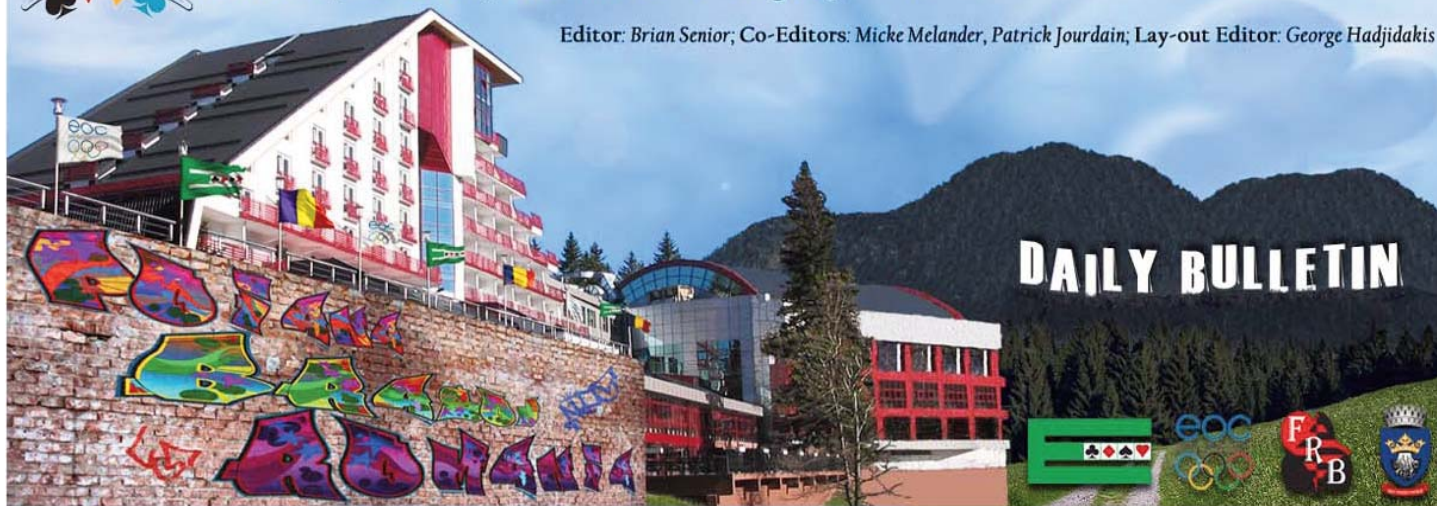


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France, Netherlands Lead The Way



The flags of nations and the entrance to the Piatra Mare Hotel

France moved into the lead in the Open series after two useful wins yesterday. Previous leaders Norway are in second with Germany close behind. After a ten-point gap come Sweden, Romania and Russia. At the bottom, Ireland got a first win, 18-12 over medal contenders, Russia.

Unlike the Open, the Girls had three matches yesterday. Netherlands retained the lead but by only a single VP over Poland, who moved up from fifth overnight with two 25-0 wins and a 15-15 draw. Third are France, followed by Denmark, Germany, Czech Republic and Hungary. Pick of the bottom half of the rankings was Estonia, with 54 VPs and two wins on the day.

Today's Vugraph Matches (also on BBO)

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| 10.00 | France v Germany (Open) |
| 14.00 | Sweden v Russia (Open) |
| 17.30 | France v Denmark (Open) |

Additional BBO Matches

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| 10.00 | Latvia v Norway (Open) |
| 14.00 | Norway v Romania (Open) |
| 17.30 | Russia v Norway (Open) |



UNDER 26 OPEN TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 7

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	ISRAEL FRANCE	16 - 62	6 - 24
2	AUSTRIA CROATIA	26 - 39	12 - 18
3	ITALY CZECH REP.	27 - 50	10 - 20
4	HUNGARY GREECE	49 - 38	17 - 13
5	RUSSIA FINLAND	42 - 15	21 - 9
6	ROMANIA IRELAND	66 - 31	22 - 8
7	LATVIA TURKEY	35 - 32	16 - 14
8	ENGLAND SWEDEN	32 - 45	12 - 18
9	POLAND NORWAY	45 - 42	16 - 14
10	BELGIUM NETHERLANDS	22 - 77	4 - 25
11	DENMARK GERMANY	32 - 75	6 - 24
12	BULGARIA BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 9

1	ISRAEL	CZECH REP.
2	AUSTRIA	GREECE
3	ITALY	FINLAND
4	HUNGARY	IRELAND
5	RUSSIA	TURKEY
6	ROMANIA	SWEDEN
7	LATVIA	NORWAY
8	ENGLAND	POLAND
9	CROATIA	NETHERLANDS
10	FRANCE	GERMANY
11	BELGIUM	BULGARIA
12	DENMARK	BYE

ROUND 8

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	CROATIA ISRAEL	12 - 56	6 - 24
2	CZECH REP. AUSTRIA	40 - 54	12 - 18
3	GREECE ITALY	16 - 73	4 - 25
4	FINLAND HUNGARY	74 - 18	25 - 4
5	IRELAND RUSSIA	41 - 28	18 - 12
6	TURKEY ROMANIA	36 - 29	16 - 14
7	SWEDEN LATVIA	59 - 39	19 - 11
8	NORWAY ENGLAND	67 - 6	25 - 3
9	POLAND BYE		18 - 0
10	NETHERLANDS FRANCE	34 - 53	11 - 19
11	GERMANY BELGIUM	60 - 24	22 - 8
12	BULGARIA DENMARK	34 - 69	8 - 22

ROUND 10

1	GREECE	ISRAEL
2	FINLAND	AUSTRIA
3	IRELAND	ITALY
4	TURKEY	HUNGARY
5	SWEDEN	RUSSIA
6	NORWAY	ROMANIA
7	POLAND	LATVIA
8	ENGLAND	BYE
9	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.
10	GERMANY	CROATIA
11	BULGARIA	FRANCE
12	DENMARK	BELGIUM

Today in History - July 12th



1962: The Rolling Stones give their first public performance at the Marquee Club in London.

1943: The Second World War: German and Russian tanks clash at the Battle of Prokhorovka as the Soviets stop the German

offensive at Kursk, Russia.

