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DOWN TO THE WIRE

While USA1 in the Juniors and Israel and Latvia in the Schools are pretty well assured of qualification with just two rounds to play, there are several teams chasing the remaining knockout spots and both races seem certain to go down to the wire.

Poland is second in the Juniors, ahead of France, Singapore and Italy. France and Singapore meet in the morning match and a heavy loss could mean trouble for either. If the top teams slip up, Norway, Israel and Egypt still have a chance, but their fates are not in their own hands.

The remaining Schools qualifiers will surely come from Australia, Poland, Norway, and, maybe, one of the USA teams. None of those teams meet each other today, so it may become a matter of who can get the biggest wins against lower-ranked teams.

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Welcome



Today we say welcome to two very prominent personalities of the bridge world, who have arrived here to attend the latter stages of the Championships.

Jaime Ortiz-Patiño was President of the WBF when the World Youth Team Championship was instituted in 1986 and one year later he presented the Ortiz-Patipo Trophy, which has since been the symbol of excellence in youth bridge. Today, he is President-emeritus of the WBF and he retains a vivid interest in youth bridge, as demonstrated by his presence here.

Mazhar Jafri of Pakistan, President of Zone 4 and member of the Committee of Honour, one of the longest-serving members of the Executive Council of the WBF, is another keen supporter of youth bridge.



TODAY'S PROGRAM



JUNIORS SESSION 16

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

SCHOOLS SESSION 14

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

JUNIORS SESSION 17

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

SCHOOLS SESSION 15

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

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Junior Series – ROUND 16 – 10.00
Singapore v France

Junior Series – ROUND 17 – 14.00
to be announced

PLAY SCHEDULE

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 10.00—12.50 | Juniors, Round 16 Schools, Round 14 |
| 14.00—16.50 | Juniors, Round 17 Schools, Round 15 |

The Swiss Pairs

The Swiss Pairs will be held on Sunday and Monday, starting at 11-00 am each day, with six rounds on Sunday and five on Monday, and ending in time for dinner each day.

It is a Trans-national event and is open to anyone playing in the Junior or Schools Championship, plus anyone else who was born on or after January 1st 1981.

Registration is in the playing area 30 minutes before the start of play, i.e. 10-30 on Sunday morning.

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 13

| Match | | IMP's | | VP's | |
|-------|--------------------|-------|-----|------|----|
| 1 | JORDAN NORWAY | 19 | 101 | 0 | 25 |
| 2 | ISRAEL CHINA HG KG | 50 | 31 | 19 | 11 |
| 3 | HUNGARY BRAZIL | 42 | 48 | 14 | 16 |
| 4 | USA 1 THAILAND | 48 | 21 | 21 | 9 |
| 5 | USA 2 EGYPT | 11 | 48 | 7 | 23 |
| 6 | CANADA POLAND | 29 | 33 | 14 | 16 |
| 7 | FRANCE CHILE | 35 | 66 | 9 | 21 |
| 8 | ITALY SINGAPORE | 40 | 51 | 13 | 17 |
| 9 | AUSTRALIA JAPAN | 35 | 51 | 12 | 18 |

SCHOOLS SESSION 12

| Match | | IMP's | | VP's | |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|----|------|----|
| 1 | USA BLUE INDONESIA | 55 | 35 | 19 | 11 |
| 2 | CHINA HG KG AUSTRALIA | 40 | 72 | 8 | 22 |
| 3 | CHINA ITALY | 58 | 89 | 9 | 21 |
| 4 | CHINESE TAIPEI SWEDEN | 61 | 46 | 18 | 12 |
| 5 | THAILAND ISRAEL | 42 | 57 | 12 | 18 |
| 6 | CANADA LATVIA | 29 | 74 | 6 | 24 |
| 7 | USA RED POLAND | 43 | 36 | 16 | 14 |
| 8 | PAKISTAN NORWAY | 33 | 73 | 7 | 23 |

JUNIORS SESSION 14

| Match | | IMP's | | VP's | |
|-------|--------------------|-------|----|------|----|
| 1 | CHILE JORDAN | 86 | 28 | 25 | 4 |
| 2 | POLAND SINGAPORE | 55 | 51 | 16 | 14 |
| 3 | EGYPT JAPAN | 40 | 42 | 15 | 15 |
| 4 | THAILAND AUSTRALIA | 43 | 50 | 14 | 16 |
| 5 | BRAZIL ITALY | 36 | 82 | 6 | 24 |
| 6 | CHINA HG KG FRANCE | 41 | 78 | 7 | 23 |
| 7 | NORWAY CANADA | 66 | 34 | 22 | 8 |
| 8 | ISRAEL USA 2 | 27 | 23 | 16 | 14 |
| 9 | HUNGARY USA 1 | 17 | 88 | 2 | 25 |

SCHOOLS SESSION 13

| Match | | IMP's | | VP's | |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|----|------|----|
| 1 | INDONESIA PAKISTAN | 14 | 97 | 0 | 25 |
| 2 | NORWAY USA RED | 65 | 42 | 20 | 10 |
| 3 | POLAND CANADA | 45 | 44 | 15 | 15 |
| 4 | LATVIA THAILAND | 91 | 30 | 25 | 3 |
| 5 | ISRAEL CHINESE TAIPEI | 61 | 42 | 19 | 11 |
| 6 | SWEDEN CHINA | 77 | 57 | 19 | 11 |
| 7 | ITALY CHINA HG KG | 60 | 47 | 18 | 12 |
| 8 | AUSTRALIA USA BLUE | 62 | 51 | 17 | 13 |

