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MOVING ON UP



Sport for all in a society with no boundaries

After two days the round robin rankings are beginning to take shape with most of the usual suspects moving on up into the qualifying places. Poland increased its lead in the Under 28 series and has 130 VPs, 9 VPs ahead of our hosts, China. Then come England, Belgium and India.

Poland also leads the Under 26 event with 121 VPs. They are followed by Netherlands 117, Australia 115 and Norway 114. The Poles have to settle for fourth place in the Under 21 Championship. That field is led by France, on 130 VPs. Second comes Chinese Taipei 115.5, followed by England 113 and Poland 112.

Europe dominates the Youth events at this early stage, with nine of the 12 top four places. Surprisingly, none of these places is taken by a team from North America.

Today's Schedule

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- 17.30 U-26 Teams, Round 9
- 17.30 U-21 Teams, Round 9



U-26 TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 4

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 AUSTRALIA	EGYPT	20- 6	18 - 12
2 POLAND	ARGENTINA	33-27	16 - 14
3 INDIA	CHINA	25-28	14 - 16
4 GERMANY	USA	7-66	2 - 25
5 NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS	6-37	8 - 22
6 CANADA	CHILE	58-14	25 - 5
7 CHINESE TAIPEI	DENMARK	42-35	16 - 14
8 NORWAY	CHINA HONG KONG	36-28	17 - 13
9 ITALY	INDONESIA	47-28	19 - 11

ROUND 7

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

ROUND 5

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 USA	NORWAY	24-40	11 - 19
2 CHINA HONG KONG	CHINESE TAIPEI	28-60	7 - 23
3 DENMARK	CANADA	58-18	24 - 6
4 CHILE	NEW ZEALAND	55-27	22 - 8
5 EGYPT	GERMANY	5-68	2 - 25
6 INDONESIA	INDIA	63-38	21 - 9
7 CHINA	POLAND	29-77	4 - 25
8 ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA	44-88	5 - 25
9 NETHERLANDS	ITALY	53-34	19 - 11

ROUND 8

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

ROUND 6

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 EGYPT	ARGENTINA	75-27	25 - 4
2 AUSTRALIA	CHINA	57-45	18 - 12
3 POLAND	INDONESIA	51-33	19 - 11
4 INDIA	NETHERLANDS	14-109	0 - 25
5 ITALY	CHILE	40-66	9 - 21
6 GERMANY	NORWAY	26-29	14 - 16
7 CANADA	CHINA HONG KONG	18-34	11 - 19
8 CHINESE TAIPEI	USA	44-21	20 - 10
9 NEW ZEALAND	DENMARK	36-37	15 - 15

ROUND 9

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

U-21 TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 4

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	CHINESE TAIPEI CANADA	58-16	25 - 5
2	URUGUAY NETHERLANDS	38-37	15 - 15
3	CHINA POLAND	26-36	13 - 17
4	ECUADOR USA	37-46	13 - 17
5	PAKISTAN AUSTRALIA	18-48	8 - 22
6	BULGARIA SINGAPORE	21-20	15 - 15
7	NORWAY FRANCE	36-48	12 - 18
8	BOTSWANA ENGLAND	6-106	0 - 25
9	INDONESIA ARGENTINA	27-74	4 - 25

ROUND 7

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

ROUND 5

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	USA BOTSWANA	99-25	25 - 0
2	ENGLAND NORWAY	66-19	25 - 4
3	FRANCE BULGARIA	65-41	21 - 9
4	SINGAPORE PAKISTAN	33-31	15 - 15
5	CANADA ECUADOR	36-73	6 - 24
6	ARGENTINA CHINA	43-54	13 - 17
7	POLAND URUGUAY	72-46	21 - 9
8	NETHERLANDS CHINESE TAIPEI	36-62	9 - 21
9	AUSTRALIA INDONESIA	77-13	25 - 2

ROUND 8

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

ROUND 6

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	CANADA NETHERLANDS	42-46	14 - 16
2	CHINESE TAIPEI POLAND	20-42	10 - 20
3	URUGUAY ARGENTINA	35-64	8 - 22
4	CHINA AUSTRALIA	35-42	14 - 16
5	INDONESIA SINGAPORE	91-46	25 - 5
6	ECUADOR BOTSWANA	52-45	16 - 14
7	BULGARIA ENGLAND	33-37	14 - 16
8	NORWAY USA	57-53	16 - 14
9	PAKISTAN FRANCE	24-53	8 - 22

ROUND 9

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

U-26 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1	POLAND	124
2	NETHERLANDS	117
3	AUSTRALIA	115
4	NORWAY	114
5	DENMARK	107
6	ITALY	103
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	99
8	USA	91
9	INDONESIA	89
10	CHILE	84
11	CANADA	76
12	CHINA	74
13	ARGENTINA	72
14	CHINA HONG KONG	71
	GERMANY	71
16	EGYPT	70
17	NEW ZEALAND	62
18	INDIA	60

