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FAREWELL!



USA I team - World Junior Champions



Israel team - World Schools Champions

And so the 11th World Youth Team Championships are over and it is time to thank our Thai hosts for all their hard work and wonderful hospitality. Whatever our results in the bridge, we will all be going home the richer for our experiences here and exposure to the charm and friendliness of the Thai people.

After all the excellent tough bridge that we have witnessed over the past ten days, it appeared that today's finals would be a bit of an anticlimax, with both being over early as contests. That is not to take away from the performance of the winning teams, who both put in very impressive performances. However, down by 96 IMPs with just 16 boards to play, Italy made a tremendous comeback and outscored their opponents by 82-1 IMPs over those deals. In the end, the Italians ran out of boards, but they salvaged a lot of pride and gave the audience, both here in Bangkok and around the world on BBO, great entertainment.

The defending champions, USA1, retained the Junior Championship for the Ortiz-Patino Trophy, the first time

that any country has put together back to back wins, and the third Championship out of the last four to go to USA. The final score was USAI 235 Italy 220. The champions are Joshua Donn, Jason Feldman, Ari Greenberg, Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Justin Lall, and Robert Rosen (npc). The Italian silver medallists are Andrea Boldrini, Stelio Di Bello, Francesco Ferrari, Fabio Lo Presti, Alberto Sangiorgio, Matteo Sbarigia, and Gianpaolo Rinaldi (npc).

The winners of the first World Schools Team Championship for the José Damiani Trophy were Israel, who defeated Latvia by 233-117 in the final with a set to spare. The champions are Eliran Argelazi, Alon Birman, Dror Padon, Ron Segev, Dana Tal, Bar Tarnovski, and Gadi Lebovits (npc). The silver medallists, winning their country's first ever World Championship medal at any level, are Jurijs Balasovs, Janis Bethers, Peteris Bethers, Adrians Imsa, Martins Lorencs, and Aivar Tihane (npc).

JUNIORS FINAL			
TEAMS	USAI	ITALY	
Carr y o ver	5	_	
Boards I—I6	31	31	
Total	36	31	
Boards 17—32	57	47	
Total	93	78	
Boards 33—48	67	П	
Total	160	89	
Boards 49—64	48	19	
Total	208	108	
Boards 65—80	26	30	
Total	234	138	
Boards 81—96	I	82	
Final Result	235	220	

SCHOOLS FINAL				
TEAMS	ISRAEL	LATVIA		
Carry-over	2	_		
Boards I—16	33	55		
Total	35	55		
Boards 17—32	48	27		
Total	83	82		
Boards 33—48	53	I		
Total	136	83		
Boards 49—64	57	14		
Total	193	97		
Boards 65—80	40	20		
Total	233	117		
Boards 81—96		_		
Final Result	233	117		



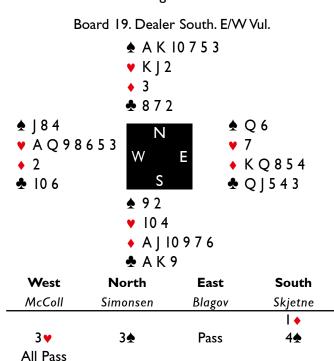


The Swiss Pairs winners Joaquin Pacareu and Jack Smith from Chile

Norwegian Squeeze

by Henrik Tormassy

The Norwegian teams were very disappointed that neither made it to the knock-out stages of the Championships. The star of the Schools team is Fredrik Simonsen, who played a nice squeeze on this deal from his team/s Round 14 match against Canada.



For Canada, Anton Blagov led his singleton heart to Malcolm McColl's ace. McColl returned a heart to the jack and ruff, and Blagov switched to a low diamond to dummy's ace. Looking for some good news or, failing that, useful information, Simonsen ruffed a diamond, discovering the five-one split. He continued by cashing the top spades and, when East showed out, had a complete count on the hand. Simonsen led a third spade to West's jack, won the heart return and ran the remaining trumps. East was squeezed in the minors and dummy's \$\ddot\text{9}\$ won the last trick; +420.

Canada bid and made 3NT in the other room, so that was worth I IMP to Norway.

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Closing Address by the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee

Dignitaries, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dearest Juniors,



Coming to the close of a championship and saying goodbye to our friends is never an easy task, even if we are sure to meet again very soon. 'Bangkok 2006' was such a success that it presents an challenge. additional are Because we concluding what was probably the best event of its kind ever held. We have many reasons to be proud for that.

The President of the World Bridge Federation José Damiani has proclaimed that youth bridge is the first and foremost priority of the WBF, as, without the youth, bridge is not going anywhere but to extinction. There are zones where the responsibility of working for the development of youth bridge is disregarded. Not so here. The Pacific Asia Bridge Federation (PABF) is putting forward a serious effort in this direction, and we can all see the positive results. Thailand, in particular, has tremendous potential which is now being exploited. In the long way to youth bridge development, PABF and its member countries can rest assured that they will find the WBF on their side: ready to work with them hand in hand, and support the effort in every possible way.