JUNIORS SESSION 15

| Match | | IMP's | | VP's | |
|-------|--------------------|-------|-----|------|----|
| 1 | JORDAN HUNGARY | 20 | 86 | 2 | 25 |
| 2 | USA 1 ISRAEL | 72 | 26 | 24 | 6 |
| 3 | USA 2 NORWAY | 70 | 42 | 21 | 9 |
| 4 | CANADA CHINA HG KG | 40 | 38 | 15 | 15 |
| 5 | FRANCE BRAZIL | 91 | 33 | 25 | 4 |
| 6 | ITALY THAILAND | 119 | 13 | 25 | 0 |
| 7 | AUSTRALIA EGYPT | 67 | 45 | 20 | 10 |
| 8 | JAPAN POLAND | 36 | 106 | 2 | 25 |
| 9 | SINGAPORE CHILE | 76 | 29 | 24 | 6 |

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

JUNIORS RANKING AFTER SESSION 15

| | | |
|----|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | USA 1 | 288 |
| 2 | POLAND | 271 |
| 3 | FRANCE | 268 |
| 4 | SINGAPORE | 263 |
| 5 | ITALY | 261 |
| 6 | NORWAY | 254 |
| 7 | ISRAEL | 253 |
| 8 | EGYPT | 250 |
| 9 | USA 2 | 241 |
| 10 | CHINA HONG KONG | 223 |
| 11 | CANADA | 221 |
| 12 | BRAZIL | 218 |
| 13 | CHILE | 205 |
| 14 | HUNGARY | 197 |
| 15 | AUSTRALIA | 191 |
| 16 | JAPAN | 172 |
| 17 | THAILAND | 144 |
| 18 | JORDAN | 66 |

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 7 (1999)

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA hosted the 1999 Championship. Sixteen countries took part and, for the first time, a team from the PABF zone finished in a qualifying position in the round robin. Tragically, however, Chinese Taipei was then disqualified as a passport check showed that one team-member was over-age.

Italy dominated the Championship from start to finish, winning the round robin by 44 VPs and winning both knock-out matches going away.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. Italy | 304 |
| 2= USA2 | 260 |
| 2= Denmark | 260 |
| 4. Israel | 243 |
| 5. Norway | 231 |
| 6. Argentina | 225 |
| 7. Australia | 218.5 |
| 8. China | 216.5 |
| 9. CAC | 211.5 |
| 10. China Hong Kong | 198.5 |
| 11. Canada2 | 197.5 |
| 12. Canada1 | 196 |
| 13. Brazil | 194 |
| 14. Egypt | 177 |
| 15. USA1 | 176.5 |
| 16. Chinese Taipei | Disqualified |

Italy chose to play Israel in the semi-final, giving themselves a 13.5 -MP carry-over advantage. Israel were competitive for the first half of the match but Italy won the 64-board match by a comfortable 161.5-86. Meanwhile, Denmark had a 5.3-IMP carry-over against USA2 and added to their advantage in the first set of the semi-final. However, USA2 took complete control in the second set and coasted to a 236-102.3 victory.

Italy had a 24-IMP advantage going into the 96-board final against USA2 and won each of the first three sets to lead by 165-67 at the half. USA2 did better in the second half but never got close enough to put in a serious challenge and Italy won by 261-186.

The third-place play-off was a desperately close affair, with Denmark's 2.5-IMP carry-over proving to be decisive as they won by only 163.5-162.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

| West | North <i>Eldessouky</i> | East | South <i>Heshmat</i> |
|------|----------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| — | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♣ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 2NT |
| 3♣ | 3♦ | Dble | 3NT |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

Mohamed Heshmat of Egypt appeared to be in a hopeless spot on this deal from his country's round robin encounter with Denmark. However, things started to look up a little when the opening lead of a low club was won by dummy's jack. Still, there was a lot to do to come to nine tricks.

Heshmat passed the nine of spades at trick two, losing to the king. Back came a spade and Heshmat overtook the jack to win in hand then cashed the other spades, throwing hearts from hand as East pitched a heart and a diamond (he had thrown a spade at trick one). Next, Heshmat cashed the top hearts then exited with a heart. East could take two heart tricks but then had to lead a diamond into dummy's tenace. Heshmat won cheaply and returned a low diamond to endplay East again and nine tricks — three spades, one club, two hearts and three diamonds — for a wonderful +750.

There was an interesting battle between declarer and the



defence on this deal from the match between Norway and Denmark, with declarer eventually coming out on top.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Konow | Saur | Madsen | Brogeland |
| — | — | — | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

The lead was the nine of clubs and, as Barry Rigal pointed out on vugraph, the hand is easy double dummy—simply play low from dummy, forcing North to duck also as if he wins a dummy entry can then be forced in the club suit. Declarer wins, cashes his five major-suit winners, and exits with a club to endplay North.

