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## VIP VISITORS



Yesterday, we were fortunate enough to be visited by two of the game's most distinguished personalities. The President of IMSA and of the WBF, **Jose Damiani**, escorted the President Emeritus of the WBF, **Jimmy Ortiz-Patino** (pictured above). The interest of both these personalities in youth bridge is very well known and it is not a coincidence that they have provided the trophies for the Under 21 (formerly Schools) and Under 26 (formerly Junior) Championships respectively. The group also included Ata Aydin, WBF youth committee vice-chairman, Joan Gerrard and Anna Maria Torlontano, members of the youth committee, and Sevinc Atay of the European Bridge League executive committee.



We have just passed the halfway point in the qualifying stages of our three championships and teams and it is time for those teams currently outside the qualifying places to get their acts together.

France is setting a pretty hot pace in the Under 21s, having scored 203 out of a maximum possible 225 VPs from nine matches. Second is England on 183, followed by Chinese Taipei 179.5, Poland 177.5 and Bulgaria 170.

Poland has an even bigger lead in the Under 26 championship, though with a lower score of 191 VPs. That is sufficient for a 23 VP lead over Norway, on 168. Next come Netherlands on 164 and Australia 163, after which there is a big gap to Denmark on 144.

Poland has lost the lead in the Under 28 series. England now leads on 176 VPs, with Poland second on 174. Next come China 168, Hungary 184 and Belgium 163.

### Today's Schedule

- 10.30 U-28 Teams, Swiss 10
- 10.30 U-26 Teams, Round 10
- 10.30 U-21 Teams, Round 10
- 14.20 U-28 Teams, Swiss 11
- 14.20 U-26 Teams, Round 11
- 14.20 U-21 Teams, Round 11
- 17.30 U-28 Teams, Swiss 12
- 17.30 U-26 Teams, Round 12
- 17.30 U-21 Teams, Round 12



# U-26 TEAMS



## RESULTS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND 7

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 NORWAY	CHINESE TAIPEI	70-45	21 - 9
2 USA	CANADA	47-18	22 - 8
3 CHINA HONG KONG	NEW ZEALAND	42-52	13 - 17
4 DENMARK	ITALY	61-38	20 - 10
5 CHILE	INDIA	87- 7	25 - 0
6 NETHERLANDS	POLAND	4-62	3 - 25
7 ARGENTINA	GERMANY	45-35	17 - 13
8 CHINA	EGYPT	38-32	16 - 14
9 INDONESIA	AUSTRALIA	27-59	7 - 23

### ROUND 10

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

### ROUND 8

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 INDIA	POLAND	24-46	10 - 20
2 ITALY	AUSTRALIA	55-33	20 - 10
3 NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT	44-29	18 - 12
4 CANADA	ARGENTINA	71- 9	25 - 2
5 CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA	43-32	17 - 13
6 NORWAY	INDONESIA	28-26	15 - 15
7 USA	NETHERLANDS	17-45	8 - 22
8 DENMARK	GERMANY	7-35	8 - 22
9 CHINA HONG KONG	CHILE	48-41	16 - 14

### ROUND 11

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

### ROUND 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 CHINESE TAIPEI	CANADA	8-52	5 - 25
2 NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND	41-27	18 - 12
3 USA	ITALY	35-24	17 - 13
4 CHINA HONG KONG	INDIA	64-22	25 - 5
5 DENMARK	POLAND	14-43	8 - 22
6 CHILE	AUSTRALIA	32-12	20 - 10
7 NETHERLANDS	EGYPT	54-28	21 - 9
8 INDONESIA	ARGENTINA	40-13	21 - 9
9 CHINA	GERMANY	25-37	12 - 18

### ROUND 12

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

# U-21 TEAMS



## RESULTS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND 7

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BOTSWANA NORWAY	7-105	0 - 25
2	USA BULGARIA	44-37	16 - 14
3	ENGLAND PAKISTAN	47-27	20 - 10
4	FRANCE INDONESIA	67-30	24 - 6
5	SINGAPORE CHINA	26-41	12 - 18
6	AUSTRALIA URUGUAY	31-51	10 - 20
7	NETHERLANDS ECUADOR	82-35	25 - 4
8	POLAND CANADA	81-18	24.5 - 1.5
9	ARGENTINA CHINESE TAIPEI	43-58	12 - 1

