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POLES BACK ON TOP



A view from the roof of the Novotel at night, showing part of the Sydney Olympic Park with the city in the background

Poland retook the lead with 239 VPs, relegating France, 234, to send place. Both are looking very good for a place in the semi-finals. Though there are still five matches to go, offering a total of 125 Victory Points, the other two semi-finalists are likely to come from four teams, USAI on 216.8, Australia 207, Canada 206 and Israel 202.7. There is a big gap to the rest of the field and someone would have to put together an impressive string of results to reach the top four. Leading the pack is Japan on 182, ahead of Norway 181, then China Hong Kong and Hungary 180.

Poland scored 65 VPs on the day, as did

USAI, while hosts Australia managed 61. Of the teams not in contention, Egypt had an excellent day, scoring 49 VPs from matches against three top-six teams, Canada, Poland and Israel. The Canadians had a bad day and dropped from third to fifth, collecting just 34 VPs out of 75.

There are just two matches today, and USAI have a much easier day than the two leaders, so have a big opportunity to close right up at the top. By the end of today we may have a good idea who three of the four semi-finalists will be. Of course, what looks easy on paper is not always so in real life.



SCHEDULE

10.00-12.50 Round Robin, Round 13
14.10-17.00 Round Robin, Round 14



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Israel - France	10.00
China Hong Kong - Canada	14.10





TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13

1	ISRAEL	FRANCE
2	BRAZIL	NORWAY
3	USA I	CHILE
4	CANADA	USA2
5	POLAND	JAPAN
6	CHINA HONG KONG	HUNGARY
7	PAKISTAN	CHINESE TAIPEI
8	AUSTRALIA	EGYPT
9	ENGLAND	NEW ZEALAND

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 14

1	FRANCE	POLAND
2	CHINA HONG KONG	CANADA
3	PAKISTAN	USA I
4	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL
5	ENGLAND	ISRAEL
6	NEW ZEALAND	NORWAY
7	EGYPT	CHILE
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA2
9	HUNGARY	JAPAN

RANKING AFTER SESSION 12

1	POLAND	239
2	FRANCE	234
3	USA I	216.8
4	AUSTRALIA	207
5	CANADA	206
6	ISRAEL	202.7
7	JAPAN	182
8	NORWAY	181
9	CHINA HONG KONG	180
	HUNGARY	180
11	USA 2	171
12	EGYPT	169
	ENGLAND	169
14	CHINESE TAIPEI	168
15	CHILE	167
16	BRAZIL	163
17	NEW ZEALAND	118
18	PAKISTAN	39



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	CHILE FRANCE	25 42	11 19
2	NORWAY USA 2	39 68	9 21
3	ISRAEL JAPAN	45 13	22 8
4	BRAZIL HUNGARY	23 44	11 19
5	USA I CHINESE TAIPEI	73 14	25 4
6	CANADA EGYPT	28 43	12 18
7	POLAND NEW ZEALAND	76 18	25 4
8	CHINA HG KG ENGLAND	35 38	14 16
9	PAKISTAN AUSTRALIA	25 86	3 25

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 11

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	AUSTRALIA FRANCE	36 52	12 18
2	ENGLAND PAKISTAN	121 15	25 0
3	NEW ZEALAND CHINA HG KG	13 58	6 24
4	EGYPT POLAND	32 32	15 15
5	CHINESE TAIPEI CANADA	31 39	14 16
6	HUNGARY USA I	24 40	12 18
7	JAPAN BRAZIL	40 39	15 15
8	USA 2 ISRAEL	42 51	13 17
9	CHILE NORWAY	24 71	6 24

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	FRANCE CHINA HG KG	50 32	19 11
2	PAKISTAN POLAND	8 122	0 25
3	AUSTRALIA CANADA	65 18	24 6
4	ENGLAND USA I	19 58	7 23
5	NEW ZEALAND BRAZIL	50 29	19 11
6	EGYPT ISRAEL	32 29	16 14
7	CHINESE TAIPEI NORWAY	25 52	9 21
8	HUNGARY CHILE	28 42	12 18
9	JAPAN USA 2	61 59	15 15

BridgeBase Online Vugraph Matches



USA I - Chile	10.00
Canada - USA 2	
France - Poland	14.10
Egypt - Chile	

ROUND ROBIN

Round 8



CHINA HONG KONG

v

JAPAN



by Ron Klinger

This was a very tight match with eight push boards. The match began with a weak opening, which kept the opponents out of game.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Datum: N/S -440

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Yiu	Ikemoto	Leung C
2♥(i)	All Pass		

(i)Weak, both majors

Lead: ♦K

West overtook, returned the ♦J and discarded the ♣7 on the third diamond, ruffed. Next came ♣J, queen, ace, and the ♠5: two – king – ace. The outcome was four down for -200.



