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UNDERWAY!



The 1st Mindsports Games are underway after yesterday's first three rounds of the qualifying stage of each championship. In the Under 28 event, the powerful Polish team leads with 73 VPs out of a possible 75, 6 VPs clear of China, Egypt and Serbia. Poland is also tied for the lead in the Under 26 series, on 64 VPs with Italy, just ahead of Norway. Meanwhile, Bulgaria leads the way in the Under 21s on 73 VPs, followed by France and Singapore on 69. Watch out for Singapore – their Under 26 team won the zone's first ever Youth medal two years ago in Bangkok and it looks as though they may have another strong group of players coming through.

Today's Schedule

- 10.30 U-28 Teams, Swiss 4
- 10.30 U-26 Teams, Round 4
- 10.30 U-21 Teams, Round 4
- 14.20 U-28 Teams, Swiss 5
- 14.20 U-26 Teams, Round 5
- 14.20 U-21 Teams, Round 5
- 17.30 U-28 Teams, Swiss 6
- 17.30 U-26 Teams, Round 6
- 17.30 U-21 Teams, Round 6



U-26 TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 1

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 POLAND	GERMANY	69-12	25 - 3
2 CHILE	USA	48-44	16 - 14
3 NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	11-37	9 - 21
4 INDONESIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	38-66	8 - 22
5 CHINA	CANADA	36-26	17 - 13
6 ARGENTINA	NEW ZEALAND	66- 9	25 - 3
7 EGYPT	ITALY	34-42	13 - 17
8 AUSTRALIA	INDIA	54-21	23 - 7
9 DENMARK	CHINA HONG KONG	73-14	25 - 2

ROUND 4

1 AUSTRALIA	EGYPT
2 POLAND	ARGENTINA
3 INDIA	CHINA
4 GERMANY	USA
5 NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS
6 CANADA	CHILE
7 CHINESE TAIPEI	DENMARK
8 NORWAY	CHINA HONG KONG
9 ITALY	INDONESIA

ROUND 2

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 POLAND	AUSTRALIA	14-17	14 - 16
2 GERMANY	CHINA HONG KONG	45-57	12 - 18
3 ITALY	ARGENTINA	49-17	23 - 7
4 NEW ZEALAND	CHINA	29-40	14 - 19
5 CANADA	INDONESIA	21-51	8 - 22
6 CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS	21-86	1 - 25
7 NORWAY	CHILE	53-18	23 - 7
8 USA	DENMARK	16-24	13 - 17
9 INDIA	EGYPT	50-42	17 - 13

ROUND 5

1 USA	NORWAY
2 CHINA HONG KONG	CHINESE TAIPEI
3 DENMARK	CANADA
4 CHILE	NEW ZEALAND
5 EGYPT	GERMANY
6 INDONESIA	INDIA
7 CHINA	POLAND
8 ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA
9 NETHERLANDS	ITALY

ROUND 3

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 CHINA HONG KONG	USA	18-31	12 - 18
2 DENMARK	NORWAY	29-43	12 - 18
3 AUSTRALIA	GERMANY	45-47	15 - 15
4 NETHERLANDS	CANADA	43-33	17 - 13
5 INDONESIA	NEW ZEALAND	24-18	16 - 14
6 CHINA	ITALY	26-64	6 - 24
7 ARGENTINA	INDIA	52-42	17 - 13
8 EGYPT	POLAND	18-63	5 - 25
9 CHILE	CHINESE TAIPEI	24-35	13 - 17

ROUND 6

1 EGYPT	ARGENTINA
2 AUSTRALIA	CHINA
3 POLAND	INDONESIA
4 INDIA	NETHERLANDS
5 ITALY	CHILE
6 GERMANY	NORWAY
7 CANADA	CHINA HONG KONG
8 CHINESE TAIPEI	USA
9 NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK

U-21 TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 1

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	URUGUAY ECUADOR	48-45	16 - 14
2	SINGAPORE USA	66-37	22 - 8
3	AUSTRALIA BOTSWANA	63-16	25 - 4
4	ARGENTINA NORWAY	55-36	19 - 11
5	POLAND BULGARIA	20-52	7 - 23
6	NETHERLANDS PAKISTAN	66-28	24 - 6
7	CANADA INDONESIA	56-34	20 - 10
8	CHINESE TAIPEI CHINA	22-45	10 - 20
9	FRANCE ENGLAND	59-42	19 - 11

ROUND 4

1	CHINESE TAIPEI	CANADA
2	URUGUAY	NETHERLANDS
3	CHINA	POLAND
4	ECUADOR	USA
5	PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA
6	BULGARIA	SINGAPORE
7	NORWAY	FRANCE
8	BOTSWANA	ENGLAND
9	INDONESIA	ARGENTINA

