

# Daily Bulletin

## 21<sup>st</sup> European Youth Team Championships



Jesolo - Italy  
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Bulletin 2

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# POLISH GIRLS ON TOP



Palazzo del Turismo, Jesolo

Norway produced the result of the day in the Juniors when they defeated defending champions, Poland, 22-8 in Round 2. The Norwegians followed that up with a 25-2 demolition of Czech Republic and led after three rounds by 13 VPs. Norway have 71 VPs, ahead of Latvia on 58, Netherlands and Sweden with 54.5 and Italy 53.

The Polish Girls had a huge day. They began by getting revenge for their Junior team, crushing Norway 25-3, and followed up with 25-4 against Denmark and 25-5 over England, giving a perfect 75 VPs out of a possible 75 on the day. Poland lead after four rounds with 95.5 VPs, already well ahead of Germany on 77, Italy on 71 and Netherlands on 68.



### TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Today is the turn of the following teams to have their photographs taken for the EBL database.

Would the captains please ensure that **all players** of the team plus the **npc** are present outside the front door of the Palace as follows:

#### Girls Teams

Latvia	13.00
Netherlands	13.00
Norway	13.00
England	13.00
Poland	17.00
Sweden	17.00
Turkey	17.00

**Maria Ploumbi** - EBL Photographer



### VUGRAPH MATCHES

Croatia - Latvia (Juniors)	10.00
Estonia - Poland (Girls)	14.00
Sweden - Denmark (Juniors)	17.30



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# JUNIOR TEAMS



## RESULTS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND 2

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	SLOVAKIA GREECE	45 - 32	18 - 12
2	SWEDEN CROATIA	50 - 57	14 - 16
3	ROMANIA TURKEY	32 - 91	4 - 25
4	CZECH REPUBLIC LATVIA	28 - 67	7 - 23
5	BELGIUM SCOTLAND	32 - 52	11 - 19
6	ENGLAND AUSTRIA	58 - 16	24 - 6
7	POLAND NORWAY	19 - 51	8 - 22
8	HUNGARY FRANCE	36 - 41	14 - 16
9	DENMARK NETHERLANDS	27 - 64	7 - 23
10	RUSSIA PORTUGAL	24 - 20	16 - 14
11	GERMANY ITALY	23 - 79	4 - 25

### ROUND 4

1	TURKEY	GREECE
2	CROATIA	LATVIA
3	SLOVAKIA	SCOTLAND
4	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA
5	ROMANIA	NORWAY
6	CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE
7	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS
8	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL
9	POLAND	ITALY
10	HUNGARY	GERMANY
11	DENMARK	RUSSIA

### ROUND 3

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	GREECE RUSSIA	15 - 67	5 - 25
2	GERMANY DENMARK	68 - 41	21 - 9
3	ITALY HUNGARY	42 - 42	15 - 15
4	PORTUGAL POLAND	14 - 46	8 - 22
5	NETHERLANDS ENGLAND	47 - 69	10 - 20
6	FRANCE BELGIUM	90 - 20	25 - 2
7	NORWAY CZECH REPUBLIC	87 - 20	25 - 2
8	AUSTRIA ROMANIA	37 - 41	14 - 16
9	SCOTLAND SWEDEN	27 - 106	1 - 25
10	LATVIA SLOVAKIA	53 - 56	14 - 16
11	TURKEY CROATIA	21 - 40	11 - 19

### ROUND 5

1	GREECE	ENGLAND
2	POLAND	BELGIUM
3	HUNGARY	CZECH REPUBLIC
4	DENMARK	ROMANIA
5	RUSSIA	SWEDEN
6	GERMANY	SLOVAKIA
7	ITALY	CROATIA
8	PORTUGAL	TURKEY
9	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA
10	FRANCE	SCOTLAND
11	NORWAY	AUSTRIA



### Today's Schedule

- 10.00 Junior Teams, Round 4
- 10.00 Girls Teams, Round 5
- 14.00 Junior Teams, Round 5
- 14.00 Girls Teams, Round 6
- 17.30 Junior Teams, Round 6
- 17.30 Girls Teams, Round 7

### ROUND 6

1	NORWAY	GREECE
2	AUSTRIA	FRANCE
3	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS
4	LATVIA	PORTUGAL
5	TURKEY	ITALY
6	CROATIA	GERMANY
7	SLOVAKIA	RUSSIA
8	SWEDEN	DENMARK
9	ROMANIA	HUNGARY
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND
11	BELGIUM	ENGLAND

## GIRLS TEAMS



### RESULTS



#### ROUND 2

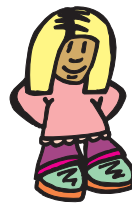
	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	NORWAY POLAND	24 - 85	3 - 25
2	LATVIA NETHERLANDS	41 - 70	10 - 21
3	ESTONIA ISRAEL	52 - 53	15 - 15
4	ENGLAND DENMARK	52 - 62	13 - 17
5	ITALY SWEDEN	55 - 46	17 - 13
6	TURKEY GERMANY	24 - 101	1 - 25