100 BC: Birth of Roman Emperor Gaius Julius Caesar.

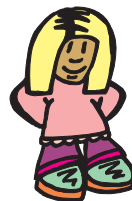
ROUND 11

1	ISRAEL	FINLAND
2	AUSTRIA	IRELAND
3	ITALY	TURKEY
4	HUNGARY	SWEDEN
5	RUSSIA	NORWAY
6	ROMANIA	POLAND
7	LATVIA	ENGLAND
8	GREECE	NETHERLANDS
9	CZECH REP	GERMANY
10	CROATIA	BULGARIA
11	FRANCE	DENMARK
12	BELGIUM	BYE

UNDER 26 GIRLS TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 7

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	ITALY TURKEY	62 - 38	20 - 10
2	ROMANIA POLAND	20 - 102	0 - 25
3	GERMANY DENMARK	43 - 70	9 - 21
4	HUNGARY FRANCE	32 - 69	7 - 23
5	ENGLAND NETHERLANDS	10 - 72	3 - 25
6	CZECH REP. NORWAY	87 - 16	25 - 2
7	SWEDEN ESTONIA	35 - 49	12 - 18

ROUND 10

1	ROMANIA	ITALY
2	GERMANY	TURKEY
3	HUNGARY	POLAND
4	ENGLAND	DENMARK
5	CZECH REP.	FRANCE
6	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS
7	NORWAY	ESTONIA

ROUND 8

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	ESTONIA ROMANIA	128 - 14	25 - 0
2	ITALY GERMANY	20 - 102	0 - 25
3	TURKEY HUNGARY	40 - 92	5 - 25
4	POLAND ENGLAND	111 - 21	25 - 0
5	DENMARK CZECH REP.	71 - 47	20 - 10
6	FRANCE SWEDEN	39 - 44	14 - 16
7	NETHERLANDS NORWAY	51 - 52	15 - 15

ROUND 11

1	POLAND	DENMARK
2	TURKEY	FRANCE
3	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
4	ROMANIA	NORWAY
5	GERMANY	SWEDEN
6	HUNGARY	CZECH REP.
7	ENGLAND	ESTONIA

ROUND 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	HUNGARY GERMANY	39 - 28	17 - 13
2	ENGLAND ROMANIA	80 - 26	25 - 4
3	CZECH REP. ITALY	92 - 16	25 - 1
4	SWEDEN TURKEY	46 - 47	15 - 15
5	NORWAY POLAND	46 - 48	15 - 15
6	NETHERLANDS DENMARK	51 - 49	15 - 15
7	FRANCE ESTONIA	63 - 43	19 - 11

ROUND 12

1	TURKEY	POLAND
2	ITALY	DENMARK
3	ROMANIA	FRANCE
4	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
5	HUNGARY	NORWAY
6	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
7	CZECH REP.	ESTONIA

Girls Prize Giving

The Prize Giving Ceremony for the Girls Teams will be held at 16.30 on Monday in the Vugraph room.

Under 21 Welcoming Ceremony

The Welcoming Ceremony for the Under 21 Teams will be held today at 20.00 in the Vugraph room.

Today's Schedule

10.00	Under 26 Girls (10th Round)
14.00	Under 26 Girls (11th Round)
17.30	Under 26 Girls (12th Round)
10.00	Under 26 Open (9th Round)
14.00	Under 26 Open (10th Round)
17.30	Under 26 Open (11th Round)
20.00	Under 21 Welcoming Ceremony

UNDER 26 OPEN TEAMS**RANKING AFTER ROUND 8**

1	FRANCE	159
2	NORWAY	158
3	GERMANY	155
4	SWEDEN	145
5	ROMANIA	138
	RUSSIA	138
7	LATVIA	132
	NETHERLANDS	132
9	POLAND	123
10	TURKEY	121
11	BULGARIA	120
12	CROATIA	119
	ITALY	119
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	117
15	ISRAEL	114.5
16	HUNGARY	108
17	DENMARK	107
18	FINLAND	103
19	ENGLAND	100
20	GREECE	95
21	AUSTRIA	91
22	BELGIUM	84
23	IRELAND	72

UNDER 26 GIRLS TEAMS**RANKING AFTER ROUND 9**

1	NETHERLANDS	165
2	POLAND	164
3	FRANCE	161
4	DENMARK	157
5	GERMANY	148
6	CZECH REPUBLIC	143
7	HUNGARY	142
8	SWEDEN	140
9	ESTONIA	134
10	ENGLAND	120
11	NORWAY	115
12	ITALY	105
13	TURKEY	102
14	ROMANIA	47

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UNDER 26 OPEN TEAMS ROUND 6



BELGIUM

v

ISRAEL



Neither Belgium nor Israel were doing particularly well going into their Round 6 match in the Open series, making it vital that they get a good win. For a long time it seemed that Israel were on the way to a maximum, with a series of big swings all going their way. Then Belgium pulled some points back late on.

cash now but declarer had nine tricks courtesy of the spade finesse for +600 and 14 IMPs to Israel.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q 10 3 2 ♥ 10 9 5 4 ♦ Q 4 ♣ K 6 5	♠ K J 9 6 ♥ A 7 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ 10 8 4 3 <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 8 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ J 9 5 3 2 ♣ A J 2	♠ 7 5 4 ♥ K 6 3 2 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ Q 9 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Argelazi</i>	<i>R. Mechelen</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>J. Mechelen</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>De Visschere</i>	<i>Padon</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 7 6 ♥ 10 8 7 4 3 2 ♦ A ♣ A	♠ J 8 3 2 ♥ J ♦ J 10 8 6 ♣ K 9 8 4 <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 5 ♥ A ♦ 9 7 4 2 ♣ Q J 10 7 6 2	♠ 9 4 ♥ K Q 9 6 5 ♦ K Q 5 3 ♣ 5 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Argelazi</i>	<i>R. Mechelen</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>J. Mechelen</i>
2♦	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>De Visschere</i>	<i>Padon</i>
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

De Visschere opened 2♥, weak with hearts and a minor, and Dobbels asked with 2NT. Three Hearts showed a max-

Whether North opened the flat 11-count did not affect the final contract, with both Souths declaring a thin no trump game.

Eiran Argelazi led the two of spades and Joram Van Mechelen put in dummy's jack. Putting all his eggs in one basket, Van Mechelen crossed to the ace of clubs to lead a diamond to the king and ace. Alon Birman switched to a low heart for declarer's queen. Van Mechelen cashed the ace of spades then played the jack of diamonds, hoping to pin a doubleton ten – but how did he then hope to get at the established diamonds? Playing for the actual position of doubleton queen gave a legitimate chance while his actual play did not. The defence cleared the hearts and the contract was three down for -300.

With spades having been bid by the dummy, Tine Dobbels led the five of hearts, run to the king, and back came a second heart to the ace. Dror Padon made the much better-looking play of a diamond from dummy, running the seven to Dobbels' queen. He won the heart continuation and led a diamond to the king and ace. The defence had a heart to




Bar Tarnovski, Israel

imum with diamonds and now 6♥ got what it deserved – a double and a swift one down for –100. If the methods do not permit West to check on key cards here then there is something seriously wrong with them; if they do, then there is something seriously wrong with West's bidding.