### ROUND 10

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

### ROUND 8

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	NETHERLANDS POLAND	25-37	12 - 18
2	CANADA ARGENTINA	27-54	9 - 21
3	CHINESE TAIPEI AUSTRALIA	68-27	24 - 6
4	URUGUAY SINGAPORE	19-32	12 - 18
5	CHINA FRANCE	11-44	7 - 23
6	INDONESIA ENGLAND	25-74	4 - 25
7	PAKISTAN USA	55-22	23 - 7
8	ECUADOR NORWAY	22-65	5 - 25
9	BULGARIA BOTSWANA	134- 0	25 - 0

### ROUND 11

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

### ROUND 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	NORWAY BULGARIA	16-37	10 - 20
2	BOTSWANA PAKISTAN	15-87	0 - 25
3	USA INDONESIA	56- 8	25 - 4
4	ENGLAND CHINA	58-16	25 - 5
5	FRANCE URUGUAY	104- 1	25 - 0
6	SINGAPORE CHINESE TAIPEI	18-48	8 - 22
7	AUSTRALIA CANADA	54-18	23 - 7
8	ARGENTINA NETHERLANDS	19-69	4 - 25
9	POLAND ECUADOR	51-15	23 - 7

### ROUND 12

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

**U-26 TEAMS****RANKING AFTER ROUND 9**

1	POLAND	191
2	NORWAY	168
3	AUSTRALIA	164
4	NETHERLANDS	163
5	DENMARK	144
6	CHILE	143
7	ITALY	139
8	USA	138
9	CANADA	134
10	INDONESIA	132
11	CHINESE TAIPEI	130
12	CHINA HONG KONG	125
13	GERMANY	124
14	CHINA	115
15	NEW ZEALAND	109
16	EGYPT	105
17	ARGENTINA	100
18	INDIA	75

**U-21 TEAMS****RANKING AFTER ROUND 9**

1	FRANCE	202
2	ENGLAND	183
3	CHINESE TAIPEI	179.5
4	POLAND	177.5
5	BULGARIA	170
6	NETHERLANDS	159
7	AUSTRALIA	147
8	SINGAPORE	142
9	CHINA	137
10	USA	132
11	ARGENTINA	131
12	NORWAY	125
13	PAKISTAN	115
14	CANADA	93.5
15	ECUADOR	90
16	URUGUAY	80.5
17	INDONESIA	71
18	BOTSWANA	19

**VUGRAPH MATCHES**

Chinese Taipei - France (U-21/Round 10)	10.30
A top match from the U-28 championship	14.10
No Vugraph match	17.30

**We regret that, as from today, we are required to produce only 12 pages in the Youth section of the Bulletin.**

**TD Corner****Calling The Director**

Players are recommended to call the director as soon as they become aware of an irregularity or possible irregularity. By waiting there is a chance that all rights may well be lost. If in doubt, call the director.





## U-28 TEAMS



## RESULTS



## SWISS 7

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 POLAND	ENGLAND	47 - 53 14 - 16
2 CHINA	BELGIUM	41 - 37 16 - 14
3 SERBIA	INDIA	35 - 80 5 - 25
4 EGYPT	NORWAY	32 - 41 13 - 17
5 LATVIA	INDONESIA	48 - 34 18 - 12
6 NEW ZEALAND	PORTUGAL	33 - 49 11 - 19
7 CROATIA	HUNGARY	29 - 32 14 - 16
8 NETHERLANDS	USA	49 - 19 22 - 8
9 FRANCE	SPAIN	44 - 14 22 - 8
10 CZECH REPUBLIC	TURKEY	18 - 60 5 - 25
11 GREECE	CHINA HONG KONG	27 - 59 7 - 23
12 ISRAEL	BRAZIL	47 - 20 21 - 9
13 RUSSIA	JAPAN	48 - 38 17 - 13
14 CHINESE TAIPEI	ICELAND	40 - 23 19 - 11
15 SWEDEN	FINLAND	57 - 46 17 - 13
16 PAKISTAN	UKRAINE	49 - 51 15 - 15
17 ITALY	SOUTH AFRICA	98 - 23 25 - 0
18 ROMANIA	AUSTRALIA	21 - 39 11 - 19
19 ECUADOR	LITHUANIA	37 - 20 19 - 11
20 URUGUAY	CANADA	9 - 40 8 - 22
21 JORDAN	PHILIPPINES	50 - 30 20 - 10
22 THAILAND	WALES	53 - 25 22 - 8
23 DENMARK	IRELAND	40 - 43 14 - 16
24 GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	23 - 49 9 - 21
25 LEBANON	BELARUS	16 - 76 2 - 25
26 ESTONIA	KOREA	56 - 9 25 - 4
27 BANGLADESH	ARGENTINA	58 - 27 22 - 8
28 SLOVENIA	AUSTRIA	24 - 74 4 - 25
29 SCOTLAND	SINGAPORE	41 - 26 18 - 12
30 SLOVAKIA	VENEZUELA	35 - 58 10 - 20
31 ARUBA	TUNISIA	31 - 73 5 - 25
32 COLOMBIA	COSTA RICA	28 - 53 9 - 21
33 CAC	ZIMBABWE	34 - 45 13 - 17
34 PERU	KENYA	51 - 34 19 - 11
35 ALBANIA	SRI LANKA	38 - 14 21 - 9
36 BOTSWANA	MALAYSIA	89 - 2 25 - 0
37 JAMAICA	MONGOLIA	49 - 53 14 - 16