#### ROUND 3

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	POLAND DENMARK	78 - 19	25 - 4
2	ISRAEL SWEDEN	38 - 69	9 - 21
3	NETHERLANDS GERMANY	50 - 38	17 - 13
4	NORWAY TURKEY	95 - 32	25 - 3
5	LATVIA ITALY	26 - 47	11 - 19
6	ESTONIA ENGLAND	55 - 36	19 - 11

#### ROUND 4

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	ENGLAND POLAND	28 - 79	5 - 25
2	ITALY ESTONIA	86 - 53	22 - 8
3	TURKEY LATVIA	46 - 40	16 - 14
4	GERMANY NORWAY	73 - 38	22 - 8
5	SWEDEN NETHERLANDS	51 - 24	21 - 9
6	DENMARK ISRAEL	40 - 59	11 - 19



### TODAY'S PROGRAM

#### ROUND 5

1	POLAND	SWEDEN
2	DENMARK	GERMANY
3	ISRAEL	TURKEY
4	NETHERLANDS	ITALY
5	NORWAY	ENGLAND
6	LATVIA	ESTONIA

#### ROUND 6

1	ESTONIA	POLAND
2	ENGLAND	LATVIA
3	ITALY	NORWAY
4	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS
5	GERMANY	ISRAEL
6	SWEDEN	DENMARK

#### ROUND 7

1	POLAND	ISRAEL
2	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
3	NORWAY	SWEDEN
4	LATVIA	GERMANY
5	ESTONIA	TURKEY
6	ENGLAND	ITALY

## Sports News

### Football

Argentina set up the dream Copa America final with Brazil after a comprehensive 3-0 win over Mexico in Puerto Ordaz. Andres Guardado hit the post as Mexico started well, but Argentina went ahead with a volley from Manchester United's Gabriel Heinze right on half-time. Lionel Messi doubled the lead with a remarkable goal, lifting the ball home from the right-hand side of the area. Rafael Marquez brought down Carlos Tevez four minutes later and Juan Roman Riquelme cheekily scored the penalty.



### Cycling

Italian Filippo Pozzato snatched victory from Oscar Friere in another bunch sprint on stage five of the Tour de France from Chablis to Autun. Pozzato moved third in the overall standings, 35 seconds behind yellow jersey holder Fabien Cancellara. But Tour favourite Alexandre Vinokourov lost 1'26" on the leaders after a serious crash late in the day. Sylvain Chavanel secured the King of the Mountains jersey after a 154km breakaway over seven climbs.



## JUNIOR TEAMS

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 3

1 NORWAY	71
2 LATVIA	58
3 NETHERLANDS	54,5
SWEDEN	54,5
5 ITALY	53
6 CROATIA	50
ENGLAND	50
FRANCE	50
POLAND	50
10 RUSSIA	48,5
11 SLOVAKIA	47,5
12 TURKEY	46,5
13 SCOTLAND	44
14 GERMANY	40
15 DENMARK	37
PORTUGAL	37
17 HUNGARY	35
ROMANIA	35
19 GREECE	34
20 AUSTRIA	28
21 CZECH REPUBLIC	27,5
22 BELGIUM	22

## GIRLS TEAMS

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 4

1 POLAND	95,5
2 GERMANY	77
3 ITALY	71
4 NETHERLANDS	68
5 ESTONIA	66,5
6 SWEDEN	60
7 ISRAEL	58,5
8 ENGLAND	54
9 LATVIA	48,5
10 NORWAY	45
11 DENMARK	36,5
12 TURKEY	28,5

## Unnecessary Nice Cards

by Geo Tislevoll

Ivar Berg, Norway Open, didn't need one of his honour cards to make this Six No Trump from the first round of this tournament. A small card in the suit would have worked as well as the jack!

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

After investigating with their artificial system, Berg, East, found out West had 2-5-4-2 distribution with an ace, a king and a queen. Good to know, and Berg concluded that Six No Trump should have some chances. The lead was the jack of hearts to the queen. There were a lot of suits to play on here, but it looks natural to give away a spade trick at once, which was what Berg did. South took it with the queen, and continued hearts by playing the ten. On that trick declarer had an awkward choice of discard from his hand, and finally he let go of a spade. Then the two top spades told him all about that suit, and now he played diamonds from the top. Since the jack dropped, there were eleven tricks from the top. Now Berg had no problems recognizing the text-book ending:

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

When he played the heart king and the last diamond it was too much for the defenders. North had to keep one spade on the last red trick from dummy, and then declarer could let his last spade go, it had fulfilled its mission. South had to keep his heart nine, so he could only keep two clubs as well. Declarer could finally take the three last tricks in clubs, and it didn't matter where the queen of clubs was placed. The double squeeze would have worked even if East's clubs were A-K-2!