Morten Lund Madsen had noticed that South's carding methods included leading the nine from either ♣96 or ♣962. He therefore played the king from dummy, losing to the ace while carefully unblocking the five from hand, won the spade switch and played the ♣7, intending to overtake if the six appeared. However, the six did not appear and North ducked.

Madsen continued by leading a low heart and South, after some thought, ducked, North's jack winning. North cashed the queen of clubs and led a spade but Madsen won and cashed his black winners then played the ♥7. Brogeland was endplayed to give the ninth trick and 3NT had made without the benefit of a single trick from the dummy.

Eric Greco played this one from the final nicely.

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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| ♠ 8 ♥ Q 9 7 5 2 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ A 8 6 5 |
|--|

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Greco | D'Avossa | Willenken | Mallardi |
| — | 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ | 3♣ |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

Mario D'Avossa led a heart and Greco won in dummy then ran the eight of diamonds. D'Avossa won and led a second heart but again Greco won in dummy and passed a second diamond. D'Avossa won again but he had no heart to play. He tried a club but Greco could ruff, cash the top trumps and play two rounds of diamonds, throwing dummy's heart loser. It remained only to ruff a heart in dummy for the tenth trick.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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| ♠ K Q ♥ Q 8 6 5 ♦ 8 7 5 ♣ K 5 4 2 |
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Both tables in the final reached 3NT by North. After a spade lead, Tom Carmichael, for USA, followed the technical line of setting up eight tricks by playing on clubs then cashed the clubs when in with the second spade. This line succeeds if the same defender holds five spades, three diamonds and the heart king, as he is squeezed by the fourth club. However, when Carmichael next ducked a diamond, East had sufficient spades to beat the contract.

In the other room D'Avossa, not liking the odds for finding all three suits held by the same defender, tried a psychological line. At trick two he cashed the second spade winner and only then played on clubs. Had the defenders fallen into the trap and cashed their spades, there would then have been a red-suit squeeze against West which would have seen the contract home.

But the defence did not fall into D'Avossa's trap. Greco won the ace of clubs and underled the ♠J to Chris Willenken's ten. Now Willenken was suspicious of declarer's play—why would he take out his second stopper in the defenders' suit? Rather than return a spade, which would have been fatal, Willenken switched to the queen of diamonds, and when D'Avossa cashed the clubs he could afford a heart pitch; down one.

The defence did not even need to cash all the spades to let the game home; even taking two spade winners is fatal, as a switch at this point leaves declarer free to establish an extra diamond trick, the defensive stopper in that suit being in the hand which does not have the fifth spade.

Italy (Bernardo Biondi, Riccardo Intonti, Mario D'Avossa, Andrea Mallardi, NPC Giagio Rinaldi — Furio and Stelio

DiBello did not play sufficient boards in the final to qualify as world champions)

2.USA2 (Eric Greco, Chris Willenken, Tom Carmichael, Joel Wooldridge, NPC Bob Rosen — David Wiegand and Christine Carmichael did not play sufficient boards in the final to qualify for the silver medal)

3.Denmark (Gregers Bjarnarson, Anders Hagen, Kasper Konow, Mik Kristensen, Morten Lund Madsen, Mikkel Nohr, NPC Kirsten Steen-Moller)

Japan Junior Team

Hiroki YOKOI

He won the PABF Junior Teams Championships in 2005. He loves to play bridge and hope to become a world class player. He likes to play BBO and his name is 'hrkyk'. He is going to participate in the World University Championships which is held this October, with Yuichi, Satoshi, and Hiroaki.

Yuichi IKEMOTO

He won the PABF Youth Teams in 2005. He majors in Law at the Gakushuin University in Tokyo. He likes to play BBO and his name is 'sacura'.

Takeshi NIEKAWA

He won the PABF Youth Teams in 2005. He graduated from Osaka University and now works in Tokyo. He likes to play bridge and drink beer. He wonders that a lot of Japanese animations are widely broadcast on TV in Thailand.

Satoshi IMAI

He studies Economics at the Osaka University. This is his first time to participate in the World Junior Championships. He loves comics. If you have read a Japanese comic, tell him. BBO name is 'kakasi'.

Hiroaki MIURA

He studies at the TUFs (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies) and is majoring in Russian language. He started to play bridge as soon as he entered the university and this is his first time to participate in the World Junior Championships. He likes to listen to the pop music of Russia.

NPC: Tadashi TERAMOTO

He is a bridge professional player. He won the PABF Open Teams and Open Pairs and was fifth in the World Teams Olympiad 2004. He has been NPC and coach of Japan junior teams for several years.

Today's Play Problem

by John Carruthers

Dealer North. E/W Vul. Matchpoints.

| | | | |
|------------|----------|------|-------|
| ♠ K Q 3 2 | | | |
| ♥ A Q | | | |
| ♦ 9 6 4 3 | | | |
| ♣ Q 6 3 | | | |
| ♠ J 9 | | | |
| ♥ K 9 2 | | | |
| ♦ A Q 10 5 | | | |
| ♣ A J 9 7 | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| | 1♦ | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| 2♠ | 3♠ | 4♣ | 4♠ |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

You, West, lead the two of hearts to dummy's queen, partner's jack, and declarer's three (you are playing old-fashioned count and attitude).