The generation to which I belong needs to be conscious of its responsibilities. We need to recall the affection and unlimited support we received from the previous generation, the generation of our parents, and try to imitate - just a little bit, at least - their example. If we do that, not only we will be supporting the new generation appropriately, but we will also be effectively developing bridge. The world today is in a much better shape that 30 years ago, yet there are people in the bridge world who seem to prefer the misery of the past instead of the hope of the future. We need to escape from this vicious circle.

To get encouragement, we only need to have a look at our achievements. Just a month ago, in Slovakia, we had one of the best attended ever World Youth Pairs Championships and World Junior Camps with 420 Juniors taking part, from 34 countries and 5 WBF Zones. Like in Slovakia, here in Bangkok, the Team championship was played in two series, and we were amazed at the attendance: a full house in the Juniors and nearly so in the Schools! The message is clear: there are many administrators in the world who understand the value of youth bridge for our sport. There are many young players who understand the value of our sport in their evolution, education, competition and fun. There are many grown up bridge players who understand that working for youth bridge and contributing to youth bridge is a very positive and worthwhile thing to do!

We maintain that the youth should enjoy our utmost attention, as their relationship with bridge is two-fold. Bridge benefits from the youth, as it secures a promising future; but the youth also benefit from bridge, as they are part of a modern, challenging mind sport that complements their general education and contributes to the formation of a good character.

We believe that our interest in the youth should be clearly felt and not be just theoretical. It is easy to say what other people should do without resources - but it is not useful. What we need is good plans which are implemented and produce results; we need many good events - local, regional and world - especially designed for the youth. Young people cannot be guests in the older people's environment; they need their own space where they can have things organized in their own way. Juniors, by definition, are in the preparatory stage of their lives, so they depend on others for support. They depend on us, exactly as we depended on the generation of our parents. What a pity that many people seem to forget these simple facts. And how encouraging that there are special people who do not. I am very happy that three of them are with us tonight: my colleagues on the Executive Council of the World Bridge Federation, Gianarrigo Rona and Mazhar Jafri, and our mentor and founder of world youth bridge, our beloved WBF President Emeritus Jaime Ortiz-Patiño.

Of course, bridge expects Juniors to be partners in the effort of development, instead of just recipients. We expect you to make good use of the facilities we provide; advocate fair and ethical play; above all, work for the development of bridge by explaining to your friends the benefits of our sport. Just tell them what is happening in our world that makes you so happy and you do not wish to miss any event. What you find challenging and rewarding in bridge. How bridge complements, instead of competing with, physical sports for a place in your life. It would be so much better if we could expand our Junior bridge world with the addition of many more young players. You are the ambassadors of youth bridge. We very much count on you for the success of such an expansion programme.

'Bangkok 2006' comes to an end, but I am sure that it will remain in our memories for a very long time. It is therefore appropriate to express our appreciation to the people who made it happen. An event of this kind and size depends on a team of people who need to contribute, each one in his own section, to lead the whole event to success. In this respect, I would like to acknowledge the excellent cooperation we had from our venue, the Baiyoke Sky Hotel, all its staff and in particular the Sales Director Mrs Titima Wangpaichitr.

There are no words to describe the enormous contribution - and no words to express the gratitude we feel and the thanks we owe to my great friend, the On-site Organizer, the indefatigable Mrs Vallapa Svangsopakul. Without her, her professional experience on all matters and the daily care, the championship would simply have not taken place in Bangkok.

A great personality, both in public and bridge life, a formidable lady and a close friend stood by our side at the most important and delicate stages of the planning and the organization. Bridge is very fortunate to have people like her serving our community, and we all realized this best when we worked together preparing this championship. The Chairman

of the Organizing Committee Kunying Chodchoy Sophonpanich.

At this championship, we were once again privileged to enjoy the services of a wonderful team of Tournament Directors, led by Chief Richard Grenside and comprising Marc van Beijsterveldt, Anthony Ching and Captain Nakorn.

As usual, the Appeals Committee remained practically unemployed, but there was a lot of work to be done on the systems, guiding the Tournament Directors, etc. Our thanks go to Joan Gerard and her Committee.

Three prominent workers of youth bridge, members of the WBF Youth Committee, took care of hospitality matters, and we thank them most heartily: Stefan Back, Charlotte Blaiss and Barbara Nudelman.

The Main Office, heart of the technical side of the championship, was amply managed by Matthew McManus and his assistants Asdang Riamsree and Lanpikul Thongchairit. Many thanks to Mr Apisai and the duplication team.

I trust that most of you noticed, as well as enjoyed, the impressive technical advance demonstrated at this championship, which may justly be called the first paperless championship. This is due to the great work of the software developer Fotis Skoularikis and the hardware arrangements of the IT Manager Aggelos Mallios.

The wonderful Vugraph show was run by Chief Commentator Barry Rigal, and supervised by Chicco Battistone and his team of young Thai operators.