(Editor's Note: If declarer cashes the ♦AK at tricks 2 and 3, he has a 100% line by next cashing ♥Q and playing the club jack.)



# JUNIOR TEAMS

# ROUND 2



**ROMANIA**

**v**

**TURKEY**



The Thursday morning match featured some lively boards, and inevitably this led to plenty of swings in the vugraph match between Romania and Turkey.

bution, Agica/Dobrescu judged to take the money. That was correct in theory but meant 8 IMPs to Turkey in practice as 5♦ doubled was only two down for -300.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 9 ♥ Q 9 5 3 ♦ J ♣ K Q J 8	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span><span>E</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span><span>S</span></div> </div>	♠ 6 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A 9 8 7 6 ♣ 10 9 7 4	♠ Q 8 3 ♥ A K 6 2 ♦ K 4 ♣ A 6 5 3
	♠ A 7 5 4 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ Q 10 5 3 2 ♣ 2		

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K 3 ♥ 10 7 5 4 ♦ Q 5 ♣ A K J 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span><span>E</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span><span>S</span></div> </div>	♠ 10 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♣ Q 6 3	♠ Q J 6 2 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ A K J 9 2 ♣ 10
	♠ 9 8 7 5 4 ♥ K Q J ♦ - ♣ 9 8 7 5 2		

West	North	East	South
Akay	Nistor	Sakirler	Stafie
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	2NT
3♥	5♦	5♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Agica	Imamoglu	Dobrescu	Gundogdu
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♣
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Akay	Nistor	Sakirler	Stafie
	1♦	Pass	1♠
INT	3♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Agica	Imamoglu	Dobrescu	Gundogdu
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

For Romania, Stafie showed South's two-suiter with a jump to 2NT, putting substantial momentum into the auction. With five-card diamond support, it was natural for Nistor to take the advance save in 5♦, but the tempo of the auction was such that East/West had not finished their bidding yet and Sakirler took the push to 5♥. Ace and another spade or a diamond lead and spade switch would have defeated 5♥, but Stafie led the singleton club and declarer could win, draw trumps and knock out the ace of spades to come to eleven tricks; +650.

Gundogdu showed the two-suiter via a 2♣ cuebid and this meant that Agica could show heart support at the two level. Imamoglu decided to go quietly for now and see where the opposition ended up. When the Romanian East/West got to 4♥, he decided that it was time to save in 5♦ and, having a lot of high cards but no exceptional distri-

bution, Agica/Dobrescu judged to take the money. That was correct in theory but meant 8 IMPs to Turkey in practice as 5♦ doubled was only two down for -300.

For Turkey, Akay chose to overcall INT to show the strong no-trump type and Nistor raised to 3♠. Perhaps the distribution should have convinced Stafie to go on to game, but she paid more attention to the fact that she was void in her partner's suit and that there was a strong hand on her left so passed. After the ace of clubs lead and a heart switch, it was a simple matter to come to ten tricks for +170.

In the other room, Agica preferred to start with a double, and again North raised to 3♠. Here, however, Gundoglu went on to game with the South cards and now Agica doubled again. Of course, the double is essentially for take-out, but Agica was probably hoping that partner could pass it. Not today - Dobrescu could not have been happy about bidding a three-card suit at the five level, but that is what she did and 5♣ doubled cost 800. Dobrescu had no winning action over 4♠ doubled, as that contract would have made for 790, it was going to be 12 IMPs to Turkey whatever she did.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A J 9 4 ♥ K 10 3 2 ♦ A Q 4 ♣ 4 3	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ J 10 9 8 7	♠ K Q 10 8 2 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ K 5	♠ 5 ♥ A Q 9 7 ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ A Q 6 2
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West	North	East	South
Akay	Nistor	Sakirler	Stafie
	Pass	1♠	Dble
Rdbl	2♣	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Agica	Imamoglu	Dobrescu	Gundogdu
	Pass	1♠	Dble
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

It looks a little odd to begin with a redouble when holding primary spade support but no harm was done as the same contract was reached in both rooms.

Stafie led her trump and threw a club and a heart as Sakirler drew two more rounds. A heart to the ten was followed by three rounds of diamonds and a second heart, to the queen and king. A third heart ended played South who had to give a ruff and discard or lead clubs; +650.