U-21 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1	FRANCE	130
2	CHINESE TAIPEI	115.5
3	ENGLAND	113
4	POLAND	112
5	BULGARIA	111
6	AUSTRALIA	108
7	CHINA	107
8	SINGAPORE	104
9	NETHERLANDS	97
10	ARGENTINA	94
11	USA	84
12	CANADA	76
13	ECUADOR	74
14	NORWAY	65
15	INDONESIA	57
	PAKISTAN	57
17	URUGUAY	48.5
18	BOTSWANA	19

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- **Lineup**

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123.124.180.20

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U-28 TEAMS



RESULTS



SWISS 4

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	POLAND CHINA	67 - 14	25 - 3
2	EGYPT SERBIA	41 - 36	16 - 14
3	ICELAND INDIA	38 - 45	14 - 16
4	PORTUGAL ENGLAND	49 - 36	18 - 12
5	LATVIA USA	34 - 22	18 - 12
6	NORWAY BELGIUM	21 - 43	10 - 20
7	JAPAN ISRAEL	57 - 22	23 - 7
8	FINLAND BELARUS	57 - 30	21 - 9
9	CZECH REPUBLIC LEBANON	65 - 14	25 - 4
10	AUSTRIA CHINA HONG KONG	49 - 45	16 - 14
11	ITALY SCOTLAND	43 - 31	18 - 12
12	BRAZIL ARUBA	100 - 14	25 - 0
13	CROATIA PAKISTAN	68 - 0	25 - 1
14	DENMARK LITHUANIA	52 - 21	22 - 8
15	HUNGARY WALES	32 - 11	20 - 10
16	JORDAN TURKEY	7 - 45	6 - 24
17	FRANCE NETHERLANDS	13 - 34	10 - 20
18	RUSSIA SWEDEN	40 - 41	15 - 15
19	SINGAPORE CANADA	1 - 33	7 - 23
20	SPAIN THAILAND	35 - 18	19 - 11
21	SLOVAKIA AUSTRALIA	46 - 43	16 - 14
22	ESTONIA SWITZERLAND	30 - 38	13 - 17
23	NEW ZEALAND PHILIPPINES	57 - 21	23 - 7
24	BOTSWANA INDONESIA	3 - 82	0 - 25
25	ROMANIA UKRAINE	71 - 19	25 - 4
26	CHINESE TAIPEI BANGLADESH	45 - 18	21 - 9
27	GREECE SLOVENIA	72 - 7	25 - 1
28	ECUADOR KOREA	58 - 23	23 - 7
29	SOUTH AFRICA ARGENTINA	40 - 42	15 - 15
30	CAC GERMANY	28 - 52	9 - 21
31	URUGUAY KENYA	100 - 19	25 - 0
32	COLOMBIA PERU	34 - 50	11 - 19
33	COSTA RICA ALBANIA	53 - 31	20 - 10
34	IRELAND MALAYSIA	83 - 9	25 - 0
35	VENEZUELA TUNISIA	16 - 64	4 - 25
36	SRI LANKA JAMAICA	28 - 41	12 - 18
37	ZIMBABWE MONGOLIA	34 - 30	16 - 14

SWISS 5

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	POLAND EGYPT	45 - 55	13 - 17
2	SERBIA JAPAN	69 - 32	24 - 6
3	PORTUGAL INDIA	50 - 75	9 - 21
4	ICELAND BELGIUM	31 - 26	16 - 14
5	LATVIA FINLAND	32 - 38	14 - 16
6	CZECH REPUBLIC CROATIA	51 - 57	14 - 16
7	BRAZIL TURKEY	34 - 58	9 - 21
8	ENGLAND USA	44 - 13	22 - 8
9	DENMARK CHINA	35 - 76	6 - 24
10	HUNGARY ITALY	58 - 33	21 - 9
11	NORWAY CANADA	54 - 21	23 - 7
12	AUSTRIA INDONESIA	19 - 49	8 - 22
13	NETHERLANDS SPAIN	59 - 40	19 - 11
14	CHINA HONG KONG BELARUS	31 - 15	18 - 10
15	NEW ZEALAND ROMANIA	50 - 41	17 - 13
16	ISRAEL GREECE	53 - 36	19 - 11
17	SCOTLAND RUSSIA	13 - 87	0 - 25
18	SWEDEN CHINESE TAIPEI	52 - 35	19 - 11
19	ECUADOR SLOVAKIA	70 - 45	21 - 9
20	WALES FRANCE	37 - 51	12 - 18
21	SWITZERLAND LITHUANIA	59 - 26	23 - 7
22	AUSTRALIA URUGUAY	48 - 39	17 - 13
23	ESTONIA LEBANON	36 - 47	13 - 17
24	THAILAND JORDAN	19 - 29	13 - 17
25	GERMANY SINGAPORE	21 - 40	11 - 19
26	SOUTH AFRICA ARUBA	87 - 46	24 - 6
27	PHILIPPINES ARGENTINA	72 - 17	25 - 3
28	BANGLADESH IRELAND	42 - 30	18 - 12
29	PAKISTAN PERU	91 - 9	25 - 0
30	COSTA RICA UKRAINE	15 - 86	1 - 25
31	TUNISIA KOREA	49 - 31	19 - 11
32	CAC BOTSWANA	52 - 25	21 - 9
33	COLOMBIA SLOVENIA	58 - 51	16 - 14
34	ALBANIA JAMAICA	47 - 32	18 - 12
35	KENYA SRI LANKA	16 - 64	4 - 25
36	ZIMBABWE VENEZUELA	28 - 58	8 - 22
37	MALAYSIA MONGOLIA	40 - 14	21 - 7