Declarer plays the ace of hearts—four, eight and nine, then the king of spades to partner's ace, four and nine. Partner returns the ♦7 to the jack, queen and three. Plan your defence.

Canada Schools Team Profile

'Manton'

Often mistaken as the person, **Anton Blagov** and **Malcolm McColl** have bonded to become the formidable force, 'Manton'. Combining the fire of Bulgaria with the shapely body of Canada, it is clear that 'Manton' will turn heads for weeks to come.

'The Brotherhood'

When their attempt to breed an entire football team fell short, 'The Brotherhood' turned to bridge. While it isn't clear whether brothers, **Ethan** and **Hershel MacCaulay**, dad and coach, **Rob**, and cousin, **Aled Iaboni** accidentally or purposefully left brother number three, Casper, in Halifax, they have made it known that they are taking applications to fill the void. Without Rob's medical skills, Matthew Mason of the Canadian Junior team would be dead.

JUNIORS

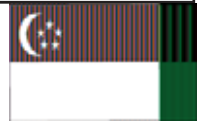
Round 11



USA1

v

SINGAPORE



Going into their Round 11 encounter, USA1 and Singapore were lying second and third respectively in the Juniors Series, making this a crucial match for both teams. It proved to be a lively affair, if the bridge was of a rather mixed standard.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

| West <i>Poon</i> | North <i>Grue</i> | East <i>Loo</i> | South <i>Kranyak</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Pass | 4♠ | 5♣ | Pass |
| 6♣ | Pass | Pass | 5♠ |
| All Pass | | | Dble |

| West <i>Greenberg</i> | North <i>Ng</i> | East <i>Lall</i> | South <i>Tan</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Pass | 1♠ | 4♣ | Pass |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | Dble |

For Singapore, Kelvin Ng opened at the one level and was content to show his second suit cheaply in response to the negative double. Justin Lall's choice of a club pre-empt worked out badly for his side as they are cold for five of a minor and sold out to 4♥, which just lost the obvious three tricks for +420.

Joe Grue preferred to open at the four level, which automatically got his opponents to their game. John Kranyak competed with 5♠ and Hua Poon guessed to bid 6♣, with the possibility that his non-vulnerable opponents would sometimes save even when the slam was about to fail. However, Kranyak doubled and led the king of spades. Grue overtook and attempted to cash a second spade, so Choon Chou Loo could ruff, draw trumps and run the diamonds for +1540 and 18 massive IMPs to Singapore.

No doubt there will be differing opinions as to who was at fault in the defence. It does seem unlikely that Kranyak has bid 5♠ on the bare king, the only time when it is essential to overtake, but it is not impossible at the vulnerability. But then, why lead the king in the first place? Maybe

it is being wise after the event, but I would lead the ace of hearts.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

| West <i>Poon</i> | North <i>Grue</i> | East <i>Loo</i> | South <i>Kranyak</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 6♠ | All Pass |

| West <i>Greenberg</i> | North <i>Ng</i> | East <i>Lall</i> | South <i>Tan</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Ari Greenberg opened a weak two bid — it is permitted to be maximum once in a while, and he was vulnerable and in second seat. Lall paid due respect to those facts and took a shot at 3NT, where he made eleven tricks despite the heart lead when diamonds played for four tricks; +660.

Poon opened at the one level and then appears to have answered a string of questions, at the end of which a truly dreadful slam had been reached. Six Spades has one chance, that the opposition will mess up their discards. Grue led a trump, which Poon won cheaply in hand. He played a club at trick two, the king winning, then rattled off four more rounds of trumps. On the trumps, Kranyak threw a diamond, two hearts and two clubs, coming down to the bare queen of clubs, while Grue threw a heart. Poon continued with the jack of diamonds to the queen and ace and cashed two more diamonds, pitching his heart loser. Had Grue thrown a club, he would have let the contract through as declarer could have established a second club trick, but Grue got it right by throwing a heart, and that was one down for -100 and 13 IMPs to USA1.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|---------|
| Poon | Grue | Loo | Kranyak |
| | Pass | 1♣ | 1♠ |
| 2♣ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Rdbl | 2♦ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♣ | 3♦ | 3♠ | Dble |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|------|----------|
| Greenberg | Ng | Lall | Tan |
| | Pass | 1♣ | 1♠ |
| 2♠ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Poon declared 3NT after a slow auction which gave the defenders a fair amount of information. Grue led a spade and, fearing a diamond switch, declarer rose with the ace and cashed his clubs before giving up a heart. Kranyak won the heart and played the ♦K, ducked, then cashed two top spades and the ♥A before exiting with his remaining diamond; down two for -200.

Lall's leap to 3NT revealed little about his hand except



Joe GRUE, USA

that he fancied his hand at making nine tricks in no trump opposite a constructive club raise. Tan led the ♠K and, when that held, tried three rounds of hearts. The defence was by no means ridiculous, but it meant that Lall had nine tricks and he came to a tenth at the end for +630 and 13 IMPs to USAI.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|---------|
| Poon | Grue | Loo | Kranyak |
| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|------|-------|
| Greenberg | Ng | Lall | Tan |
| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 5♣ | 5♠ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Well, if my partner overcalled 4♠, there is no way that I would let my opponents play 5♣ if I held the East hand. Lall agreed with me and got doubled for his pains, while Loo was prepared to defend.