Gundoglu also led the spade singleton but he pitched a diamond and a club on the next two spades. Dobrescu cashed three rounds of diamonds then led the jack of hearts. Gundoglu rose with the ace and returned the suit and Dobrescu went up with the king then returned the suit. Gundoglu could win and exit with the fourth heart and now there was no way to avoid losing two club tricks; down one for -100 and 13 IMPs to Turkey.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 9 4 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A 10 5 4 3 2 ♣ 10 5 4	♠ A 5 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ K J 9 7 6 ♣ A 7 6	♠ Q 6 2 ♥ A J 9 8 ♦ Q ♣ K J 9 8 3	♠ K J 10 8 7 3 ♥ K Q 7 6 ♦ 8 ♣ Q 2
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West	North	East	South
Akay	Nistor	Sakirler	Stafie
		1♣	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Agica	Imamoglu	Dobrescu	Gundogdu
		1♣	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Akay led a club to Sakirler's king and back came a club to declarer's queen. Stafie led to the ace of spades, pitched the diamond loser on the ace of clubs, then finessed the ♠J and drew the last trump. However, forced to lead from her own hand, she was now left with three heart losers; down one for -50.

Agica also led a club, ducked to the king, but Dobrescu switched to the queen of diamonds. Agica won the ace but could see that there was no advantage to returning the suit. Instead, she switched to the ten of hearts, which did declarer no harm at all. Dobrescu won the ♥A and returned the suit, but Gundoglu could win, draw trumps with the aid of the finesse, and overtake the ♣Q to get to a winning diamond for a pitch of the fourth heart; +420 and 10 IMPs to Turkey. It looks as though, after the diamond switch, West has to win and switch back to clubs to take the late entry away.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 9 7 4 ♥ 5 ♦ Q 8 6 5 ♣ A 9 7 5	♠ K 8 6 5 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ A K 3 ♣ 8 3 2	♠ 10 2 ♥ A 9 6 3 2 ♦ 10 9 ♣ J 10 6 4	♠ Q J 3 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ J 7 4 2 ♣ K Q
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West	North	East	South
Akay	Nistor	Sakirler	Stafie
Agica	Imamoglu	Dobrescu	Gundogdu
		1♣	1♥
Pass		1♠	3NT
All Pass			

Identical auctions led, of course, to identical contracts, and the opening leads were also identical – the five of diamonds. Gundogdu ran the diamond to his jack then led a

heart to the king and ace and it was not taxing for Dobrescu to find the club shift. With the clubs established and the ♠A still to be knocked out, that was one down for -50.

At the other table, Stafie won the diamond lead in dummy, Sakirler dropping the ten, and led a spade to the queen and ace. Akay continued with a second diamond, the club switch being not at all obvious from the West seat, and Stafie won the king and played on hearts for nine tricks; +400 and 10 badly-needed IMPs to Romania.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 6 5 3 ♥ K 9 8 6 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ 7 4	♠ J 10 4 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ K 10 8 3 2 ♣ 9 5	♠ A K 8 7 ♥ 4 ♦ J ♣ A K 10 8 6 3 2	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div> ♠ 9 2 ♥ J 10 5 3 2 ♦ A 7 6 5 ♣ Q J
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West	North	East	South
<i>Akay</i>	<i>Nistor</i>	<i>Sakirler</i>	<i>Stafie</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Agica</i>	<i>Imamoglu</i>	<i>Dobrescu</i>	<i>Gundogdu</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Sakirler rebid only 1♠, with which I agree, but then used Keycard when Akay made a simple raise – with which I do not agree. He swiftly signed off on finding that partner held neither missing ace. Stafie cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a low heart to the queen. Nistor attempted to cash the ace of hearts but Sakirler ruffed. He continued with ♠A, ♣A, and two more spades ending in dummy. Now came a club to the king! No more worries, eleven tricks and +450.

Dobrescu rebid 2♠ but then trusted that the raise to 4♠ had to be very weak and passed. Gundogdu led the jack of hearts to the king and ace and Imamoglu tried the ♥Q, ruffed. Dobrescu cashed the ace and king of spades, the ace of clubs, then led a spade to the queen and a club up. After some soul-searching, she put in the ten and was down three; -150 and 12 IMPs to Turkey.

In 5♠, declarer had no option but to guess the clubs successfully. Restricted choice suggests the finesse, while South's silence in the auction – he might sometimes have bid over 1♣ with ten red cards – suggests his actual shape.

Sakirler did well to get it right. In 4♠, there are more options, as declarer can afford a wrong club guess – sometimes. After ruffing at trick two or three, one top club then ♠A and a spade to the queen before playing a club to the other top card will gain when the same hand has three cards in both black suits. But we think that maybe best is to play the top clubs without touching trumps at all. If the club is ruffed, declarer will be forced and must then ruff a club, usually with the queen, then hope the remaining spades are two-two. The extra chance this time is when the hand with one club has three spades, which is more likely than the two black-suit lengths being together.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A J 9 6 2 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ A 10 9 6 3 ♣ –	♠ Q 5 4 3 ♥ Q J ♦ Q 2 ♣ Q 10 8 4 2	♠ – ♥ K 9 7 4 3 2 ♦ J ♣ A K 9 7 5 3	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div> ♠ K 10 8 7 ♥ 10 5 ♦ K 8 7 5 4 ♣ J 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Akay</i>	<i>Nistor</i>	<i>Sakirler</i>	<i>Stafie</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Agica</i>	<i>Imamoglu</i>	<i>Dobrescu</i>	<i>Gundogdu</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Six Hearts is a decent contract and Agica/Dobrescu did well to get there. It also has the merit of being cold, but declarer lost her way. She won the diamond lead in dummy, threw a club on the ace of spades, and ruffed a diamond, then a club and tried to ruff another diamond. When Imamoglu ruffed in with the queen and Dobrescu over-ruffed, she was down one for a disappointing -100.