## SWISS 8

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 POLAND	INDIA	36 - 39 14 - 16
2 CHINA	ENGLAND	35 - 45 13 - 17
3 BELGIUM	EGYPT	48 - 41 16 - 14
4 NORWAY	PORTUGAL	46 - 31 18 - 12
5 LATVIA	TURKEY	64 - 41 20 - 10
6 NETHERLANDS	CHINA HONG KONG	56 - 37 19 - 11
7 FRANCE	SERBIA	72 - 42 22 - 8
8 ISRAEL	INDONESIA	61 - 32 22 - 8
9 CROATIA	ITALY	20 - 29 13 - 17
10 HUNGARY	NEW ZEALAND	55 - 16 24 - 6
11 RUSSIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	31 - 75 5 - 25
12 SWEDEN	JAPAN	49 - 27 20 - 10
13 CANADA	PAKISTAN	22 - 24 15 - 15
14 AUSTRALIA	SPAIN	43 - 29 18 - 12
15 ECUADOR	FINLAND	23 - 22 15 - 15
16 UKRAINE	USA	12 - 59 4 - 25
17 THAILAND	BRAZIL	47 - 23 21 - 9
18 JORDAN	ICELAND	21 - 40 11 - 19
19 GREECE	CZECH REPUBLIC	25 - 39 12 - 18
20 BELARUS	ESTONIA	19 - 57 6 - 24
21 ROMANIA	SWITZERLAND	48 - 12 23 - 7
22 AUSTRIA	BANGLADESH	55 - 17 24 - 6
23 LITHUANIA	IRELAND	53 - 40 18 - 12
24 PHILIPPINES	DENMARK	28 - 24 16 - 14
25 URUGUAY	TUNISIA	11 - 51 6 - 24
26 WALES	SCOTLAND	44 - 38 16 - 14
27 VENEZUELA	SOUTH AFRICA	25 - 60 7 - 23
28 GERMANY	COSTA RICA	119 - 6 25 - 0
29 SINGAPORE	ARGENTINA	67 - 2 25 - 1
30 KOREA	LEBANON	40 - 66 9 - 21
31 SLOVAKIA	SLOVENIA	78 - 25 25 - 3
32 ALBANIA	ARUBA	62 - 33 22 - 8
33 BOTSWANA	COLOMBIA	17 - 52 7 - 23
34 PERU	ZIMBABWE	37 - 24 18 - 12
35 CAC	KENYA	74 - 17 25 - 3
36 JAMAICA	MALAYSIA	57 - 4 25 - 3
37 SRI LANKA	MONGOLIA	29 - 39 13 - 17