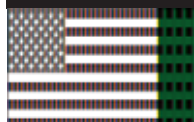
Five Clubs went one down, losing a trick in each side suit, but that proved to be a totally inadequate result for East/West, as Greenberg racked up twelve tricks after a club lead for +1050 and 14 IMPs to USAI.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

JUNIORS

Round 13



USA2

v

EGYPT



by Sue Grenside

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|--|-----------|----------|---|-----------|
| ♠ A K 9 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ J 8 6 4 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| ♥ Q 8 | ♥ K 9 4 2 | | | | |
| ♦ K 4 | ♦ 10 | | | | |
| ♣ K J 7 6 3 2 | ♣ A 10 5 | ♣ Q 9 8 4 | | | |

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| J.Rice | Yousry | M.Rice | Lewis |
| | | Pass | 1♦ |
| 2♣ | 2♦ | 3♣ | 4♦ |
| 5♣ | Dble | All Pass | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| Hammad | Develin | Nabil | Barth |
| | | Pass | 1♦ |
| 2♣ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Dble | Pass | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

In the Closed room, Yousry led the ♦2 to the ten, ace and four. Nothing special in the play and Egypt gained 100.

The Closed Room saw a different auction. Was Hammad's 3♦ bid asking for a stop in diamonds? It seems he was not sure about bidding 3NT directly or he would have done so



Jon RICE, USA

immediately. Now, when 3♦ is doubled and partner passes, he bids 3NT, if partner had chosen 4♣ perhaps they would have ended up with a flat board!

The Open Room saw the same lead of the ♦2 to the ten, ace and four. Develin returned the ♦J to the king, queen and four of clubs. Declarer now played the ♣2 to five and queen and South pitched the ♥7. The ♣8 was played from dummy, ♦3 from South, king of clubs to North's ace. Develin played the ♥J to the king, ace and eight. South was now on lead and played all his diamonds for down two and 2 IMPs to USA2

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|--|----------------|----------|---|---------|
| ♠ K 10 6 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ 8 4 3 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| ♥ A Q 9 8 6 5 | ♥ K 10 9 4 | | | | |
| ♦ Q 3 | ♦ K 10 9 4 | | | | |
| ♣ A 8 | ♣ J 10 9 6 5 2 | ♣ J 10 9 6 5 2 | | | |

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|
| J.Rice | Yousry | M.Rice | Lewis |
| | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | Pass | Pass | 2♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| Hammad | Develin | Nabil | Barth |
| | 1♣ | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | All Pass | | |

The Closed Room played in 2♠ and managed to make the contract. The ♣A was led by J.Rice to the four, jack and three. The eight of clubs was returned to dummy's king, declarer pitching a diamond. Lewis now played the ♠Q around to West's king, and West exited with ace of hearts, East pitching a club, and another heart with East ruffing and playing a club back. Declarer ruffed with the ♠A. He now played the jack of spades, to the seven, three of diamonds and ten of hearts and claimed his eight tricks for +110.

The Open Room played in 2♥ for down one. Barth showed good judgement not to go on to Two Spades as this should not make on good defense. However, in spite of this, USA2 lost 2 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|----------|---|--|
| ♠ 6 ♥ 7 6 4 2 ♦ K Q J ♣ K J 9 5 4 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; 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 | ♠ 9 8 4 2 ♥ A K 10 3 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 6 3 2 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| | ♠ 7 3 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ 5 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 10 8 | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>J.Rice</i> | <i>Yousry</i> | <i>M.Rice</i> | <i>Lewis</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | INT(i) |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

(i) Forcing for one round

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Hammad</i> | <i>Develin</i> | <i>Nabil</i> | <i>Barth</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | INT |
| All Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |

In the Closed Room, Mike Rice led the ♥A and, as expected, the contract was down one.

In the Open Room, USA2 had the chance to try 3NT, with North bidding 3♠ rather than jumping to game.

The Open Room had the same opening lead of the ♥A, to the eight, two and jack. Next the ♦10 was played to the two, jack and ace. Declarer now played the ♠A: two, three and six. Now came the king of spades, West pitching a small club, followed by the queen of spades pitching a club from dummy and West discarding a heart. The jack of spades came next, pitching a diamond and West pitching another heart. He now tried ♣7 to the six, queen and West's king. West played ♦K, ♦Q and ♥7 for two down and 2 more IMPs to Egypt.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|----------|---|--|
| ♠ 9 3 ♥ 6 5 4 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ J 10 8 6 2 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; 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 | ♠ 4 ♥ A 10 7 2 ♦ A Q J 10 8 ♣ K 9 5 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| | ♠ Q J 8 7 5 2 ♥ 9 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ Q 4 3 | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>J.Rice</i> | <i>Yousry</i> | <i>M.Rice</i> | <i>Lewis</i> |
| Pass | 1♥ | 2♦ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Hammad</i> | <i>Develin</i> | <i>Nabil</i> | <i>Barth</i> |
| Pass | 1♥ | 2♦ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

In the Closed Room, North played 4♠ and had the ♣5 lead. Yousry won the lead with the ♣Q. He then drew trumps ending in dummy and played the nine of hearts losing to the ace. East played the ace of diamonds and another diamond and declarer claimed his ten tricks for +620.