Seven Hearts is a horrible contract and Akay/Sakirler did very badly to get to it. It also has the merit of being cold, on a non-diamond lead. Stafie led her low heart. Sakirler won dummy's ace and ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade and ruffed another club. A third spade ruff established the fifth spade and put declarer in hand to draw the remaining trumps. He ran his winners then played to the ace of diamonds and cashed the ace and jack of spades; thirteen tricks for +2210 and 20 IMPs to Turkey.

Turkey had won by 91-32 IMPs, or 25-4 VPs, having generally outplayed their opponents.

# Juniors Round I - Austria v Poland

by Patrick Jourdain

The first vugraph match featured the holders, Poland, against Austria. A partscore swing in each direction left Austria leading 5-4 when this deal appeared:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Eglseer</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Islam</i>	<i>Gula</i>	<i>Stigleitner</i>	<i>Taczewski</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The slam looks poor so the Polish pair in the Open Room can feel justified in keeping out of it. West opened a Polish Club and natural bidding concluded in Three No Trump by East. South led a heart, won by East, and declarer immediately laid down ace, king of clubs to solve any problems. 3NT made 11 tricks.

In the Closed Room Austria reached Six Clubs from the West seat. Superficially, it looks as if declarer has the ace of hearts and a diamond to lose, not to mention worries in the trump suit. However, when North led a heart and declarer played low from dummy, South was caught in what can be called a Morton's Fork. (Morton was the Chancellor who stated that the noblemen could always pay their taxes: if they spent a lot they must have plenty left, and if they lived a frugal life they must have saved enough for him).

Here, when South wondered whether to play his ace of hearts there was no answer. If he ducked declarer could throw the losing heart on the second spade and later give up a diamond, and if South played the ace on thin air declarer later had two diamond discards, and when the diamond finesse worked there was no diamond loser.

1370 to Austria was worth 12 IMPs.

The next board also contained the potential for a swing either way:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Eglseer</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
4♥	Pass	3♥	3♠
	4♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, East had opened at the two level and the Polish North/South stopped in Three Spades. This made an overtrick for 170 to Poland. By contrast, Michal Nowosadzki opened Three Hearts. This had the effect, as so often, of pushing the opponents into a game they probably would not have reached under their own steam. So all would hinge on whether Adele Gogoman would make her game.

West led his top heart. The diagram shows that if declarer guesses both black suits there is no problem, but real life is not as easy as that. South ruffed and began by leading the queen of clubs. West correctly withheld the king and the queen won. Next South tried the king of diamonds. West won and played a second heart. Again South ruffed, leaving her with only three trumps.

The vugraph audience was expecting South to guess clubs correctly, but the trump suit was more of a problem. Given that declarer cannot cope with a 4-2 break, the suit must be assumed to be 3-3, in which case placing the missing queen becomes a close matter. West has shown up with two aces and a king already. With queen to three trumps he might well have doubled Four Spades. Furthermore, if the hearts are 7-2 the advantage of taking the trump finesse through East is that, should it lose, West may have no further heart to play.

All these musings proved irrelevant when South mis-guessed clubs, leading a low one next. The defence had more trumps than South and the contract went two light. Poland had gained 9 IMPs when they might have lost 10.

The final score was 66-38 IMPs in favour of Poland, or 20-8 VPs. The missing VPs are due to a slow play penalty against both teams.



# USBF Senior Trials

by John Carruthers

With two boards to play in the Kasle v Assemi semi-final match to decide the USA Teams in the Senior Bowl in Shanghai, Kasle led Assemi by 17 IMPs. This is Board 29, on which the vugraph commentators predicted that Assemi would win 13 IMPs for staying out of a 'hopeless' slam. Dan Gerstman proved them wrong by making it.

Board 29. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K J 7 5 3 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ K Q 9 5 ♣ A	N W     E S	♠ 8 4 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ J 6 4 3 2 ♣ 10 7 3	♠ A Q 9 ♥ A Q 7 6 5 ♦ 8 ♣ 8 6 5 4
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Dan Gerstman then played double dummy to bring home the slam. He won the diamond ace, then ruffed a diamond. He next crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed dummy's last diamond. He cashed a top heart to extract West's last trump and exited with a small club.

