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HOTTING UP



Two Zhuang girls from Guang Xi Province, selling pearl products on the first floor of the BICC.

The qualification battle is hotting up with 12 rounds gone and just five to play. Poland reclaimed top spot in the Under 28 series on 238 VPs, 16 clear of second-placed Belgium on 222. They in turn are closely followed by China on 216, Israel 215 and England 214.

Poland also leads the Under 26 championship, with the huge score of 258 VPs from 12 matches, an average of 21.5 per match. The top of the field is really stretched out in this event, with second-placed Netherlands on 228, followed by Australia 211, Norway 200 and Denmark and Canada 195.

France continues to lead the Under 21 event with 252 VPs. England is second with 243, then come Bulgaria 238, Chinese Taipei 219.5 and China 207. Let us congratulate Botswana, who had only 22 VPs from their first 11 matches, but were triumphant in Round 12, defeating Uruguay by 19-11.

Today's Schedule

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RESULTS U-26 TEAMS

ROUND 10

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 GERMANY CANADA	38 - 22	19 - 11
2 ARGENTINA NETHERLANDS	5 - 30	9 - 21
3 EGYPT CHILE	19 - 30	13 - 17
4 AUSTRALIA DENMARK	34 - 42	13 - 17
5 POLAND CHINA HONG KONG	33 - 17	19 - 11
6 INDIA USA	40 - 41	15 - 15
7 ITALY NORWAY	26 - 34	13 - 17
8 NEW ZEALAND CHINESE TAIPEI	21 - 35	12 - 18
9 CHINA INDONESIA	46 - 51	14 - 16

ROUND 11

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 CANADA NEW ZEALAND	54 - 6	25 - 4
2 INDONESIA GERMANY	34 - 37	14 - 16
3 NORWAY INDIA	45 - 68	10 - 20
4 USA POLAND	10 - 44	7 - 23
5 CHINA HONG KONG AUSTRALIA	18 - 62	5 - 25
6 DENMARK EGYPT	62 - 8	25 - 3
7 CHILE ARGENTINA	11 - 59	4 - 25
8 NETHERLANDS CHINA	56 - 14	25 - 5
9 CHINESE TAIPEI ITALY	31 - 36	14 - 16

ROUND 12

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 INDONESIA NETHERLANDS	30 - 47	11 - 19
2 CHINA CHILE	25 - 44	11 - 19
3 GERMANY NEW ZEALAND	26 - 56	8 - 22
4 EGYPT CHINA HONG KONG	37 - 74	6 - 24
5 AUSTRALIA USA	32 - 56	9 - 21
6 POLAND NORWAY	64 - 19	25 - 5
7 INDIA CHINESE TAIPEI	34 - 66	7 - 23
8 ITALY CANADA	14 - 56	5 - 25
9 ARGENTINA DENMARK	46 - 20	21 - 9

RESULTS U-21 TEAMS

ROUND 10

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 ECUADOR BULGARIA	18 - 55	6 - 24
2 NETHERLANDS AUSTRALIA	18 - 27	13 - 17
3 CANADA SINGAPORE	20 - 34	12 - 18
4 CHINESE TAIPEI FRANCE	37 - 25	18 - 12
5 URUGUAY ENGLAND	5 - 85	0 - 25
6 CHINA USA	48 - 19	22 - 8
7 INDONESIA BOTSWANA	67 - 10	25 - 3
8 PAKISTAN NORWAY	37 - 24	18 - 12
9 POLAND ARGENTINA	11 - 24	12 - 18

ROUND 11

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 BULGARIA PAKISTAN	70 - 24	25 - 5
2 ARGENTINA ECUADOR	43 - 35	17 - 13
3 BOTSWANA CHINA	0 - 127	0 - 25
4 USA URUGUAY	109 - 10	25 - 0
5 ENGLAND CHINESE TAIPEI	20 - 10	17 - 13
6 FRANCE CANADA	58 - 27	22 - 8
7 SINGAPORE NETHERLANDS	46 - 54	13 - 17
8 AUSTRALIA POLAND	42 - 43	15 - 15
9 NORWAY INDONESIA	101 - 15	25 - 0