Birman did not have a two-suited opening available to him so passed and Joram opened 1♣. Argelazi made a two-suited overcall and Birman made the obvious jump to game, losing two aces so making +450 for another 11 IMPs to Israel.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q 10 9 6 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ A 4 ♣ K Q 9 6		♠ K 8 4 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q 10 9 7 3 ♣ J 7	♠ A J ♥ Q 10 9 8 6 ♦ K 5 ♣ A 10 4 2 ♠ 7 5 2 ♥ K 5 3 ♦ J 8 6 2 ♣ 8 5 3
West Argelazi 1♣ 2♠	North R. Mechelen 1♥ 3♥	East Birman Dble Dble	South J. Mechelen 2♥ All Pass
West Dobbels 1♣ 2♠	North Tarnovski 1♥ Pass	East De Visschere Dble 3♠	South Padon Pass All Pass


Joram raised to 2♥ after East's negative double, while Padon did not. That was sufficient to tempt Rutger Van Mechelen to compete with 3♥ and Birman doubled, presumably showing extras rather than penalty, but Argelazi judged to pass it.

Birman led the jack of clubs, ducked, and a second club for the queen and ace. Short of entries to dummy, Rutger tried the queen of hearts from hand, Birman grabbing the ace and returning the suit. Rutger rose with dummy's king and led a diamond to his king and a diamond back to Argelazi's ace. Argelazi cashed the jack of hearts and switched to a spade. Declarer won and exited with a spade but the defence could exit safely and he had to lead away from the ten of clubs in the ending for down three; –500.

In the other room there was no raise to 2♥ so no 3♥ bid from North. East raised invitationally to 3♠ but West, Dobbels declined the invitation. Bar Tarnovski led the ten of hearts to the king and a heart was returned to dummy's ace. Tarnovski ducked the jack of clubs but won the next round and returned a third club. Dobbels pitched a diamond from dummy and won his nine then played a low trump. Tarnovski rose with the ace and played the fourth club. Very nice! Dobbels saw this as an attempt to allow South to over-ruff dummy so ruffed with the king and fi-

nished into the now bare jack. Tarnovski exited with the queen of hearts and had to come to the king of diamonds for the setting trick; –50 and 11 IMPs to Israel.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 3 2 ♥ 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ 10 6 5		♠ A 10 7 4 ♥ Q J 10 6 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A 9 7 ♠ 9 5 ♥ K 9 8 2 ♦ A K 9 8 6 ♣ 8 4	♠ K Q J 8 ♥ A ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ K Q J 3 2
West Argelazi Pass Pass	North R. Mechelen 1♣ 1♠ 3NT	East Birman Pass Pass All Pass	South J. Mechelen 1♦ 2NT
West Dobbels 2♥ All Pass	North Tarnovski 1♣ Pass	East De Visschere 2♣ Pass	South Padon Dble Dble

The Van Mechelen brothers were given a free run to 3NT, against which Argelazi led a spade to dummy's king and duck. Joram led a diamond to the nine and jack and back came a second spade for the queen and ace, followed by a heart switch to dummy's ace. Joram played the king of clubs, ducked, then cashed the jack of spades and tried to split the diamonds. When that proved to be OK, he had nine tricks for +400 and probably thought that just another dull board had gone by.

I have seen one or two tables where East made an aggressive double of the 1♣ opening and, for some reason, North/South got into a muddle and stayed short of game, but De Visschere found another action – and a truly horrible one in my opinion even though it was appropriate systematically. Knowing the Belgian team's deal with their captain about beers and champagne, I suggest that De Visschere should be buying the beer for this effort. Two Clubs showed the majors – only two fewer cards than is the norm – and Padon doubled to show values then doubled again for penalties. Tarnovski was happy to accept his partner's decision and cashed the ace of hearts then led the ♣K, ducked, followed by the ♣Q to dummy's ace. Dobbels played a diamond now, Padon winning the king and playing a low heart to dummy's ten. Dobbels tried ducking a spade now, and that ran to Tarnovski's eight. Tarnovski returned a diamond. Padon won the ace and played king and another heart, and North had the rest of the tricks for four down; –1100 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

That pushed the Israeli lead up to 53-1. Belgium gained an IMP on a partscore deal, then at last some good news:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	R. Mechelen	Birman	J. Mechelen
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	3NT	All Pass	INT

West	North	East	South
Dobbels	Tarnovski	De Visschere	Padon
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Dble	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

With every suit at least doubly stopped, 3NT may be a better spot than 4♥, but the latter is by no means a bad contract. And, indeed, 4♥ could have been made after the singleton spade lead. Padon won in hand with the king and led a heart to the ten. When Birman won the queen he

could give his partner a spade ruff for a quick one down; -50. A heart to the king would have brought home the contract, of course.

Three No Trump on a low club lead was all very straightforward. Joram won the jack and led a heart to the ten, eventually losing the two red aces and coming to ten tricks for +430 and 10 badly needed IMPs to Belgium.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Argelazi	R. Mechelen	Birman	J. Mechelen
Dble	1♠	Pass	3♦
4♣	4♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Dobbels	Tarnovski	De Visschere	Padon
1♥	1♠	2♣(i)	3♣
4♥	4♣	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

(i) Clubs and hearts

Joram made a Bergen raise of 3♦ and Argelazi contented himself with a double then let his opponents play 4♣. On the actual layout, a 3♥ bid would have worked out rather better as Birman would have gone to the cold 5♥ over 4♣. Birman led his diamond as instructed and Argelazi won the ten, cashed the ace of hearts, and exited with his trump. Rutger finessed so Birman won the king and returned a trump. Rutger drew trumps and played a diamond, losing two of those for down two; -100.

De Visschere made another horrible (systemic) bid, but this time it worked out very well – maybe some of those beers go back after all? Padon showed a constructive raise with his cuebid and Dobbels could jump to 4♥ with something in reserve. When Tarnovski bid 4♣ over that, it was normal for De Visschere to leave any further action to his partner and, with considerable extra playing strength for a heart contract, Dobbels duly went on to 5♥. Tarnovski doubled that, imagining that it was his opponents who were sacrificing, and must have been rather disappointed with the outcome. There were just two black aces to be lost; -650 and 11 IMPs to Belgium.

The two big swings helped Belgium to salvage something from a bad match. Israel still won it by 61-27, or 22-8 VPs, but it could have been worse.



Tine Dobbels, Belgium


Daily Dutch 2

by Kees Tammens

A long championship bridge is like the Tour de France. You have to establish yourself in the first few days, looking for the right gear and avoiding big deficits compared with the leaders. The Dutch junior team started slowly. Two victories by 16-14 followed by a score of 18 VPs, the gift from the bye. Friday morning on vugraph the always intense match with our neighbours from the East, Germany, ended in a welcome victory (described in the Bulletin 3). It was difficult to estimate the strength of Bulgaria and Denmark, the next two opponents. As it turned out, both teams gave the Dutch juniors fierce competition and in both matches the Netherlands had to shake the hands of their opponents (14-16 and 11-19). The Netherlands still have a long way to go, and are looking very hard for the winning pace to fight their way up the rankings. Being experienced cyclists, this must be possible.

Against Bulgaria it started well for the Dutch

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.