The Open Room saw the ♦3 lead to the five, ten and four and the eight of diamonds back to the two, king and seven. Next, East played the five of clubs, four, two and ace. Declarer now played the six of spades to the queen and ace and claimed nine tricks for one down and 13 IMPs to Egypt

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|----------|---|---|
| ♠ A K 6 ♥ — ♦ A Q J 8 6 5 ♣ A J 10 7 | <table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; 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 3 ♥ 10 6 5 4 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ Q 9 3 2 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| | ♠ 10 9 2 ♥ A Q 9 3 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ 8 6 4 | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>J.Rice</i> | <i>Yousry</i> | <i>M.Rice</i> | <i>Lewis</i> |
| 1♦ | Dble | Pass | Pass |
| 3♣ | 3♥ | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4♥(i) | Pass | 5♣ | Pass |
| 6♣ | Dble | All Pass | |

(i) Cuebid

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Hammad</i> | <i>Develin</i> | <i>Nabil</i> | <i>Barth</i> |
| 1♦ | 1♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♦ | All Pass | Pass | 2♠ |

The Closed Room bidding was somewhat strange in that

North doubled at his first chance to show values. When West forced with 4♥ and partner bid 5♣ it is hard to imagine why he thought his partner now had extra values. North led the ♠Q to the three, nine and ace. Declarer played the ♣7, North winning with the king and playing the ♥K, won by declarer, who ruffed with the ♣10. He now played ace of clubs, all following, six of spades, ruffing in dummy, and exited with a diamond won by North's king. North played a heart, ruffed in declarer's hand with the jack of clubs. South ruffed a diamond and claimed the remaining hearts for down four and +800 to Egypt.

Egypt played well and won the match by 48-11 IMPs, 23-7 VPs.

Canada Junior Team Profile

Dan Korb got Susie drunk one night and tricked her into marrying him. They now raise guinea pigs for food.

Charles Halasi is surprisingly flatulent and can't find a job. We don't see either of these traits changing anytime soon.

Erin Anderson recently began a career as a sex teacher and is available for private tutoring. Please contact USAI for references.

Samantha Nystrom avoided all contact with her bridge partner until this tournament so she gets no press here. NONE.

Matthew Mason wishes he was an X-Man and can personally vouch for the fact that, while eating Thai street-vendor food can make you extremely ill, you will recover. 'The Nauseator' also never stops talking.

John Carruthers is our npc. John always looks prettiest when he sleeps, especially in the vugraph theatre. Katie Thorpe is our coach and puts John down for his frequent naps. Brittany Carruthers is our insatiable groupie.

Keeping Control

France v Poland (Juniors Round 12)

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | ♠ 10 7 | | |
| | ♥ 5 | | |
| | ♦ Q J 5 4 | | |
| | ♣ A K J 6 4 2 | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>T. Bessis</i> | <i>Kalita</i> | <i>Gaviard</i> | <i>Kotorowicz</i> |
| Pass | 2♦(ii) | Pass | 2♣(i) |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | 3♦ |
| 4♦ | Pass | 4♥ | All Pass |

(i) Precision-style

(ii) Asking

Julian Gaviard found himself in 4♥ on a very revealing auction. Kotorowicz cashed the ace of clubs and, to defeat the contract, had to cash the other club — declarer now has two winners in dummy but will always lose two spade tricks. However, that defence was counter-intuitive and Kotorowicz switched to the queen of diamonds at trick two — correct if declarer had a small doubleton diamond.

Gaviard won the king of diamonds and appreciated that there was no need to hurry over to dummy to take a club discard on the ♦A. Indeed, that might put his contract in jeopardy, as the defence might then be able to force him in diamonds. The point is, that South is almost certainly 2-1-4-6. His minor-suit shape is known from the auction, while he might well have switched to a singleton spade. In that case, a spade lead at trick three must be correct, and will ensure that declarer keeps control of the hand.

Had the king of spades held the trick, Gaviard would have had to decide if South really held ace-doubleton, along with all the club honours and the ♦QJ — pretty unlikely on the auction. However, Kalita was never going to duck the ace of spades in real life and, of course, he could not cash the defensive club trick. Instead, he returned a diamond and away went the club loser. Gaviard drew trumps in four rounds then conceded a spade and had the rest; + 420.

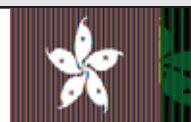
A nicely thought out play.

