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# HAVE FUN!



There's no better way to relax than over a friendly game of cards.

Here's hoping everybody has fun and enjoys their day off today. Then tomorrow is a big day for all those teams still scrapping for one of the last qualifying places, so try not to party too hard.

Poland still leads the U28 Championship with 267 VPs, ahead of Israel 260, England 255, Belgium 250 and China 248. However, the Swiss format means that at least another 20 teams still have chances of qualification if they can put together a big day on Friday.

Poland lost 8-22 to Canada in Round 14 of the U26 series, but still has a significant lead. Poland has 281 VPs, followed by Netherlands 258, Australia 240, Canada and Denmark 234. With eight teams to qualify, maybe everyone down to 13th placed Italy still has some chance of making the cut.

France continues to lead the U21 event with 294 VPs, followed by England 280, Bulgaria 268, Chinese Taipei 255.5 and China 249. Short of a truly dramatic last day, probably 11th placed Norway is the lowest team to have realistic chances of qualification.

## Friday's Schedule

10.30	U-28 Teams, Swiss 15
10.30	U-26 Teams, Round 15
10.30	U-21 Teams, Round 15
14.20	U-28 Teams, Swiss 16
14.20	U-26 Teams, Round 16
14.20	U-21 Teams, Round 16
17.30	U-28 Teams, Swiss 17
17.30	U-26 Teams, Round 17
17.30	U-21 Teams, Round 17

## RESULTS U-26 TEAMS

## ROUND 13

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	NEW ZEALAND ITALY	15 - 25	13 - 17
2	CANADA INDIA	32 - 21	17 - 13
3	CHINESE TAIPEI POLAND	41 - 40	15 - 15
4	NETHERLANDS GERMANY	22 - 41	11 - 19
5	USA EGYPT	60 - 17	25 - 5
6	CHINA HONG KONG ARGENTINA	49 - 38	17 - 13
7	DENMARK CHINA	37 - 13	21 - 9
8	CHILE INDONESIA	42 - 49	14 - 16
9	NORWAY AUSTRALIA	36 - 19	19 - 11

## ROUND 14

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	NETHERLANDS CHILE	42 - 26	19 - 11
2	INDONESIA DENMARK	16 - 29	12 - 18
3	CHINA CHINA HONG KONG	50 - 47	16 - 14
4	ARGENTINA USA	17 - 51	7 - 23
5	GERMANY ITALY	61 - 12	25 - 4
6	AUSTRALIA CHINESE TAIPEI	43 - 31	18 - 12
7	POLAND CANADA	26 - 57	8 - 22
8	INDIA NEW ZEALAND	26 - 44	11 - 19
9	EGYPT NORWAY	36 - 26	17 - 13



## RESULTS U-21 TEAMS

## ROUND 13

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	PAKISTAN INDONESIA	64 - 9	25 - 3
2	BULGARIA CHINA	37 - 53	11 - 19
3	NORWAY URUGUAY	72 - 8	25 - 2
4	AUSTRALIA ECUADOR	50 - 18	23 - 7
5	USA CANADA	40 - 43	14 - 16
6	ENGLAND NETHERLANDS	56 - 20	23 - 7
7	FRANCE POLAND	62 - 34	22 - 8
8	SINGAPORE ARGENTINA	51 - 13	24 - 6
9	BOTSWANA CHINESE TAIPEI	20 - 88	1 - 25

## ROUND 14

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	AUSTRALIA SINGAPORE	29 - 42	12 - 18
2	ARGENTINA FRANCE	24 - 46	10 - 20
3	POLAND ENGLAND	28 - 22	16 - 14
4	NETHERLANDS USA	28 - 21	16 - 14
5	ECUADOR INDONESIA	23 - 37	12 - 18
6	CHINESE TAIPEI NORWAY	12 - 28	11 - 19
7	URUGUAY BULGARIA	14 - 69	3 - 25
8	CHINA PAKISTAN	54 - 19	23 - 7
9	CANADA BOTSWANA	74 - 7	25 - 1