West was left with a choice of ways to surrender the twelfth trick. The position was:

♠ 10 6 ♥ 8 ♦ - ♣ K Q J 9	N W     E S	♠ 8 4 ♥ 10 ♦ J 3 ♣ 10 3	♠ K J 7 5 3 2 ♥ - ♦ Q ♣ -
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West	North <i>Sutherlin</i>	East	South <i>Gerstman</i>
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣	Pass	3♣
3♦	3♥	4♦	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West might have been warned by the bidding that he needed to cash the club ace to avoid being endplayed, but he chose the king of diamonds as the opening lead.



John Sutherlin

On the diamond queen return, Gerstman would ruff in dummy, discarding a spade from hand, cross to the ace of spades, pull the last trump, discarding dummy's spade ten, and take the last four tricks with dummy's clubs. On the actual spade return, he won the queen, pulled the last trump and claimed. This resulted in a well-earned 13 IMP pick-up against the Four Heart game bid at the other table.

Why did Gerstman play the way he did when the alternative line of a squeeze-endplay against West (if he'd held the king-queen-jack of diamonds and the spade king) looked very attractive on the bidding? The answer is that East played the deuce of diamonds at trick one, encouraging!

This board put the match out of reach, so Gaylor Kasle/Russ Arnold, Bobby Wolff/Dan Morse and John Sutherlin/Dan Gerstman will be USA1 in China next October. (USA 2 will be Rose Meltzer/Grant Baze, Alan Sontag/Roger Bates and Bart Bramley/Lew Stansby.)

## More Sports News



### Tennis

The men's and women's singles champions at this year's US Open will receive a record £688,000 (\$1.4m) apiece. Last year's winners, Roger Federer and Maria Sharapova won £590,000 (\$1.2m) for their victories at Flushing Meadow. Total prize money will pass £9.6m (\$19.6m) for the first time. The prize fund is an increase of £492,000 (\$1m) on last year's total and is the largest annual rise in the history of the tournament.



### Formula 1

Austrian Christian Klien will take part in a one-day test for Spyker, who are looking for a new race driver after dropping Dutchman Christijan Albers. Klien, 23, is a test driver for Honda but the team has given him permission to drive for Spyker in Spa on Thursday.

# GIRLS TEAMS ROUND 1



**POLAND**

**V**

**TURKEY**



by Peter Ventura

In the first round of the Girls one of the favourites, Poland, faced Turkey.

The Polish girls were playing N/S in the Open Room and E/W in the Closed Room.

Not much happened on the early boards and Poland was leading by 3-2 IMPs when this came along:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Engin	Krawczyk	Ergin	Sakowska
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♦

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Sarioz	Zmuda	Seyhan
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♥*	Pass	4NT*
All Pass			6♠

In the Open Room Sakowska opened Four Diamonds, South African Texas, showing a long and solid spade suit. Gimme hope, Joanna (Krawczyk)? No hope there, only Four Spades, since Krawczyk didn't expect her partner to have an ace along with the running spade suit. That's why she wasn't too excited, even though she had quite good values.

The Poles were quite lucky here, as the Turkish pair in the Closed Room went for the small slam, which was doomed to go down when the trumps split badly. Four Clubs set clubs as trumps, Four Diamonds was a cue-bid and Five Hearts showed two key cards out of five. N/S in the Open

Room recorded +650 but one down from the Closed Room was worth 13 IMPs for the Poles.

The Polish girls had a firm grip over the match, as they were leading by 31-9 after 11 boards. Then came another large swing for the leading team.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Engin	Krawczyk	Ergin	Sakowska
1♦	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♦	3♥	Pass	4♣*
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Sarioz	Zmuda	Seyhan
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Engin had her engines going up to Four Diamonds. The Poles really won the board in the auction, since in the Closed Room E/W took out insurance and were left to play there, while Krawczyk bid Five Hearts in the Open Room. The defence can take five tricks for 500 in Five Diamonds, but in practice N/S didn't cash their winners, leaving declarer with no less than ten tricks in her basket. Therefore the Poles gained even more in the play; N/S +100. That was worth another 11 IMPs for Poland.

The Turks had not given up yet. On the next board they fought back a bit.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 9 8 3 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 10 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ J 10 ♥ A Q 7 4 2 ♦ J 8 5 4 3 ♣ 8
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W     E					
S					
♠ A Q 6 2 ♥ 9 ♦ K 2 ♣ K 9 6 4 3 2		♠ 7 5 4 ♥ K J 5 3 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ Q J 5			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engin	Krawczyk	Ergin	Sakowska
2♣	1♣* Dble*	Pass All Pass	1♥

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Sarioz	Zmuda	Seyhan
3♦	1♣* All Pass	2NT*	Pass

North's club opening in the Open Room showed either 12-14 NT, 15+ with clubs or any hand with 18+ HCPs. West simply bid her longest suit and when North doubled to show exactly three hearts South took the low road and passed. In theory, the defence can take six tricks, just enough to beat the contract. In practice it was a different story. Declarer won the heart lead in dummy and then ran the ten of spades. North won the king, but then erred by shifting to a low club. Declarer won the king and played a club back. From here on there was no way to prevent declarer from taking eight tricks; N/S -180.