ROUND 2

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	URUGUAY CHINESE TAIPEI	2-114	-0.5 -24.5
2	ECUADOR ENGLAND	11-50	4 - 24
3	INDONESIA NETHERLANDS	33-61	8 - 22
4	PAKISTAN POLAND	17-72	3 - 25
5	BULGARIA ARGENTINA	72-11	25 - 2
6	NORWAY AUSTRALIA	41-46	14 - 16
7	BOTSWANA SINGAPORE	17-82	1 - 25
8	USA FRANCE	13-72	2 - 25
9	CHINA CANADA	70-31	24 - 6

ROUND 5

1	USA	BOTSWANA
2	ENGLAND	NORWAY
3	FRANCE	BULGARIA
4	SINGAPORE	PAKISTAN
5	CANADA	ECUADOR
6	ARGENTINA	CHINA
7	POLAND	URUGUAY
8	NETHERLANDS	CHINESE TAIPEI
9	AUSTRALIA	INDONESIA

ROUND 1

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	ENGLAND USA	23-36	12 - 18
2	FRANCE BOTSWANA	111-11	25 - 0
3	CHINESE TAIPEI ECUADOR	69-13	25 - 3
4	AUSTRALIA BULGARIA	21-73	4 - 25
5	ARGENTINA PAKISTAN	36-47	13 - 17
6	POLAND INDONESIA	54-24	22 - 8
7	NETHERLANDS CHINA	35-53	11 - 19
8	CANADA URUGUAY	77-11	25 - 1
9	SINGAPORE NORWAY	38- 8	22 - 8

ROUND 6

1	CANADA	NETHERLANDS
2	CHINESE TAIPEI	POLAND
3	URUGUAY	ARGENTINA
4	CHINA	AUSTRALIA
5	INDONESIA	SINGAPORE
6	ECUADOR	BOTSWANA
7	BULGARIA	ENGLAND
8	NORWAY	USA
9	PAKISTAN	FRANCE

U-26 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 3

1	ITALY	64
	POLAND	64
3	NORWAY	62
4	AUSTRALIA	54
	DENMARK	54
6	NETHERLANDS	51
7	ARGENTINA	49
8	INDONESIA	46
9	USA	45
10	CHINA	42
11	CHINESE TAIPEI	40
12	INDIA	37
13	CHILE	36
14	CANADA	34
15	CHINA HONG KONG	32
16	EGYPT	31
	NEW ZEALAND	31
18	GERMANY	30

U-21 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 3

1	BULGARIA	73
2	FRANCE	69
	SINGAPORE	69
4	CHINA	63
5	CHINESE TAIPEI	59.5
6	NETHERLANDS	57
7	POLAND	54
8	CANADA	51
9	ENGLAND	47
10	AUSTRALIA	45
11	ARGENTINA	34
12	NORWAY	33
13	USA	28
14	INDONESIA	26
	PAKISTAN	26
16	ECUADOR	21
17	URUGUAY	16.5
18	BOTSWANA	5

HELP!

We badly need your help to make the Youth section of these bulletins as good as it possibly can be. Between the three championships we have 110 tables in play and there are just three bulletin editors. It is almost guaranteed that we will therefore miss all your most brilliant plays, bids of genius, and moments of sheer insanity.

So we need your help. Please, if you have a good story, whether it be a brilliancy or an entertaining disaster, let us know about it.

The bulletin team is Brian Senior, Jan van Cleef and Micke Melander. If you don't see one of us walking around, we can be found in the bulletin room, through the far end of the Open Room.

Junior Teams Only

All players must have their passports checked to confirm their eligibility to play in these championships. NPCs should deliver all their team's passports to the bridge hospitality outside the Open playing room, not later than the end of play on Sunday,

U-28 TEAMS



RESULTS



SWISS 1

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 INDIA	ECUADOR	50 - 42	17 - 13
2 NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE	35 - 38	14 - 16
3 NORWAY	TURKEY	39 - 10	22 - 8
4 AUSTRIA	TUNISIA	33 - 16	19 - 11
5 GREECE	CANADA	50 - 26	21 - 9
6 DENMARK	ARGENTINA	40 - 30	17 - 13
7 IRELAND	JORDAN	44 - 37	16 - 14
8 COLOMBIA	PAKISTAN	3 - 78	0 - 25
9 PORTUGAL	BANGLADESH	64 - 5	25 - 2
10 SINGAPORE	WALES	78 - 10	25 - 1
11 KENYA	SWITZERLAND	6 - 82	0 - 25
12 ENGLAND	CROATIA	26 - 39	12 - 18
13 PERU	URUGUAY	39 - 64	9 - 21
14 ISRAEL	HUNGARY	29 - 38	13 - 17
15 ESTONIA	MONGOLIA	107 - 22	25 - 0
16 ARUBA	BELARUS	39 - 64	9 - 21
17 SRI LANKA	CHINESE TAIPEI	18 - 62	5 - 25
18 UKRAINE	PHILIPPINES	45 - 42	16 - 14
19 ALBANIA	JAPAN	13 - 84	1 - 25
20 BELGIUM	RUSSIA	37 - 18	19 - 11
21 SWEDEN	EGYPT	4 - 66	2 - 25
22 SCOTLAND	CAC	88 - 14	25 - 0
23 ICELAND	JAMAICA	66 - 13	25 - 3
24 THAILAND	MALAYSIA	58 - 25	23 - 7
25 SOUTH AFRICA	BOTSWANA	29 - 53	9 - 21
26 SPAIN	SLOVAKIA	44 - 11	23 - 7
27 ROMANIA	ZIMBABWE	43 - 28	18 - 12
28 POLAND	INDONESIA	97 - 24	25 - 0
29 NETHERLANDS	CHINA	27 - 36	13 - 17
30 SLOVENIA	KOREA	69 - 22	25 - 4
31 CHINA HONG KONG	USA	26 - 56	8 - 22
32 GERMANY	AUSTRALIA	38 - 28	17 - 13
33 LATVIA	ITALY	49 - 15	23 - 7
34 VENEZUELA	FINLAND	11 - 96	0 - 25
35 COSTA RICA	SERBIA	23 - 63	6 - 24
36 BRAZIL	CZECH REPUBLIC	25 - 25	15 - 15
37 LITHUANIA	LEBANON	61 - 35	21 - 9