ROUND 12

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 ARGENTINA AUSTRALIA	47 - 28	19 - 11
2 POLAND SINGAPORE	36 - 97	2 - 25
3 ECUADOR PAKISTAN	70 - 35	23 - 7
4 CANADA ENGLAND	38 - 50	12 - 18
5 CHINESE TAIPEI USA	31 - 55	9 - 21
6 URUGUAY BOTSWANA	36 - 52	11 - 19
7 CHINA NORWAY	63 - 29	23 - 7
8 INDONESIA BULGARIA	48 - 39	17 - 13
9 NETHERLANDS FRANCE	23 - 26	14 - 16

TODAY'S PROGRAM U-26 TEAMS

ROUND 13

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

ROUND 14

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



TODAY'S PROGRAM U-21 TEAMS

ROUND 13

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

ROUND 14

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



U-26 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 12

1	POLAND	258
2	NETHERLANDS	228
3	AUSTRALIA	211
4	NORWAY	200
5	CANADA	195
	DENMARK	195
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	185
8	CHILE	183
9	USA	181
10	INDONESIA	173
	ITALY	173
12	GERMANY	167
13	CHINA HONG KONG	165
14	ARGENTINA	155
15	NEW ZEALAND	147
16	CHINA	145
17	EGYPT	127
18	INDIA	117

U-21 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 12

1	FRANCE	252
2	ENGLAND	243
3	BULGARIA	232
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	219.5
5	CHINA	207
6	POLAND	206.5
7	NETHERLANDS	203
8	SINGAPORE	198
9	AUSTRALIA	190
10	USA	186
11	ARGENTINA	185
12	NORWAY	169
13	PAKISTAN	145
14	ECUADOR	132
15	CANADA	125.5
16	INDONESIA	113
17	URUGUAY	91.5
18	BOTSWANA	41

What To Do On Your Day Off?

Hip Tips by Felix van Cleeff



On Thursday October 9th all players will have a day off. This little holiday offers them a splendid opportunity to do a little sightseeing in Beijing. Of course one could visit the standard tourist attractions of the city, which I think everyone knows about already, but one would imagine that the youngsters might have different plans. Hereunder you find some tips by an insider, Felix van Cleeff, son of Bulletin editor, Jan. Being a Dutch student, last year, Felix (20) had the opportunity to study at Beida, the number one university of China. He lived at the campus in North-West Beijing. This week Felix sent an email to several Dutch bridge players participating in the Mind Games. Here is what Felix wrote:

Go to Beida Ximenr: the Western port of Peking University (Beijing Daxue). Opposite this port you will find an obscure little restaurant, where the fish jump out of the aquarium and almost land on your dish. Beida is in Haidian District. The campus is an excellent spot to

wander. There is a large lake with quiet surroundings.

Another neighbourhood is Wudaokou; not particular nice (rather western and commercial), but there are plenty of small and good restaurants, among them several Japanese with first class sushi. Or wonderful Korean bbq-dives, if so desired. On the corner of the underground station, near the bookshop, Lush is situated. To be avoided, too western. On the contrary, turn right and enter a long road parallel with the metro line. After a while you will pass a fine little Halal restaurant where I lived near by. In this area you will find the well known, futuristic Korean Pepper Bar, as well as several great kaoya (roasted duck) restaurants. Wudaokou is in Haidian District.

Houhai is another great area for wining, dining and dancing, situated at a lake and the Drum Tower. Nanluguoxiang is a rather touristic hutong (typical old Chinese style residential area). Interesting to walk around: many small restaurants and cafes with good music. By the way, disco lovers go to Gan – Sanlitunr. Art lovers should definitely visit 798 Art District in Dashanzi.