SCHOOLS

Round 12



AUSTRALIA v CHINA HG KG



by Sandra Kulovic—Probst

In Round 12, Australia played China Hong Kong in the Schools competition. Australia was standing fourth, but China Hong Kong needed a small miracle to grab a qualifying position. On Board 4 China Hong Kong tried for a game swing.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|-------|---|---------|---|---|---|-----------|--|--|
| ♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ Q ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ K 10 7 4 2 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 6 5 ♥ A 9 5 2 ♦ A K 8 6 5 4 ♣ — |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <table border="0"> <tr><td>♠</td><td>9 4 2</td></tr> <tr><td>♥</td><td>K 7 4 3</td></tr> <tr><td>♦</td><td>Q</td></tr> <tr><td>♣</td><td>A J 8 5 3</td></tr> </table> | ♠ | 9 4 2 | ♥ | K 7 4 3 | ♦ | Q | ♣ | A J 8 5 3 | | |
| ♠ | 9 4 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ | K 7 4 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ | Q | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ | A J 8 5 3 | | | | | | | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|----------|
| <i>Poon A. Edgton</i> | <i>Koo</i> | <i>N. Edgton</i> | |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4♣ | All Pass |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <i>De Livera</i> | <i>Lee</i> | <i>Howard</i> | <i>Lai</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | Dble |
| 1♠ | INT | 2♥ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | All Pass |

In the Closed Room, the ♥J was led against Poon's Four Spades. He played low from dummy, but South put up the ♥K and returned the ♦Q. West now played the ace and another spade, which lost to the king. When the ♦J was now played he ducked. North just played another diamond and the contract was one light; 10 IMPs to Australia.



By Board 7 China Hong Kong was losing by 18-14 IMPs, but they didn't want to go home just yet.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|----------|---|---------|---|---------|---|-------|--|---|
| ♠ 9 ♥ K 6 ♦ K Q J 10 8 ♣ Q J 5 4 2 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 J 8 6 2 ♥ 9 4 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A K 10 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ♠ | K 10 7 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ | Q 10 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ | 7 5 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ | 9 7 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ♠ | A 5 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ | A J 8 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ | A 9 6 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ | 8 3 | | | | | | | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-------|
| <i>Poon A. Edgton</i> | <i>Koo</i> | <i>N. Edgton</i> | |
| 2♣ | 2♠ | Pass | 1♦ |
| All Pass | | | 4♣ |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <i>De Livera</i> | <i>Lee</i> | <i>Howard</i> | <i>Lai</i> |
| 2♣ | 2♠ | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 4♣ | All Pass | 3♣ |



Adam EDGTON, Australia

Four Spades is the inferior contract, but neither pair managed to find their heart fit. Playing in a 4-4 fit is better in most cases. Either way, this contract should make. At both tables the ♣7 was led. Adam Edgton took the lead and played a spade to the ace. When he tried another spade he got the bad news, as his trumps were breaking 4-1. East ducked the ♠Q and Edgton now tried a heart to the eight and king. South returned a diamond and declarer took it in dummy and ruffed a diamond. When he played a second heart and saw the ten, he took a very bad decision to put up the ace. The contract had no more play and China Hong Kong received 12 IMPs.

The next board would not bring good news for Australia either.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| <i>Poon A. Edgton</i> | <i>Koo</i> | <i>N. Edgton</i> | |
| Pass | 1♣ | 1♦ | Dble |
| Pass | 1♥ | 2♦ | Dble(i) |
| All Pass | | | |



Nabil EDGTON, Australia

(i) North took this as penalty
Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <i>De Livera</i> | <i>Lee</i> | <i>Howard</i> | <i>Lai</i> |
| Pass | 1♣ | 1♦ | Dble |
| Pass | 1♥ | 2♦ | 2♥ |
| Pass | Pass | 3♦ | 3♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

In the Closed Room, N/S had a misunderstanding, as North took South's second double as penalty. It is very unlikely to find many hands where South would like his second double to be penalty. The punishment came quickly as the contract made with two overtricks. Three Hearts in the Open Room went one light, but that was still 8 IMPs to China Hong Kong.

The next few boards were better for Australia and gave new hope for a big win.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
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| <i>Poon A. Edgton</i> | <i>Koo</i> | <i>N. Edgton</i> | |
| Dble | 2♥ | 2♠ | INT |
| Pass | 3♦ | 3♠ | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | | 4♥ |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <i>De Livera</i> | <i>Lee</i> | <i>Howard</i> | <i>Lai</i> |
| INT | Pass | 4♠ | 1♣ |
| | | | All Pass |

In theory, it should have been a good board for China Hong Kong, but theory isn't practice. Four Hearts went one off on a spade lead for -200, but Four Spades in the Open Room made ten tricks. Although the ace of clubs was led, South didn't give his partner a ruff, so gave 6 IMPs to Australia when it should have been 7 the other way.

Australia went on to win the match by 72-40 IMPs or 22-8 VPs to move into third place.

French Finesse

The French Junior team includes four very fine card-players. We have seen elsewhere in this issue a hand on which Julian Gaviard was the hero. This time his partner, Thomas Bessis, takes centre-stage, also from the French win against Poland in Round 12.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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| ♠ A Q J 10 7 6 ♥ 7 4 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ Q 7 | <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 | | ♠ K 8 5 ♥ A 9 ♦ A 9 6 4 2 ♣ 9 8 5 | |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ 2 ♥ K Q 10 8 6 5 3 2 ♦ Q ♣ 10 6 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>T. Bessis</i> | <i>Kalita</i> | <i>Gaviard</i> | <i>Kotorowicz</i> | | | | | | | | | |

4♥

4♠ Dble All Pass

Jacek Kalita cashed two clubs then switched to the jack of hearts to dummy's ace. Bessis drew two rounds of trumps with the queen and jack but, before doing so he carefully ruffed dummy's last club. Now Bessis cashed the king of diamonds and was pleased to see an honour fall on his right. He continued with the seven of diamonds and Kalita took his only chance when he played low, hoping that declarer would play for South to hold ♦QJ doubleton.