SWISS 2

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 PAKISTAN	EGYPT	9 - 50	6 - 24
2 SWITZERLAND	PORTUGAL	24 - 85	1.5 - 24.5
3 FINLAND	SINGAPORE	21 - 32	13 - 17
4 JAPAN	SCOTLAND	65 - 8	25 - 3
5 ICELAND	ESTONIA	39 - 16	20 - 10
6 POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	82 - 7	25 - 0
7 SLOVENIA	SERBIA	17 - 77	2 - 25
8 SPAIN	LATVIA	32 - 56	9 - 21
9 THAILAND	NORWAY	11 - 40	8 - 22
10 USA	GREECE	72 - 4	25 - 0
11 BOTSWANA	LITHUANIA	29 - 39	13 - 17
12 BELARUS	URUGUAY	76 - 31	25 - 5
13 AUSTRIA	BELGIUM	34 - 39	14 - 16
14 ROMANIA	CROATIA	29 - 61	7 - 23
15 GERMANY	CHINA	6 - 94	0 - 25
16 DENMARK	HUNGARY	35 - 22	18 - 12
17 INDIA	IRELAND	70 - 13	25 - 3
18 FRANCE	UKRAINE	29 - 19	17 - 13
19 BRAZIL	PHILIPPINES	42 - 25	19 - 11
20 CZECH REPUBLIC	NEW ZEALAND	73 - 12	25 - 2
21 JORDAN	ECUADOR	27 - 31	13.5 - 15.5
22 ISRAEL	ARGENTINA	49 - 2	25 - 4
23 NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA	38 - 33	16 - 14
24 ENGLAND	ZIMBABWE	103 - 2	25 - 0
25 RUSSIA	TUNISIA	55 - 20	23 - 7
26 ARUBA	PERU	41 - 35	16 - 14
27 LEBANON	SOUTH AFRICA	40 - 32	17 - 13
28 CANADA	CHINA HONG KONG	24 - 47	10 - 20
29 TURKEY	MALAYSIA	95 - 6	25 - 0
30 ITALY	SLOVAKIA	56 - 37	19 - 11
31 COSTA RICA	SRI LANKA	45 - 24	20 - 10
32 KOREA	JAMAICA	65 - 24	24 - 6
33 BANGLADESH	SWEDEN	39 - 53	12 - 18
34 ALBANIA	WALES	26 - 62	7 - 23
35 INDONESIA	MONGOLIA	117 - 7	25 - 0
36 CAC	VENEZUELA	21 - 42	10 - 20
37 KENYA	COLOMBIA	82 - 32	25 - 4

U-28 TEAMS



RESULTS



SWISS 3

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 JAPAN	POLAND	8 - 42	7 - 23
2 PORTUGAL	EGYPT	38 - 52	12 - 18
3 SERBIA	USA	35 - 22	18 - 12
4 BELARUS	ICELAND	31 - 52	10 - 20
5 NORWAY	LATVIA	31 - 37	14 - 16
6 CHINA	SINGAPORE	68 - 9	25 - 2
7 INDIA	CROATIA	43 - 19	21 - 9
8 CZECH REPUBLIC	FINLAND	32 - 46	12 - 18
9 ISRAEL	LITHUANIA	63 - 47	19 - 11
10 ENGLAND	ESTONIA	67 - 31	23 - 7
11 DENMARK	BRAZIL	25 - 30	14 - 16
12 AUSTRIA	RUSSIA	52 - 39	18 - 12
13 BELGIUM	BOTSWANA	58 - 22	23 - 7
14 TURKEY	FRANCE	38 - 37	15 - 15
15 SPAIN	PAKISTAN	28 - 29	15 - 15
16 THAILAND	NETHERLANDS	25 - 35	13 - 17
17 HUNGARY	UKRAINE	72 - 51	20 - 10
18 ECUADOR	SCOTLAND	30 - 60	8 - 22
19 KOREA	CHINA HONG KONG	24 - 57	7 - 23
20 JORDAN	SLOVENIA	53 - 27	21 - 9
21 AUSTRALIA	SWITZERLAND	40 - 38	15 - 15
22 URUGUAY	ITALY	35 - 79	4.5 - 24.5
23 LEBANON	COSTA RICA	75 - 6	25 - 1
24 INDONESIA	ROMANIA	40 - 42	15 - 15
25 ARUBA	KENYA	77 - 27	25 - 4
26 PHILIPPINES	CHINESE TAIPEI	45 - 42	16 - 14
27 WALES	PERU	63 - 20	25 - 5
28 SOUTH AFRICA	GREECE	36 - 46	13 - 17
29 SWEDEN	VENEZUELA	103 - 1	25 - 0
30 IRELAND	CANADA	7 - 61	3 - 25
31 SLOVAKIA	TUNISIA	80 - 7	25 - 0
32 GERMANY	ARGENTINA	24 - 30	14 - 16
33 NEW ZEALAND	SRI LANKA	65 - 6	25 - 2
34 BANGLADESH	ZIMBABWE	93 - 14	24.5 - 0.5
35 CAC	JAMAICA	46 - 11	23 - 7
36 ALBANIA	MALAYSIA	37 - 28	17 - 13
37 COLOMBIA	MONGOLIA	68 - 20	25 - 4