U-28 TEAMS



RESULTS



SWISS 6

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	POLAND SERBIA	55 - 38	19 - 11
2	EGYPT INDIA	32 - 37	14 - 16
3	CHINA ICELAND	88 - 18	25 - 1
4	ENGLAND TURKEY	65 - 28	24 - 6
5	FINLAND BELGIUM	20 - 81	2 - 25
6	LATVIA CROATIA	34 - 31	16 - 14
7	CZECH REPUBLIC NORWAY	32 - 58	9 - 21
8	HUNGARY PORTUGAL	16 - 27	13 - 17
9	INDONESIA JAPAN	51 - 35	19 - 11
10	NETHERLANDS BRAZIL	54 - 48	16 - 14
11	RUSSIA CHINA HONG KONG	27 - 34	14 - 16
12	ISRAEL SWEDEN	29 - 24	16 - 14
13	NEW ZEALAND SWITZERLAND	81 - 1	25 - 0
14	ECUADOR USA	45 - 69	9 - 21
15	ITALY ROMANIA	39 - 41	15 - 15
16	DENMARK SPAIN	21 - 59	6 - 24
17	FRANCE BELARUS	84 - 42	25 - 5
18	AUSTRIA GREECE	16 - 81	1 - 25
19	CANADA SOUTH AFRICA	37 - 41	14 - 16
20	AUSTRALIA PHILIPPINES	32 - 29	16 - 14
21	PAKISTAN LEBANON	56 - 25	22 - 8
22	JORDAN WALES	40 - 36	16 - 14
23	CHINESE TAIPEI SINGAPORE	66 - 10	25 - 3
24	URUGUAY ESTONIA	58 - 37	20 - 10
25	SLOVAKIA UKRAINE	19 - 76	3 - 25
26	THAILAND BANGLADESH	43 - 30	18 - 12
27	LITHUANIA CAC	88 - 13	25 - 0
28	GERMANY SCOTLAND	43 - 31	18 - 12
29	TUNISIA IRELAND	14 - 45	8 - 22
30	COLOMBIA ARUBA	56 - 65	13 - 17
31	SRI LANKA KOREA	11 - 76	1 - 25
32	ALBANIA SLOVENIA	31 - 77	5 - 25
33	ARGENTINA BOTSWANA	74 - 16	25 - 3
34	COSTA RICA PERU	62 - 48	18 - 12
35	JAMAICA VENEZUELA	11 - 84	0 - 25
36	MALAYSIA ZIMBABWE	22 - 85	2 - 25
37	KENYA MONGOLIA	86 - 12	25 - 0

Five Voices_s

How have your first days been here in Beijing?



**Justin Lall, USA
U28**

– It's great here, I just love the city with all the friendly people here. The bridge, however, is going a little so so...

**Sigrid Spangenberg, Netherlands
U21**

– It's been great, nice apartments also. We have been to the Forbidden City and are going to the Wall later on. Yesterday we played well, but today it doesn't seem so promising so far...



**Soumya Das, India
U26**

– OK, everything is just going OK. The bridge is going well and we are enjoying ourselves.

**Miriam Kull, Switzerland
U28**

– Very nice here, we have been to the Great Wall; it was amazingly beautiful. Some language problems though. The bridge is going up and down...



**Alfredo Grijalva, Ecuador
U21**

– First I was very nervous. It's difficult to be here, the first days I had trouble with the time change. When it was day in Ecuador it was night here and so on. At the moment we win a game, the first so far, so now everything is good!