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

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Spasov</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Marion Michielsen found the diamond ace worthy of a INT response, after which Bob Drijver went on to game. Declarer ruffed the ♣A then played the ♥K for North's ace and he returned a spade to the king. The queen and ten of hearts were followed by a small diamond ducked to the ten. Somehow, the nine on the first spade trick persuaded North to play not a second spade but a club, ruffed by declarer, who ducked another diamond and now could park his losing spade on the fourth diamond in dummy. In a way Marion was right: the ♦A was very valuable. The board gave the Dutch only 3 IMPs because at the other table North/South for the Netherlands reached 3NT down three: -300.

Bulgaria quickly struck back.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.


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

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Spasov</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
2♦	2♠	2NT	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

The heart lead was ruffed and declarer played a spade for the jack and queen. The ♦K was played and Bob Drijver could overtake and play ♦Q and another diamond to promote a trump trick for down two. He decided, however, to duck this trick. The ♣J from West for the ace, a heart ruff, a club to the king and a third ruff completed a nice dummy reversal for nine tricks, -100, and an 11 IMP gain when East/West played and made the vulnerable 4♥ at the other table.

The Bulgarian East/West pair gave Tim Verbeek a tough decision. He passed this test with success.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Siderov</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Syusyuki</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
	1♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South, Danny Molenaar, produced just the right dummy with lots of red tricks.

The other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Spasov</i>
	1♣	2♠	Dble
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

After a Precision 1♣, East 'only' bid 2♠ and North/South found their way to the 4-3 fit in hearts which pushed the board and left the match with a 52-45 in advantage of Bulgaria, 16-14 VPs.

So the Netherlands knew what their mission was for the next match, against Denmark. Both Danish pairs, however, never gave in and the low-scoring match was decided by two consecutive boards.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 5 3		
	♥ K Q J 9 4		
	♦ 9 8 3		
	♣ 5 4 3		
♠ Q 9 8 7		♠ K J 6	
♥ 7		♥ A 8 6 3	
♦ A 6 2		♦ K 5 4	
♣ Q 10 9 6 2		♣ K J 8	
		♠ A 10 4 2	
	♥ 10 5 2		
	♦ Q J 10 7		
	♣ A 7		
West	North	East	South
<i>Pedersen</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sorensen</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The ♦Q lead is automatic and, after a club for king and ace, the ♦J is almost inevitable. It would have been a miracle if South had found the heart switch. The lead against 3NT at the other table certainly would have been a heart, but North/south scored their plus in another astonishing way.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hop</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>de Pagter</i>	<i>Jespen</i>
	2♥	All Pass	

Against the courageous weak two, neither East (is this a 2NT overcall, double or pass?) nor West (can East/West reach 3♣?) found it suitable to bid so the Danish North was left to play in 2♥, which in fact made for +110.

On Board 14 the Netherlands overreached to 6♣ for down three and when Denmark stayed in the normal 3 NT another 12 IMPs went the Danish way.

Board 16 gave both East/Wests a chance for a big plus.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ 10 9 3		
	♥ 10 9 7		
	♦ K 5		
	♣ A J 6 4 3		
♠ Q J 8 2		♠ 6	
♥ Q J 3		♥ A K 6 5 2	
♦ A J 10		♦ 9 8 3 2	
♣ K Q 9		♣ 10 5 2	
		♠ A K 7 5 4	
	♥ 8 4		
	♦ Q 7 6 4		
	♣ 8 7		
West	North	East	South
<i>Pedersen</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sorensen</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

It looks easy to defeat 2♠ but Marion Michielsen, produced eight tricks. Not bad when East/West can make 3NT.

Did the Dutch pair reached this sharp 3NT?

West	North	East	South
<i>Hop</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>de Pagter</i>	<i>Jespen</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

The topic of the discussion afterwards was the 2NT bid: natural or scrambling with 3-2-4-4 distribution? Alas, 3♥ went one off so no score. In the end it was however Denmark 40 Netherlands 19. As has happened in the past; when you give up 40 IMPs in a match of 20 boards, this certainly is no guarantee opponents will win, especially in a junior match. This time, however, it was a big Danish win of by 19-11 VPs. And it leaves a lot of work to do for the Netherlands in the coming days to escape from the peloton and catch the leading pack.

Past Play Problem No. 3

Here is another play problem from an earlier European Youth Championship:

How should West play 3NT? North who opened 1♠, leads a diamond. You cash the second diamond and play a club, but North ducks.

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

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UNDER 26 GIRLS TEAMS ROUND 7



FRANCE

v

HUNGARY



This round marked the mid-point of the Girls Championship and it was important for those teams hoping to be in the medals on Monday to avoid a heavy defeat. Hungary could be described as hopefuls, while France would be expected by many to finish in the top three.

This was easily the wildest set of deals in the Championships so far.

It must be wiser to cash a top club to take a look at dummy, then decide whether a heart switch looks correct. The point is that the heart lead gives up control so is a very committal action, while a top club retains control and gives the defender a second chance.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 9 6 5 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 6 5 ♣ A K 7 6 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ K Q J 6 2 ♦ K 8 3 2 ♣ J 8 3</p> <p>♠ A K Q 8 3 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ Q 10 5</p>	
<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ A 10 9 8 ♦ A Q J 9 7 ♣ 9 4</p>			
<p>West <i>Carbonneaux</i></p> <p>4♣</p>	<p>North <i>Vegh</i></p> <p>All Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Puillet</i></p> <p>1♠</p>	<p>South <i>B. Fischer</i></p> <p>Pass</p>
<p>West <i>Gabor</i></p> <p>4♣</p>	<p>North <i>Thizy</i></p> <p>5♦</p>	<p>East <i>A. Fischer</i></p> <p>1♠</p> <p>All Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Chaugny</i></p> <p>2♦</p>

Would you come in with the South hand when 1♠ is opened on your right, perhaps with a 2♦ overcall, perhaps with double if playing equal-level conversion so that you can correct partner's club response to diamonds without promising extras? It is a little dangerous to bid but, as we have seen before, it can also be dangerous to pass.

For Hungary, Brigitta Fischer passed and Jessie Carbonneaux's raise to 4♣ meant that there was no second chance for North/South. Fischer led the nine of clubs so Carole Puillet could win, draw trumps and throw her diamond losers on the clubs; twelve tricks for +480.

For France, Claire Chaugny overcalled 2♦ and now Aurelie Thizy had an easy 5♦ bid over 4♣. While it is true that the North/South heart fit is undisclosed, Hanna Gabor's lead of her singleton heart is very dangerous, as was shown on the actual deal. Declarer could win, draw trumps and pitch a club loser on the fifth heart; +600 and 14 IMPs to France.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q 6 3 ♥ A K J 8 6 5 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ A</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A 10 8 5 ♥ Q 9 7 4 3 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ 9 ♥ – ♦ A 8 7 5 ♣ K Q J 10 9 8 7 5</p>	
<p>West <i>Carbonneaux</i></p> <p>1♥ 3♦ 4♥</p>	<p>North <i>Vegh</i></p> <p>Pass Pass Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Puillet</i></p> <p>1♣ 3♣ 4♣ 5♣</p>	<p>South <i>B. Fischer</i></p> <p>Pass Pass Pass All Pass</p>
<p>West <i>Gabor</i></p> <p>1♥ 3♦ 3NT 4♠</p>	<p>North <i>Thizy</i></p> <p>Pass Pass Pass Pass</p>	<p>East <i>A. Fischer</i></p> <p>1♣ 3♣ 3♠ 4♣ 6♣</p>	<p>South <i>Chaugny</i></p> <p>Pass Pass Pass Pass All Pass</p>

While it will occasionally give partner an awkward guess, you might seriously consider a 5♣ opening with the East cards due to your lack of defence to either major suit. However, both our Easts preferred 1♣ and that too is OK. The auctions were identical up to East's third call, when I much prefer Puillet's 4♣ to Andrea Fischer's 3♠ – when you have such an exceptional suit, surely it is better to tell partner about it rather than make a vague asking bid?