## FRIDAY'S PROGRAM U-26 TEAMS

## ROUND 15

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

## ROUND 16

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

## ROUND 17

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

## FRIDAY'S PROGRAM U-21 TEAMS

## ROUND 15

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

## ROUND 16

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

## ROUND 17

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

## U-26 TEAMS

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 14

1	POLAND	281
2	NETHERLANDS	258
3	AUSTRALIA	240
4	CANADA	234
	DENMARK	234
6	NORWAY	232
7	USA	229
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	212
9	GERMANY	211
10	CHILE	209
11	INDONESIA	201
12	CHINA HONG KONG	196
13	ITALY	194
14	NEW ZEALAND	179
15	ARGENTINA	175
16	CHINA	170
17	EGYPT	149
18	INDIA	141

## U-21 TEAMS

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 14

1	FRANCE	294
2	ENGLAND	280
3	BULGARIA	268
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	255.5
5	CHINA	249
6	SINGAPORE	240
7	POLAND	230.5
8	NETHERLANDS	226
9	AUSTRALIA	225
10	USA	214
11	NORWAY	213
12	ARGENTINA	201
13	PAKISTAN	177
14	CANADA	166.5
15	ECUADOR	151
16	INDONESIA	134
17	URUGUAY	96.5
18	BOTSWANA	43

## Team Canada



The Canadian Youth (under 28) team and CBF would like to say Thank You to Masterpoint Press for sponsoring Team Jack-ets.

Left to Right. Michael Yuen (npc), David Grainger, David Sabourin, Erin Anderson, Matthew Mason, Roy Yang Li and Kai Zhou.

VUGRAPH  
MATCHES

Israel - China (U-28/Round 15)

10.30

To be decided

14.10

To be decided

17.30

## World Championship Book 2008

The official book of these championships will be available around the end of March. On publication the official retail price will be £24 Sterling plus postage. You can pre-order a copy at the championships at the reduced price of US\$35 (240 Rmb) including surface mail, by seeing Brian Senior in the Bulletin Room at the BICC (through the back of the Open playing room).

The 2008 book will consist of 380 large pages, 44 more than normal, and this explains the price increase on previous years, which is also partly to offset the higher postal costs. The increased size is to cater to the fact that we have all the Youth events that have not previously been a factor in the World Championship book. By adding extra pages, we don't need to reduce the coverage of the Open etc.

There will be substantial coverage of all events, including every board of the final and semi-finals of the Open and Women's Teams, with full results listings, Butler rankings, photographs etc. Principle analysts will be Brian Senior, Barry Rigal and John Carruthers. This year's guest writers are Mark Horton, Geo Tislevoll and Marc Smith.

If you have a possible hand for inclusion, do feel free to send it to me at [bsenior@hotmail.com](mailto:bsenior@hotmail.com).