Hiroki Yokoi, Japan

West	North	East	South
Mak K	Shiga	Ng FY	Yokoi
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Lead: ♠6

Mak played the ♣2 at trick 2 and Yokoi flew ♣A to play the ♠J, queen, king, ♣4; ten tricks made for +430 and +6 IMPs to China Hong Kong.

Then Mak/Ng produced a very fine defence:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Datum: N/S +360

West	North	East	South
Mak K	Shiga	Ng FY	Yokoi
		1♠	Pass
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

Lead: ♠A

If East continues automatically with the ♠K, declarer will make 4♥. He will be able to draw trumps and discard the ♦Q on the fourth round of clubs.

On the ♠A Mak signalled with the ♠5, encouraging. Ng continued with the ♠8 to the queen and Mak shifted to the ♦7. Declarer had no option but to finesse the ♦Q and that was one down.

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Yiu	Ikemoto	Leung C
		1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Lead: ♣A

Clubs were continued and declarer ruffed the third round to draw trumps, cross to the ♥A and lead a diamond. That was nine tricks for +140 and 1 IMP to Japan.

After two matching partscore exchanges, Japan suffered a calamity:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ K J 9 8 7 5 ♣ K Q	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 10 6 ♥ A 10 9 4 ♦ Q ♣ A 5 4 3 2	♠ 9 8 7 ♥ K Q 7 6 3 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ J 7 2
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	S											

Datum: N/S +660

West	North	East	South
Mak K	Shiga	Ng FY	Yokoi
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♣K

Two principles have stood me well in the past: (1) Do not save against 3NT, and (2) Do not save with doubleton support opposite a weak two or a weak jump-overcall. North broke both rules and it cost plenty.

West cashed the top clubs and switched to the ♥5: two – nine – king. Declarer returned a heart to the jack and ace. East switched to the ♦Q, ducked, followed by the ♣A (South pitching ♠7), ♠A and a spade to the king. West played the ♦K, ace, ruffed with the ♥10, and East exited with the ♥4. Declarer still had a diamond to lose for down six; – 1400.



Kwok Fai Mak, China Hong Kong

At the other table East/West had an undisturbed auction to 3NT and made twelve tricks for +690 but 12 IMPs to China Hong Kong.

After Japan collected 9 IMPs for defeating vulnerable contracts by two tricks in each room, Mak/Ng bid to a failing slam:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 9 5 ♥ A K 10 4 ♦ A K 9 5 4 3 ♣ 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J ♥ J 8 6 ♦ Q J 10 7 2 ♣ Q 9 7 3	♠ A K Q 6 3 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ – ♣ K 6 5 4 2
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W		E										
	S											

Datum: N/S –200

West	North	East	South
Mak K	Shiga	Ng FY	Yokoi
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
		6♠	All Pass

Yokoi led the ♣A and scored a trump trick later for one down.

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Yiu	Ikemoto	Leung C
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

Lead: ♣J

Declarer cashed out and had ten tricks when the ♥J dropped. 10 IMPs to Japan.

The only other swing of note occurred on the last board:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ A Q J 10 9 8 ♣ 5 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 10 ♥ 4 2 ♦ 7 6 4 3 ♣ K 10 9 3	♠ 9 7 6 4 3 ♥ K 6 5 3 ♦ 2 ♣ J 6 4
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W		E										
	S											

Datum: N/S +450

West	North	East	South
Mak K	Shiga	Ng FY	Yokoi
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Lead: ♦2

Had North bid 3♣ at once over 2♦, 3NT would have been reached. As it went, South might have been facing next to nothing. Declarer made ten tricks for +130.