Over Puillet's 4♣, Carbonneaux cuebid 4♥ but, lacking either spade or diamond control, had to pass her partner's next bid of 5♣. A well-judged auction in which slam was considered but then rejected. Fischer led the jack of diamonds, which Puillet won with the ace. She crossed to the ace of clubs and pitched the spade and a diamond loser on the top hearts, eventually conceding two diamond tricks; +600.

When Andrea bid 3♠ then followed up with 4♣ it was clear that she had slam in mind but it appears that the partnership had a misunderstanding. I am guessing that Gabor took 4♣ as asking for key cards while Fischer took 4♠ to be a spade control. Anyway, 6♣ has play, albeit unsuccessful, if the defence fails to take its spade trick, and Chaugny actually led a trump, but the king of diamonds was over the queen, so justice was done and the slam had to fail by a trick; -100 and 12 IMPs to France.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ A 7 ♦ Q J 10 7 3 2 ♣ A J 10 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ A K 8 7 ♥ K J 9 8 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ K 4	
N		E							
W		S							
♠ Q J 10 9 5 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ 8 6 ♣ Q 7 3	♠ 4 3 2 ♥ Q 5 3 2 ♦ K 4 ♣ 9 8 6 2								
West <i>Carbonneaux</i> 1♠ 4♠	North Vegh 1♦ 3♦ All Pass	East Puillet Dble 3♠	South B. Fischer Pass Pass						
West Gabor 1♠ 4♠	North Thizy 1♦ 2♣ All Pass	East A. Fischer Dble 3♠	South Chaugny Pass 4♣						



Brigitta Fischer, Hungary

Four Spades should go down and Thizy's lead of the queen of diamonds duly ensured that it would do so. Gabor won the ace of diamonds and drew three rounds of trumps then ran the ten of hearts. When that lost to the queen she was one down for -100.

Mariann Vegh led the ace of hearts. There was still time to find the diamond switch but Fischer had followed with the two, encouraging, so Vegh continued with her remaining heart and that was all the help that Carbonneaux needed. She won the king of hearts, drew trumps and gave up a heart, establishing a discard for her diamond loser; ten tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to France.

This was beginning to get serious for the Hungarians, who trailed by 6-39, but the first half ended with a big pick-up to allow them to draw closer.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 9 2 ♥ 10 9 7 6 5 ♦ A J 8 ♣ J 6	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ 3 ♥ K J 8 3 ♦ K 6 5 2 ♣ A 9 5 3	
N		E							
W		S							
♠ A 8 7 5 4 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 10 8	♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 10 9 4 3 ♣ 7 4 2								
West <i>Carbonneaux</i> 1♠ 2♥ 4♣ 4NT 6♣	North Vegh Pass Pass Pass All Pass	East Puillet 1♦ 3♥ 4♦ 5♥	South B. Fischer Pass Pass Pass Pass						
West Gabor 1♠ 2♣ 3NT	North Thizy Pass Pass All Pass	East A. Fischer 1♦ INT 2♦	South Chaugny Pass Pass Pass						

Andrea Fischer rebid INT and Gabor did not consider slam. Chaugny led a club and Fischer reached a point where she felt it safe to play for a diamond trick so made ten for +630.

Puillet rebid 2♣ then showed her heart length and Carbonneaux could picture her partner's singleton spade. Slam had to have play and she duly bid it after an exchange of cuebids and Key Card. Six Clubs has pretty decent play but the heart split meant that in practice it could only be made double dummy (win the heart lead, ace of spades, spade ruff, club to the king, spade ruff high, club to the queen,

♣10, diamond towards the king, for example).

Brigitta Fischer led her singleton. Puillet won the jack and played a spade to the ace then ruffed a spade, then tried to get back to dummy with a heart to take a second ruff. When Fischer could ruff the heart and lead a diamond to the ace for a second ruff, the slam was two down for -200 and 13 IMPs to Hungary.

While it would have been no more successful, I think I would have won the heart in dummy and played a diamond up.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Vegh</i>	<i>Puillet</i>	<i>B. Fischer</i>
1♦	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Gabor</i>	<i>Thizy</i>	<i>A. Fischer</i>	<i>Chaugny</i>
-	-	-	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Again, we saw one table in slam, the other in game, and once again it was the pair who stopped in game who gained the swing. As an aside, many years ago, Raymond Brock, captain of the then British Junior team, calculated at the end of a championship that, had his team never bid a single slam – even including the ones with 15 top tricks – they would have scored better overall.

Carbonneaux opened 1♦, reopened with a double of the weak jump overcall, then corrected 4♥ to 5♦. Vegh tried a cunning underlead of the ace of clubs, the false-card of the jack losing to the king. Carbonneaux drew trumps and eventually had to play for the clubs to divide; +400.

Gabor opened 2♣ and basically bid slam all by herself. Andrea had the pleasure of playing the hand on a trump lead. She cashed six rounds of trumps, the ♥K and ♠A, before playing the king of clubs. But with the clubs exposed in dummy there was no danger that the defence would let this one through and she had to go one off for -50 and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Vegh</i>	<i>Puillet</i>	<i>B. Fischer</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
2NT	Dble	4♣	2♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	4♥

West	North	East	South
<i>Gabor</i>	<i>Thizy</i>	<i>A. Fischer</i>	<i>Chaugny</i>
	2♥	Pass	4♥

All Pass

How simple these weak two-suited openings sometimes make the auction. Thizy opened 2♥ and Chaugny raised directly to game, shutting the opposition out completely. Thizy played a heart to the ace so held herself to ten tricks for +420.

In the other room, Vegh did not have a two-suited opening in her system so had to pass. Brigitta opened 1♠ in third seat but the heart fit was soon found. While Brigitta's 4♥ bid was by no means obligatory on what was, after all, just a ten-count facing a hand that had not promised heart support, Vegh's jump to slam was just lazy – how could it hurt to check on key cards along the way?



Claire Chaugny, France

Declarer completely muddled the play and ended up three down (she too played a heart to the ace); -150 and 11 IMPs to France.