## U-28 TEAMS



## RESULTS



## SWISS 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	POLAND BELGIUM	19 - 25	14 - 16
2	INDIA ENGLAND	7 - 50	5 - 25
3	CHINA NORWAY	45 - 31	18 - 12
4	LATVIA FRANCE	35 - 45	13 - 17
5	HUNGARY NETHERLANDS	44 - 16	22 - 8
6	ISRAEL EGYPT	34 - 30	16 - 14
7	CHINESE TAIPEI PORTUGAL	45 - 32	18 - 12
8	ITALY TURKEY	8 - 50	5 - 25
9	USA SWEDEN	52 - 58	14 - 16
10	CHINA HONG KONG CROATIA	19 - 60	6 - 24
11	SERBIA THAILAND	54 - 22	21 - 7
12	INDONESIA ESTONIA	45 - 41	16 - 14
13	AUSTRALIA ICELAND	44 - 21	20 - 10
14	ROMANIA CANADA	47 - 42	16 - 14
15	AUSTRIA PAKISTAN	38 - 56	11 - 19
16	ECUADOR NEW ZEALAND	37 - 41	14 - 16
17	FINLAND SPAIN	66 - 35	22 - 8
18	CZECH REPUBLIC JAPAN	21 - 48	9 - 21
19	RUSSIA JORDAN	49 - 18	21 - 7
20	TUNISIA GREECE	6 - 77	1 - 25
21	LITHUANIA BRAZIL	25 - 30	14 - 16
22	GERMANY PHILIPPINES	53 - 13	24 - 6
23	SOUTH AFRICA UKRAINE	5 - 84	0 - 25
24	BELARUS DENMARK	55 - 79	9 - 21
25	SINGAPORE IRELAND	82 - 7	25 - 0
26	WALES SWITZERLAND	57 - 39	19 - 11
27	SLOVAKIA SCOTLAND	31 - 35	14 - 16
28	BANGLADESH LEBANON	56 - 4	25 - 4
29	URUGUAY COLOMBIA	34 - 48	12 - 18
30	CAC ALBANIA	69 - 24	25 - 5
31	VENEZUELA PERU	52 - 11	24 - 6
32	KOREA ZIMBABWE	59 - 26	23 - 7
33	COSTA RICA ARUBA	49 - 41	17 - 13
34	BOTSWANA JAMAICA	87 - 24	25 - 2
35	ARGENTINA SRI LANKA	65 - 36	22 - 8
36	SLOVENIA MONGOLIA	107 - 24	25 - 0
37	KENYA MALAYSIA	49 - 40	17 - 13

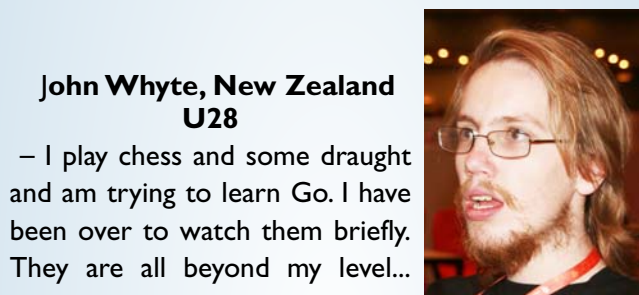
## Five Voices

Are you playing any of the other mind sports that are being played here?



**Corinne Baz, Lebanon  
U28**

– If I have time I'm going to watch, Go looks interesting to me. But I only play bridge so far.



**John Whyte, New Zealand  
U28**

– I play chess and some draught and am trying to learn Go. I have been over to watch them briefly. They are all beyond my level...



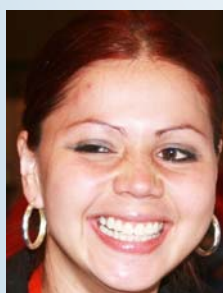
**Yingdan You, Singapore  
U21**

– I don't play any of them. Bridge is everything in my life and nothing else matters.



**Shuang Liang, China  
U26**

– I only play bridge and I will not go and look either, because I simply have no time for it.



**Alejandra Guerrero, Costa Rica  
U28**

– I will go and look at them tomorrow or on the day off. However, I don't play any of the other sports, except that I know a little bit of chess.