U-28 TEAMS



RESULTS



SWISS 10

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 ENGLAND	HUNGARY	13 - 22	13 - 17
2 POLAND	FRANCE	42 - 5	24 - 6
3 CHINA	INDIA	38 - 27	17 - 13
4 BELGIUM	TURKEY	52 - 5	25 - 4
5 NORWAY	ISRAEL	47 - 53	14 - 16
6 LATVIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	42 - 30	18 - 12
7 CROATIA	EGYPT	20 - 26	14 - 16
8 NETHERLANDS	SERBIA	29 - 57	8 - 22
9 PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	13 - 27	12 - 18
10 USA	AUSTRALIA	55 - 33	20 - 10
11 FINLAND	INDONESIA	19 - 46	9 - 21
12 PAKISTAN	GREECE	18 - 42	9 - 21
13 ROMANIA	JAPAN	36 - 20	19 - 11
14 ESTONIA	RUSSIA	47 - 27	20 - 10
15 ITALY	NEW ZEALAND	68 - 10	25 - 3
16 GERMANY	CANADA	16 - 76	2 - 25
17 CHINA HONG KONG	ECUADOR	52 - 26	21 - 9
18 UKRAINE	ICELAND	25 - 66	6 - 24
19 AUSTRIA	BRAZIL	37 - 39	15 - 15
20 THAILAND	LITHUANIA	59 - 28	22 - 8
21 SINGAPORE	DENMARK	24 - 14	17 - 13
22 CZECH REPUBLIC	BANGLADESH	60 - 3	25 - 3
23 SPAIN	WALES	39 - 42	14 - 16
24 CAC	JORDAN	48 - 32	19 - 11
25 SCOTLAND	VENEZUELA	47 - 14	23 - 7
26 SLOVAKIA	BELARUS	46 - 18	22 - 8
27 TUNISIA	SWITZERLAND	12 - 44	7 - 23
28 PHILIPPINES	COLOMBIA	36 - 40	14 - 16
29 URUGUAY	SOUTH AFRICA	31 - 41	13 - 17
30 KOREA	BOTSWANA	40 - 31	17 - 13
31 IRELAND	SLOVENIA	45 - 4	24 - 6
32 LEBANON	ARGENTINA	38 - 4	23 - 7
33 ALBANIA	PERU	7 - 62	3 - 25
34 COSTA RICA	ZIMBABWE	59 - 35	21 - 9
35 KENYA	JAMAICA	46 - 32	18 - 12
36 SRI LANKA	MALAYSIA	28 - 27	15 - 15
37 ARUBA	MONGOLIA	59 - 23	23 - 7

SWISS 11

Match		IMP's	VP's
1 POLAND	HUNGARY	30 - 30	15 - 15
2 ENGLAND	BELGIUM	32 - 43	13 - 17
3 CHINA	LATVIA	28 - 34	14 - 16
4 ISRAEL	INDIA	63 - 28	23 - 7
5 SERBIA	NORWAY	40 - 84	5 - 25
6 EGYPT	CHINESE TAIPEI	22 - 26	14 - 16
7 CROATIA	FRANCE	23 - 32	13 - 17
8 USA	ITALY	67 - 37	22 - 8
9 SWEDEN	INDONESIA	18 - 42	9 - 21
10 GREECE	TURKEY	51 - 25	21 - 9
11 CANADA	ESTONIA	52 - 16	23 - 7
12 ROMANIA	PORTUGAL	77 - 4	25 - 0
13 ICELAND	CHINA HONG KONG	45 - 27	19 - 11
14 THAILAND	AUSTRALIA	46 - 46	15 - 15
15 NETHERLANDS	CZECH REPUBLIC	17 - 54	6 - 24
16 FINLAND	PAKISTAN	50 - 34	19 - 11
17 SINGAPORE	JAPAN	62 - 63	15 - 15
18 RUSSIA	BRAZIL	34 - 24	17 - 13
19 AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND	40 - 20	20 - 10
20 ECUADOR	CAC	77 - 48	22 - 8
21 DENMARK	WALES	58 - 27	22 - 8
22 UKRAINE	SWITZERLAND	35 - 39	14 - 16
23 SPAIN	NEW ZEALAND	43 - 21	20 - 10
24 SLOVAKIA	GERMANY	12 - 34	10 - 20
25 LITHUANIA	JORDAN	66 - 33	23 - 7
26 PHILIPPINES	BANGLADESH	90 - 37	25 - 3
27 COLOMBIA	IRELAND	15 - 60	5 - 25
28 KOREA	SOUTH AFRICA	26 - 77	4 - 21
29 LEBANON	VENEZUELA	27 - 27	15 - 15
30 BELARUS	PERU	66 - 17	25 - 4
31 TUNISIA	COSTA RICA	98 - 12	25 - 0
32 URUGUAY	ARUBA	66 - 30	23 - 7
33 BOTSWANA	KENYA	46 - 56	13 - 17
34 SLOVENIA	SRI LANKA	21 - 69	4 - 25
35 ZIMBABWE	JAMAICA	63 - 48	18 - 12
36 ARGENTINA	MALAYSIA	56 - 10	25 - 5
37 ALBANIA	MONGOLIA	29 - 72	5 - 25