## U-28 TEAMS



## RESULTS



## SWISS 13

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 POLAND ISRAEL	8 - 43	7 - 23
2 BELGIUM GREECE	40 - 19	20 - 10
3 CHINA HUNGARY	29 - 21	17 - 13
4 ENGLAND NORWAY	41 - 24	19 - 11
5 INDONESIA CHINESE TAIPEI	17 - 53	7 - 23
6 CANADA FRANCE	28 - 47	11 - 19
7 ICELAND EGYPT	26 - 14	18 - 12
8 INDIA LATVIA	36 - 7	22 - 8
9 USA ROMANIA	81 - 18	25 - 2
10 CZECH REPUBLIC ECUADOR	47 - 27	20 - 10
11 CROATIA SERBIA	67 - 30	24 - 6
12 AUSTRIA ITALY	29 - 23	16 - 14
13 LITHUANIA AUSTRALIA	10 - 58	4 - 25
14 FINLAND THAILAND	41 - 20	20 - 10
15 TURKEY CHINA HONG KONG	62 - 34	22 - 8
16 ESTONIA BRAZIL	32 - 41	13 - 17
17 JAPAN UKRAINE	56 - 13	25 - 5
18 SINGAPORE SWEDEN	34 - 61	9 - 21
19 SPAIN GERMANY	45 - 42	16 - 14
20 IRELAND PORTUGAL	36 - 69	7 - 23
21 PAKISTAN DENMARK	12 - 89	0 - 25
22 TUNISIA NETHERLANDS	50 - 21	22 - 8
23 CAC LEBANON	60 - 17	25 - 5
24 SWITZERLAND SOUTH AFRICA	94 - 26	25 - 1
25 RUSSIA VENEZUELA	57 - 15	25 - 5
26 BELARUS ARGENTINA	38 - 12	21 - 9
27 PHILIPPINES WALES	15 - 50	7 - 23
28 BANGLADESH SCOTLAND	25 - 73	4 - 25
29 NEW ZEALAND URUGUAY	110 - 11	25 - 0
30 JORDAN SLOVAKIA	25 - 34	13 - 17
31 BOTSWANA ZIMBABWE	70 - 31	24 - 6
32 SLOVENIA KENYA	67 - 25	25 - 5
33 ARUBA SRI LANKA	73 - 22	25 - 4
34 KOREA ALBANIA	90 - 35	25 - 3
35 COLOMBIA JAMAICA	108 - 18	25 - 0
36 COSTA RICA MONGOLIA	50 - 29	20 - 10
37 PERU MALAYSIA	27 - 79	4 - 25

## SWISS 14

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 POLAND USA	48 - 20	22 - 8
2 BELGIUM ISRAEL	22 - 52	8 - 22
3 CHINA CHINESE TAIPEI	37 - 37	15 - 15
4 ENGLAND GREECE	45 - 16	22 - 8
5 HUNGARY INDIA	22 - 25	14 - 16
6 FRANCE NORWAY	41 - 25	19 - 11
7 ICELAND CROATIA	26 - 25	15 - 14
8 INDONESIA CZECH REPUBLIC	17 - 30	12 - 18
9 CANADA AUSTRALIA	17 - 32	12 - 18
10 EGYPT JAPAN	18 - 18	15 - 15
11 TURKEY FINLAND	11 - 28	11 - 19
12 AUSTRIA LATVIA	42 - 25	19 - 11
13 ECUADOR DENMARK	21 - 57	7 - 23
14 ITALY SWEDEN	33 - 22	17 - 13
15 PORTUGAL BRAZIL	45 - 30	18 - 12
16 TUNISIA ESTONIA	37 - 38	15 - 15
17 ROMANIA THAILAND	26 - 44	11 - 19
18 CAC SWITZERLAND	24 - 71	4 - 25
19 RUSSIA SPAIN	13 - 26	12 - 18
20 SERBIA GERMANY	61 - 30	22 - 8
21 CHINA HONG KONG LITHUANIA	51 - 28	20 - 10
22 SINGAPORE UKRAINE	53 - 47	16 - 14
23 IRELAND SCOTLAND	58 - 44	18 - 12
24 WALES BELARUS	26 - 56	8 - 22
25 NETHERLANDS NEW ZEALAND	53 - 30	20 - 10
26 PAKISTAN BOTSWANA	49 - 34	18 - 12
27 ARUBA LEBANON	19 - 49	8 - 22
28 VENEZUELA ARGENTINA	34 - 54	10 - 20
29 SLOVAKIA PHILIPPINES	24 - 15	17 - 13
30 KOREA JORDAN	54 - 25	22 - 8
31 SOUTH AFRICA SLOVENIA	31 - 37	14 - 16
32 BANGLADESH KENYA	114 - 6	25 - 0
33 COLOMBIA SRI LANKA	47 - 29	18 - 11
34 ZIMBABWE ALBANIA	61 - 17	25 - 5
35 COSTA RICA JAMAICA	49 - 40	17 - 13
36 URUGUAY MALAYSIA	58 - 18	24 - 6
37 PERU MONGOLIA	36 - 17	19 - 11