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Yiu	Ikemoto	Leung C
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♦	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Lead: ♦Q

With the major-suit kings well-placed, declarer made eleven tricks for +660 and 11 IMPs to China Hong Kong, who had a narrow win, 36-28, 16-14 in VPs.

USA I Team Profile

John Hurd – 26 years old from Charleston, South Carolina is playing in his fourth WYTC. John graduated from the College of Charleston with a major in Geology. He is now a professional bridge player. John and his partner Joel Wooldridge were second in the Spingold last week at the Atlanta North American Bridge Team Championships.

Joel Wooldridge – 26 years old from Buffalo, New York is playing in his sixth WJTC. Joel has won a gold, silver and bronze medal in previous Youth Championships. He is studying to be an elementary school teacher.

John Kranyak – 21 years old from Ohio is playing in his third WJTC. John is a student at Columbia University in New York majoring in math. He also plays bridge professionally.

Joe Grue - 24 years old is a professional bridge player from New York City. Joe is an avid sports fan and especially enjoys watching football and baseball. He is playing in his third WYTC.

Justin Lall – 18 years old from Dallas Texas is playing in his first WYTC. Justin has been playing bridge since he was 10 years old and now plays professionally.

Ari Greenberg – 24 years old from Malibu California is working on a Masters degree in Computer Science at Stanford University. He has also been playing since he was ten years old.

NPC, **Robert Rosen** is a junior at heart! Bob is captaining his sixth WJTC. Bob is a bridge teacher and professional player.



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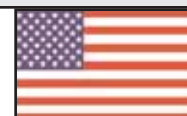
Round 8



POLAND

v

USA 2



Cats On Hot Bricks

by David Lusk

The young Polish players are rarely still. The cards are constantly twitched, rotated, thumbed and fanned, then closed again. Alternatively, the last quit trick is picked up and dropped, an action rather reminiscent of that of a free-throw shooter in a basketball game. Occasionally, when waiting during a tempo break, the played card is spun like a top. The Americans, by contrast, are more sedate. They are distinctly less hyperactive, almost to the point of diffidence.

This contrast in demeanour is one fascinating aspect of the battle that unfolds at Table 6 in the eighth round of the tournament.

On this auction it was always likely that North/South would be pushed to 4♥. Indeed, the auction was identical at both tables. There is a miracle defence available if East shifts to a low spade. West will come on lead and find the killing diamond switch. This defence was not found at either table and declarer, after dealing with the trump suit, had no need to take a finesse in diamonds when the club eight became available as a tenth trick. The swing was created when 4♥ was doubled in the Closed Room resulting in net +170 and 5 IMPs to Poland.

Board 2. Dealer E. ast. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	M. Rice	Madry	J. Rice
2♠	3♥	3♠	Pass
All Pass			4♥
Lead: ♠A			

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	M. Rice	Madry	J. Rice
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Hurd	Araszkievicz	Crank	Buras
1♥	Dble	Rdbl	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♥	All Pass



Piotr Madry, Poland

In the Open Room, once North chose to double, East/West kept the pressure on. It is hard for North/South to make anything more than five or six tricks in either black suit. The Polish pair kept the Americans on the rack, doubling both 2♣ and 2♠ in turn for penalties. There was no escape. Against 2♠ doubled, Strzemecki did well to lead the ♠10 to eliminate any chance for South to ruff a diamond or two in hand. Declarer took the ♠A and led the ♦K from dummy. West won and played another spade and East took the eight with the nine, cashed the king of spades

before, rather curiously, leading the ace of hearts. Whether this was friendly or not, the damage was still 500 and a 9 IMP swing to Poland when USA2 could only muster 110 at the other table.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A Q 6 4 ♥ J 9 4 3 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ J 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 7 3 ♥ A K 10 6 5 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 8 6 3	♠ 10 8 5 ♥ Q ♦ K 9 6 5 4 2 ♣ K 10 7
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	M. Rice	Madry	J. Rice
2♣(i)	Dble(ii)	4♥	Pass
All Pass			5♣

