for Latvia, did indeed start trumps by cashing the ace, while Adam Edgtton preferred to lead low to the queen, thereby making all thirteen.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 4 3 ♥ A 9 4 2 ♦ A ♣ K J 10 8 3	N W E S	♠ A 5 2 ♥ 10 5 ♦ K 9 3 2 ♣ A 7 6 2	♠ K J 6 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q J 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	3♦
All Pass			

For Australia, Andy Hung could show his diamonds immediately and kept bidding them until he was allowed to play 3♦. At the other table, Adrians Imsa could not show diamonds at his first turn without grossly overbidding, so passed. However, when Edgtton balanced, Imsa took the opportunity to compete and he too declared 3♦.

After the lead of the king of hearts, declarer has a loser

in each suit and no quick entry to hand to guess the clubs for a spade pitch. There are a number of ways in which the contract can fail, so all credit to Hung, who managed to bring home his contract for +110 while Imsa was the normal one down for -100; 5 IMPs to Australia.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 4 2 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ A K Q J 4 ♣ 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 7 3 ♥ A K Q 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A J 10 7 3	♠ 9 8 6 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 9 8 7 3 2 ♣ Q 8 2
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
		2♣	Pass
2NT	Dble	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Dble	3♦	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

Bethers' natural 2♣ opening saw Jurij Balasovs respond with 2NT, a transfer to clubs, and Justin Howard doubled



Andy HUNG, Australia

for take-out. When Howard followed that up with 3♦ at his next turn he showed a strong hand, of course, but perhaps not quite strong enough to justify a 3NT response with the South cards. Hung lost the first nine tricks to be five down for -250, which must have looked at the time to be worth a small swing to Latvia. However, it proved not to be so.

At the other table, Nabil Edgtton opened at the one level and Adam could show his heart suit. When Peteris Bethers doubled, Nabil made a mini-splinter and Adam liked his club fit and lack of wasted values enough to bid to game. Bethers doubled again, having substantial extra values, and that ended the auction.

Perhaps declarer would have got the clubs right anyway, given North's two take-out doubles, but you never know. Edgtton was not hard pressed after Bethers had led his club singleton, and the even trump split meant that ten tricks were easy; +790 and 11 IMPs to Australia, who led by 17-0 after six deals.

Latvia picked up 6 IMPs on Board 8 for a better partscore then took the lead a few boards later.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 7 2 ♥ K 2 ♦ K Q 10 4 ♣ J 8	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 6 ♥ 9 7 5 4 ♦ 9 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 4	♠ A J 4 ♥ Q J ♦ J 7 6 5 3 2 ♣ 5 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
Pass	1♠	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
Pass	1♠	3♣	4♠
All Pass			

Both Easts made a weak jump overcall in clubs but neither North/South pair were prevented from reaching the normal spades game. Both Easts led the nine of diamonds.

Peteris Bethers made no mistake, winning in dummy to play a spade up, crossing to the ace of hearts and playing a second spade, after which he could not be prevented from coming to ten tricks for +620.

Howard won the opening lead with the ten in hand and led the ♠K. Balasovs won the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. Bethers switched to ace and queen of clubs to dummy's king. Howard ruffed dummy's third club then crossed to the ace of hearts and led a spade to... the queen

—down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to Latvia.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 6 3 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ A J 9 7 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 9 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A K 10 5 ♣ Q 10 8 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balaso</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
	Pass	1NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Janis Bethers had a weak no trump and Balaso had no reason to go on. Nabil Edgtton upgraded his hand to 15-17 and Adam raised aggressively to game. With the two hands fitting well and the missing high cards also favourably placed, both declarers came to ten tricks after a low spade lead to the ten and jack; +180 to Bethers but +630 and 10 IMPs to Edgtton.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J 9 7 6 ♥ — ♦ 10 9 6 4 2 ♣ A Q 9 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 8 5 ♥ A K 5 2 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ K J 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balaso</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Dble	3♥	Dble	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Imsa's 1♦ overcall was supposed to deliver both majors and it allowed Peteris to jump to 3♥, putting the Edgttons under a lot of pressure. It is possible to make 3NT, even after a heart lead, by guessing the diamond position, but East/West rate to go minus most of the time, so 5♦ down one did not appear to be any great disaster. However, Bethers/Balaso had a remarkable auction and result at the other table to earn 12 IMPs for Latvia. One Club was strong and the response showed a three-suited positive with short hearts. I am guessing that 3♥ asked about range or controls and 3NT answered, but I am a little surprised that Bethers chose to play the four-three spade fit rather than 3NT. After all, add the ♦J to the West hand and 3NT will be a much better spot.