Once again Hungary was in danger of being blitzed at 19-67, but once again a big swing was on its way to rescue them.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Carbonneaux</i>	<i>Vegh</i>	<i>Puillet</i>	<i>B. Fischer</i>
		Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Gabor</i>	<i>Thizy</i>	<i>A. Fischer</i>	<i>Chaugny</i>
		Pass	1♦
5♣	6♣	Pass	6♠
7♣	7♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	7♥	Dble	All Pass

Would you open the South hand? I suspect most would look at the three tens, all backing up other honours, and say yes, as did Chaugny. Brigitta passed, however, and that led to a very simple auction when Carbonneaux opened with the obvious 5♣ – how often does one pick up a ten-card suit, after all – and Vegh doubled. With a balanced hand, Brigitta knew 5♣ would fail but could not know what she could make at this level, so passed. There was nothing to the play, Carbonneaux losing one trick in each suit for down two; -300.

Gabor also bid 5♣ over the 1♦ opening, and Thizy cuebid 6♣, committing to slam. Fair enough, but when Chaugny bid 6♠ and Gabor broke discipline by bidding again with the preemptive hand – 7♣, now Thizy bid 7♦. Having already forced to slam did she really have enough to bid seven when the auction screamed of bad breaks all around? Maybe a forcing pass would have been wiser and, with her wasted club values and minimum opening, Chaugny would have known what to do. Anyway, Andrea doubled 7♦ and doubled again when Thizy ran to 7♥. Presumably she did not want to play in spades as West would be on lead to lead a club?

Seven Hearts was, of course, hopeless. The good news was that at least there were plenty of entries to hand to take diamond and spade finesses. The bad news was the two trump losers; -500 and 13 IMPs to Hungary. Had Thizy allowed her partner to double 7♣, that would have cost -800 and France would have gained 11 IMPs – a 24 IMP swing.

The match ended in a 69-32 Imp, 23-7 VP win to France, keeping them very much in the hunt for the medals.

Oh, Is It Teams?

Eric Arvidsson, Sweden U-26, was East (E/W Vul.) and held:

♠ 10 9 8 7 4
♥ K 9 7
♦ A J 9
♣ 10 3

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♥	3♦
Pass	Pass	?	

Any bid? Eric obviously thought that his cards were getting better and better so made an optional double when most players would have passed without more thought, since it was teams. His partner decided to turn it into a business double since he liked what he saw and knew that the double meant some values in diamonds.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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



The defense was merciless. Eric led the ten of clubs to queen, king and ace. Declarer, with no entry to dummy, now played the king of diamonds, East won with the ace and continued the club attack to partner's jack. Now came a club ruff, a heart to the ace and a fourth club, giving the defence three diamond tricks. Ironically, declarer had to discard one of his high spades, knowing that the ruff wouldn't do any good.

Plus 300 was a nice score for the Swedish team, though maybe a little bit aggressive for the taste of their captain. Never argue with success though.



Eric Arvidsson, Sweden

UNDER 26 GIRLS TEAMS

ROUND 7



NETHERLANDS

v

ENGLAND



Whilst the Open had the morning off, the leaders in the Girls, Netherlands, was playing England, lying eighth at the time. The Bulletin had a reporter at both tables.

In the Open Room, sisters Sigrid & Jamilla Spangenberg for the Netherlands faced Liz Roberts & Jennie Marvin. Both pairs play strong no trump and five-card majors but at the two level the English pair play simply three weak twos, whilst the Dutch play a 2♣ opening that is either a weak two in diamonds or game forcing, a Multi 2♦, and two-suited openings in the majors.

In the Closed Room, Rosaline Barendregt (already a practiced journalist) & Lotte Leufkens (daughter of their npc, a former World Junior and Open champion) were up against Alice Kaye & Sarah O'Connor. Again, both pairs play 15-17 no trump with five-card majors.

As it turned out, the match was full of interesting and swingy deals. Unfortunately, on the score sheet, the traffic was mostly one way.

The first board was a tricky play problem in 4♥:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K ♥ A 10 4 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ A Q 9 7 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 9 8 5 2 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 8 4 3	♠ 10 7 6 3 ♥ Q J 8 7 3 ♦ A 10 3 ♣ 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

The auction was the same at both tables:

West	North	East	South
Sigrid	Roberts	Jamilla	Marvin
Kaye	Barendregt	O'Connor	Leufkens
	INT	Pass	2♦*
Dble	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Liz Roberts was at the helm in 4♥ on the lead of ♦9.

Of course, Deep Finesse knows the diamonds are 5-2 and which finesse is winning, so wraps up 11 tricks by ducking a diamond, taking the club finesse to dispose of a losing diamond, cashing the top spades, and then crossruffing. You lose only one diamond and one trump.

It was not so easy seeing only two hands. Roberts actually rose with the ♦A at trick one and then ran the ♥Q. East won and the defence cashed two diamonds, East disposing of a club. Then a spade went to declarer's ace.

Declarer now had the options of a crossruff (which works as you are able to make all six remaining trumps and the four outside winners) or of setting up clubs using the finesse (♥10 to the jack, club finesse, club ruff, trump to hand, club ruff, spade to the king) or of relying on a favourable lie in trumps and the club king falling in three (a line which does not work).

Choosing the latter, declarer played ace of clubs, club ruff, trump to hand, club ruff. When the king did not fall she was a trick short; 50 to the Netherlands.

One has to say that ducking the first trick can hardly do any harm even if West wins and returns a diamond which East ruffs. And, of the two finesses to take, the club looks more helpful as when it works you will clearly gain a trick (and having ducked the diamond, you still get a diamond away even when the club finesse loses). Furthermore, the heart finesse may not help even when it wins, and in the later choice declarer faced, it was unlikely East had thrown a club from four to the king so one of the other lines should have a better chance of success.

In the Closed Room the lead was the same ♦9. Barendregt also took her ace at trick one, but simply cashed her three black winners and began a crossruff. On the first spade ruff West discarded a diamond. When declarer led the fourth club East ruffed in with the trump king, so declarer ditched a losing diamond. This led to 11 tricks and 11 IMPs to Netherlands.



Alice Kaye, England

The most difficult sacrifice to find is at unfavourable vulnerability at the five-level so the Dutch did very well to find it in the Closed Room on Board 2. You have to discover either a massive trump fit or the magic double-fit that existed here.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 9 6 5 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 6 5 ♣ A K 7 6 2</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ A K Q 8 3 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ Q 10 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 7 ♥ A 10 9 8 ♦ A Q J 9 7 ♣ 9 4</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sigrid</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Jamilla</i>	<i>Marvin</i>
		1♠	Pass
2NT(i)	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

(i) At least invitational with 4♠

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaye</i>	<i>Barendregt</i>	<i>O'Connor</i>	<i>Leufkens</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

The Dutch declared at both tables, making 480 (the lead was a club) at one table and -100 at the other for a 9 IMP gain.