# U-28 TEAMS

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 9

1 ENGLAND	176	39 SINGAPORE	135
2 POLAND	174	40 BRAZIL	132
3 CHINA	168	DENMARK	132
4 HUNGARY	165	LITHUANIA	132
5 BELGIUM	163	43 CZECH REPUBLIC	131
6 FRANCE	162	44 BANGLADESH	130.5
7 INDIA	160	45 SPAIN	129
8 LATVIA	159	46 WALES	128
NORWAY	159	47 GUADELOUPE-GUYANE-MARTINIQUE	126
TURKEY	159	48 JORDAN	125.5
11 CHINESE TAIPEI	158	49 SCOTLAND	122
ISRAEL	158	VENEZUELA	122
13 CROATIA	155	51 BELARUS	120
EGYPT	155	SLOVAKIA	120
15 NETHERLANDS	150	TUNISIA	120
SERBIA	150	54 SWITZERLAND	119.5
17 PORTUGAL	148.5	55 COLOMBIA	119
18 SWEDEN	148	PHILIPPINES	119
19 AUSTRALIA	147	57 URUGUAY	114.5
USA	147	58 KOREA	114
21 FINLAND	145	59 SOUTH AFRICA	113
22 GREECE	143	60 BOTSWANA	110
INDONESIA	143	61 IRELAND	109
PAKISTAN	143	62 SLOVENIA	108
25 ROMANIA	142	63 ARGENTINA	107
26 ESTONIA	141	LEBANON	107
JAPAN	141	65 ALBANIA	106
RUSSIA	141	66 COSTA RICA	104
29 ITALY	140.5	67 PERU	102
30 CANADA	139	68 ARUBA	99
CHINA HONG KONG	139	69 ZIMBABWE	96.5
GERMANY	139	70 KENYA	89
NEW ZEALAND	139	71 JAMAICA	87
34 ECUADOR	137.5	72 SRI LANKA	85
35 UKRAINE	137	73 MALAYSIA	59
36 AUSTRIA	136	74 MONGOLIA	58
ICELAND	136		
THAILAND	136		

## U-28 TEAMS

## ROUND 7



POLAND

v

ENGLAND



by Brian Senior

The Monday morning vugraph match featured the top table, Poland against England.

Poland started well when, on Board 1, Jacek Kalita and Krzysztof Kotorowicz reached a better game than Ollie Burgess and Andrew Woodcock and picked up 11 IMPs. England gained an overtrick IMP on Board 2 but then Krzysztof Buras found the lead to defeat a partscore while Duncan Happer did not and that was 16-1 to Poland.

Both South players did well on Board 4 to flatten the board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Happer</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Andrew Woodcock – England

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Woodcock</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Burgess</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Ben Green's 1♥ response showed spades. When he became declarer in 3NT, Kalita led the ten of hearts and that left Green with nowhere to go for his ninth trick; down one for –100.

The Precision-style 2♣ opening led to a quite different auction but the Poles ended up in the same contract. Here, Burgess kicked off with the king of spades and Konrad Araskiewicz did his best by ducking. A spade continuation would have allowed declarer to establish the thirteenth spade as his ninth trick but Burgess now did well to find the switch to the ten of hearts and again the contract had to go one down for a flat board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Happer</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
–	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Woodcock</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Burgess</i>
–	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			



Both Souths opened a strong no trump and both Easts balanced as their systems demanded. Green showed clubs and a major so Happer bid a pass or correct 2♥ and now Kotorowicz could double, take-out. Looking at a maximum with four spades, Kalita decided to try to teach his opponents a lesson by inviting game but Kotorowicz did not have enough to accept. Just as well, as 4♠ would surely have been doubled.

Happer led a low heart, normally enough, though that ran around to the jack. Kalita led a low spade and Happer split his honours, putting in the jack. When Kalita ducked that, Happer found the best switch of the ten of diamonds, which ran to declarer's jack. A second spade to the queen was again ducked and Happer continued with diamonds, the eight forcing the ace. Kalita finessed the ten of spades, cashed the ace and led a club to his king then conceded the rest; down one for -100. Not too bad considering the horrible trump break.

I'm not sure what Araskiewicz's double of INT meant in the other room, as most possibilities do not fit with the 2♠ response. Anyway, when Woodcock could double 2NT, it was easy for Burgess to also double the run-out to 3♥. Woodcock led a trump and Burgess played three rounds. Buras did his best but with the clubs badly placed he could only come to seven tricks after this start; down two for -300 and 9 IMPs to England.

Both Souths showed the minor two-suiter, with Kalita willing to go a level higher than Burgess in the process. Having responded 1♠. Buras became declarer as West, while the immediate 2NT overcall saw Happer bid 3♦ to show a forcing bid in spades so Green eventually declared the spade game.