## U-28 TEAMS

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 14

1	POLAND	267	39	ROMANIA	208
2	ISRAEL	260	40	BELARUS	207
3	ENGLAND	255		SINGAPORE	207
4	BELGIUM	250	42	IRELAND	204
5	CHINA	248		NETHERLANDS	204
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	244	44	LITHUANIA	202
7	FRANCE	239	45	GUADELOUPE-GUYANE-MARTINIQUE	201
8	HUNGARY	237		GERMANY	201
	INDIA	237	47	UKRAINE	200
10	ICELAND	233	48	SCOTLAND	198
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	232	49	LEBANON	196
12	AUSTRALIA	231		PAKISTAN	196
	NORWAY	231	51	WALES	194
14	CROATIA	230	52	ARGENTINA	193
	USA	230		NEW ZEALAND	193
16	GREECE	229	54	KOREA	191
17	DENMARK	226	55	BANGLADESH	190.5
	EGYPT	226	56	BOTSWANA	189
	FINLAND	226		SLOVAKIA	189
	INDONESIA	226	58	SOUTH AFRICA	185
21	AUSTRIA	225	59	PHILIPPINES	184
	CANADA	225		SLOVENIA	184
23	JAPAN	223		VENEZUELA	184
24	SWITZERLAND	221.5	62	ARUBA	183
25	ITALY	219.5		COLOMBIA	183
	PORTUGAL	219.5	64	URUGUAY	179.5
27	SERBIA	218	65	JORDAN	176.8
	TURKEY	218	66	ZIMBABWE	176.5
29	LATVIA	217	67	COSTA RICA	175
30	THAILAND	216	68	PERU	159
31	SWEDEN	215	69	SRI LANKA	148
32	SPAIN	214	70	KENYA	142
	TUNISIA	214	71	ALBANIA	139
34	BRAZIL	213	72	JAMAICA	133
	CHINA HONG KONG	213	73	MALAYSIA	113
	ESTONIA	213		MONGOLIA	113
37	ECUADOR	210.5			
38	RUSSIA	208.3			

## Five Voices

What are you planning to do on your day off?



**Tomislav Gracin, Croatia  
U28**

– We are planning going to the Great Wall. Hopefully we go together with Serbia. Then it might be some other sightseeing.

**Nicolle Serra , Chile  
U26**

– We are going to see the Great Wall, and also try to get some shopping done in any of the markets. I think we will go together with our Open team.



**Hisham Moharam, Egypt  
U26**

– I have to go shopping, flash memories are cheap here. A laptop is also on the list together with some cloths. Then I would like to see the bird nest and the Great Wall.

**Sapan Desai, India  
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.



**Jovana Marinkovic, Serbia–  
U28**

– We are going to the Great Wall. We also might go to the “Forbidden City” and I want to see the “Temple of Heaven”. Some shopping would be nice as well.

## Final Series of the U21, U26 and U28 Teams

The top eight teams qualify in each category, ties being broken as in the Conditions of Contest.

There is a Captains’ Meeting at 8.00 pm on Friday October 10th in the vugraph theatre.

Carry-overs in all series are as in 7.8 of the Supplemental Conditions of Contest.

Recorders are required for every match. It is the responsibility of every team to provide a recorder for the table at which they play North/South.

Draw: All Series

1st chooses from 5th to 8th

2nd chooses from the three remaining teams

3rd chooses from the two remaining teams

4th plays the remaining team

In addition, the 1st placed team may select the other quarter-final match to be in their bracket, such that the two winners of these matches will meet in the semi-final.

Seating Rights For The Quarter-finals

The teams may, in turn, by draw, select a session and decide they want to line-up before or after their opponents. There shall be a coin toss to decide which team has first choice to select a session, and the winner also has right of choice in the remaining session after each team has chosen once.