On Board 3 the Dutch were playing a defence to strong no trump that allowed them to steal the partscore in 2♦. East, Jamilla held, last in hand at red:

♠ K 9 4 2
♥ K 5
♦ K J 9 8 7 2
♣ 7

When dealer's 15-17 no trump was passed to her she bid, 2♣ showing either diamonds or both majors. Partner, with:

♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ 6 4 3
♦ Q 3
♣ K 10 5 4

bid 2♦, pass or correct, which was worth another 5 IMPs to the Dutch when the opponents were unable to locate

their heart fit and the INT opening was passed out and made in the Closed Room.

Board 4 was a 23-HCP game in three different denominations (the only fit being 4-4 in diamonds). Of course, it depended on a reasonably-favourable lie of the cards, so no surprise neither table reached it. No swing.

On the next deal you pick up at green, second-to-speak:

♠ J 8 3
♥ -
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ Q J 10 5 4 2

Dealer opens a five-card 1♥. Being a junior, you have no worries making a weak jump overcall of 3♣. When the tray returns you see LHO has made a natural game-forcing call of 3♠, partner has bid 4♥, and opener has passed.

What is your choice, and what would your explanation be if asked the meaning of partner's 4♥?

Our player, Jamilla of the Netherlands, alerted her sister's call and, after a little thought, signed off in 5♣. This time, when the tray returns, your 5♣ has been doubled and partner has removed this to 5♥, also doubled. Yes, 4♥ was intended as natural!

Now you pass. As partner holds:

♠ 9 6
♥ A K Q J 10 9 7
♦ 6 2
♣ K 9

Five Hearts doubled goes three light for -500, but no harm has been done as the opponents can make 5♠ for 650 (losing only one heart and one club).

In the Closed Room, after the same start, the English player with the seven solid hearts, after long thought passed over 3♠. LHO bid 3NT which came back to her! Again she thought and thought before passing.

Barendregt was declarer with no stop in hearts. How would you like the missing hearts to be? 4-3 is a bore, 7-0 is much better.... On a club lead, declarer claimed 11 tricks for 660 and 4 IMPs to the Netherlands.

On the next deal Jamilla was the dealer at red, holding:

♠ 9
♥ -
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ K Q J 10 9 8 7 5

Undeterred, she opened 5♣. Her sister, holding:

♠ Q 6 3
♥ A K J 8 6 5
♦ Q 6 3
♣ A

wisely passed. There were exactly 11 tricks on any lead, though the defender's decision to lead a trump was unusual.

In the Closed Room, the English pair took seven unopposed bids to reach the same conclusion:

1♣ – 1♥ – 3♣ – 3♦ – 4♦ – 4♥ – 5♣ – Pass

A flat board.

The next deal had an interesting ending in 3NT:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The two auctions were the same:

West	North	East	South
Sigrid	Roberts	Jamilla	Marvin
Kaye	Barendregt	O'Connor	Leufkens
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Both Wests led ♠2. In the Open Room, Marvin rose with ♠K and led a diamond to the king and ace. The next spade was ducked to East who cleared the suit, dummy throwing a heart. Now declarer rattled off five clubs. This was the position when the last was led:

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

On this trick declarer was squeezed in an odd way. Suppose first she throws a heart. Then West has to keep two diamonds and a spade and does best to ditch the ♥K to ensure East wins the first heart and plays a diamond through.

Actually, declarer threw a spade. Now if West throws her spade the defence must make two hearts and a diamond. But West, after a little thought, actually bared her heart king. Had declarer picked up the position a heart from dummy would have won the game. East cannot rise without setting up the hearts, and if East plays low West is end-

played. Sad to tell, declarer simply took the diamond finesse to go one off; 100 to the Netherlands.

In the Closed Room, at trick one declarer let East win the ♠Q and she returned ♠10 to dummy's king. The ♥Q was led next. East should rise with the ace to clear the spades and the defence would make two spades, two hearts and a diamond. But East played low and West won and played a second heart. And so declarer made 9 tricks for 600 to Netherlands and 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

The auctions were the same until the last bid:

West	North	East	South
Sigrid	Roberts	Jamilla	Marvin
Kaye	Barendregt	O'Connor	Leufkens
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
			?

In the Open Room, 5♠ was passed out for one off and 50 to the Dutch. Much therefore hinged on whether East would make her 6♣ in the Closed Room by guessing the deep finesse (yes, we mean that in both senses!) in hearts.



Rosaline Barendregt, Netherlands

She actually finessed the jack (the successful play if the hearts are 3-3 or North has ten-doubleton). On the bidding it is unlikely North has three small, but a doubleton 10 is a possibility.

Anyway that was -50 and 3 IMPs to the Dutch.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sigrid	Roberts	Jamilla	Marvin
	1♦	Dble	Pass
1♠	2♦	2♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kaye	Barendregt	O'Connor	Leufkens
	1♦	Dble	1♥
1♠	2♣	4♠	All Pass

In the Open Room, West was only in 2♠ and made nine tricks on a diamond lead.

In the Closed Room, West was in 4♠. North led ♥A followed fatally by a second heart. So declarer won, drew trumps and set up a third heart trick for a diamond discard; 620 to England and their only gain in the match, 10 IMPs.

Although a thin slam was possible on Board 10 both played sensibly enough in a safe 3NT+1 for a rare flat board.

The half-time score was 44-10 to the Dutch.

The hands today are completely crazy, stated Kaye to her friends at the table, and pulled a long sigh after finishing Board 10. She alone had faced several difficult hands so far, little did she know about what was coming.

On Board 11 she picked up:

♠ A
♥ K
♦ A K Q 10 8 6 2
♣ K Q 8 3

Kaye started with her only strong bid, 2♣, got a 2♦ relay back, showed her suit with 3♦, and now heard 3♥ from her partner. Time to think again...

After a loooong thought, she simple gave up and bid 3NT. Partner showed up with:



Lotte Leufkens, Netherlands

♠ Q 9 3 2
♥ A 9 6 5 4 3
♦ -
♣ 6 5 4

Kaye got a spade lead that went to the two, jack and her ace. When the diamonds were breaking she had little problems making the contract. That was 10 tricks to England where the Dutch at the other table managed to make 11 at the other table for 1 IMP.

Next hand, new problems for Kaye now holding:

♠ -
♥ K Q J 9 8 6 3
♦ K J 10
♣ K J 5

She opened with 1♥ and was very little surprised to see partner reply 1♠. She now jumped to 3♥, fishing for some support from partner, who continued bidding her spades... After another sigh she placed the contract in 4♥.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Barendregt led the nine of diamonds which went to declarer's king. She immediately started on the trumps. The king of hearts went to Leufken's ace in South. She now hesitated for a long time, fingering the queen of clubs, but decided to play the ace of spades. Kaye ruffed the spade and continued playing hearts from the top, when the ten fell she simply claimed her 11 tricks; no swing.

The next boards were actually quite calm... some IMPs were distributed in favour of the Dutch.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Both rooms played 4♥ with a diamond lead. Barendregt in the Closed Room, won the trick with the ace. She finessed in hearts twice and drew the last remaining trump, set up a spade trick and crossruffed her 10 tricks.