U-28 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1 POLAND	130	39 URUGUAY	88.5
2 CHINA	121	40 CANADA	88
3 ENGLAND	118	41 JORDAN	87.5
4 BELGIUM	117	42 PHILIPPINES	87
5 INDIA	116	43 THAILAND	86
SERBIA	116	44 WALES	85
7 EGYPT	114	45 DENMARK	83
8 NORWAY	112	46 GERMANY	81
9 LATVIA	108	IRELAND	81
10 INDONESIA	107	48 SWITZERLAND	80.5
11 NEW ZEALAND	106	49 BELARUS	80
12 PORTUGAL	105.5	LEBANON	80
13 CROATIA	105	51 ESTONIA	78
14 HUNGARY	103	KOREA	78
15 FRANCE	101	53 BANGLADESH	77.5
NETHERLANDS	101	54 ARGENTINA	76
SPAIN	101	AUSTRIA	76
18 CZECH REPUBLIC	100	SLOVENIA	76
USA	100	57 SCOTLAND	74
20 CHINA HONG KONG	99	58 ARUBA	73
GREECE	99	SINGAPORE	73
ISRAEL	99	60 SLOVAKIA	71
TURKEY	99	VENEZUELA	71
24 BRAZIL	98	62 TUNISIA	70
RUSSIA	98	63 COLOMBIA	69
26 JAPAN	97	64 COSTA RICA	66
27 CHINESE TAIPEI	96	65 CAC	63
ICELAND	96	66 ZIMBABWE	60.5
29 FINLAND	95	67 PERU	59
SWEDEN	95	68 ALBANIA	58
31 PAKISTAN	94	KENYA	58
32 UKRAINE	93	70 SRI LANKA	55
33 ITALY	92.5	71 BOTSWANA	53
34 ROMANIA	92	72 JAMAICA	46
35 AUSTRALIA	90	73 MALAYSIA	43
SOUTH AFRICA	90	74 MONGOLIA	25
37 ECUADOR	89.5		
38 LITHUANIA	89		

Attack Against Slams

by Brian senior

The accepted wisdom is that one should make attacking leads against suit contracts at the six level. That proved to be sound advice on this deal from the third round of the Under 28 teams.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kuldkepp	Green	Loper	Happer
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

For Estonia, Meelis Kuldkepp opened a strong 1♣ and Oliver Loper showed a positive response with five or more spades. Kulkepp enquired and discovered that his partner held five spades to one top honour, 0-2 controls, and second round club control. At this point he decided that he knew enough and jumped to the spade slam.

There are 12 tricks in a spade contract so the defence has



Benn Green – England

to establish its second winner immediately. England's Ben Green unerringly selected a low heart lead and wasted no time in cashing the ♥K when in with the king of spades; one down and 11 IMPs to England instead of 11 to Estonia as the contract in the other room was 4♠.

Green also succeeded in bringing home 4♠ on the deal featuring Steve De Donder in yesterday's bulletin.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Green		Happer
—	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Three Clubs asked about majors and 3♦ said no five-carder but at least one four-carder. Three Hearts showed four spades and 3♠ a non-minimum with four-card support.

East led a low heart to declarer's nine. Green cashed the ace of spades, knowing that he was scold on any three-two or four-one break – only to find that the suit was actually splitting five-zero. He led a low diamond now and East hopped up with the ace and returned the suit. West won the ♦K and returned a heart but Green was in control and could follow the same line as we have already seen to endplay West and escape with only one trump loser.

The point at both tables where we have seen the contract succeed is that the defence took its diamond tricks at the wrong moment. Against De Donder, they led diamonds at the start and declarer was then in control. Against Green, the contract would have been defeated had East not risen with the ace on the first round of the suit. Had he played low, West would have won the ♦K and returned a heart. Now, if declarer knocks out the ace of diamonds, East gives his partner a heart ruff and West has a safe exit card so there is no endplay. And, of course, declarer cannot succeed without setting up the diamonds.

U-21 TEAMS

ROUND 4



BULGARIA

v

SINGAPORE



by Brian Senior

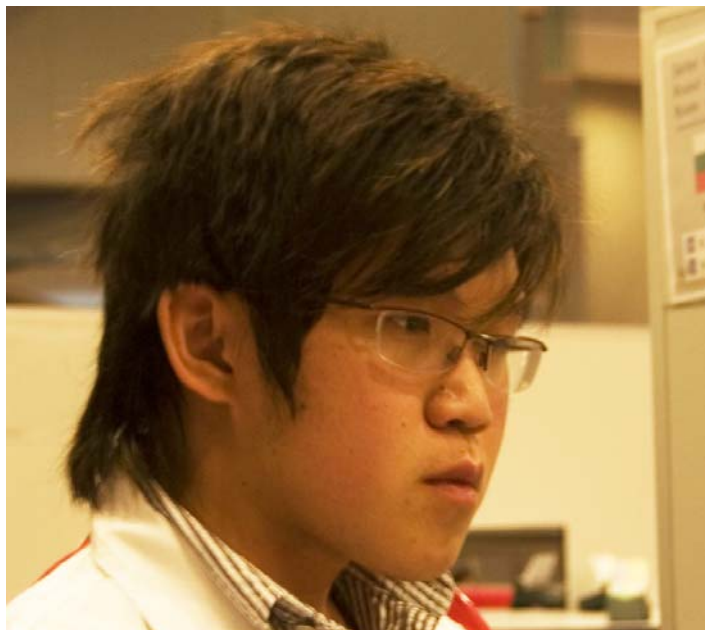
At the end of the first day's play Bulgaria topped the Under 21s rankings while Singapore was joint second, an obvious choice to watch. However, the match proved to be a very quiet affair, resulting in a 21-20 IMP win for Bulgaria, or 15-15 VPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Oh	Skorchev	Tham	Vasilev
—	1♠	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass

For Bulgaria, Stefan Skorchev opened 1♠ and Singapore's Yuan Xing Tham overcalled 2♣. Feng Gui Oh advanced with 2NT, which was a transfer to 3♦, and Tham did as request-



Feng Gui Desmond Oh – Singapore

ed, ending the auction. Nikolai Vasilev led a top heart then switched to a spade to his partner's king. Skorchev continued with two more rounds of spades and Tham ruffed with the ten. He must have fancied his chances now as he played two top clubs to pitch the ♠J from dummy, but the five-one club split meant that Skorchev could ruff and the ace of trumps was the setting trick; down one for -50. Skorchev could have achieved the same result by cashing the ace of diamonds before playing the third spade, as South would then have got his spade ruff.

In the other room the same contract was played the other way up on a club lead and again went down one for a flat board.

On Board 2, Skorchev heard his opponents bid: 1♣ – 1♥ – 2NT – 3♦ – 3♥ – 4♥. He held:

♠	J 8 7 5
♥	8 5 2
♦	K 9
♣	Q 8 6 4

and led the king of diamonds, finding his partner with ace to three so that he duly received his ruff. Alas, that was all for the defence so the aggressive lead merely earned an overtrick IMP for Bulgaria when it perhaps deserved more.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Oh	Skorchev	Tham	Vasilev
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

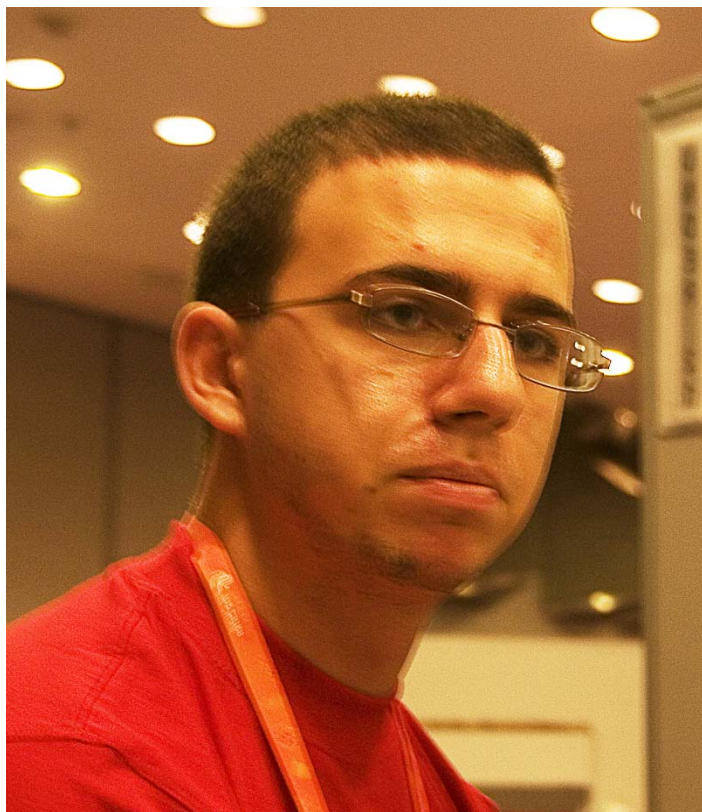
Vasilev treated the awkward South hand as a single-suited

invitational hand with diamonds and Skorchev, looking at a minimum, passed. Oh cashed the ace of clubs then switched to his spade, for the nine and ten. Vasilev ruffed and advanced the ♣Q, pitching a spade when Oh followed low. But Tham ruffed with the ♦10 and returned a low spade. Vasilev discarded so Oh ruffed and gave Tham a second club ruff. Another spade through promoted the jack of diamonds as declarer ruffed high and played on hearts. Oh could ruff the third round and cash the ♣K for down one; -100.