Session Times for Saturday 11th October  
(3 x 16-Board Sessions)

11.00 – 13.20

14.20 – 16.40

17.10 – 19.30



## "I Didn't Believe You"

by Michael Byrne

During Round 13 of the U21s, England met the Netherlands with England in a comfortable second place and Netherlands in a less comfortable seventh. The two teams know each other well, having been competing for years in the annual Channel Trophy between England, Netherlands, France and Belgium, and the two countries dominate the event, with their head to head match frequently deciding the outcome – as it did this year when England won.

This deal saw declarer conned by a cunning switch.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Paske</i>	<i>Helmich</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Hop</i>
–	1♦	2♣	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Tom Paske led the queen of clubs to the king and ace and Ed Jones found the dastardly switch to the five of diamonds!

Declarer, fearing a singleton on his right, rose with the ace of diamonds and went one off. At the end of the hand his comment was, "I didn't believe you...." But perhaps when two old friends meet it is a case of who is bluffing who?



Ed Jones – England

## HELP!

by Brian Senior

One SOS redouble in an auction is common, two is rare, three is exceptional. Take a look at this deal from the U28 Round 13 clash of Balkan rivals Croatia and Serbia.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brguljan</i>	<i>Maksimovic</i>	<i>Ruso</i>	<i>Jurisc</i>
–	–	2♥	3♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

Lara Ruso's 2♥ opening showed five hearts plus a four-card or longer minor, weak. When Marko Jurisc overcalled 3♦ he no doubt thought that he had a pretty decent hand, but Karlo Brguljan doubled with a confident air and when the bidding came back to Jurisc he decided to try to find a better spot. The auction developed a curious symmetry from here, with Jurisc alternating between pass and redouble, Brguljan between pass and double. By the time that the third SOS redouble came through the screen, Nikola Maksimovic had had enough and passed.

You might not think that a weakish three-three fit redoubled at the three level, vulnerable, would be a great success, but look at the spade position – East cannot over-ruff in diamonds! A trump lead would have left declarer a trick short (and perhaps is indicated on this auction?) but, after the actual lead of the queen of hearts, there were three top tricks in the minors and six trump tricks on a grand crossruff. Maksimovic wrapped up nine tricks for a wonderful +960 – a nice result against anyone, but all the sweeter against their local rivals.



## U-26 TEAMS

## ROUND 12



POLAND

v

NORWAY



by Brian Senior

Poland has looked to be the powerhouse team in the Under 26 Championship so far and they did nothing to dispel that view in their Round 12 match-up with another traditionally strong country, Norway.

It seemed that everything that could go wrong for the Norwegians did in this match.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 2		♠ 6 4 3
♥ 7 5		♥ A K 8
♦ K Q 9 3		♦ J 4
♣ J 8 6 5 2		♣ A K 10 6 3
♠ A K Q J 9	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	
♥ J 9 6 5 4 2		
♦ 6		
♣ Q		
♠ 10 8 7		
♥ Q 10		
♦ A 10 8 7 5 2		
♣ 9 7		



Piotr Wiankowski – Poland

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>Nawrocki</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Sikora</i>
–	–	–	3♦
4♦	5♦	6♥	All Pass
West <i>Wiankowski</i>	North <i>Lindqvist</i>	East <i>Nowosadzki</i>	South <i>Berg</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

For Norway, Erik Berg passed the South hand and heard his opponents have a two-over-one auction to 4♥. I thought that Michal Nowosadzki, who was looking at two ace-kings, was slightly cautious with the East cards – surely, having not repeated the clubs earlier, 4♣ would have been a clear slam try for one of partner's suits, but he was no doubt put off by the weak spades.

Slam is neither here nor there, basically needing hearts two-two or the bare queen, so just with the odds but not by a lot. Here, Piotr Wiankowski received a diamond lead but soon claimed 12 tricks for +480.