Woodcock found the best lead for the defence, the seven of clubs. Buras won the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds and led a trump, which Woodcock ducked. Dummy won the trick so Buras took his club pitch on the king of diamonds. He continued by playing ace of hearts and a second heart, ducked. Woodcock won the heart and led ace and another trump. Buras could play two rounds of hearts to clear the suit but was forced to ruff a club and that established a second trump winner for Woodcock, down one for -100.

Kalita led the queen of diamonds to dummy's ace. Green too led a trump at trick two. Kotorowicz rose with the ace to switch to a club to dummy's ace. Green took a while to work it out but then played a heart to his ace to take the club pitch on the ♦K then king and another heart to North's ten. Back came a spade but declarer could ruff a club low, ruff a heart with the ♠K and ruff a diamond high to get back to dummy. Now the fifth heart forced North to ruff and lead into the ♠Q7 at trick twelve; +620 and 12 IMPs to England, who had the lead in the match for the first time at 22-16.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Happer</i>	North <i>Kotorowicz</i>	East <i>Green</i>	South <i>Kalita</i>
-	-	1♣	2NT
3♦	Pass	3♠	3NT
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West <i>Buras</i>	North <i>Woodcock</i>	East <i>Araskiewicz</i>	South <i>Burgess</i>
-	-	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	2NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♣
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West <i>Happer</i>	North <i>Kotorowicz</i>	East <i>Green</i>	South <i>Kalita</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West <i>Buras</i>	North <i>Woodcock</i>	East <i>Araskiewicz</i>	South <i>Burgess</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Six Hearts is an excellent contract – if played by South to protect the diamond position. The Poles got there but the natural 1♥ response to the Polish Club meant that Kotorowicz had to play it as North. Kalita, having opened the strong version of the Polish 1♣, followed up with an artificial game-force then used Exclusion Key Card, before bidding the slam.

Kotorowicz would have been pleased to avoid the diamond lead and no doubt ruffed the actual low club lead and played the ♥9 with high hopes. However, when Happer showed out on this trick he knew he was in trouble. Green ducked the heart so declarer continued with the ♥10, which he overtook with the jack, again ducked. He ruffed a club then played winning spades, hoping for a miracle. Green ruffed the second spade, cashed the king of clubs to retain the lead, then led a diamond through. Kotorowicz had to finesse and when the king was offside he was three down for –300.

Woodcock/Burgess play transfer rebids after a INT response so Burgess had a range of sequences to select from. He chose to stress the solid spades but that meant that the heart fit was lost and the English pair now settled in game. Burgess made ten tricks after a trump lead; +620 and 14 IMPs to England.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 8 5 4		
♥ 10 8 7 3		
♦ A 4		
♣ 6 4 3		
♠ A J 9 7 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ Q 10 2
♥ A 9 2		♥ K Q 5 4
♦ 10		♦ K Q 7
♣ K 9 8 2		♣ A J 7
		♠ 6
		♥ J 6
		♦ J 9 8 6 5 3 2
		♣ Q 10 5

West	North	East	South
Buras	Woodcock	Araskiewicz	Burgess
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Happer/Green had an artificial sequence which stopped safely in 4♠, making +420. Buras/Araskiewicz got a level higher and would have survived on any lead other than the one selected by Woodcock – a club. Buras won the ♣K and played a diamond up. Woodcock took the ace of diamonds and led a second club. Declarer won the ace of clubs and tried to take his discards on the diamonds. Alas, Woodcock could ruff the third diamond and the losing spade finesse meant down one for –50 and 10 IMPs to England. They led by 46-16 at the midpoint in the match.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A Q 9 4		
♥ 10 6		
♦ Q 10 7 4		
♣ J 10 3		
♠ J 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	♠ K 8 7 6 5
♥ A Q 5		♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ 9 3		♦ A 2
♣ A K 9 8 5 4		♣ Q 6
		♠ 10 2
		♥ K J 8 4
		♦ K J 8 6 5
		♣ 7 2

West	North	East	South
Happer	Kotorowicz	Green	Kalita
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥(i)	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♦	3♣	All Pass

## (i) Spades

West	North	East	South
Buras	Woodcock	Araskiewicz	Burgess
–	–	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The majority of the field missed this borderline 3NT, as did Happer/Green, who had a perfectly understandable auction to 2♣ and merely took the push to 3♣ when Kalita balanced. Happer wrapped up +130 in no time at all but in the other room Buras solved all the problems on the deal



Krzysztof Kotorowicz – Poland

by opening a 15-17 no trump. Araskiewicz used Stayman then jumped to 3NT and the diamond lead made declarer's play very straightforward. He had no choice but to take the heart finesse and, when that won, had nine tricks for +600 and 10 Polish IMPs.