U-28 TEAMS



RESULTS



SWISS 12

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	POLAND	LATVIA	58 - 12 25 - 5
2	ENGLAND	ISRAEL	30 - 45 12 - 18
3	BELGIUM	HUNGARY	49 - 41 17 - 13
4	CHINA	SERBIA	33 - 22 17 - 13
5	INDIA	NORWAY	63 - 46 19 - 11
6	EGYPT	FRANCE	39 - 42 14 - 16
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	CROATIA	63 - 41 20 - 10
8	USA	INDONESIA	17 - 48 8 - 22
9	GREECE	SWEDEN	49 - 8 24 - 6
10	ITALY	CANADA	42 - 41 15 - 15
11	TURKEY	ESTONIA	32 - 43 13 - 17
12	ROMANIA	ICELAND	23 - 48 9 - 21
13	PORTUGAL	NETHERLANDS	47 - 33 18 - 12
14	CHINA HONG KONG	THAILAND	53 - 50 16 - 14
15	AUSTRALIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	34 - 27 16 - 14
16	FINLAND	JAPAN	38 - 45 14 - 16
17	SINGAPORE	PAKISTAN	45 - 43 15 - 15
18	RUSSIA	ECUADOR	33 - 91 3 - 25
19	BRAZIL	SCOTLAND	66 - 26 24 - 6
20	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	49 - 30 19 - 11
21	CAC	WALES	52 - 35 19 - 11
22	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	38 - 30 17 - 13
23	UKRAINE	NEW ZEALAND	76 - 38 24 - 6
24	SLOVAKIA	LITHUANIA	9 - 62 3 - 25
25	GERMANY	JORDAN	43 - 30 18 - 12
26	COLOMBIA	BANGLADESH	19 - 118 0 - 25
27	IRELAND	KOREA	55 - 28 21 - 9
28	PHILIPPINES	LEBANON	44 - 82 6 - 24
29	SOUTH AFRICA	BELARUS	51 - 35 19 - 11
30	VENEZUELA	URUGUAY	74 - 32 25 - 5
31	PERU	TUNISIA	20 - 63 5 - 25
32	COSTA RICA	BOTSWANA	29 - 38 13 - 17
33	ALBANIA	KENYA	70 - 62 17 - 13
34	ZIMBABWE	SRI LANKA	61 - 30 22 - 8
35	ARUBA	JAMAICA	50 - 26 21 - 9
36	SLOVENIA	MALAYSIA	72 - 16 25 - 3
37	ARGENTINA	MONGOLIA	82 - 18 25 - 2

Five Voices

What is your most funny moment since you arrived here?



**Moon Sup Kim, Korea
U28**

– I really can't think of any special moment. Everything has really been great, it's even far better than I expected. However, beating a team 25-0 created some smiles. Seeing the team-mates talking about what happened in the evenings is also fun.

**Tebago Kooreng, Botswana
U21**

– I remember one deal, my partner doubled a slam contract after opponents had cuebid all the suits. My partner had three aces in his hand, including the trump ace. He only got one of them, since the other two were ruffed by declarer. That was really funny.

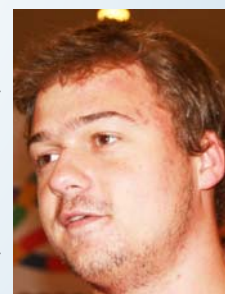


**Ilona Kraft, Peru
U28**

– I think it was when we played soccer with a lot of other players out in the park one evening. We played after the last game and it was really funny. Coming together doing things must be one of the purposes of being here.

**Lukas Teichmann, Czech
U28**

– Well, there have been many funny moments – oil massage was one. The bridge has been great, we are trying to do our best and we still have the chance to be in the final eight. We got 25 twice today and one more game to play!



**Kristina Murniati, Indonesia
U28**

– The best has really been the weather. I smile all the time since I don't have to be in the very warm Indonesia. We have 35+ and a lot of humidity this time of the year. Besides this we only play bridge, eat and sleep.