The Daily Bulletin we all enjoyed was edited by Brian Senior, Sue Grenside and Sandra Probst, with George Georgopoulos on the layout and Maria Ploumbi on photography.

Finally, the man who carries the blame for all mistakes but gets only limited credit for the smooth running of the tournament, the Director of Operations and dear friend Dimitri Ballas.

Dear friends,

The moment has come to say goodbye, but I do look forward to seeing all of you next year in Nashville, Tennessee, in the United States for the 2nd edition of the World Junior Individual Championship and the 8th World Junior Camp.

Right now, it remains for me to thank you all for your contribution to an excellent event which in itself is great support for the idea of youth bridge. Have a safe journey back home, and stay in touch until we meet again next year.

Panos GerontopoulosWBF Youth Committee Chairman

Singapore Youth Team

We hear that the Singapore Youth Team consists of a squad of players who have achieved notable successes in the past couple of months. Playing in the PABF Youth Championships to qualify for these championships, they won every match, and here they have become the first ever medal winners in these World Youth Teams Championships from a PABF country, defeating a strong Polish Team in the play-off for the bronze medal. This is also the first medal in any World Bridge Championship for Singapore.

The Team has been in training for the last two years and was selected to be the future of bridge in Singapore.

Well done, and we expect to see a lot more of this talented group of players in the years to come.

WBF Honors a person that makes a difference: Vallapa Svangsopakul



In bridge - very much like in life - a moment comes when the right person is at the right place. Then we gain a rare experience and stand to benefit tremendously. Thailand is a large and populous country where everything develops very fast. Bridge should not be an exception. In recent years, a person appeared determined to see that bridge expanded its roots fast - starting with the youth.

In 2001, world bridge saw a youth team from Thailand participating in our top competition for the first time. They came very close to winning a medal, and they certainly succeeded in conquering the hearts of everybody present in Mangaratiba, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In 2002, a Junior bridge camp was held in Thailand, attended by no less than 120 young players. Bridge classes are held in a number of Bangkok universities, and Juniors are nearly the majority of participants in many of the regular tournaments held here.

Last June, the Youth team trials of the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation were held in Bangkok with great success. The 11th World Youth Team Championships are concluded today with flattering comments from participants and guests alike.

There is a common denominator in all these efforts.

In bridge - very much like in life - a moment comes when the right person is at the right place. Youth bridge in Thailand, Pacific Asia and the WBF would not have been the same without the enormous contribution of one particular individual.

The World Bridge Federation is glad to be honoring with the WBF bronze medal a very special person; a person that makes a difference: Vallapa Svangsopakul.

SCHOOLS

FINAL 2



ISRAEL LATVIA

by Sandra Kulovic—Probst

The second session of the Schools series final promised to be exciting. Latvia looked stronger in the first segment and Israel had some catching up to do.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



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Open Room

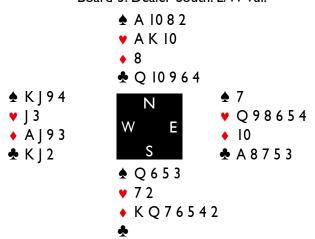
West	North	East	South	
Tarnovski	J.Bethers	Padon	Balasovs	
		I♠	Pass	Т
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Closed Roo	m			
West	North	East	South	
Imsa	Segev	P.Bethers	Tal	
		I♠	Pass	
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			



Adrians IMSA, Latvia

Both tables found the same game. In the Closed Room declarer received the ♥J as a lead. He took the ♥K and ducked a diamond to the jack. North now cashed his heart winners and exited with a spade. Declarer put up the A, now finessed in diamonds again and lost another spade trick for down two. In the Open Room declarer received the same lead and also ducked a diamond. When North now cashed his heart winners. South threw a club away. Declarer now had enough tricks and 11 IMPs to Israel.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open	Room
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Tarnovski	J.Bethers	Padon	B alasovs
West	North	East	South
			2 .

All Pass

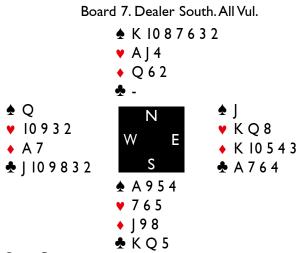
Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Imsa	Segev	P.Bethers	Tal	
			Pass	
♣	Pass	I♥	3♦	
Dble(i)	Pass	3♥	Pass	
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass	
4♥	Dble	All Pass		

Penalties

In the Open Room the auction was short and quick and West led the ♥J. Declarer took the lead and played a diamond to the king, losing to the ace. When West played another heart, declarer misguessed the spades for one off.

In the Closed Room E/W had a not very desirable auction and ended up in 4♥ doubled. South led the ♥7 to the ace. North switched to a diamond to the ten, queen and ace. Declarer had only eight tricks and no more for another 11 IMPs to Israel.