- (i) Weakish with at least 5-4 in the majors
- (ii) Apparently showing clubs

Jon Rice showed great faith in the quality of his partner's hand and club suit by taking the push to 5♣. The friendly lay-out in the minor suits and the favourable placement of the ♠A makes 5♣ bullet-proof. West led a heart and East continued after winning the first trick. It should be noted that, after drawing trumps, Rice took the ace of diamonds first, catering for a 5-5 with West and a singleton diamond honour. The result was +620 to N/S. In the Closed Room, North was allowed to open the bidding but North/South sold out in 3♥, for +100, yielding an 11 IMP swing for USA2.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 9 6 ♥ K 3 ♦ A Q 10 5 4 2 ♣ 5 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 10 5 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ Q 10 8 6	♠ 8 7 2 ♥ A Q 7 2 ♦ K J ♣ A K J 2
N						
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West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	M. Rice	Madry	J. Rice
All Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Araszkievicz	Crank	Buras
Pass	1♦	2♠	Dble
All Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT

In the Open Room, Jon Rice was almost certainly grateful to see such a nice dummy. (I wish that my partner's non-vulnerable pre-empts were half as good.) Ultimately, he was also grateful that he received the lead of the ♥J rather than a spade. He eventually accumulated all of the tricks when East pitched too many clubs.

I'll leave the comments to Richard Jedrychowski, who was kibitzing at the time: "I was taught to lead aces against these auctions."

The bidding in the Closed Room was confusing to say the least. East led the ♠K, overtaken by West for a spade return and the first five tricks to the defenders. +520 and +100 converted to a 12 IMP gain to USA2.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 8 4 3 2 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ J 10 8 7 ♣ 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 10 7 6 5 ♥ J ♦ A 3 ♣ A K 10 8 5	♠ - ♥ K Q 8 7 5 4 3 2 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ Q 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	M. Rice	Madry	J. Rice
2♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♣	Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hurd	Araszkievicz	Crank	Buras
2♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass	5♥	Pass

No doubt Wojciech Strzemecki observed ruefully that his partner had presented the best dummy that he could have hoped for on this auction before he wrapped up an easy twelve tricks. In the Closed Room the point was not lost on Tim Crank and his raise to 5♥ as East earned his team 11 IMPs when Andrew Hurd pushed on to the cold slam. Final score: USA2-54 Poland-49 (16-14 VPs)

ROUND ROBIN

Round 9



CANADA

v

POLAND



by Ron Klinger

Try this problem:

Dealer West. E/W Vul.

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	3♦	4♥
All Pass			

What would you lead as West from:

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

(See Board 16 later)

This match featured two of the leaders, Poland first and Canada running third. First blood went to Canada:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Datum: N/S +100

West	North	East	South
Buras	Wolpert	Araszkiev	Demuy
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♦	Dble	Pass	2♣
	2♥	All Pass	

Lead: ♦A

East continued diamonds and declarer lost one spade, one heart and the ♦A for +170. That looked like a potential loss, but look what happened at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Lavee	Kalita	Grainger	Kotorowicz
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Lead: ♣4

North won and led the ♠4, hoping to sneak a spade trick

before reverting to hearts. Grainger made no mistake. He rose with the ♠K and shifted to ♦A and a second diamond. As West had the ♥A entry, declarer went four down for -200 and 9 IMPs to Canada.

As East was known to have spade length and had chosen a low club lead, there was a reasonable chance that East might be short in diamonds. In that case North could tackle hearts first to knock out the entry to the danger hand. If East has the ♣K and not three diamonds, it will be safe to let East in later in spades.

Poland collected a small return on the next board:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 4 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 9 2
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♥ K 4 3	♥ A 10 9 8										
♦ K 10 8 7 4	♦ A Q 5 3										
♣ 9 8 3	♣ A 10 6										

Datum: N/S +530

West	North	East	South
Buras	Wolpert	Araszkiev	Demuy
2♦	2♠	2♣	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	4♥

Lead: ♦2

Declarer took the ♦A, cashed the ♣A and pitched the ♦J on the next club. He had little trouble making eleven tricks from there; Canada +650.

West	North	East	South
Lavee	Kalita	Grainger	Kotorowicz
3♣	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♣	4♥
All Pass			Dble

Lead: ♣6

Declarer won and led the ♥5. South rose with the ♥A, cashed the ♦A and played the ♦3. Declarer won with the ♦K and played a spade to the jack and queen. South thus came to six tricks and declarer was -800; 4 IMPs to Poland.