U-28 TEAMS

RANKING AFTER ROUND 12

1 POLAND	238	IRELAND	179
2 BELGIUM	222	40 PORTUGAL	178.5
3 CHINA	216	41 DENMARK	178
4 ISRAEL	215	PAKISTAN	178
5 ENGLAND	214	43 TUNISIA	177
6 GREECE	211	44 NETHERLANDS	176
7 HUNGARY	210	45 GUADELOUPE-GUYANE-MARTINIQUE	172
8 NORWAY	209	46 SWITZERLAND	171.5
9 INDONESIA	207	47 RUSSIA	171
10 CHINESE TAIPEI	206	48 SOUTH AFRICA	170
11 CANADA	202	49 LEBANON	169
12 FRANCE	201	VENEZUELA	169
13 ICELAND	200	51 ARGENTINA	164
14 EGYPT	199	BELARUS	164
INDIA	199	PHILIPPINES	164
16 LATVIA	198	54 WALES	163
17 USA	197	55 BANGLADESH	161.5
18 ROMANIA	195	56 SCOTLAND	161
19 CZECH REPUBLIC	194	57 NEW ZEALAND	158
20 ECUADOR	193.5	58 JORDAN	155.5
21 CROATIA	192	URUGUAY	155.5
22 AUSTRIA	190	60 SLOVAKIA	155
SERBIA	190	61 BOTSWANA	153
24 ITALY	188.5	62 ARUBA	150
25 AUSTRALIA	188	63 ZIMBABWE	145.5
LITHUANIA	188	64 KOREA	144
27 FINLAND	187	65 SLOVENIA	143
THAILAND	187	66 COLOMBIA	140
29 CHINA HONG KONG	185	67 COSTA RICA	138
ESTONIA	185	68 KENYA	137
TURKEY	185	69 PERU	136
32 BRAZIL	184	70 SRI LANKA	133
33 JAPAN	183	71 ALBANIA	131
34 SINGAPORE	182	72 JAMAICA	120
35 SWEDEN	181	73 MONGOLIA	92
UKRAINE	181	74 MALAYSIA	82
37 SPAIN	180		
38 GERMANY	179		

Not so clear

by Jan van Cleeff

On Board 25 the majority of the field played 4♠ (by North). Apart for the 4-1 trump break the lay-out of the hand is not unfavourable for declarer and therefore the contract was almost always made:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Double dummy, even 12 tricks are available in no trump, but on vugraph the declarer of Chinese Taipei managed to go one down in 4♠. He took ♥K, played ♦AK and a low diamond on which he pitched one of his remaining heart losers. East, Marion Caronne of France, cashed a heart and switched to a club. When declarer cashed two high spades he still had to lose two trumps.

In the Closed Room, North brought his contract home after the same lead. He won ♥A, cashed two high trumps, then finessed in diamonds and continued the suit. West could ruff but that was end of story.

Actually, after the lead of ♥A it was not so clear for me how to play the hand. Jean Harings, the Dutch U28 coach, suggested probably the best line. Duck the first heart, take the next and exit with a third heart. West could or should discard a diamond. Perhaps the best East could is to switch to a club to the ace. Declarer cashes two high diamonds and plays a spade to the ace,

ruffs a club and plays ♥9. This is the position:

♠ K 10 9 5		
♥ –		
♦ –		
♣ 5		
♠ Q J 8		♠ –
♥ –		♥ –
♦ –		♦ Q
♣ K Q		♣ J 9 8 7
		♠ 7
		♥ 9
		♦ J 8 2
		♣ –

This way declarer is always in control. He will lose another trump, but is able to get rid of his club loser. Alternatively, declarer could play a diamond from dummy.



Marion Caronne – France

VUGRAPH MATCHES



Belgium - Greece (U-28/Round 13)

10.30

To be decided

14.10



Look Before You Leave

We have heard of one player who left his passport at the table at the end of a match, and another who left his ID badge there then left the building – you can imagine the problem that caused. So, please, before leaving the table, look to see that you have collected all your things.

U-21 TEAMS

ROUND 8



CHINESE TAIPEI

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AUSTRALIA



An Operator's Typo?

by Jan van Cleeff

Chinese Taipei occupied third position when it met Australia at the start of Round 8 of the U21 tourney. I made my life easy and watched the match on vugraph at the ground floor of the BICC auditorium.

The players, however, had no intention at all to make life easy among them selves. The first board already displayed a major catastrophe for the Australian North/South pair:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kuo</i>	<i>N. Howard</i>	<i>Shin</i>	<i>Muno</i>
—	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	3♦	Pass	3NT(!?)
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Declarer somehow or another stole two tricks but still went for eleven hundred. In the Open Room the Australian East/West pair rested in 2♥ just made. Altogether Chinese Taipei won 14 IMPs on the board.