West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	J.Bethers	Padon	Balasovs
			Pass
Pass	I♠	Dble	2 ♥ (i)
2 ♠ (ii)	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

(i) Good raise

(ii) 8-11 HCP, maybe four hearts

Closed Room

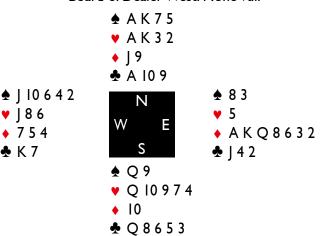
West	North	East	South	
Imsa	Segev	P.Bethers	Tal	
			Pass	
Pass	I♠	Dble	3 ♦ (i)	
3♥	4♠	Pass	Pass	
5♣	5♠	All Pass		

(i) Bergen raise

This is not the prettiest swing board we have seen in this competition, but nobody promised that it was going to be pretty. Both pairs decided to play a few levels too high in very similar auctions. Five Spades doesn't have any play, neither has Five Clubs. Fortunately, nobody doubled.

In the Closed Room East led the ♥K. Declarer lost two diamonds and two hearts for two down. In the Open Room East led the ♣A. Declarer discarded his heart losers and claimed eleven tricks for 13 IMPs to Latvia.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

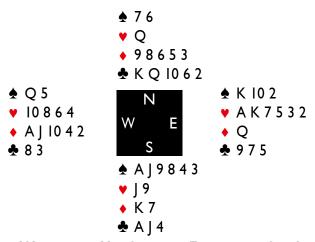


West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	J.Bethers	Padon	Balasovs
Pass	♣	Pass	I •
Pass	INT	Pass	2 ♦ (i)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
lmsa	Segev	P.Bethers	Tal
Pass	♣	3NT	4♣
Pass	4♥ (i)	Pass	5♣
All Pass	.,		

(i) Cuebid

The Open Room had a healthy auction to Four Hearts, which made eleven tricks after the ◆K was led. In the Closed Room, East's 3NT bid caused troubles for N/S. When South supported clubs the heart fit could not be found anymore. ◆A was led and East continued with a diamond. When declarer now misguessed trumps he was one off for another 11 IMPs to Latvia

Board II. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Tarnovski	J.Bethers	Padon	Balasovs	
			I♠	
Pass	INT	2♥	2♠	
4♥	All Pass			
West	North	East	South	
West Imsa	North Segev	East P.Bethers	South Tal	
			Tal	

In the Closed Room, West only bid Three Hearts as a competitive bid and missed out on game. In the Open Room, Tarnovski had a better look. He had nice support, a good side-suit, and a doubleton club. Partner should not need more for game. He was right and picked up 6 IMPs for Israel.

As Latvia led 55-35 after the first segment, Israel managed to come back in this set with 48-27 IMPs to take over the lead going into the third set; 83-82.

JUNIORS

FINAL 2



USAI

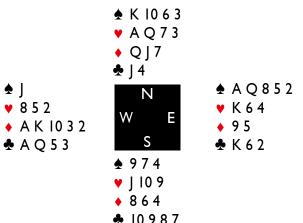
ITALY



USA1 went into the second segment of the Junior final against Italy up by their carry-over, 36-31. This was a set full of action with a series of swings in both directions with first one team than the other landing heavy blows against their opponents.

The set began wonderfully for the Americans with a slam swing on a board described in this morning's bulletin. Then came more good news on the second board of the set.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



	♣ 10 9	8 /		
West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti	
		I♠	Pass	
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			
West	North	East	South	
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman	
		I♠	Pass	
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass	
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass	

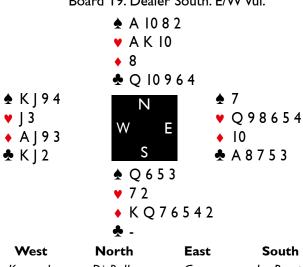


Fabio Lo PRESTI, Italy

In the Closed Room, the Italian declarer went wrong in the diamond suit and made only seven tricks for -100.

Lo Presti led the jack of hearts against Grue. Di Bello won the ace and returned the suit and Grue won the third round with the king. He crossed to the queen of clubs and ran the jack of spades, Di Bello ducking. Now Grue ducked a diamond, Di Bello winning the queen and cashing the thirteenth heart. Di Bello exited with the jack of clubs, which Grue won in dummy. He crossed to hand with the \clubsuit K, cashed the \spadesuit A, and the diamonds had to be coming in as North was marked with the \spadesuit K and South with the \clubsuit IO; nine tricks for +400 and II IMPs to USAI.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



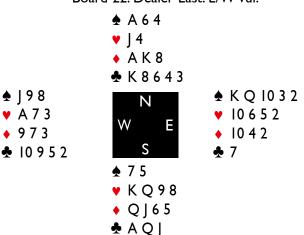
West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti	
			Pass	
INT	Pass	4 ♦ (i)	Dble	
4♥	All Pass			
(i) Transfer				
West	North	East	South	
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman	
			Pass	
I 🔷	Dble	I♥	2♠	
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass	
Dble	All Pass			

Italy clawed back some IMPs as USA1 tried game at both tables. Feldman did his best but could only come to nine tricks in 4♠ doubled for down one; -100.