TD Corner

Line-Ups

Captains are reminded of the regulation regarding the time of line-ups. Each line-up is recorded automatically by the system and penalties for late line-ups are mandatory.

Line-ups during the Round Robin/Swiss stage must for both teams be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the previous round.

By special dispensation, teams **in the Under 28 event only**, may put in their line-up for the first match in the morning either the previous evening or between 9-30 and 10-00 in the morning.

Penalties for failure to submit line-ups in the time limit are:

1st offence –	Warning
2nd offence –	US\$ 80-00
3rd offence –	US\$ 100-00
4th+ offence –	US\$ 150-00



See Supplemental Conditions of Contest.



VUGRAPH MATCHES

New Zealand - Netherlands (U-26/Round 4)	10.30
The two teams at the top table (U-28/Round 5)	14.10
No Vugraph match	17.30

U-28 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 3

1 POLAND	73	SINGAPORE	44
2 CHINA	67	THAILAND	44
EGYPT	67	41 SLOVAKIA	43
SERBIA	67	42 AUSTRALIA	42
5 ICELAND	65	ESTONIA	42
6 INDIA	63	44 SWITZERLAND	41.5
7 PORTUGAL	61.5	45 BOTSWANA	41
8 ENGLAND	60	NEW ZEALAND	41
LATVIA	60	PHILIPPINES	41
10 USA	59	48 INDONESIA	40
11 BELGIUM	58	ROMANIA	40
NORWAY	58	50 CHINESE TAIPEI	39
13 ISRAEL	57	UKRAINE	39
JAPAN	57	52 BANGLADESH	38.5
15 BELARUS	56	53 GREECE	38
FINLAND	56	54 ECUADOR	36.5
17 CZECH REPUBLIC	52	55 SLOVENIA	36
18 AUSTRIA	51	56 KOREA	35
CHINA HONG KONG	51	SOUTH AFRICA	35
LEBANON	51	58 GUADELOUPE-GUYANE-MARTINIQUE	33
21 ITALY	50.5	ARGENTINA	33
22 ARUBA	50	60 GERMANY	31
BRAZIL	50	61 URUGUAY	30.5
CROATIA	50	62 COLOMBIA	29
SCOTLAND	50	KENYA	29
26 DENMARK	49	64 PERU	28
HUNGARY	49	65 COSTA RICA	27
LITHUANIA	49	66 ALBANIA	25
WALES	49	67 IRELAND	22
30 JORDAN	48.5	68 MALAYSIA	20
31 FRANCE	48	VENEZUELA	20
TURKEY	48	70 TUNISIA	18
33 SPAIN	47	71 SRI LANKA	17
34 NETHERLANDS	46	72 JAMAICA	16
PAKISTAN	46	73 ZIMBABWE	11.5
RUSSIA	46	74 MONGOLIA	4
37 SWEDEN	45		
38 CANADA	44		

A Couple of Rules

by Jan van Cleeff

The Netherlands versus Norway in the first round of the U-26 teams looked promising. The first team is the reigning European Junior Teams Champion and in the same championships the latter team finished 4th twice in a row. Moreover, the Norwegians fielded a big star: Espen Lindqvist, gold medallist of the EC Open in Pau.

Talking about big stars, the Dutchies of course have their Marion Michielsen. Last month in Louisville, Kentucky, she was a member of the successful European team which beat America in the Warren Buffett Bridge Cup.

Board 4 put Bob Drijver in the spotlights:

Board 4. Dealer West, All Vul.