This same contract was played a little later at both tables:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 9 8 6 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ 10 4 ♣ Q 10 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K 7 4 2 ♥ J 10 9 8 2 ♦ A K Q 7 ♣ -	♠ 10 ♥ A ♦ 9 6 5 3 2 ♣ K J 9 8 4 3
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W		E										
	S											

Datum: N/S -230

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Araszkiev</i>	<i>Demuy</i>
		1♥	3♣
3♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♥7: three – two – ace and South played the ♣3: six – ace - ♥8. On the ♦J from dummy East won with the ♦Q, cashed the ♦A and switched to the ♥10. South pitched the ♠10 and finished two down for -300.

When declarer came off dummy with a diamond the defence had a chance for 500. East could play the ♦A, then ♦K as suit preference for spades and play another diamond for West to ruff. If West trusts the SPS for spades, he can underlead his spades to East's ♠K and score another diamond ruff.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lavee</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grainger</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
		1♥	2NT
3♣	4♣	4♥	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

The ♥J was led and declarer also went two down; no swing.

Poland made a game on Board 11 that failed in the other room but Canada retrieved the loss on Board 16:



Gavin Wolpert, Canada

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 9 5 ♥ 7 ♦ A 9 7 6 4 3 ♣ Q 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 6 3 2 ♥ K 8 6 3 ♦ J ♣ A 9 6 3	♠ J 10 8 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ 10 8 5 2 ♣ K 5 4
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W		E										
	S											

Datum: N/S -20

West	North	East	South
<i>Lavee</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grainger</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦A and in due course the defence collected a club and two spades. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Araszkiev</i>	<i>Demuy</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	3♦	4♥
All Pass			

Here West began impatiently with a suit-preference ♦9. With no evidence of a long suit in dummy, there was no urgency to try to find a quick entry in partner's hand. South won, ruffed the other diamond, drew trumps and led the ♣J, queen and ace. ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to Canada.

Then Demuy produced a neat ruse in the bidding:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ Q 7 6 5 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ K 9 5 3 ♣ K 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 9 4 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A Q 10 5 4 2	♠ K J 10 3 ♥ 3 ♦ A Q 7 6 ♣ J 9 6 3
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	S											

Datum: N/S +450

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Araszkiev</i>	<i>Demuy</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	2NT	3♥!
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♥!

Dble All Pass

After North raised hearts, South is worth 4♥, but that was bound to fetch 4♠ and, after 5♥, perhaps East/West have a good save in 5♠. To try to buy the hand in 5♥, Demuy bid a modest 3♥ first. It worked. West doubled 5♥ and led the ♠5, taken by the ace. The ♦4 came next and East won with the ace to play the ♥3. Demuy rose ♥A, and cross-ruffed diamonds and spades twice. He then finessed the ♣Q and disposed of his last diamond loser on the ♣A.

Demuy scored 650 for a hard-earned 5 IMPs against 450 at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Lavee	Kalita	Grainger	Kotorowicz
	2♣	Pass	4♥

All Pass

Lead: ♥2

Declarer took the ♠A and played the ♦4. East won and played a second spade. South cross-ruffed diamonds and the black suits.

Not vulnerable does not mean invulnerable. Witness:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Datum: N/S +640

West	North	East	South
Buras	Wolpert	Araszkiev	Demuy
		Pass	1♦
1♠	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: ♠5

North captured the ♠J and ran the ♣J to the king. After a spade to the king and a diamond, declarer had ten tricks for +630.

At the other table short honours and poor suits proved a fatal attraction:

West	North	East	South
Lavee	Kalita	Grainger	Kotorowicz
		Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	INT
2♣	Dble	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Lead: ♥10

Declarer won and played a low club. North took the ♣J and played another heart. South won the next club and played ♠K and another spade to North's ♠10. When the

♦A dropped West's king, North cashed the ♠A, ♠Q and continued diamonds. Declarer could make only his last trump for five down, - 1100, and 10 IMPs to Poland.

The IMPs went back to Canada on the last deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Datum: N/S -370

West	North	East	South
Buras	Wolpert	Araszkiev	Demuy
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Lead: ♥8

Many would raise to 2♠ at once on the East cards. South won trick one and switched to the ♠3. Declarer ducked and the ♠J won. After a diamond to the ace, heart ruff, ♦K, diamond ruff, heart ruff, had ten tricks for +170.