Declarer had his chances to succeed at various points in the play but the result from the other room meant that it was of largely academic interest. There, Zhang Fei Chen and Yong Hui Yeo bid to 3NT and made ten tricks after a low club lead for +630 and 12 IMPs to Singapore.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Nikolai Vasilev – Bulgaria

West <i>Oh</i>	North <i>Skorchev</i>	East <i>Tham</i>	South <i>Vasilev</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

One Diamond was Precision, if that is an appropriate name for a bid that promises at least zero cards in the suit opened, and the 2NT rebid showed 14-16 with six good diamonds but fewer than three hearts. Oh led a low spade and the defence played three rounds, Vasilev euffing. He led a heart to the king then a club to the king and a second club. Oh won the ♣Q and gave Tham a heart ruff, but Vasilev could ruff the club return and claim the rest for +110.

The Singapore North/South were again in game, this time with less success, 4♥ going down two for -200 and 7 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West <i>Oh</i>	North <i>Skorchev</i>	East <i>Tham</i>	South <i>Vasilev</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♦	3♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Skorchev got lucky on this deal when he made an ill-disciplined bid of 4♠ over 4♥. Tham's 2♦ showed a sound heart raise and 3♠ was pre-emptive. Now Skorchev had no extra playing strength to justify bidding again, just a little extra defensive potential.

As the cards lay, 4♠ doubled had to go three down for -500, which was no big deal against 4♥+1 for +450 at the other table; 2 IMPs to Singapore. But on a different layout 4♥ could easily have been going down while 4♠ was still costing -300, and that would have been much more serious.

Slam Swing

by Brian Senior

In Round 5 of the Under 28 Swiss, Poland and Egypt met at the top table. On this deal Egypt picked up a slam swing after both North/South pairs had over-reached to a poor 6NT contract.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

At both tables, East made the obvious lead of the jack of clubs. The Polish declarer won and led a low spade to the queen and king. With both defenders guarding the spades, even the even heart break was not enough to recover from here and the contract was one down for –100.

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦(i)
Dble	2♥(ii)	Pass	2♠(i)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦(iii)
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥(iv)	Pass	6♦(v)
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

- (i) Relay
- (ii) Strong balanced or natural
- (iii) Transfer
- (iv) Cuebid
- (v) Pick a slam

Egypt's Hussein Sherif and Ahmed Kamal also reached 6NT, via the auction above with Sherif at the helm. He too received the club lead but, rather than win and play for the spade to be onside, he chosen to duck the first trick, playing for a squeeze if clubs did not divide four-four.

Sherif threw a diamond from dummy at trick one and a second diamond at trick two. Winning the second club, he continued by cashing two more top clubs, throwing spades from dummy, then cashed the ace of spades, the Vienna Coup. Finally, he ran the five heart winners and West was squeezed between the king of spades and his diamonds; +140 and 17 IMPs to Egypt.

Under 18

by Jan van Cleeff

One of the youngest participants in the World Bridge Games is Vincent Nab of the Netherlands. Seventeen years old, he is true a Under 18-er. In the underlying deal as a true Houdini he escaped from disaster:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
V. Nab	laboni	J. Nab	Zindd
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Gordon Zind's eyes grew bigger and bigger as the bidding proceeded and ended with a sudden death. Vincent Nab, by the way, felt that the bidding was not over at all when he bid 3♥ only (always intending to play in spades in the end).

After two rounds of diamonds, 5♠ left the down zone and soon young Vincent could claim eleven tricks. Easy to notice that par is 4♥ and 4♠ in East/West for obvious reasons.



Vincent Nab – Netherlands

Several Steps on Seven

by Jan van Cleeff

Both Bulgaria and France were high on the leader board – first and second respectively – when they met in Round 5 in the U-21s. On Board 7, West, Ivan Syusyukin from Bulgaria, had a lot of decisions to make. I will show them step by step. This was Ivan's hand:

♠ J 10
♥ K 10 9 6
♦ Q J 9 7 5
♣ K 6

West Syusyukin	North Canonne	East Skorchev	South Lorenzini
–	–	–	1♣
?			

Step 1: Would you overcall?

Answer: 1♦ might be an option, but Ivan, in line with the solid Bulgarian style, decided to pass.

West Syusyukin	North Canonne	East Skorchev	South Lorenzini
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	1♠
?			



Cedric Lorenzini – France

Step 2: Dble, 2♥, 3♥, 2♦, 3♦?

Answer: Ivan elected to bid 2♥.

West Syusyukin	North Canonne	East Skorchev	South Lorenzini
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	1♠
2♥	3♣	3♥	3NT
?			

Step 3: Dble, Pass, 4♥?

Answer: Ivan doubled, showing extras. Especially ♣K looked like a valuable defensive asset.

West Syusyukin	North Canonne	East Skorchev	South Lorenzini
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	1♠
2♥	3♣	3♥	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

Step 4: What to lead?