In the other room, Jan Sikora opened the South hand 3♦ – not automatic even at favourable vulnerability, but very effective on this occasion. Petter Eide showed his two-suiter and, when Piotr Nawrocki raised the level of the pre-empt, Allan Livgard closed proceedings with a jump to 6♥.

That meant 11 IMPs to Norway, right? Wrong! After ace of diamonds and a spade switch, Livgard won, played a heart to the ace and, when the ten appeared, crossed to the queen of clubs to run the jack of hearts; down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to Poland. Of course, declarer had heard the opening pre-empt and expected South to be short in another suit.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 10		♠ J 8 5 3 2
♥ J 9 5		♥ K 10 6 4
♦ K J 9 7 5		♦ A
♣ 8 5 2		♣ K Q 10
♠ K 9 4	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             N W     E S           </div>	
♥ Q 7 2		
♦ Q 8 4 3		
♣ A 6 4		
♠ Q 7 6		
♥ A 8 3		
♦ 10 6 2		
♣ J 9 7 3		



West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>Nawrocki</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Sikora</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West <i>Wiankowski</i>	North <i>Lindqvist</i>	East <i>Nowosadzki</i>	South <i>Berg</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	INT
Dble	All Pass		

We have all opened light in third seat at times and, even vulnerable, that North hand doesn't look to be such a terrible hand for such an opening, including as it does a decent five-card suit which you would certainly like to see partner lead. But the price was a high one as Berg bid INT over Nowosadzki's spade overcall and got doubled.

Wiankowski led the ♠9 against INT doubled and that went to the ten, jack and queen. Berg ran the ten of diamonds to the bare ace and back came a spade to dummy's ace. He crossed to the ace of hearts and repeated the diamond finesse but, when the suit proved to be four-one, could only cash the ♦K for down two; -500.

In the other room, Nawrocki did not open the North hand so his opponents had a free run and reached spade game. With too many holes in the major suits, there is a lot of work to do to make this contract but both majors are very well placed so declarer had chances.

Sikora led the ♦6 to the jack and ace. Now declarer's first



Allan Livgard – Norway

chance was to lead to the king of spades. Though that loses, the ten appears on the next round to hold his losers in the suit to two. But Livgard led low to the ♠9, losing to the ten. He won the club switch in hand and led the ♠8. Chance number two was to run this, but Livgard judged to put up the king and now had three trump losers. He won the club return in dummy and led a heart to the ten, but was one down for -100 and 12 IMPs to Poland instead of 3 IMPs to Norway.

On the next board the hand records assure us that Lindqvist opened 2NT with a balanced 14-count and Berg drove to seven, the final contract being 7NT doubled down three for -500. Three No Trump was bid and made at the other table to give Poland 14 IMPs. If this result is correct, I would like to think that Lindqvist pulled the wrong bidding card and actually intended to open 1NT. If so, that is very unfortunate. If he did intend to open 2NT, the Norwegian team psychiatrist has a tough job on his hands.

Board 27. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

♠ K Q J 8 5	
♥ 10 6 5 4	
♦ 7 6	
♣ J 6	

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>Nawrocki</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Sikora</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	3♦	3♥
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

West <i>Wiankowski</i>	North <i>Lindqvist</i>	East <i>Nowosadzki</i>	South <i>Berg</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	3♦	3♥
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

After identical starts to the two auctions, Eide simply competed with 5♦ over 4♥ while Wiankowski chose to show the clubs. That had an effect on the respective Norths' decisions. Where Nawrocki doubled 5♦ because he expected to beat it but not to make 5♥, Lindqvist could pass 5♣ then, when Berg did not double 5♦, bid 5♥ as a two-way shot, right if either contract was making. It seemed that Norway had got another board wrong but this was actually to be the one bright spot in a gloomy

Against 5♦ doubled, Nawrocki led the ace of hearts and Sikora's ♥5 was not sufficiently clear – or perhaps, not knowing of declarer's second suit, Nawrocki simply chose to defend passively. When he continued with a second heart, Eide was home. He could ruff, draw trumps and take a spade pitch in dummy on the fifth club; +550 and 12 badly-needed IMPs to Norway.