♠ J 9 7 6 4 3		
♥ J 3		
♦ J 9 8 6 2		
♣ –		
♠ K 5		♠ Q 10 8 2
♥ K 9 7 5		♥ A 8 6
♦ A 10		♦ 5 4 3
♣ K Q 7 4 3		♣ A J 8
	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ A	
	♥ Q 10 4 2	
	♦ K Q 7	
	♣ 10 9 6 5 2	



Petter Eide – Norway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eide</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Vivgard</i>	<i>Groenenboom</i>
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Standard rules apply here:

Rule I: lead your longest and strongest.

Rule II: never lead a minor suit against a non-Stayman auction.

So did Drijver lead a spade? The answer is no, since more rules exist:

Rule III: when you don't bid them, don't lead them (Benito Garozzo's rule). By the way, 2♠ is likely to go one down only.

Rule IV: lead the shorter from two 5+ cards (Bob Drijver's rule).

Declarer immediately won the diamond lead, played a heart to the ace and tried for a steal in spades. End of story. In the Closed Room the diamond lead was found as well, but after a Stayman auction.

Board 6. Dealer East, E/W Vul.

		♠ K 8 4
		♥ 2
		♦ J 7 4
		♣ A K J 10 7 3
♠ 9 6		
♥ A Q 10 9 8 6		
♦ K 9 2		
♣ 6 2		
	<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ A Q 7 5 3 2	♠ J 10
	♥ J 7 3	♥ K 5 4
	♦ 10 8	♦ A Q 6 5 3
	♣ Q 5	♣ 9 8 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eide</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Vivgard</i>	<i>Groenenboom</i>
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♦

Over Merijn Groenenboom's Multi, West figured his hand just not good enough for a vulnerable overcall on the two level and therefore passed. However, Bob Drijver, who anticipated a weak two in hearts, judged his hand fit for a constructive and natural 3♣. In spite of his max and his promising ♣Q, South did not accept the invitation and passed. Had he bid 3♠ instead North surely would have reached game, duly bid in the other

room.

Board. 9, Dealer North, E/W Vul.

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

In the Closed Room Michielsen-Wortel scored 650 in 4♥. More action in the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
Eide	Drijver	Vivgard	Groenenboom
	1♣	1♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	?	

It all depended on East. Would he pass and lose points or ... Allan Vivgard bravely re-opened the bidding with a double, passed all round. The defense was merciless: three rounds of diamonds, declarer pitching a heart. Hereafter declarer still lost four trump tricks and the ♣K.

The Norwegians had the better of the game and booked a clear victory: 21 to 9.



Bob Drijver – Netherlands

Ariba Aruba

by Jan van Cleeff

This hand proved to be decisive when Aruba met Peru in Round 2 of the U-28.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room the Peruvian North, South pair stopped in a diamond partscore making ten tricks. A pity for them, since the obvious 3NT is an easy 600 or 630. Obvious? Let's have a look in the Open Room:



Van der Horst – Aruba

North	South
Van der Horst	Ponson
1♦	1♥
3♦	4♦
4♠	5♦
Pass	

Over the forcing 4♦ (the Arubians play Caribbean Acol), North did not dare to make a cuebid in his partner's suit. South, under the impression that a heart control was lacking, signed off in the diamond game. Right he was, but for the wrong reason: a spade lead would kill 6♦. But even 5♦ needed some handling..

East led a spade, won in hand by declarer, who advanced his stiff heart, West took the jack and continued in spades for dummy's ace. Next came ♣A, club ruff, heart ruff and another club ruff. At this point Van der Horst cashed the trump queen and noticed the 4-0 split. He ruffed another heart in hand and was home, since he made six trumps in his hand, two in dummy and three black quick tricks. Careful play by Johannes van der Horst on a hand which contributed substantially to the 16-14 victory of his country.

U-21 TEAMS

ROUND 1



ENGLAND

v

FRANCE



There has always been a fierce rivalry between France and England, both in bridge and in general life, so where better to begin our coverage of these championships than with the first round Under 21s match between those two countries?

I could not honestly say that this was the best bridge I have ever seen, but it had its moments and there was certainly plenty of action.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
—	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>B. Paske</i>	<i>Lebatteaux</i>	<i>Myers</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Not the easiest board to start the championships for the two North/South pairs.

Pierre Franceschetti opened 1♦ then rebid the suit over Alexandre Kilani's 2♣ response. The initial response was not game-forcing but the 3♦ raise was forcing and Franceschetti, with little major-suit strength, followed up by showing his partial club fit. That excited Kilani sufficiently for him to check on key cards but he then judged to play in game when Franceschetti could only show one. There was no problem in the play as the cards lay so that was a

safe +400 to France.

Rob Myers did not like to bid those weak clubs on such a good hand where slam might be in the picture so invented a heart suit. He followed up with game-forcing fourth suit and, when that got doubled, redoubled as a suggestion to play there. Had Ben Paske passed that, it would have offered a painless, if slightly unusual, path to the game bonus and a modest gain to England. But Paske didn't fancy playing in his doubleton, redoubled, and pulled to 2NT. He subsequently showed a heart feature and Myers eventually guessed to raise to the diamond slam, imagining, perhaps, a bare ace of clubs to explain the removal to 2NT. There was no hope for 6♦ as the cards lay and that meant -50 and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>B. Paske</i>	<i>Lebatteaux</i>	<i>Myers</i>
—	—	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

France was off to a hot start when England bid a second poor slam, again going one down, though this one could have been made.