That club ruff had told Bessis that South had three cards in the suit. Was he more likely to be 1-7-2-3 or 1-8-1-3 for a vulnerable 4♥ opening? Clearly the eight-card suit was far more likely, so Bessis ran the diamond and could now establish the fifth diamond and come to an overtrick; +990 and 14 IMPs to France, as declarer misguessed the play in 4♠ at the other table so was one down.

Note that eliminating the clubs could also have paid off in a very different way had the trumps divided evenly. Give North a 2-1-4-6 distribution and declarer can afford to misguess the diamonds, avoiding the risk of letting South in to cash a heart winner. Why? Because if he goes up with the ace on the second round, he can then play a third round to North, who will be end-played, forced to either establish the diamond for declarer or give a ruff and discard.

Solution to Today's Play Problem

by John Carruthers

This deal is from the second semi-final session of the LM Pairs at the recent Chicago Nationals. If you can, it is important to achieve +800 (down four) to beat the +620 you would have scored in 4♥. Can you do it?

Dealer North. E/W Vul. Matchpoints.

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

Your partner's 4♣ bid has been very helpful. He has six hearts that you know about (♥J at trick one), so is either 1-6-1-5, 1-6-2-4, or 2-6-1-4. How do you determine which?

A switch to the jack of clubs covers all three possibilities.

(i) When partner is 1-6-1-5 you have only one club trick coming and no diamond ruff. Either the ♣J will hold, or declarer will cover and partner will win the king. Of course, 800 will not be possible on this lay-out.

(ii) Partner is 1-6-2-4 and will encourage clubs if your jack holds. If declarer covers, partner will win and return his remaining diamond and you will again no that no ruff is available as he does not have room for a second trump. Again, 800 will not be possible.

(iii) The critical case, and the one where 800 is possible, is when partner is 2-6-1-4. If declarer covers the ♣J, partner wins and returns a club to you. You now know that he does not have a second diamond to lead, so you play the ♦5 for him to ruff, still retaining the ace-ten over declarer's king-nine. If declarer does not cover the club, partner discourages and you again give him his ruff.

You defend so beautifully, don't you think?



Teams and Players' Photos Schedule — Saturday August 5th

13.00 Poland/Juniors

13.00 Poland/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 RANKING AFTER SESSION 13

| | | |
|----|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | ISRAEL | 272 |
| 2 | LATVIA | 248 |
| 3 | AUSTRALIA | 238 |
| 4 | POLAND | 229 |
| 5 | NORWAY | 221 |
| 6 | USA RED | 217 |
| 7 | USA BLUE | 211 |
| 8 | SWEDEN | 208 |
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Thailand Junior Team

Mr. Chirawut Thotongkam

A young man from YAMO, KORAT, north-east of Thailand. He received a Bachelor's Degree in accounting from Khonkean University and came to Bangkok. Now he's studying for his Masters at Chulalongkorn University. His nickname is 'KORN' which means 'hand' but his old friends call him 'TOH'.

Mr. Nuttakul Tunyaset

Nuttakul received his Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Engineering and is pursuing his Masters at Khonkean University. He and Korn have been buddies since they were five or six years old. Aui is a tidy, nice looking young man but a bit shy. Why was his heart broken? I wonder by whom?

Miss Tanaporn Tunyaset

Tanaporn is Nuttakul's younger sister. Her nickname is 'Yui'. Her mother sent her to be a spy at her brother's University but it did not work. So she came to Bangkok to continue her study for Master of Science at Chulalongkorn University.

Miss Kasamon Panichkrajang

Kasamon's nickname is 'Earl'. She's from the Faculty of Science, Khonkean. She always says 'I love children, ka'. (The word 'ka' in Thai is for ladies to end the sentence in a polite way.)

Mr. Prateep Anugoonprasert

A smart young man from BANPAI, a district of Khonkean. Different from other people who came from the north-east, as he does not eat sticky rice which is the most famous food there. He's working with his family to get some experience. His nickname is 'LEK' which means 'small'. He told his friends that he is not afraid of anything. His dream is "I want to win a big tournament just once." May god bless him...will his dream come true this match?

Mr. Rawit Sookasem

A big guy from YALA, the southern part of Thailand. This young man came to Bangkok to study engineering at King Monkut's Institute of Technology, North Bangkok. He loves opened-minded and rational people.

Mrs. Manthaneeyaisawang, Non-playing Captain

Her nickname is 'Nij'. She obtained her B.A. from Thammasat University and M.A. from National Institute of Developmental Administration (NIDA). Accidentally, she became a NPC of this Khonkean Youth Team. They came quite a long way to win the National selection this year. After winning the opportunity to represent Thailand in the Juniors, the team has had to sacrifice both time and money as they have to travel for over 300 kilometres to practice and participate in bridge tournaments in Bangkok every week according to the instructions of Mr. Somchai Rungsatit, the coach who brought them up such a long long way to the final.

Nij enjoys this good opportunity to promote our young bridge players from the rural area besides those in the capital city of Bangkok. There is no doubt she will try her best to fulfill her role as NPC.