West	North	East	South
Lavee	Kalita	Grainger	Kotorowicz
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

Lead: ♥6

South won and tried ♣K and another club, but declarer ruffed and made ten tricks without raising a sweat for +620 and 10 IMPs to Canada, who finished in front by 38-31, 16-14 in VPs.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Feiler	Bashir	Porter	Khan
3♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Butt	Krochmalik	Athar	Williams
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

I noted with interest that the Pakistan players had learnt a lot of gadgets (Cappelletti and Michaels, for instance), illustrating the speed with which young players can easily absorb new ideas. Justin Williams also knows a few gadgets but, given the quality of the spade suit and the 4-3-3-3 shape, this was no time to apply Stayman. So it proved to be. In the Open Room, West's 3♣ pre-empt propelled North/South to 4♠. With inescapable losers in all suits, declarer drifted three light. In the Closed Room, East's diamond lead got North off to a 'flyer' in 3NT and Krochmalik eventually accumulated ten tricks. Net 930 equated to 14 IMPs Australia's way.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Feiler	Bashir	Porter	Khan
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Butt	Krochmalik	Athar	Williams
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

I'm sure that next time Shahzeb Nasir Butt holds a hand such as West's, he'll open 4♥ as Gabby Feiler did in the Open Room. On this occasion he gained a plus but, sadly for his team, 4♥ cannot be defeated. So how did Justin Williams fare in 4♠ doubled against the 6-0 break? Well enough as it happened. West led his top heart and continued with a small one. South deliberated before ruffing. He cashed one diamond and then the ♠A, getting the bad news. East ruffed the fourth diamond and played king and ten of spades. Declarer won and cashed the ace and king of clubs and made his last trump *en passant*. Escaping for one off netted Australia +420 for a further 9 IMPs.

Whatever setbacks may have been perceived in these early boards there was no sign of panic from Athar and Butt. To their credit, they kept their heads and almost certainly won at their table over the next sixteen boards. Their team's best swing came from an uncharacteristic lapse in concentration from an Australian opponent.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q 5 2	♠ -						
	♥ 10 8 5 3	♥ Q J 9 7 6 4						
	♦ J 3	♦ A 9 8						
	♣ J 8 6 4	♣ Q 10 7 2						
♠ A K 10 9 8 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	
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♥ 2		♠ J 7 6 3						
♦ K Q 6		♥ A K						
♣ K 9 3		♦ 10 7 5 4 2						
		♣ A 5						

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Butt	Krochmalik	Athar	Williams
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♥	Pass

Krochmalik led the ♣4 to South's ace. West won the diamond switch in hand and played on spades, no doubt hoping for queen and jack to be short. North took the third round of spades with the queen and continued diamonds. Declarer won in hand and established his last spade, no doubt left with the hope that the heart honours were blocked. Not so, but South lost sight of the ball and failed to cash out so that was +600 to Pakistan.

In the Open Room, East opened 1♥ and played in four. This can be made double dummy by playing low hearts twice but in real life declarer went one light for +700 and 12 IMPs to Pakistan.

In the Open Room, the Australians gained IMPs by bidding aggressively to game and putting the defenders under pressure. This one proved hopeless, however:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 8 5 ♥ A K Q 9 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 8 7	♠ Q 10 6 2 ♥ J 8 7 5 3 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q 6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div>	♠ A 9 7 ♥ 6 4 ♦ Q J 7 4 ♣ 10 9 5 3
	♠ J 4 3 ♥ 10 ♦ A 10 9 3 2 ♣ K J 5 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Bashir</i>	<i>Porter</i>	<i>Khan</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Butt</i>	<i>Krochmalik</i>	<i>Athar</i>	<i>Williams</i>
	2♣(i)	Pass	2♠
2NT	All Pass		

(i) 4-4+ in the majors, less than opening strength

In the Open Room, 3NT requires a 3-3 heart break and a blockage in clubs. Neither of these occurred and the defenders found enough tricks to inflict three off after North opened with a low spade; +300 to Pakistan.

In the Closed Room, the 2♣ opening looked to have been a success, pushing East/West to an unsustainable 2NT. In a way it was. It was likely that the Australians would have defended 1NT but for that opening. 2NT went just one light, netting Pakistan 5 IMPs.