At the other table declarer did well to take eight tricks in Three Diamonds for N/S +100. Nonetheless, that was 7 IMPs to Turkey.

With five boards to go, the score had moved on to 43-22 in the Poles' favour.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 10 7 3 ♥ 9 8 6 3 2 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ K 5 4 ♥ A ♦ A K 8 4 3 ♣ A Q 10 6
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W     E					
S					
♠ A J 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ Q 10 9 7 2 ♣ 9 4 3		♠ 9 8 6 ♥ Q J 10 5 4 ♦ - ♣ K J 8 5 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Engin	Krawczyk	Ergin	Sakowska
Pass 3♦ 5♦	Pass Pass All Pass	1♦ 4♥*	2NT* Pass

Engin might have bid Four Spades as a cue, instead of killing the auction by bidding Five Diamonds. With East as declarer Six Diamonds can be made by drawing trumps and then eliminating the major suits before a club is played from dummy. Declarer just covers North's card, which forces South to play a club into the tenace or play a heart for ruff and discard. However, Ergin took twelve tricks in a fancy fashion. She followed the winning line, but instead of playing a low club from dummy she advanced the queen from hand. With the king in South's hand that move worked as well; N/S -620.

With West as declarer North can lead a club, which holds the declarer to eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Sarioz	Zmuda	Seyhan
Pass 3♦ Pass Dble	Pass 4♥ 5♥ All Pass	1♦ 5♦ Pass	2NT* Pass Pass

Sarioz did well by bidding Four Hearts, which gave the Turks the possibility of taking out the insurance in Five Hearts. The defence had to have five tricks; N/S -500 and



Pinar Sarioz

that was another 3 IMPs to Turkey.

One could expect the girls to be careful bidders, but from time to time in the match it was almost as if they were playing matchpoints... However, Sakowska's pass over her partner's take-out on the following board was a bit risky but reasonable. There weren't that many options, were there?

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K J ♥ Q J 2 ♦ K Q 8 7 6 ♣ Q 9 7	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 ♥ A K 10 5 ♦ J 10 4 3 ♣ J 5 4 3	♠ Q 9 8 6 5 2 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K 6 2
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ A 10 4 3 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ A 10 8											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Engin</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>	<i>Ergin</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Two Spades showed 5-9 HCPs and generally six cards. Sakowska led a heart to the jack and king. Krawczyk played back a club to the ace and then the A-10 in hearts took two tricks over dummy's Q-2. The defence had to win three more tricks; two down, N/S +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wesolowska</i>	<i>Sarioz</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Seyhan</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♦	1♥	1♠	Dble*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

After the three-card support double, Sarioz knew she had to play in a 4-3 fit. Even Three Hearts can be made, since the defence has to give declarer some help. On a spade lead, for instance, you can win the ace and then play a trump towards the hand. If West plays low (insignificant) you clear the trumps and then play a club to West. West does best by shifting to a spade, but you ruff and play the club ace and another club. If East wins the king she can cash the queen of spades, but it will establish dummy's ten. So let's say she exits with a diamond. It makes no difference if declarer takes the ace or letting it run, because sooner or later West will have to be allowed to play diamonds. If East unblocks the king of clubs, West will win the queen but has now only diamonds left. In practice, for some reason, Sarioz recorded down one; N/S -50 and Poland gained 8 IMPs.

On the penultimate board Sakowska was unsuccessful.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ Q J 3 2 ♣ 6 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 10 7 5 4 ♥ K 5 3 2 ♦ - ♣ K Q 7 5	♠ Q J 6 2 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ J 10 8
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		♠ 9 3 ♥ A 9 ♦ A K 7 6 5 4 ♣ A 9 4										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Engin</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>	<i>Ergin</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Her semi-balanced no trump opening put her into difficulties as she had no support for any of her partner's three suits. Three Hearts was forcing and showed five spades and four hearts. From my point of view, bidding Three Spades was a mistake. A wiser move would have been to try Three No - Trump. At least it would have avoided giving Krawczyk unrealistically high expectations. Finding trump support, North was unstoppable. North's Five Diamonds, showing a void, didn't really cheer Sakowska up. Sakowska could have rectified her earlier controversial judgements by bidding Five Spades, but since they had missed the chance of using Blackwood Sakowska misguessed again in the bidding, as she went on to the small slam.