Answer: Ivan decided to lead the suit he and his partner bid.

Here is the answer to all questions:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Though Ivan Syusyukin scored three out of four, his last step proved too big a hurdle: minus 750. A diamond lead would have done the work. Final words by Cedric Lorenzini: "With four aces I always bid game."

Dangerous Drury

by Jan van Cleeff

After two rounds of the U-28 championship, Japan had scored a brilliant 50 VPs. In the third round the Japanese team was to meet the strong team of Poland, one of the pre-tournament favourites. It was time for a little kibitzing.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q 8 5		
♥ A 8 7 6 4		
♦ —		
♣ A K 8 6 2		
♠ A K J 6 4		♠ 10 7 2
♥ K J		♥ Q 9
♦ Q 6 2		♦ A J 9 7 4
♣ Q 10 4		♣ J 7 3
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
♠ 9 3		
♥ 10 5 3 2		
♦ K 10 8 5 3		
♣ 9 5		

In the Closed Room the Japanese East/West pair, Naozumi Nakayama and Yasuaki II went three light in 3♦, undoubled. In the Open Room, Hiroki Yokoi and Hiroyuki Taguchi as North-South 'stole' the contract in 4♥ doubled. With the crucial suits 2-2 and 3-3 the heart game is actually cold.

But look what happened at the table. Jacek Kalita kicked off with two high spades and continued with a third round for the queen. For some unknown reason declarer continued with a low trump and when West came in he persisted in spades. That way East scored his trump queen for down one; 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 10 6 3 2		
♥ 9		
♦ K 9 7 4		
♣ K 8 4		
♠ 9 8 7		♠ Q J
♥ A Q 8 4		♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 10		♦ 8 3 2
♣ A 10 6 3 2		♣ Q J 7 5
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
♠ A 5 4		
♥ K J 10 3		
♦ A Q J 6 5		
♣ 9		

In the Open Room, Yokoi as North played 4♠ after a 2♣ Precision opening by West. East led ♣Q. West won the ace and shifted to his stiff diamond. Declarer won, cashed the trump ace, noticed the drop of ♠Q and played a trump to the ten. Down one when East provided his partner with a ruff and ♥A was cashed at the next trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
II	J. Kotorowicz	Nakayama	Brede
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥(i)	Pass	2♠(ii)
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- (i) Spades
(ii) Usually four spades, but South liked his hand

West led his singleton diamond. Declarer won in hand and played a club. West ducked and dummy's king won the trick. The heart nine went to the queen and West returned a spade (!?). Brede took the ace, tabled ♥K and ruffed when West covered. A club was ruffed in hand and dummy's third club disappeared on a high heart. When Brede guessed the trump suit, he ended up with twelve tricks; again 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 8 7 4		
♥ 10 3		
♦ K Q 10 4 2		
♣ 9 6 5		
♠ A J 6 5		♠ K 10 9
♥ A K Q 9 7		♥ 6 5 2
♦ 3		♦ A J 9 5
♣ 10 4 3		♣ Q 8 7
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
♠ Q 3 2		
♥ J 8 4		
♦ 8 7 6		
♣ A K J 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Yokoi	K. Kotorowicz	sTaguchi
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	1♠(i)	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- (i) 0-3 cards in spades, 8+ HCP

North led a high diamond. Declarer took the ace and drew the trumps. Kalita had to find ♠Q for his contract. He had some indications. South opened the bidding, in third hand though, but vulnerable. And North promised more or less 8-11 HCP as explained at the table. Before touching the spades declarer first attacked the clubs, advancing the ten. South won the jack, cashed the two other high clubs and exited in diamonds, ruffed by declarer. Now declarer was at the crossroads since counting points didn't help him much. Who was lying? Did South open on nine points or did North have 5 HCP only?

Kalita gave it a thought and finally misguessed by playing a

spade to the ten; down one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Il</i>	<i>J. Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Nakayama</i>	<i>Brede</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣(i)	Dble
2♦(ii)	Dble	Pass(iii)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- (i) Drury
- (ii) Non-minimum
- (iii) Encouraging

The defence took its first three club tricks. This time it was South who was at the crossroads. With all cards open it is easy to see the contract is defeated by a trump promotion by playing the fourth club. But if North does not have the trump ten and declarer has a doubleton diamond the extra club would allow the contract to be made.

Or, West might have a 4-5-1-3 without the ♠J (and with trump ten). In that case he ruffs in hand with the ten, pitching a spade from dummy. After that, he might be able to ruff the third spade in dummy. With the suit 3-3 the contract would be home. However, North might also get rid of a spade. With the trump seven with North the contract is still doomed. Lukasz Brede gave it another deep look, took another breath and continued with the fourth club. Right he was.