Anyway, 4♠ could have been defeated quite easily, either via a diamond ruff or a misguess from declarer in trumps, but Hung started with a low trump, eliminating one of those possibilities. Howard won the ♠A and could still have set the contract by switching to ace and another diamond, but he returned a second trump and now Bethers was in control. It was a simple matter to cross to dummy twice in clubs to lead towards the diamonds; +620 and 12 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ K 8 3 2 ♦ J 10 8 7 5 ♣ 5 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 4 3 2 ♥ J ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ A K 7 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balaso</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
Pass	3♣	1♠	2♥
All Pass		Pass	3♥
West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
Pass	2♠	1♠	2♥
All Pass		Pass	4♥

As North, would you prefer to show the moderate club suit, or focus on hearts by cuebidding 2♠? If you trust your partner to have a decent suit for a vulnerable overcall, then perhaps 2♠ is the more attractive option.

Question two — if partner cuebids 2♠, does South have sufficient to bid the game? I would have said not, despite the well-placed spade honours, but it does depend on partnership style for the initial overcall. I really don't like the two minor-suit holdings. Anyway, Imsa could not resist the

lure of the vulnerable game bonus and jumped to 4♥, but that contract was doomed when Adam led a spade and Nabil cashed his black-suit winners before returning the suit; down one for -100.

And the next question — what would your rebid be as South if partner responded 3♣? I think that the minimum requirement for 3♣ is higher than for 2♠, as it does not suggest a fit, and I would take a shot at 3NT rather than repeat that mediocre heart suit. And today I would be right, as 3NT is an easy make if declarer plays hearts in a straightforward fashion. Of course, winning the spade lead and running the ♥10 to the bare jack would not be a success.

Hung preferred to rebid 3♥ and the defence began with two rounds of spades. That gave him the opportunity to pitch a club loser on the third diamond and, though a third spade later promoted a second defensive trump trick, that was only the fourth in all so the contract was just made for +140 and 6 IMPs to Australia.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 6 2 ♥ 10 7 6 4 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ A 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 7 4 3 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ A J 7 5 ♣ Q 4	♠ K J 8 5 ♥ K J 9 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ J 10 8
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West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>J. Bethers</i>	<i>Hung</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>P. Bethers</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>	<i>Imsa</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Both North/Souths reached the normal game but from different sides of the table. Bethers' spade lead was won by dummy's ten and Howard was always in control. He established a club and a heart to give nine, +600.

Played by South, a heart lead makes life a bit more difficult, and that is what Adam found. There is a winning line after declarer wins the second heart — a club to the queen then a spade towards the ten produces nine tricks — but Imsa did not find that line and finished one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Australia.

That was enough to give the win to Australia, by 47-37 IMPs, 17-13 VPs.

NORWAY Schools Team

Fredrik Simonsen

The grand old man of the team. He got a bronze medal in NY. Even though he looks like a junkie he sometimes remembers how many trumps are left. He won the individual butler in the European Championships.

Haakon Bogen

When he plays NT he always gets a trick more than the others, the only problem is that he plays 3NT when everyone stops in 1NT.

Lars Arthur 'dummy' Johansen

Haakon's partner. They were leading the Norwegian National Championships until the last rounds, they were continuously on the BBO vugraph until Helness and Helgemo overtook them.

Erlend 'Casanova' Skjetne

He looks serious and innocent but he's not. He is very conservative in many ways. He is not allowed to play any match against girls because he focuses his attention on them instead of the game. Erlend is more than capable of addressing all his team-mates mistakes with sarcastic comments, having just won a national literature prize.

Harald 'the baby (14)' Eide

The youngest of the four Eide brothers, and by many considered to be the most talented, His two oldest brothers are playing on the junior team.

Vicky (Victoria) Chediak (24)

The team is lucky to have the most beautiful coach at the event. She is an excellent coach, who has previously played in the WC. When she is not watching/recording the team always loses. Luckily, she has watched all our matches so far (Round 5), so we are still undefeated. The guys refuse to play without her.

John Vaaga (38), npc

He has always a 'snus' (the most disgusting thing you can have in your mouth, and very common in Nordic countries). He plays in the Norwegian first division, however, he is trying to ruin this with a horrible new system. By the way, he has won the European Railway Championship four times. He cannot watch our matches. It is bad luck for the team and every time that he does so the team loses.