When Tom Paske could respond 1♠, Ed Jones splintered and, when Paske made an encouraging noise, went on with key-card. The lead to 6♠ was a diamond. Paske won the ace and led a club to his ace then a spade to the queen and ace.

Back came a heart, which he won in dummy to play a spade to the three, ten and jack; down one for –50.

Of course, the obvious play in spades involves the finesse of the ten, but it is not quite as simple as that. There is restricted choice to consider. When declarer leads the second spade and the three appears, he can succeed if he guesses correctly – did North begin with a bare eight, when finessing the seven then crossing to dummy to finesse the ten will be the winner, nine-eight doubleton, when putting in the ten is correct, or jack-eight doubleton, when playing the king is the winner?

If one argues that North would be equally likely to play the nine or the eight from nine-eight doubleton, but had to play the eight from jack-eight doubleton, one might convince oneself that the ten is not the odds play after all.

The French East/West pair stopped in game after a semi-forcing 2♣ opening, with West making two relays then cue-bidding 4♣ but respecting East's sign-off. When the ace went in on a low spade towards the dummy, that was +480 and 11 IMPs to France.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	All Pass

This deal was passed out at the other table. Here, Paske opened and Jones made a semi-forcing INT response then showed an invitational hand at his next turn. Perhaps, having opened on distribution, there was a case for Paske ploughing on with 3♥ to improve the partscore, but that did not have to be the winning action and he chose to pass. A low club lead saw dummy's ten score and Jones saw that he was unlikely to come to eight tricks without the heart suit. We can all see that the hearts are coming in by leading low to the king then crossing the the ♠A to cash the ♥A, but that requires the doubleton queen, Far more likely is a three-three split or doubleton nine, when crashing the king under the ace then playing the jack to force out the queen is successful. That is how Jones played and on the actual lie he could do no better than minus two after this

start; –200 and 26-0 to France after three boards.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>B. Paske</i>	<i>Lebatteaux</i>	<i>Myers</i>
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

England got back half the deficit when Ben Paske found a more effective opening lead than Franceschetti on this deal. Both players decided that there was no future in spades. Paske led a diamond and found the perfect layout for down one, while Franceschetti tried the jack of hearts and Paske wrapped up 11 tricks for +660 and 13 IMPs to England.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>B. Paske</i>	<i>Lebatteaux</i>	<i>Myers</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Jones contented himself with simple preference at his second turn and Paske played 2♠ on a club lead. He won dummy's queen and led a spade to the jack and queen. Back came a diamond to the jack and ace. Paske drew trumps and cashed the clubs for +170.

Aymeric Lebatteaux preferred to show his clubs and Nicolas Lhuissier bid the obvious 3NT. After a diamond lead declarer cashed the clubs but, with the spade offside, the best he could do was to get out for one down; -100 and 7 IMPs to England.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
3♠	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			



Benjamin Paske – England

West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>B. Paske</i>	<i>Lebatteaux</i>	<i>Myers</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
3♥	Pass	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Jones chose to open at the one level and Paske made a pre-emptive raise to 3♠ over the take-out double. Franceschetti jumped to 4NT to show the minors but found his partner with a powerful hand and Kilani guessed to try the club slam. After two rounds of spades this contract rather fell apart and was down three for -150.

Lebatteaux opened 2♦, multi, and Myers doubled, 13-15 balanced or any strong hand. Three Hearts was pass or correct and Myers showed a big hand with hearts when he bid 4♥. Lhuissier judged to save in 4♠ and Myers doubled, ending the auction. After cashing the king of diamonds, Myers tried a low club and declarer's misguess left him down three, losing two tricks in each side-suit; -500 and 12 IMPs to England. The match was tied at 32-32 IMPs at the halfway point.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
–	1♣	1♦	2♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>B. Paske</i>	<i>Lebatteaux</i>	<i>Myers</i>
–	1♣	1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Kilani could make a weak jump response of 2♠ and left it at that. He led the queen of spades against 4♥. Jones won and led a heart to his ten then back to the king and ace. With both red suits behaving nicely he had ten tricks for +620.

Myers bid 1♥ to show spades and Lhuissier's 1♠ bid was take-out of spades. Paske showed his clubs (1♣ could have been a doubleton) and Myers tried 2♠. When his opponents bid the heart game, Myers decided that his partner

should have a couple of spades as West had made a take-out bid and East had shown both red suits. He tried a fourth spade and Lhuissier was delighted to inform him that he had misjudged. The play was not a pleasure – unless you were French, of course. Myers emerged with five tricks for down five and – 1100: 10 IMPs to France.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 7 5 3	♠ K Q 2	♠ J 6
♥ A 10 9 8 7	♥ K J 5	♥ Q 6 2
♦ Q	♦ 10 6 5 3	♦ A K 6 2
♣ K Q 8	♣ A 6 3	♣ 10 7 5 2
	<div>W N E S</div>	
	♠ 10 9 8 4	
	♥ 4 3	
	♦ J 9 8 7	
	♣ 1 9 4	

Both East/Wests bid quickly to 4♥. Lhuissier mis-guessed the trumps and ended up down one for -50.