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

W N E S

♠ K J	♠ 10 8 2
♥ A 10 8 2	♥ 10 4 3
♦ A K J 5	

The Polish Club auction at the other table left room for Berg to make a natural INT overcall on the South cards. When Nowosadzki competed with 2♠, Berg doubled for take-out, perhaps a questionable decision with a near mini-

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



A green square with the letters N, S, E, and W in white, representing the four directions of a compass rose.

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

The Poles won the match by 64-19 IMPs, 25-5 VPs, and continued their imperious march towards the knock-outs.

# Beer and Dollars

by Jan van Cleeff



Your editor was called to serve as an Appeals Committee member on this board of Round 11 in the U26. This happened at the table:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Dble	2♣(i)	Pass
3♥(ii)	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

- (i) Constructive spade raise  
 (ii) Explanation by West to South: heart shortness; explanation by East to North: natural

North led a diamond for the queen, king and ace. Declarer ruffed a diamond in dummy and called for ♣J. South erred by covering. West's king was won by North who switched to a spade. South took the ace and returned the queen. This was the position:

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

Declarer, who had lost two tricks so far, drew the last trump and cashed all his clubs. On the fourth club North, afraid of a heart endplay, pitched ♦J. Now declarer's ♦10 was high. There was only one trick left for the defense: ♦7 on the very last trick. For good order's sake, when you score ♦7 at the last trick and you made your contract, your opponents owe you a drink, preferably a beer. This habit originates from Scandinavia, but during the years has spread to the rest of the bridge world, especially amongst young players.

So no beer for North/South on this one. On the contrary, the hand might even cost them money. They called for the director because 3♥ was explained differently on both sides of the screen. North claimed that with the right information he would not have doubled and – more important – would have found the – killing – trump lead. The director partly followed this reasoning. He removed the double, leaving EW +620.

North/South appealed against the director's decision and therefore had to deposit one hundred dollars. The Appeals Committee okayed the removal of the double, but was of the opinion that with the proper information approximately one out of three players would have led a spade. Therefore, North/South only had to pay two-thirds of the net IMPs lost on the board. And, of course, the dollars went back to the appealing side. Altogether, to my knowledge this was the first time that the beer card played a role in an appeal.





# Danish Business

by Micke Melander

Martin Scholtz/Jonas Houmoller, Denmark U-26, have on several occasions shown how to make some nice business out of doubling in Beijing.

It actually started already in the very first round against China Hong Kong.

Board 15. Declarer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>		<i>Scholtz</i>	
—	—	—	1♣
3♠	Dble*	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble*	Pass
Pass	Pass		



Martin Scholtz – Denmark

Both doubles were alerted and actually showed interest in the heart suit, Houmoller led the ace of hearts and continued with a small heart to the king, queen and a fourth heart to establish the last heart as a winner.

Declarer knew that West had started with 7-2 in the majors. To the next trick he played a diamond to the king. When he continued with another diamond towards dummy he had a restricted choice situation when East contributed the remaining low diamond. Did East have the J or QJ was the big question?

Declarer decided on the latter alternative and tried the ace, which was an expensive decision, since he now lost all connections to the dummy and had to win all the rest in his own hand.

At the end the contract went three down for -800 and 14 IMPs to Denmark after declarer also had to give up a trick to the jack of clubs.

Also Australia tried to deal with our Danish boys.

Board 32. Declarer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Scholtz</i>		<i>Houmoller</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Dble	Rdbl	1♥	Dble
All Pass			

The defence wasn't very kind. Houmoller led the nine of hearts which went to the jack. Ace and king of trumps followed, making sure that declarer would not have any cheap ruffs.

In fact the unhappy Australian declarer only scored two tricks, the ace of spades and a trump. That meant 1400 to Denmark and another 14 IMPs to the Danish team.

Don't make business with Danish boys, It will be expensive!