I was surprised that Di Bello didn't double 4♥ after his partner had made a lead-directing double of 4♦. Anyway, he led his diamond against to the queen and ace and Kranyak returned the ♦J. Di Bello thought about ruffing that to preserve his partner's king, but eventually decided that the ♥10 might prove useful later in the play. Kranyak pitched dummy's spade and Lo Presti won the king. He switched to a low spade and Kranyak misguessed, putting up the king.

He ruffed Di Bello's ace and played a heart to the jack and ace. Di Bello thought again then played two more rounds of hearts. There was no way to avoid two club losers; down two for -200 and 7 IMPs to Italy.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



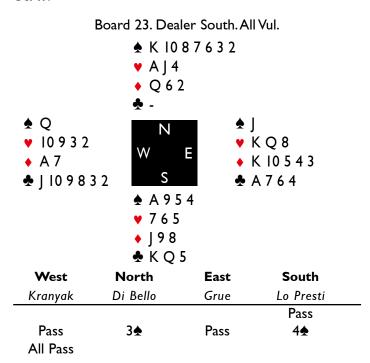
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West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti	
		Pass	♣	
Pass	I♠	Pass	INT	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦	
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦	
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥	
Pass	4♠	Dble	5♣	
Pass	6♣	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman	
		2♣	Dble	
2♦	Dble	2♠	Pass	
Pass	Dble	All Pass		

Sbarigia opened 2♣, weak with both majors, and Donn/Feldman did well to catch him for a penalty. Sbarigia had four trump tricks plus the ace of hearts, down three for -800.



Jason FELDMAN, USA

Di Bello started with a 1\(\Delta\) response which was game-forcing with either a five-card minor or 14+ balanced. I don't know the Italian methods well enough to explain the auction but, I would have expected Di Bello to know enough to stay out of slam once 4\(\Delta\) got doubled for the lead. Where would the spade loser go? Well, maybe he didn't have the information he really needed. Kranyak's spade lead ensured one down for another +100 and 14 IMPs to USAI.



Donn went one down after the lead of the king of hearts; -100. Grue led his trump against Di Bello, won in hand. Di Bello played a second trump to dummy then passed the king of clubs, throwing a heart. Grue switched to a heart and Di Bello won, crossed to dummy with a trump, and pitched his remaining heart on the queen of clubs. Now he went into a long huddle. Grue had thrown a diamond on the second trump and there was some inference perhaps that he held the length, while he certainly would not hold both the ace and king. Di Bello finally led low to the ◆Q, ruffed the heart return and led a diamond to the nine; +620 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

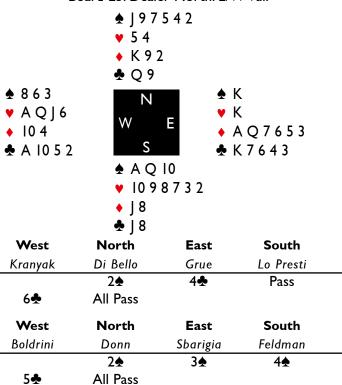
Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul. ♠ AK75 A K 3 2 | 9 ♣ A 10 9 ♠ J 10 6 4 2 **★**83 186 754 AKQ8632 ♣ K 7 **♣** | 4 2 Q 9 Q 10974 10 ♣ Q 8 6 5 3

West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti	
Pass	♣	INT	2♥	
2♠	4♥	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman	
Pass	♣	4♦	4♥	
Pass	4NT	Dble	5♣	
Pass	6♥	All Pass		

Grue's psychic INT overcall made it very easy for his opponents, as Lo Presti's hand was limited by his simple 2 bid and Di Bello did not give serious consideration to slam. Kranyak led the king of clubs so Lo Presti had all thirteen tricks for +510.

Sbarigia's pre-empt put Feldman under pressure. Four Hearts looks a bit much, even with the potential club fit, and it tempted Donn, who asked for key cards, then jumped to slam. The automatic diamond lead meant that 6 had to fail by a trick; another 11 IMPs to Italy.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

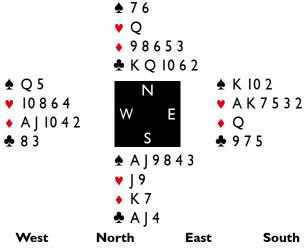


Just when the momentum seemed to have turned the way of the Italians, there was another shift in this see-saw set. Both Norths opened a normal weak 24 and the East players used their systemic bid to show the minor two-suiter. While Andrea Boldrini was content to bid 54, Kranyak removed the 54 card from his bidding box, put it on the tray without releasing it, then changed his mind and jumped to 64.