Poland picked up a string of small and medium-sized swings and went into the final board of the match ahead by 47-46. But there was to be one last twist in the tail.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Happer</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Woodcock</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Burgess</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Neither West was prepared to open with a weak two bid vulnerable with that suit so both Easts got to open 1♠/ Green made a transfer rebid over INT but Happer judged to show his six-card suit and was left to play there. Kotorowicz led the queen of clubs to the king and ace. Kalita cashed the ace of trumps then switched back to clubs and Kotorowicz won and played two more rounds, Kalita pitching a diamond as Happer ruffed. Though Happer got the trumps right, by leading low to drop the bare king, there was no way to escape a third trump loser and he was one down; -100.

Buras decided that his passed hand status gave him licence to make a two-over-one response of 2♥. Some might say that he got what he deserved when Araskiewicz drove to game now. Burgess led the four of hearts to Woodcock's king and he promptly switched to the queen of clubs. The defence took five clubs and the ♥A then played a spade through. Declarer went up with the ace, cashed the ♥Q and tried to split the diamonds, so was down four for -400 and 7 IMPs to England.

The final score was 53-47 in favour of England, converting to 16-14 VPs.

## Master Bidding from U-28

by Micke Melander

Cédric Margot from Switzerland was South against Estonia in Round 4 of the Under 28 championship and held quite a nice hand on Board 31.

Board 31. Declarer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Amiguet</i>	<i>Margot</i>		
—	—	—	1♦
2♠	Dble	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	6♣!
All Pass			



Cedric Margot – Switzerland

He was not willing to stop when partner, Jérôme Amiguet found a take-out double over 2♠. Trusting partner to have hearts and clubs, with some nice high cards, finally made him jump to slam. He also had another clue, knowing that East most probably had made a psychic call. Therefore it was reasonable to jump to slam, at least in theory; to do it at the table is harder! Well done.

Cédric not only bid well, he wrapped the package up by playing equally well. When the diamond two was led he was quite sure about how the distribution was on the board. Therefore he won in dummy, ran the jack of clubs, played a club to the queen, spade ace, spade ruff. He then continued with two high diamonds, a diamond ruff and a heart to the ace. The ace of clubs drew East's last trump, and since the last diamond now was high he only lost a heart trick.

Here comes another well-judged auction from Round 6 in the match between Norway and Germany in U28.

With AQJxxx in a major, you normally play with that as trump when partner opens with a strong INT. Allan Livgård/Petter Eide showed how to escape problems.

Board 17. Declarer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eide</i>		<i>Livgard</i>	
–	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♥ was a transfer to spades and 2NT showed maximum values with a three-card trump support. Eide now had no problems suggesting for partner to play in no trump. Declaring wasn't much to write about after he got a diamond lead in that contract.

The question is, how should you play in 4♠ as East, if you have to play it? Let's say you get any black-suit lead that you would like to have.

Lukasz Brede/Jakub Kotorowicz showed how to make well deserved IMPs in the match Serbia-Poland, also in Round 6. We think they are the only pair in the field who managed to bid the grand slam!

Board 20. Declarer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Kotorowicz</i>		<i>Brede</i>
1♥	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Dbl	Rdbl*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♥!*
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

2♥ was forcing in general, redouble showed either ace or king in hearts. Four Clubs finally set the trump suit and 4♥ now promised the ace. The bid that solved all problems was the innovative 5♥ by Brede, which more or less promised a hand that had a diamond control, club support and spades, inviting to a grand slam. Kotorowicz had no problems bidding it with all this information. At the other table the Serbs stopped in 5♣. And it's never easy to bid slams after opponents opened the bidding. Certainly not grand slams!

Did you solve how to play in 4♠ yet? If not here comes some clues how to do it.

You will automatically squeeze North in three suits when a fourth round of trumps is played (having to throw a heart). South will later on be endplayed and thrown in with a heart having to lead away from the ace of diamonds.



Petter Eide – Norway