SCHOOLS

Round 6



NORWAY

v

USA BLUE



by Sue Grenside

Norway started this round in the lead and, even without the good luck charm of their coach, they came out with another win.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 4 2		♠ A Q 9 7 6 3									
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♦ A 10 6 4 2		♦ Q									
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		♣ K 6 2									

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Skjetne	Goldfein	Simonsen	Katz
	Pass	1♠	2♦
Dble	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass



Matthew MECKSTROTH, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Johansen	Glickman	Bogen
	Pass	1♠	2♦
Dble	4♦	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Norway had some interference to their bidding but were allowed to have the contract. However, in the Open Room N/S put on maximum pressure and gave Glickman a problem in evaluating his hand. To go on or to pass?

Two IMPs to Norway

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Skjetne	Goldfein	Simonsen	Katz
1♣	1♠	Dble(1)	Pass
3♣	All pass		

(i) Minimum 4♥

Lead: ♣Q

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Johansen	Glickman	Bogen
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	Dble	Rdbl	All pass

Rdbl is explained as SOS if the Dble was for penalties, but for blood if the double was take-out.

In the Closed Room, the ♣Q was led to the seven, three and ace. Skjetne played the ♣2 and North discarded the ♠7, declarer winning the trick with dummy's ♣J. He then played the ♠10 from dummy to the three, two and jack. North exits with the ♦7, won by dummy's ♦A. Skjetne claimed ten tricks giving up two spades for +130 to Norway.

In the Open Room there was some ambiguity about the redouble. Double was most likely for take-out. Now, when

East redoubled, South passed it to partner to take action. South should take action himself rather than pass the buck to partner.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K J 9 6 3 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ K ♣ J 10 8 3	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 7 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ A J 10 9 4 ♣ 6 4	♠ 10 8 4 2 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ 8 6 5 2 ♣ Q 5
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Skjetne</i>	<i>Goldfein</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Katz</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl(i)	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
(i) Three-card support			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Johansen</i>	<i>Glickman</i>	<i>Bogen</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
3♠	All Pass		



Lars Arthur JOHANSEN, Norway

Goldfein led the ♣A to the four, queen and eight. He now switched to the ♠5 and Skjetne won with the jack. Next the lights went out, so all we know is that Skjetne made nine tricks for +140.

In the Closed Room, North also started with the ♣A. He retained the lead and now played ♥A and a small heart to South's king. South played the ♣Q and, when this held, exited with a heart to declarer's queen. Declarer played the ♦K, ruffed the jack of clubs with the queen spades, and cashed the ace of diamonds, pitching his ten of clubs. At this point he has left in hand king, jack, nine, six and another spade and dummy has ace and seven of spades. The question is, does he draw trumps from the top or finesse spades?

If North had played the ♦Q on declarer's ace he would have put declarer on a guess as to the trump holding. As it was, declarer played trumps from the top and went down one; 6 IMPs to Norway

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 8 6 5 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ J 6	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 10 7 ♥ - ♦ J 10 9 8 ♣ K Q 10 9 3 2	♠ 4 ♥ A K J 8 6 4 2 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ 8 5
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Skjetne</i>	<i>Goldfein</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Katz</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Lead: ♠3

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Johansen</i>	<i>Glickman</i>	<i>Bogen</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
2♣	4♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	5♥	All Pass

Norway had a big pick-up on this board. The Closed Room started with three passes to East who decided on a 4♥ bid. Two more passes and North doubled, hoping partner would take this for take-out as he was a passed hand. South thought for a while and decided his ♣A and ♥Q plus whatever partner had might take this down.

In the Open Room North opened 1♣ and, after the One Heart bid by East, South doubled, showing four spades. West showed his three-card support by bidding Two Clubs and North pushed on to Four Clubs. When East bid Four Hearts and this came around to North, he bid Four Spades, putting pressure on opponents to push them to the five level; 13 IMPs to Norway.

Norway kept their winning line even without the coach!