In the Open Room, Tom Paske received the lead of the king of spades. He falsecarded with the five but Francescetti didn't fall for that and switched to a diamond. Paske won the $\diamond Q$, played ace of spades and ruffed a spade, then led a club to the king and ace. He won the diamond return in dummy, throwing his last spade, then discarded the $\clubsuit 8$ on the other diamond winner, crossed to the queen of clubs, and led a low heart towards the queen. Francescetti went in with the king and returned a diamond but Paske could ruff, unblock the heart and ruff a club back to hand; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to England.

France led by 47-42 with two deals to go and the match was decided on Board 15.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 10
♥ J 9 8 7
♦ A 10 9 8 6 2
♣ K 4

♠ Q J 9 8 7 6 3
♥ A 2
♦ Q 4 3
♣ 10

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W E
S

♠ A K 5 2
♥ 10 5
♦ K 7 5
♣ Q 9 7 2

♠ 4
♥ K Q 6 4 3
♦ J
♣ A J 8 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	1NT
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>B. Paske</i>	<i>Lebatteaux</i>	<i>Myers</i>
—	—	—	1♣
3♠	Dble	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass 4♦	All Pass		

When Lhuissier pre-empted with 3♠. Ben Paske made a negative double and Myers tried 3NT. With a minimum opening, and no guarantee of game values, it might have been wiser to settle for the penalty and defend 3♠ doubled, though this is only one down. When Lebatteaux doubled, Paske guessed to run to 4♦, which ended the auction. The lead was a spade to the ace. Paske crossed to hand with a diamond to his ace then led a low club and the queen won. He quickly grabbed the opportunity to discard his ♣K on dummy's top spade then played on hearts. By ruffing the third heart high and the fourth low, he restricted his red losers to three for a nicely played +130.

The stakes were rather higher in the Open Room, where Franceschetti/Kilani stuck 1 out in 3NT doubled. Deducing that his partner must have hearts, Tom Paske led ace and another. Jones won the heart queen and played king and another, establishing the fifth heart. Kilani held the fate of the match in his hands. He won the fourth heart and led to the king of diamonds then led the $\diamond 7$ and time stood still as he decided whether to run it or put up dummy's ace. Playing the ace and finding that the queen did not drop would mean down at most three, while a losing finesse would mean down a certain two. Did that affect his thinking, or did he work out that East's double and subsequent defence suggested that he had a sure entry, presumably the ace of clubs, which left West needing to hold the $\diamond Q$ to justify his bidding – without it he might have pre-empted rather than bid 1 \spadesuit then 2 \spadesuit ?

Whatever his reason, Kilani made himself the hero of the French team by running the diamond and chalking up nine tricks for +750, giving France 12 IMPs and a 59-42 IMP victory, 19-11 VPs.

Had Kilani misguessed the diamonds and gone two down, it would have been 12 IMPs instead to England and they would have won the match by 7 IMPs.



U-28 TEAMS

ROUND 1



SWEDEN

v

EGYPT



Suddenly, the historic time everyone had been waiting for was here. Time had actually come for the 'real start', when our athletes were going to start playing in the 1st World Mind Sport Games. It was with the greatest expectation Board 1 was put on the table.

I took a seat to follow the actions between Thalén/Fryklund (N/S) vs Fattah/Nabil (E/W). Board 1 looked flat in my eyes, when the Swedish pair ended up in 3NT with more or less 10 top tricks. They even got eleven after escaping a club lead.

Board 2 looked like another push when Nabil misguessed how to solve the trump suit in 4♠ for the second extra trick.

Board 3. Declarer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A 6 5 2	♠ K 9 4	♠ Q 8 7
♥ A J 10 8 7 4	♥ 9 6 5 2	♥ K
♦ 10 2	♦ A K 3	♦ 9 8 7 6 4
♣ 10	♣ 8 6 2	♣ A Q 9 4
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="text-align: center;">W</div> <div style="text-align: center;">E</div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ J 10 3	
	♥ Q 3	
	♦ Q J 5	
	♣ K J 7 5 3	

Finally on Board 3 it looked like some IMPs could be split. The main question was if someone actually would find an opening bid?

Well, without any hesitation Fryklund as a true youth player opened as South with a mini notrump 10-12. Nabil now overcalled 2♦ multi showing a weak major, Ace – fourth in spades as a side suit was no problem either. Fattah bid 2♥ on auto which ended the story.

Diamond queen, diamond to the king and heart switch were the first tricks. That was very friendly of the Swedish. Declarer ruffed a diamond to set up the suit and then pulled trumps. Club to the ace, two diamonds with spade discards allowed declarer to score 10 tricks.