With clubs two-two and the diamonds also behaving kindly, the bad slam came home and that was 13 IMPs to USA1.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



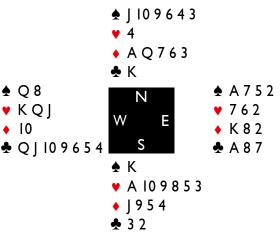
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West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti
			I♠
Pass	INT	2♥	2♠
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman
			♠
Pass	INT	2♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

The auctions were identical up to West's decision over 2♠. Boldrini was again content with a sound 3♥ bid, while Kranyak, aggressive as ever, made a 4♦ fit-jump.

Four Hearts is a pretty good contract and, as the cards lie, should always be made. Lo Presti led ace and another spade against 4 and now Grue could draw trumps and throw a club on the king of spades; +450.

In the other room, Donn competed to 3♠ over 3♥ and Feldman had to lose two diamonds and three major-suit tricks — if he ruffs a heart in dummy he has to lose two trump tricks, if not, he must lose two heart tricks. One down cost only -50 so USAI had another 9 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

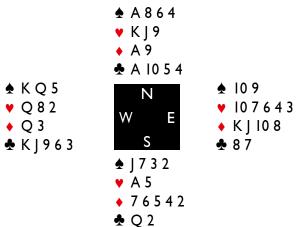


West	North	East	South
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti
	I♠	Pass	INT
3♣ All Pass	3♦	5♣	5♦
West	North	East	South
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman
	I♠	Pass	INT
3♣	All Pass		

Would you bid $3 \spadesuit$ on the North cards? North would love to compete but not if partner might take him too seriously. In the event, Donn went quietly and Boldrini made +150 in $3 \clubsuit$.

Di Bello hates to pass and he made the $3 \blacklozenge$ call. Grue jumped to $5 \clubsuit$ now and Lo Presti went on to $5 \spadesuit$, not knowing whether he was bidding to make or to save. In fact, it takes a heart ruff to defeat $5 \clubsuit$, while $5 \spadesuit$ was only one down when Di Bello got the spades right, so perhaps it was wise to take out insurance. Down one undoubled was only -100 so Italy gained 2 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



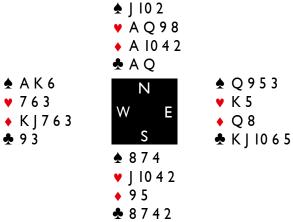
	_ ~ _			
West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti	
		Pass	Pass	
I ◆	Dble	Rdbl	I♠	
Dble	Rdbl	2♥	3♦	
Pass	4♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman	
		Pass	Pass	
♣	INT	All Pass		

Nobody had any reason to bid on over Donn's INT overcall so he played there and, by playing on spades, eventually scraped up seven tricks for +90.

There was a lot of bidding at the other table. Grue's redouble was a transfer to hearts and Kranyak's double showed three-card support. Lo Presti found himself in a thin 44 on the lead of a low heart. He took three rounds of hearts with the finesse, pitching a club from hand, then played ace and ruffed a club and played a diamond to the nine and jack. Grue returned the •10 to dummy's ace and,

when Lo Presti led a club, ruffed in with the nine. It was to no avail. Lo Presti over-ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, and ruffed the last club, conceding just two trump tricks; +420 and 8 IMPs to Italy.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South	
Kranyak	Di Bello	Grue	Lo Presti	
			Pass	
I 🔸	INT	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South	
Boldrini	Donn	Sbarigia	Feldman	
			Pass	
I 🔷	INT	Dble	Rdbl	
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass	
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl	
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♥	
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass	

When the INT overcall was doubled, Feldman decided to try to wriggle out into a better spot while Lo Presti left his partner to tough it out in INT doubled. Which approach is better in the long term is perhaps a matter of personal philosophy and style, but today the pass worked out better.

There was no way to blow a trick on lead to 2♥ doubled and the actual trump lead was best of all. Feldman was held to four trump tricks and two aces; down two for -500.

But there most definitely was a way to blow a trick on lead to INT doubled, particularly bearing in mind that the I • opening was Precision so did not guarantee a genuine diamond suit. Grue led the jack of clubs round to the queen and Di Bello quickly played ace and another heart, establishing six tricks; down one for -200 but 7 IMPs to Italy, who had come back well after twice having fallen a significant number of IMPs behind during the set.

USA1 won the set by 57-47 and led overall by 93-38 after 32 boards.