JUNIORS

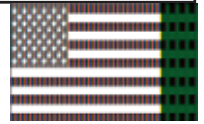
Round 7



USA1

v

USA2



by **Sandra Kulovic—Probst**

The USA derby took place in match seven, when USA1 played USA2. USA1 immediately started banking IMP by IMP and their first big pick-up happened on Board 4.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A Q J 7 5 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ Q 9 7 3 ♣ Q	N W E S	♠ 10 9 8 4 ♥ 10 7 6 5 ♦ A 10 ♣ J 8 7	♠ 3 ♥ K J 9 8 3 2 ♦ 8 6 4 2 ♣ 5 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Shore</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♣	Dble	3♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



John KRANYAK, USA

Both pairs reached the fragile heart game and Lall doubled in the Closed Room. His partner led the ace of clubs and switched to a diamond. A diamond ruff made the contract one light. In the Open Room, Kranyak received the same lead, but Rice failed to switch and continued with the king of clubs. Kranyak ruffed this with the ace to preserve entries to hand and played a heart to the jack. After discovering the bad trump break he finessed a spade, pitched a diamond on the ace of spades and ruffed a spade low. His contract was now safe and he played a heart to the queen and pitched another diamond on a spade. Plus 620 gained USA1 13 IMPs.

The next game swing was waiting on Board 9.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 4 ♥ A Q 10 5 2 ♦ Q 10 5 3 ♣ 9 5	N W E S	♠ A K 6 5 2 ♥ 8 4 3 ♦ A 9 ♣ J 4 3	♠ Q ♥ J 9 ♦ K J 6 4 2 ♣ A K Q 7 6
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	INT(i)	2NT(ii)	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

(i) 14-16
 (ii) Minors
 Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Shore</i>
	1♠	2NT(i)	4♠

All Pass

(i) Minors

Neither E/W pair managed to find their diamond game. In the Open Room, Grue found a INT opening bid, which made it harder for the opponents to value their hands correctly. There are always split opinions about such bids, but on this occasion it kept the opponents successfully out of game and one should not argue with success. The Closed Room N/S bid 4♠, which drifted four off on a club lead.

Grue kept making good bidding decisions and USA1 were

in a comfortable lead going to the last six boards.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 9 8 ♥ Q 9 6 5 3 ♦ K 8 2 ♣ A 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ J 3 2 ♥ 4 2 ♦ Q 9 7 4 ♣ K J 6 3	♠ A K 10 6 5 ♥ K 8 ♦ J 10 ♣ Q 7 5 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
			1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Shore</i>
			1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, 2♠ was played on a heart lead. Declarer won the jack in dummy and crossed to the king of hearts. He now played a diamond to the ace and tried to cash the ace of hearts. When East ruffed in with the jack South pitched a diamond, which resulted in 2♣ going down one. In the Open Room, West decided to overcall 2♥. I can't see any merit in the bid, but being green against red often causes light overcalls which can swing either way. When Kranyak reopened with a double instead of just letting his opponents play 2♥, Grue found the best call: Pass. Two Hearts doubled went for 300 and USA1 picked up another 8 IMPs.

The first swing for USA2 happened on Board 17.



Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 5 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ A 9 6 5 3 ♣ 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 10 9 3 ♥ 9 8 5 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ Q 9 8	♠ Q 4 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ 4 2 ♣ K J 10 5 4 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣(i)	Dble	Pass(ii)
Pass	Rdble(iii)	Pass	3♦(iv)
Pass	3♥(v)	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- (i) Stayman
- (ii) Shows stopper for South and denies stopper for North
- (iii) Stayman
- (iv) No major suit
- (v) Hearts and spades

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Shore</i>
	Pass	3♣	3NT

All Pass

3NT is an easy nine tricks and a revoke gave it an over-trick in the Closed Room. In the Open Room, Kranyak and



Mike RICE, USA

Grue had a major misunderstanding. When Kranyak passed the double, he was sure he was showing a club stop. Grue, on the other hand, was sure his partner was denying a club stop. This resulted in a bad spade game, which drifted two down.

USA2 were still losing in the 20+ VPs zone and were trying to find a chance for some more IMPs to their name. Board 18 could have offered this chance.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 9 7 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ Q 9 6 3 ♣ A Q	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 4 ♥ J 8 6 3 2 ♦ A K J 5 ♣ 10 7	♠ J 6 5 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ 8 7 ♣ J 9 5 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rice</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♠(i)	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠(ii)	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♣(iii)	Pass	4♠(iii)	Pass
6♦	All Pass	5♦	Pass

- (i) Either GF with spades or a INT bid
- (ii) GF with spades
- (iii) Cuebid

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Shore</i>
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣(i)	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♣(ii)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT(iii)	Pass	4♦(ii)	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♥(iv)	Pass

- (i) Artificial forcing
- (ii) Cuebid
- (iii) RKCB
- (iv) Two keycards without the queen of trumps

The Rice brothers found the best slam in the Open Room, as their inverted One Spade worked very well. The Three Diamond bid is probably not everyone's cup of tea, but on this occasion it pointed them in the right direction. In the Closed Room, Greenberg and Lall opted for the inferior slam. Both slams make easily with spades breaking and the king of clubs onside. USA1 received 2 IMPs for the riskier contract and won the match by 56-19 IMPs or 23-7 in VPs.