Marvin, at the other table, decided to go for another line that proved to be fatal. She won the diamond lead with the ace, played a heart to the ace, king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. She then continued with a heart to East's king, who now cashed a club and continued with a low club. That killed the contract since declarer

now was a trick short and had lost her possibilities to crossruff. East managed to over-ruff the fourth spade with her eight of hearts so the defence actually got a spade, a club and two trump tricks, for a 10 IMP swing for the Netherlands.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
			1♦
5♣	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
			1♦
5♣	6♣	Pass	6NT
7♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Only to bid 5♦ must be a very pessimistic view. Six Clubs, (pick a suit partner) as Barendregt found at the other table was a practical and very good bid. However, it was close to ending up in a disaster since Leufkens didn't have a clue about what it meant – she only stated that they hadn't talked about that kind of bid. After a while she finally bid 6NT. Kaye trusted her opponents and took the sacrifice, which was correct since if she had led the ace of clubs (as she said, if passing) the contract would have made. Any other lead would have beaten it; 7 more IMPs to Netherlands.

The last two boards were almost pushes but created 4 more orange IMPs, so adding it all up, Netherlands won by a massive 72-10 IMPs, or 25-3 in VPs.



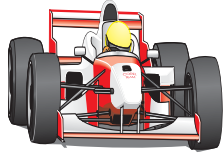
Sarah O' Connor, England

Eilat Bridge Festival 2009

David Birman, organiser of the Eilat Bridge Festival 2009, which is advertised elsewhere in today's Bulletin, offers free accommodation and entry to the Festival for the winning team in the Open Under 26 Championship here in Poiana Brasov.



Sport News



Formula 1

Mark Webber (Red Bull) takes pole position for the German Grand Prix ahead of Barrichello, Button, Vettel, Hamilton and

Kovalainen.



Cycling

Spain's Luis Leon Sanchez timed his late burst to perfection to take the eighth stage of the Tour de France. Sanchez was part of a breakaway group of four, and overhauled Vladimir Efimkin in the final 500m before outsprinting

Sandy Cesar at the death. Rinaldo Nocentini retained the yellow jersey and the other main contenders, including Alberto Contador and Lance Armstrong, all finished in the peloton.



Cricket

England are in trouble in the first Ashes test against Australia. When the rain came down at tea on the fourth day of five they were 20-2 in their second innings,

still 219 behind.



Tennis

In this weekend's Davis Cup quarter-finals, Israel have a winning 3-0 lead over Russia so have reached the semi-finals for the first time. Elsewhere, Czech Republic lead Argentina 2-1, Croatia lead USA 2-1, and Spain lead Germany 2-1.

Turkish Treat

Board 8 from Girls Round 7 has been discussed elsewhere by Patrick Jourdain, but his match did not feature the fine card play we saw from Turkey's Ozge Tekin against Italy.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K Q 9 8 4 2 ♥ 7 ♦ K Q 10 5 ♣ 6	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 3 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ A K Q J 8 7 5	♠ J 7 5 ♥ Q 10 8 6 3 ♦ J 9 8 3 ♣ 2
N							
W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
Sarioz	Botta	Tekin	Chavarria
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	4♠	5♣	5♠
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

A spirited auction saw Tekin on play in 6♣ doubled on the lead of the five of spades. Italy's Giorgia Botta won the ace and switched to the king of diamonds. Tekin won the diamond, drew trumps and played ace of hearts and...

Because North had bid 4♠ on her own, and seemed to have diamonds also, Tekin judged her to be short in hearts. She finessed the nine, came back to hand and finessed the jack so had twelve tricks for a magnificent +1090.



Ozge Tekin, Turkey

Calling the Director After a Hesitation

The Chief Tournament Director wishes to remind the players of: Regulation 3.1.4, paragraphs e, f and g.

If a player on the side of the screen receiving the tray considers there has been a break in tempo, he should call the Director before the opening lead is made and the screen opened. The screenmate of the hesitator should not draw attention to the break in tempo.

Team Profiles



We would like to publish as many team profiles as possible in the Daily Bulletin. These can be serious or humorous – but please keep the humour within common sense boundaries. The bulletins appear on the internet all over the world and what we may consider funny has been known in the past to offend a small number of people.

As well as helping us all to know each other a little better, these profiles are a valuable source of information for journalists, so it is particularly important that we publish them for any team which ends up in the medals.

Please hand team profiles to any of Brian Senior, Micke Melander, Barry Rigal or Patrick Jourdain or email to: bsenior@hotmail.com

Past Play Problem No. 3 Solution

How should West play 3NT? North who opened 1♠, leads a diamond. You cash the second diamond and play a club, but North ducks.

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

This problem faced Franck Multon of France in the 1988 Junior Europeans in Plovdiv. He led a heart (!) and ducked. The hearts were 7-2. North had all the high black cards and had to concede the ninth trick later. Even if the defence has a chance, Multon's play may deceive.

These problems are taken from a new book published this month by Masterpoint Press with selections from Bridge Magazine's Problem Corner by Patrick Jourdain.

Bus Trip Around Brasov



The Romanian Bridge Federation is pleased to organise a 'bus trip around the Brasov area' on Monday 13th July. This is the programme:

Departure: 10.00 in front of the Piatra Mare Hotel

Route: Rasnov Medieval Castle – Bran (Dracula) Castle – Brasov Old Town

Return: 18.00 to Piatra Mare Hotel

Fee: Euros 20 per person

Registration: Up to 17.30 on Sunday 12th July at the Hospitality Desk

A packed lunch will be available for all participants.

Turkish Traps

Irfan Ilgin set up a trap against Poland that looked like an offer that declarer couldn't refuse. Suddenly a completely cold contract went off. Check out the following deal:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 9 7 2		
	♥ K Q 7 2		
	♦ J 8 7		
	♣ 9 7 3		
♠ Q 8 4		♠ A 10 6	
♥ A 3		♥ J 8 6 4	
♦ A K Q 10 3 2		♦ 9 6	
♣ J 6		♣ A Q 8 2	
	♠ K J 5 3		
	♥ 10 9 5		
	♦ 5 4		
	♣ K 10 5 4		
West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Six tricks in diamonds and three aces seem to be a good start, when you only need nine tricks. The key question to ask ourselves is how to safely play the hand, if possible, to maximize our chances of making the contract if diamonds aren't breaking?

This is where the Turkish trap comes into action. The two of hearts was led and went to the six, nine and declarer's ace. Our Polish declarer now ran the jack of clubs, trying to set up some extra tricks, to South's king.

Ilgin now returned a brilliant low spade, killing declarer's only remaining entry for the diamonds. The spade went to the four, seven and dummy's ten. Declarer, who thought he still was safe, completed his 'safety play' by finessing in diamonds to Ozgur's jack. Ozgur now completed the scam by exiting with his seven of hearts!! Declarer 'who had everything under control' finessed the eight, to see the ten arriving from South! One diamond, one club and three heart tricks brought the contract down!

Nicely defended by Ilgin/Ozgur.



Irfan Ilgin, Turkey