On Board 4 Thalén was set to lead after having listening to 1NT – choosing not to overcall – 3NT with:

♠ J 9 7 6 4 3
♥ J 3
♦ J 9 8 6 2
♣ –

He did as many other would and picked longest and strongest, a small spade. Unfortunately, a diamond lead would have defeated the contract. So this might be a swing.

It looked like Board 5 was another 'no swing' when the auction ended in 2♥, making three.

Then Board 6 arrived. Thalén again got the problems. He held the following:

♠ K 8 4
♥ 2
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K J 10 7 3

What to bid when partner opens in first seat with 2♠ showing 3-9 MCPs and normally 6 spades that rarely may be on five cards? I'm sure they had methods to find out about both length and strength, however, Thalén choose the rather strange 3♠! Which was alerted and explained as pre-emptive. That bid ended the auction and the contract made 10 tricks when partner had ace-queen six times in spades, doubleton diamond and the club queen. For sure



Bjorn Thallen – Sweden

that should be some Egyptian IMPs.

On Board 7 Nabil hesitated a little bit before choosing not to invite to game after the auction went 1♠-INT-2♥-2♠ all according to 2/1. That surely can't be so bad for the Swedes since the opponents were cold for 10 tricks even though the queen of trumps was offside.

Board 8 looked to be a good Egyptian board. They found the sacrifice against 4♥ and where doubled in 4♠ for -300. That should be a push, but in bridge you never know...

So at half-time, it looked like we had no winner, and if someone had the lead it couldn't be by much.

Board 9 started with Thalén opening with a precision 2♣. Fattah overcalled 2♦, and when partner asked for a club stopper he happily bid 3NT with king-second in clubs. The contract was cold for nine tricks but they managed to get even 10. The auction kept the Egyptians away from 4♥ which also always was made when they both had a four-card suit there. But it couldn't be more than an IMPs or two.

Board 10 was interesting in several ways.

Board 10. Declarer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Pass
INT*	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Fryklund had to lead from South and chose the ♦4. That cost the contract when he helped declarer to get rid of a diamond loser. He simply had no entries to dummy other wise. But shouldn't you double or overcall and try to fight for the contract with the North hand? Now declarer could enter dummy with a diamond and lead a club to the queen for eight tricks. Some Egyptian IMPs most probably.

The next board also provided some action at the table, Nabil was to be the hero after making a tough 4♥ contract.

Board 11. Declarer South. None Vul.

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

For some unknown reason Thalén this time chose to double the 1♥ opening bid. For sure it told declarer where the high cards were located. The ♠K was led and held the trick when South followed with the 10. Thalén continued with the queen which ran to declarer's ace, who now played the queen of clubs, Thalén was in again and now switched to a passive diamond, the two, jack and queen followed. Our Egyptian hero Nabil fell in a trance and produced the heart ten after a while which solved all his problems.



Karim Nabil – Egypt

On the next board Nabil/Fattah stopped in INT just made, a cold contact from the start but later was mis-played. However, the defense was kind and let it make in the end by discarding the wrong cards.

Board 13 gave E/W the possibilities to play in game, either in clubs or NT. Nabil/Fattah bid 3NT and made 12 tricks after a pseudo squeeze on the defense. Looked like another flat one...

The Swedes got a little high on Board 14 and went one down in 4 diamonds after Thalén investigated if they could play 3NT, finding out that it wasn't such a good idea after having nothing in spades.

Board 15 was another potentially good one for Nabil when he managed to make 3♠ which should have been defended.

The Egyptians finished as they started, in style, scoring 660 in 3NT on a board that should have been flat.

My first thought now was that this should be a close game, 19-11 at the utmost. Many of the boards could go either way. I went to catch the hand records before speaking to some of the players. However, when I managed to find the hand records there where no players. Though I met the Swedish coach in the escalators and asked him if they had compared. 'Yes he said but didnt look to happy.' 'So what was the result, I asked.' "Two", was the reply. "Two what?", I tried. 'We got two victory points'. he continued even more angry and obviously thought that was what I should have though when watching that 16 boards...

Leaving him, a smashing hit from the middle of the eighties came to my mind “Walk like an Egyptian”. I think it should be “Play like an Egyptian”!



Erik Fryklund – Sweden

De Donder on Dummy Play

by Jan van Cleeff

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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

As North, Belgium's Steven de Donder had to deal with the 5-0 trump break in 4♠. East kicked off with the ♦A and continued the suit for his partner's king. West shifted to a heart. Declarer won and cashed a high spade. At this point, De Donder read the position perfectly. He continued ♥K, cashed king and ace of clubs and advanced the ♦Q (heart pitch from hand). Next came the ♦J, ruffed by West and over-ruffed by North. Declarer ruffed the third club, leaving this position:

♠ J 9 8	♠ Q 3	♠ —
♥ —	♥ Q	♥ J
♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
♣ —	♣ —	♣ Q J



♠ 10 5
♥ 10
♦ —
♣ —

Declarer played a heart and West was forced to ruff but had to lead away from his ♠J to reduce declarer's trump losers to just one; contract made.