Oops!

Here is an auction you don't see every day. The Israeli Junior pair of Ophir Reshef and Eldad Ginossar were the lucky recipients. If a sufficiently large bribe reaches the bulletin room in the next couple of days, the world need never discover the identities of their opponents. If not...

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q ♥ J 6 3 ♦ A Q 9 7 2 ♣ 10 8 7 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ A K Q 8 7 2 ♦ 10 6 4 ♣ -	♠ K J 10 9 3 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ - ♣ A Q 6 3 2
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	S											

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥	1♠	2♦
Dble	3♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♦	Dble	Rdbl
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

When Ginossar opened 1♠ he could hardly have imagined the train of events which he had set in motion. South made a pretty ugly vulnerable overcall and Reshef passed, intending to pass again when partner's reopening double came around. Of course, it did not quite go like that. North's 2♥ call was normal and South had little option but to bid the second suit.

I think it is normal to play that the double of 3♣ shows a penalty double of 2♦ and only promises tolerance for clubs, but this message clearly did not get across to North/South. North cuebid 3♠ and, when Ginossar doubled, South made the dark and mysterious call of redouble. Whatever that meant to South, it excited North sufficiently to cause a leap to the diamond slam. You don't have to be a Christian to know when Christmas has arrived, and Reshef doubled happily — after all, he had intended to defend 2♦ doubled.

The contract went four down for 1100 to Israel, and hopefully North/South can now see the funny side of their richly deserved disaster. It would be a shame if they can't, because I suspect that everyone else can (except maybe their team-mates).

Solution to Today's Play Problem

By John Carruthers

The question you must ask yourself is, 'How did East know to cash the ace of diamonds? If you had held:

♠ 8 5
♥ A K J 10 7 4
♦ 7 3
♣ A 10 9

Or similar, he would have just given you an unmakeable contract. It might also not have occurred to him to do so if he had not been looking at the jack of hearts. So you should play the queen.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5 4 ♣ 7 5 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 4 2 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ K 10 6 2 ♣ K Q J</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A K Q J 9 7 6 ♥ J 6 ♦ A J ♣ 8 6</p>
	<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ A K 10 7 4 2 ♦ 3 ♣ A 10 9 3</p>	

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Schools Series – ROUND 9 – 10.00
Sweden v Latvia

Junior Series – ROUND 11 – 14.00
USAI v Singapore

Junior Series – ROUND 12 – 17.30
Poland v France

PLAY SCHEDULE

Thursday 3rd August

10.00—12.50	Juniors, Round 10 Schools, Round 9
14.00—16.50	Juniors, Round 11 Schools, Round 10
17.30—20.20	Juniors, Round 12 Schools, Round 11

SCHOOLS RANKING AFTER SESSION 8

1 ISRAEL	174
2 CHINA HONG KONG	148
3 AUSTRALIA	148
4 USA BLUE	144
5 LATVIA	138
6 CHINESE TAIPEI	133
7 NORWAY	131
8 SWEDEN	129
9 USA RED	127
10 POLAND	126
11 ITALY	92
12 INDONESIA	88
13 CANADA	87
14 PAKISTAN	79
15 CHINA	78
16 THAILAND	66

Chinese Taipei Schools Team

Chih-Hung Lin, 20 and Yi Ou-Yang, 19

Lin, known to all as 'The Gorilla', is finishing his second year as a computer science major at National Taiwan University. Ou-Yang is a freshman at the same school, doing a double major in EE and mathematics. He has also won a Silver Medal in the International Mathematics Olympiad and is known as a veritable lady-killer.

Kun-Chieh Wang, 19 and Yu-Hsiang Cheng, 19

Having played together since high school, the two are now both freshmen at National Taiwan University, majoring in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics respectively. Wang, nicknamed 'the Prince' by his friends, was a gold medalist in the International Mathematics Olympiad.

Both the above named pairs play a relatively standard 5-card major system.

Li-Hsiang Kuo, 21 and Ho-Yi So, 19

The leader of the team, Li-Hsiang 'the Dog' Kuo majors in computer science at the National Taiwan University. Representing the famed student club of his school, he has won many collegiate events and is already representing Taiwan for the third year internationally. His partner, known as 'curious baby', is a sophomore at the Soochow University majoring in Japanese Literature. The pair plays Precision with medium no-trumps.