Two boards later the Australian East in the Open Room faced a small bidding problem. This was his hand (red against green):

♠ 8 7 4
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ 4 2
♣ 10 5 4 3

South started the bidding with a weak two in spades. West doubled, North passed and East bid 2NT, starting a Lebensohl sequence which would probably die in 3♥. Instead of the anticipated 3♣, West bid 3♦, strong but

not one hundred percent game forcing. What was East to bid here – Pass, 3♥ or 3♠?

Quite a few spectators, including myself, opted for the last option. But East elected to pass:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Well, 3NT is cold and it would certainly have been bid by West after 3♥ or 3♠. An easy observation of course, especial-



Yu-Shiang Cheng – Chinese Taipei

ly when you are comfortably looking at all hands on vugraph.

At the other table South opened with 1♠, West doubled, North passed, East bid 2♥, South passed and West ended the bidding with 3NT. Practical bidding which brought another 10 IMPs into the basket of Chinese Taipei.

Board 22 had some interesting technical aspects:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kuo</i>	<i>N. Howard</i>	<i>Shin</i>	<i>Muno</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When South in spite of the favourable vulnerability elected not to overcall with 1♥ he was faced with a lead problem since his left hand opponent bid hearts. Against 3NT he kicked off with ♠3 and declarer had no trouble.

In the Open Room the bidding was short and suit: East INT (weak) – West 3NT. Sheng led a low heart, ducked by declarer and overtook the next heart with the ace. Another heart cleared the suit. Declarer won the king in dummy and pitched a diamond and so did North. It all comes down to how to play the clubs for five tricks. Understandably, declarer started with ♣A, which was not a success as we can see.

It looks as though declarer took the normal line of play in clubs since North, with short hearts, was favourite to have the 'long' clubs. But take a closer look at the hand. Suppose South was short in clubs. In that case it was not unlikely – with this vulnerability – that he would have overcalled over INT with his two-suited hand. Moreover, when South with short clubs did NOT overcall he might lack ♦A. Ergo, declarer could or even should begin with ♣K instead of ♣A. Whatever you think about the hand, it gave another 13 IMPs to Chinese Taipei, which was running away from Australia.

It was not until Board 28 that Australia was able to do something back. The way things happened very much indicated a type of the vugraph operator.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

In the Closed Room the Australian North/South pair duly bid 3NT. The best East/West could do is to lead a neutral spade. The contract requires careful play but is always made as long as you deep finesse in hearts. At the table West led a club, which gave an extra trick in the suit and declarer had no trouble making his contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Hung</i>	<i>J. Howard</i>	<i>Cheng</i>
Pass	Pass	INT(!)	All Pass

To East's weak(!) NT South had nothing to add. INT went three light, scoring a surprising 10 IMPs for Down Under. This result could not prevent Chinese Taipei from winning the match by 24 to 6 VPs.



Justin Howard – Australia

IMPORTANT NOTICE

REGISTRATION FOR THE PAIRS

Captains must register their pairs for the Junior Pairs Championship by 4.30 pm on Wednesday October 8th. All entries are to be made via the line-up computers and must comply with the following:

Players may mix and match, play in different partnerships to those of the team events, providing that

- both members of a partnership are from the same NBO

- and were both born in 1980 or later.

Entries including team officials are also permitted provided that they too comply with the above two conditions.

Players involved in the Knock-out stages of the Teams Championships will be permitted to play in the Pairs and will automatically drop into the appropriate stage providing that they have entered according to the requirements above, that is, even if you are sure that your team will be involved in the knock-outs, you must put in your entry for the Pairs by 4.30 pm on Wednesday October 8th.

Players whose teams are involved in the knock-out stages will all join the Pairs Championship, providing that they have entered according to the requirements listed above, that is, not later than 4.30 pm on Wednesday 8th October. Losing quarter-finalists will drop in to the Pairs at the semi-final stage, all others directly to the final.



25 HCP, So What?

by Jan van Cleeff

Board 14 showed similar and very careful bidding from both sides. North had:

♠ Q 9 8
♥ 9 6
♦ K Q 10 9 6
♣ K Q 10

West	North	East	South
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	?		

Believe it or not, but both North players bid 1NT, probably semi-forcing. When South considered his hand a bare minimum, the bid was passed out.