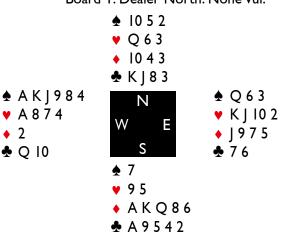


SCHOOLS FINAL 3 DISRAEL V LATVIA

by Sue Grenside

Latvia hit the skids on this round and failed to make the most of the opportunities they were dealt.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Closed Room

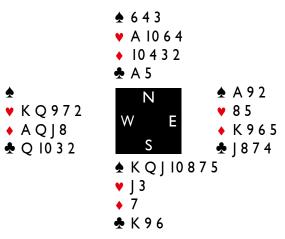
West	North	East	South
J.Bethers	Segev	Balasovs	Tal
	Pass	Pass	I 🔸
I♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Lead: **♠**A Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	P.Bethers	Padon	Lorencs
	Pass	Pass	I 🔷
I♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room Latvia bid to 4♠ and Israel went on to 5♠ which E/W doubled for +300 to Latvia. However, in the Open Room E/W were not disturbed in their 4♠ contract and duly made +420 for 3 IMPS to Israel.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



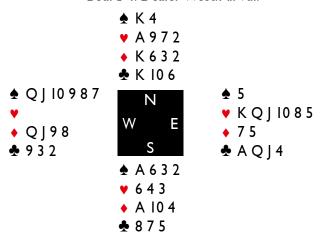
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J.Bethers	Segev	Balasovs	Tal
		Pass	3♠
Dble	4 ♠	Dble	All Pass
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	P.Bethers	Padon	Lorencs
		Pass	3♠
4♣	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the \bigvee K was led and won in dummy with the \bigvee A. Dana Tal now played the \clubsuit 3 to her king, then the \clubsuit 6 up to the ace in dummy. Now she played a club back to her king so she could ruff her last club. Next Dana played the \clubsuit 6, won by East with the ace, who then returned the \bigvee 8. Dana claimed ten tricks for +790.

As you can see, in the Open Room, E/W won the contract with Five Hearts. This only made eight tricks so that was another 12 IMPs to Israel.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Closed Room

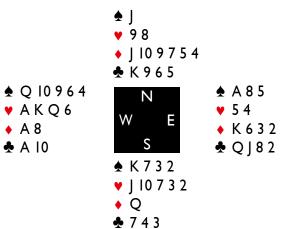
West	North	East	South
J.Bethers	Segev	Balasovs	Tal
2 ♦ (i)	Dble	2♠	All Pass
(i) Multi			
Lead: ♣7			
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	P.Bethers	Padon	Lorencs
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
All Pass			
Lead: ♠ Q			

In the Closed Room West opened a Multi, doubled by North, East bid 2♠ and all passed.

The $\clubsuit7$ was led to the two, king and ace and the $\clubsuit5$ was returned, North winning with the \clubsuit K. North now played the $\clubsuit6$ to declarer's queen and declarer exited with the \blacktriangledown K, discarding a diamond and losing the trick to North's \blacktriangledown A. Next came the $\spadesuit3$ to the five, ace and dummy threw a diamond. South exited with the \clubsuit A and all followed, a diamond came next and declarer claimed eight tricks for +110

In the Open Room, West opened Two Spades, which was doubled by North. South is doomed whatever he does now and it looks like he chose the cheapest option he could make. Down four meant -400 and another 7 IMPs to Israel.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J.Bethers	Segev	Balasovs	Tal
		Pass	Pass
l ♣ (i)	Pass	l ♠ (ii)	Pass
INT(iii)	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- (i) Strong
- (ii) 8+ GF
- (iii) Relay

They continued their relays to end up in 4\(\delta\).

Lead: ♥J

Open Room

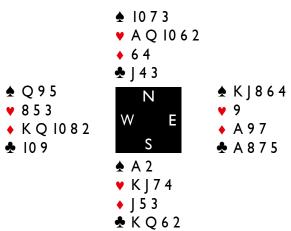
West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	P.Bethers	Padon	Lorencs
		Pass	Pass
I♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, the Latvian pair played Four Spades from the West hand and received the •J lead. They made 11 tricks for +650

In the Open Room, Tarnovski and Padon reached the

spade slam. The $\clubsuit5$ was led to the two, seven and ten. Next the $\spadesuit Q$ was played to the jack, five and king. The $\blacktriangledown3$ was returned to declarer's ace, eight and four. Declarer played the $\blacktriangledown K$, all following, then the $\blacktriangledown6$, ruffed in dummy with the $\clubsuit8$. The ace of spades came next and declarer claimed 12 tricks; 13 IMPs to Israel

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
J.Bethers	Segev	Balasovs	Tal	
Pass	Pass	l ♠	Dble	
2 ♥ (i)	Dble(ii)	2♠	3♥	
All Pass	` ,			

- (i) Good spade raise
- (ii) Hearts

Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Tarnovski	P.Bethers	Padon	Lorencs	
Pass	Pass	♠	Dble	
2♣	2♥	3 ♦	3♥	
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, South became declarer in 3♥. The

★K was led and Dana made her contract for +140.

In the Open Room, Padon and Tarnovski weren't going to be deterred from bidding the spade game. The ♥4 was led to the three, ace and nine, then the ♣4 went to the ace, two and nine. Next came the ♠4 to the ace, five and three. The king of clubs was played and declarer claimed ten tricks for another 13 IMPs to Israel.

Israel had a very good set here, winning it by 53-1, and increased their lead to 136-83 overall.



JUNIORS

FINAL .