In the aftermath and in view of his double of 2♣, Lukasz remarked: "Dangerous Drury." Right he was again. By the way, when the match was over the Poles prevailed by 34 IMPs (23-7) and turned out to be the new leaders after three rounds of the U-28 series.



Jacek Kalita – Poland (Phot. Marc van Beijstervelt)

Peking Duck

by Brian Senior

One of our favourite dishes in a Chinese restaurant back home is the crispy Peking Duck with pancakes. Canada's Daniel Lavee found a delicious duck to leave his Dutch opponents flat as pancakes on this deal from Round 3 of the Under 26 championship.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 8 7 4		
♥ 10 3		
♦ K Q 10 4 2		
♣ 9 6 5		
♠ A J 6 5		♠ K 10 9
♥ A K Q 9 7		♥ 6 5 2
♦ 3		♦ A J 9 5
♣ 10 4 3		♣ Q 8 7
	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
♠ Q 3 2		
♥ J 8 4		
♦ 8 7 6		
♣ A K J 2		

Lavee was declarer in 4♥ from the West hand after an artificial auction in which he had shown a minimum opening with at least three clubs. North led the king of diamonds.

Given an even heart split, the contract appears to hinge on finding the queen of spades. The simple line is to win the diamond, draw trumps and play on spades. Lavee found an imaginative shot that greatly improved his chances – he ducked the opening lead. Lavee saw that the auction would make it difficult for North to find a club switch and, even if he did switch to clubs, there were club positions where that would help declarer anyway. If he switched to a spade that would solve the big problem on the hand, while as diamond continuation would give two diamond tricks for two club discards. If North switched to a trump, declarer would be no worse off than had he won the first trick.

In real life, North switched to a spade and Lavee had ten tricks and, as the Dutch East/West stopped in partscore in the replay, 10 IMPs for Canada. Very nicely done.



Ask Before Bidding

by Micke Melander

The Icelandic player Inda Hronn Bjornsdottir must have thought Santa Claus was arriving early this year on this deal from her team's match against Belarus in Round 3 of the Under 28 series.

Bjornsdottir was sitting North and managed to escape holding:

♠ J 10
♥ J 6 5 4 2
♦ J 2
♣ 9 7 6 2

When the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	INT	Dble

INT was weak showing 11-15. Double promised at least four spades and another suit. Inda wouldn't have been so happy if the next hand decided to pass. At the table West actually never bothered to ask what double meant and bid 2♠ before her.

Board 16. Declarer West. E/W Vul.

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

♠ A 9 7 2	N	
♥ A 10 3	W	E
♦ K Q 9 3	S	
♣ A Q		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Bjornsdottir</i>		<i>Kristinsson</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The ♦K was led and the party was over for the Belarusian pair. Declarer managed to get five tricks, going three off. That was 800 nice Christmas gifts for Bjornsdottir who escaped all her problems when Santa Claus decided to pop in at Beijing.

Ask before bidding – if your opponents alert – it may save some IMPs for you!



Hronn Bjornsdottir – Iceland



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Poland - England (U-28/Round 7)	10.30
Chinese Taipei - Australia (U-21/Round 8)	14.10
No Vugraph match	17.30

TD Corner



Line-up Regulations

No changes of line-up will be permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances requiring a change (that is, sickness or other reason that would prevent a player from playing).

Captain's errors in placing players will not be considered as exceptional circumstances. Please, therefore, ensure that the names are seated correctly according to your wishes.

Briliant Polish Play!!!

by Micke Melander

Board 13. Declarer North. All Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>		<i>Nowosadzki</i>	
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Strong Polish bidding led to 6♣ on this deal from the first round of the Under 26 championship. Many pairs tried to play clubs as well as no trump contracts, but few managed to make slam when they ended up there since there only are 11 tricks available. That is, unless you are named Nowosadzki and have a little bit friendly opponents.

The 'friendly' German junior led ♦6, and Nowosadzki won the trick with the ace. He drew three rounds of trumps, tried the ace of spades to see if any honour dropped and, when it didn't, exited with a low spade to set up the right

tempo. North got in, but it was already too late to do anything about it. Nowosadzki could simply win the return and run all his winners to squeeze South in the majors and North in the red suits.

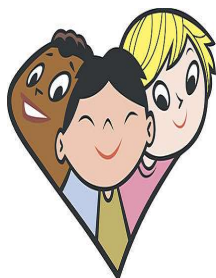
At the other table the Germans tried to play the same contract. The 'not so friendly' Polish defender there led a heart. When they won the spade trick they simply exited with another heart to break the squeeze communication for one off.

Very well played Nowosadzki!



Michal Nowosadzki – Poland

Table Notices



At the end of each match, if any player wishes to take the table notice with the flags and players' names on them they are most welcome to do so.