The aggression and experience of the Australians won out in this match. The final score was Australia 86 Pakistan 25 (25-3 VPs).

New Web Site

The ACBL has a new web site dedicated to Junior Bridge starting up on August 16th. Why not drop in and take a look? The address is:

www.bridgeiscool.com

Sport News



Athletics World Championships Helsinki

Men's 1500m

1 R Ramzi	Bahrain
2 A Kaouch	Morocco
3 R Silva	Portugal

Women's 400m

1 T Williams-Darling	Bahamas
2 S Richards	USA
3 A Guevara	Mexico

Men's Javelin

1 A Varnik	Estonia
2 A Thorkildssen	Norway
3 S Makarov	Russia

Women's Long Jump

1 T Madison	USA
2 T Kotova	Russia
3 E Barber	France

Decathlon

1 B Clay	USA
2 R Sebrle	Czech Republic
3 A Zsivoczky	Hungary

Cycling

American Bobby Julich won the inaugural Tour of Benelux with an impressive performance in the seventh and final stage, a 26.3km individual time trial. The 33-year-old clocked 31 minutes 14 seconds to beat Belgian Leif Hoste by 37 seconds. Julich triumphed by 21 seconds overall after starting the day in 12th, 37 seconds behind leader Rik Verbrugghe. But the Belgian cracked to leave Dutchman Erik Dekker second overall with Hoste 41 seconds back in third. Prologue winner Verbrugghe finished 1:30 behind Julich, winner of the Paris-Nice in March.

Soccer

Champions League Third Qualifying Round, first leg

Anderlecht 2-1 Slavia Prague
Basle 2-1 Werder Bremen
Brondby 2-2 Ajax Amsterdam
CSKA Sofia 1-3 Liverpool
Malmö 0-1 Thun
Rapid Vienna 1-1 Lokomotiv Moscow

Shakhtar Donetsk 0-2 Inter Milan

Sporting Lisbon 0-1 Udinese

Steaua Bucuresti 1-1 Rosenborg

Artmedia Bratislava 0-0 Partizan Belgrade



ROUND ROBIN

Round 10



ISRAEL

v

JAPAN



by Ron Klinger

Israel and Japan were lying fifth and seventh respectively before this match. A slam on little more than a finesse gave Israel the early lead.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Datum: N/S -190

West	North	East	South
<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Ikemoto</i>	<i>Reshef</i>
	Pass	1♦	3♥
4♥	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Lead: ♥5

North won and returned a club, ducked to South's king; one down.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Niekawa</i>	<i>Ofir</i>	<i>Ote</i>
	Pass	1♦	2♥
3♦	4♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♣8

East won and cashed the ♦A: 9 - J - 3. Although West's

♦J is suit-preference for spades, there is no rush to play a spade. South's spade loser cannot disappear. A club return will take the contract two down, but East switched to a spade and so declarer's second club loser went away. That was +100 to E/W and 4 IMPs to Israel.

At slam level it can be right to play in your 4-4 fit with a 4-3-3-3 opposite a 4-3-3-3. At game level it will usually be better in 3NT. Witness:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Datum: N/S +260

West	North	East	South
<i>Tanaka</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Ikemoto</i>	<i>Reshef</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lead: ♦4

North won with the ♦J and cashed ♠A, ♠K. He crossed to dummy in diamonds and later in hearts to lead clubs up twice and finished with ten tricks, +630.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Niekawa</i>	<i>Ofir</i>	<i>Ote</i>
		Pass	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Lead: ♥3

North might have chosen 3NT rather than double, but the pre-empt gave N/S a tougher time.

Declarer inserted dummy's ♥8: nine - king. The ♠A, ♠K revealed the bad news and South crossed to the ♦A to play a club to the queen and king. East returned a heart and declarer finished three down for -300 and 14 IMPs to Israel.

In other matches Pass - Pass - 3C - 3NT occurred eight times and Pass - Pass - 3C - Dble - Pass - 3S - Pass - 4S happened twice. In two cases the auction



went Pass – Pass – Pass – 2NT – Pass – 3NT – All Pass.