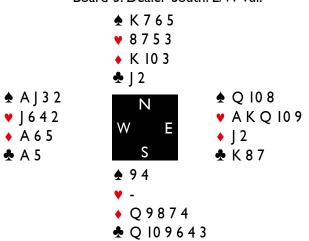
USAI V ITALY

Dramatic Fight-back

Trailing by 96 IMPs with only 16 boards to go, the Italian Juniors were dead and buried, right? If so, somebody forgot to tell them, as they made a tremendous fight of it and brought the dead match back to life again.

These two consecutive boards, early in the set, took care of one-third of the deficit and gave Italy some much-needed momentum.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



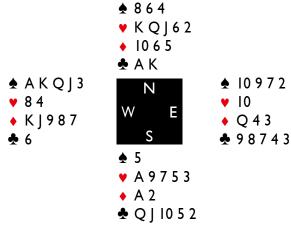
West	North	East	South	
Lo Presti	Grue	Di Bello	Kranyak	
			3♣	
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass	
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass	
West	North	East	South	
Greenberg	Boldrini	Lall	Sbarigia	
			3♣	
Dble	4♣	6♥	All Pass	

Where Stelio Di Bello responded to the take-out double with a cuebid then raised the 4♥ response to slam, Justin Lall simply jumped to 6♥ at his first turn. That had the effect of putting different defenders on lead against the final contract.

Against Fabio Lo Presti, West, Joe Grue led his partner's suit, the jack of clubs. Lo Presti could ruff a club in hand despite the four-zero heart break as clubs were not sevenone, as he might have feared. Then he drew trumps and took the spade finesse but, though that lost, he now had a spade winner on which to discard the losing diamond from dummy; +1430.

Matteo Sbarigia, South, saw little future in the club suit so tried a diamond lead instead. That established a diamond winner for Andrea Boldrini to cash when he got in with the king of spades; one down for -100 and 17 big IMPs to Italy.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



	♣ Q J	10 5 2				
West	North	East	South			
Lo Presti	Grue	Di Bello	Kranyak			
♠	Pass	3♠	Pass			
4♠	All Pass					
West	North	East	South			
Greenberg	Boldrini	Lall	Sbarigia			
♠	2♥	3♠	4♠			
5♦	Pass	5♠	6♥			
Pass	Pass	6♠	Dble			
All Pass						

Grue likes something a bit better than that North hand, with its 5-3-3-2 shape, for a vulnerable two-level overcall. When he passed, Di Bello's pre-emptive raise shut the Americans out of the auction. Lo Presti just lost three aces and scored +620.

Boldrini did overcall and Sbarigia made a strong slam try over the 3♠ pre-empt on his right. At his next turn he took the push to the six level — and right he was, as 6♥ is cold, losing only a spade trick. But Lall saved in 6♠, promptly doubled by Sbarigia. Again, there were just the three aces to lose, but this time that meant -500 and 15 IMPs to Italy.

Having begun the set down by 96, Italy now trailed by 60 with twelve boards to go. The Italians continued to gain IMPs, but finally they just ran out of boards. USA1 must have started to get a little worried, but they had survived and were champions of the world once again.



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ISRAEL		23	16	15	25	22	25	13	19	25	24	25	21	24	25	18		ISRAEL	320	1
AUSTRALIA	7		17	18	20	19	24	17	19	10	22	23	15	25	24	25		AUSTRALIA	285	2
LATVIA	14	13		18	17	13	12	25	17	18	24	20	24	20	25	25		LATVIA	285	-
POLAND	15	12	12		10	14	11	24	15	25	24	25	15	25	17	25		POLAND	269	4
NORWAY	2	10	13	20		20	24	17	18	23	21	16	25	19	18	20		NORWAY	266	5
USA RED	8	11	17	16	10		19	3	19	19	19	25	20	25	25	25		USA RED	261	6
SWEDEN	4	6	18	19	6	11		13	12	25	24	24	23	19	20	21		SWEDEN	245	7
USA BLUE	17	13	5	6	13	25	17		15	13	23	15	22	15	19	25		USA BLUE	243	8
CHINESE TAIPEI	11	11	13	15	12	11	18	15		8	18	19	19	19	21	22		CHINESE TAIPEI	232	9
PAKISTAN	3	20	12	2	7	11	4	17	22		5	19	20	14	25	23		PAKISTAN	204	10
CHINA HONG KONG	6	8	6	6	9	11	6	7	12	25		12	23	24	25	23		CHINA HONG KONG	203	11
ITALY	5	7	10	2	14	1	6	15	11	11	18		25	21	25	15		ITALY	186	12
CANADA	9	15	6	15	4	10	7	8	11	10	7	5		24	25	25		CANADA	181	13
CHINA	6	3	10	2	11	0	11	15	11	15	6	9	6		2	25		CHINA	133	14
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THAILAND	12	5	3	5	10	0	9	5	8	7	7	15	2	2	21			THAILAND	111	16