Board 11. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Of course, 3NT was the popular contract. Not that it was always made, as some declarers couldn't believe their luck in the spade suit. Even an – unlikely – heart lead by East should not paralyze declarer if he continues the suit for three tricks. Anyhow, who said that youth bridge is a risky game? 25 HCP, so what?



We must apologise to Poland's Kotorowicz brothers. Yesterday we published a picture of Jakub but said that it was of Krzysztof. This is the real Krzysztof.

Highs and Lows

by *Brian Senior*

One's emotions can swing dramatically through an auction. Take this example from Round 9 of the Under 28 series and consider the feelings of South, Serbia's Marko Jurisic, playing against Thailand.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Maksimovic</i>		<i>Jurisic</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	INT	2♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	Dble	All Pass

You may think that 1♦ is a curious choice of opening bid on the South cards. Marko would agree with you – he did not see the fifth spade so thought he had five diamonds and only four spades, making 1♦ the obvious choice. Having pushed the tray through the screen, he looked again at his hand and was very concerned that his carelessness might prove to be expensive.

Not to worry. Nikola Maksimovic responded INT and East overcalled 2♠. When the tray returned, Marko felt a rush of joy that things had turned out beautifully for him. Naturally, he doubled and started to dream of the penalty he would collect.

But when the tray came back again Marko saw that his partner had jumped to 3NT. Worse, East had doubled. Gloom and despair for Marko.

Things did not go too badly, however, and Maksimovic escaped for just one down; –200. Relief for Marko.

Serbia scored +170 in 3♥ in the other room so the swing was just 1 IMP to Thailand. And Serbia won the match by 21-7 VPs, so Marko's final emotion was one of happiness.

Expensive Toolbox

by *Micke Melander*

When Belgium met Poland in Round 9, the Belgian pair tried to use what they had in their pack of conventions against The Polish Club. Unfortunately, the toolbox they chose backfired severely.

Board 5. Declarer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brede</i>		<i>Kotorowicz</i>	
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	All Pass		

One Club showed any 15+ hand at this vulnerability, and 1♠ was explained as an overcall in any suit, not very weak but not very strong. Double from West was game forcing and promised a minimum 10 HCPs, North passed, happy to have at least spades. East decided to smoke South out and passed to see what suit he had. South did likewise, supposing that he had hit it already. But it was not a cheap affair.

Lukasz Brede started with the jack of diamonds which was won by Kotorowicz's ace. Two more rounds of diamonds followed, starting with the king – playing it that way promised something in hearts. On the fourth diamond South ruffed and West over-ruffed.

However that wasn't all. Brede continued with a low heart, underleading his ace, to partner's king, then came ahead to the ace and a heart ruff. The defence then cashed their two club tricks and the ace of trumps, leaving declarer with only three trump tricks.

That was 1100 for the Polish pair and some 12 IMPs when the Belgians bid their heart game at the other table collecting twelve tricks.

Pretty Bloody

by Jan van Cleeff

When The Netherlands met USA in Round 7 of the U28 event, Board 1 proved to be pretty bloody.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
–	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♥	Dble	All Pass	

South led a diamond for his partner's ace. North cashed two rounds of spades and played another one. Declarer won the jack and pitched a club. Next came a club to the ace, diamond ruff, club ruff, diamond ruff and another club ruff, leaving this position:

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

Now declarer, Marten Wortel from the Netherlands, was safe. He simply advanced ♦10 to score another two trump tricks.

The double dummy analyser DeepFinesse, and Jean Harings, the Dutch U28 coach, analysed that a diamond continuation at trick two or three would beat the contract. That way, the above endplay could be avoided. Alternatively, the lead of a heart honour, would leave declarer without any chance at all.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
–	1♦	1♥	Pass
3♥	Dble	All Pass	

Here again South led a diamond. North, Tim Vebeek, won the ace. He seemed to be right on track since he immediately returned a diamond. However, when declarer played a spade to the next trick, Verbeek won and cashed his other high spade. Still, 3♥ doubled down one meant first blood to The Netherlands, which eventually won the match by 22 to 8.



Tim Verbeek – Netherlands

TD Corner

Changes To Convention Card

Players are reminded that they are not permitted to change any aspect of their system, to add, delete or change and conventions, without first obtaining approval from the Chairman of the Appeals Committee or, in his absence, the Chief Tournament Director.