The Turks stopped in Three No Trump in the Closed Room. This was the auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wesolowska</i>	<i>Sarioz</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Seyhan</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

There was not much to the play, since the clubs split 3-3 and declarer could easily establish a spade trick; N/S +400. That was 10 IMPs to Turkey. On the last board Poland landed the last blow by scoring another 13 IMPs and that gave us the final score of 65-35. Due to slow play the VPs were corrected to 20,5-8,5.



## Handle With Care

Beach volleyball, tennis, soccer, strange looking, sometimes even stupid, cardgames, videogames in the local pub in Jesolo. The Dutch girls and juniors had almost two days of fun after arriving in Jesolo. For npc and coaches it was a relief that on Wednesday evening the championships started.

As a habit I always look through the lists with the participants in the 'adult' European and World Championships to find out how many of the juniors I met in the last 16 years have become regular players at the top level. In Antalya I counted at least hundred of them. Good to see that they are still playing at the highest levels.

Going through the juniors and girls in this European Youth Championship I was happy to see that some of them already scored wins in the Open series. Thomas Bessi won the Open Teams in Antalya, playing with Michel (his father) and Ginosar, an Israeli junior. Unfortunately, we are missing Israel in this junior event. Rumours tell that their federation punished them for something we don't know about. Pity, because they are always in contention.

In the Dutch junior team for the first time in the history of the EC, two girls are playing. In Riccione, Meike Wortel and Marion Michielsen were part of the golden Dutch team in the Girls series. They made a quick entry in the Dutch Ladies team, winning the silver in Warsaw (2006) and winning the Ladies EC in Antalya. So everybody is warned! Sorry if I forget to mention juniors or girls who also have won medals in the open teams of their country. Please tell it to the bulletin editor.

In the first match against Russia, Meike and Marion took out the gun on the second board:

Declarer drew the last trump with diamond jack, finessed in clubs and claimed twelve tricks. A useful +650 added to the +650 that Bob Drijver/Merijn Groenenboom took in Four Hearts for a 16 IMP pick-up.

Also, Meike Wortel showed good technique in declarer play. She also found the elimination and throw in to make Six Diamonds on Board 16 (see the Turkey-Poland report). That was not all:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 9 3 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 10 8 7 6 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <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	♠ 7 ♥ A J 9 8 ♦ A K 3 ♣ K Q J 9 4	
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>			
Pass 2♠	Pass Pass	1♣ 3NT	Pass 1♦ All Pass			

South played a small diamond for the queen and ace. Declarer cashed two rounds of hearts with king and queen, on which North dropped the ten. Now a club from dummy and Meike put in the nine, thereby making the contract. Who has heard the proverb about girls that are dangerous to handle without gloves?



Meike Wortel

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ A Q J 6 3 ♦ 8 6 5 ♣ A	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <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	♠ K 9 4 ♥ 10 7 ♦ J 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ 8 2	
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>			
2♦ 5♦	2♥ Dble	2♣ Pass All Pass	Pass 4♥			

Two Clubs could be strong or a weak two in diamonds. West, Marion, acted slowly but knew what to do after the vulnerable game was reached by North/South.

North chose to lead a trump to West's ace. She played a spade to the king and a club from dummy. South put up the queen and declarer ducked for the bare ace in North who, somewhat carelessly, played another trump to the king.



# Shanghai 2007

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Seniors Bowl  
World Transnational Open Teams Championships  
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## THE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Provisional Programme)

**The Opening Ceremony** will be on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007, at the invitation of Chinese Bridge Association.

**The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & Senior Bowl:** Round Robin will start on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September and finish on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, with the final knock-out stages starting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>.

In these 3 events the Quarter Final will end before the start of the **Transnational Open Teams** on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, allowing people who want to play this event to be free on time.

**The Closing Ceremony**, which will include the prize giving, followed by a victory banquet/or Cocktail will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

In accordance with the provisional schedule, the play will start daily at 10.00/10.30 a.m. and finish at 7.30/8.30 p.m., except on Oct 8<sup>th</sup> when play will be extended to 11.00/11.30 p.m.

## THE WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS

**The 6<sup>th</sup> World Transnational Open Teams Championships** is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it

is open to teams composed of players coming from different countries, nominated by their National Bridge Organisation and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.

It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vugraph presentation. Players wishing to compete in this Championship should contact their NBO and request nomination by the end of July 2007. There is no quota, and NBOs may nominate as many teams as they wish to compete in this great tournament.

Players eliminated from the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup, as well as those from the Seniors Bowl will be able to enter the World Transnational Open Teams Championship free of charge if they enter as a complete team. If they join players who are coming to Shanghai just to play in this event, then a substantial discount on the entry fee is offered.

**The World Transnational Open Teams** will take place during the second week, starting in the late afternoon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The format will be Swiss Teams. It is normally played as 10-board matches (3, 4 or 5 per day) for 15 qualifying rounds (150 boards). The Quarter Final will start on Thursday late afternoon, the Semi Final will be played on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October and the Final will end on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October.