Although this board was a stand-off, there was no lack of excitement:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Datum: N/S –250

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Ginossar	Ikemoto	Reshef
1♠	Dble	Rdbl(i)	1♥
4♠	5♣	Dble	2♣
			All Pass

(i) Top spade honour
Lead: ♠A

West continued with the ♠K, followed by the ♦Q, king, ace. East returned a diamond and South still had a heart to lose for two down; –500.

West	North	East	South
Hoffman	Niekawa	Ofir	Ote
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♠K

West cashed two spades and shifted to the ♣8. Declarer could not escape two trump losers and the ♦A for two down and also –500.

Israel increased its lead to 31-13 thanks to this deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Datum: N/S +50

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Ginossar	Ikemoto	Reshef
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

Lead: ♦2

Declarer won in dummy and, hoping for a doubleton spade honour or ♠Q-J-x, played ♠A, ♠K and a third spade. South won and continued diamonds. Declarer finished three down for –300.

West	North	East	South
Hoffman	Niekawa	Ofir	Ote
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
3♠	All Pass	2♥	Pass

Lead: ♦J

Declarer won in hand and pounded out ♠A, ♠K and ♠9. North won and played the ♦3. Declarer took this in dummy and played a club to the king, followed by a club to the ten to make nine tricks for +140 and +10 IMPs.

Israel went further ahead here:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Datum: N/S –90

West	North	East	South
Tanaka	Ginossar	Ikemoto	Reshef
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
3NT	Pass	4♥	Dble
			All Pass

South led the ♦K: six – two – three and continued with the ♦4 to North's queen. The ♣7 was returned, ducked to the king. The ♥A was the fourth trick for the defence for +200.

Even if South's second double is for take-out, North can tell that South is very strong and that E/W have probably over-stretched. West is a passed hand and East has shown a weak two.

West	North	East	South
Hoffman	Niekawa	Ofir	Ote
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Declarer lost the same tricks for +140 and 8 IMPs to Israel, who won the match by 45-13 IMPs, 22-8 in VPs.

Chinese Taipei Team Profile

Tzu-Lin Wu, 25

Normally friendly and cheerful, Tzu-Lin Wu is instantly transformed into a grim and fierce competitor the moment he sits down for bridge, making you work for every IMP. While this is his first outing to the WJC (as is the case for everyone on the team), Tzu-Lin has been playing internationally for his country since 2001. Today, as the undisputed best young expert in Taiwan, "Mr. Right" is the senior statesman on the team. He is known for being able to win matches single-handedly and has spearheaded National Chiao Tung University to many collegiate trophies, including the latest (third) National Collegiate Championship of 2004. He also has a national-team congress championship to his credit. In real life, he is just into his second year of grad school at NCTU (in Electronics Engineering).

Yen-Hsuan Wu, 21

His diffident and sometimes lugubrious exterior belies the determination and dedication of Yen-Hsuan Wu as a competitor. As a senior at NCTU, his partnership with Tzu-Lin Wu (no relation) is relatively new. However, "noeye" is by no means a novice to international competition, having won the gold medal at the Juniors event at last year's Pacific Asia Bridge Federation Congress in Taipei and came in fifth at the World University Bridge Championship in Istanbul (none of the three veterans of that team is playing with the same partner here).

Wei-Bung Wang, 22, and Chian-Yao Jerry Tseng, 23

Usually addressed as "eieio" and "jerryb" by all and sundry, they are scientists by disposition, and are known for their lively wit and warm personalities. Wang, a second year M.S. student in computer science, and Tseng, who is just finishing up his masters thesis in physics, form the longest standing partnership on Taiwan's collegiate bridge scene, having played together since their high school days. During the last half a dozen or so years, they have won many collegiate tourneys for National Taiwan University, including the first two official National Collegiate Championship trophies. They have been junior internationals for Taiwan since 2004, and finished second in the Juniors event at the PABF congress last year as teammates of Tzu-Lin Wu.

Chieh-Hsing Hung, and Li-Hsiang Kuo, both 20.

Hung and Kuo major in mathematics and computer science respectively at the National Taiwan University. Although they look youthfully exuberant, and are in fact two of the youngest competitors in Sydney, these two guys have also been playing together since high school and this is their second year as junior internationals. The same team was the Wus finished second in a national congress (to Patrick Huang!) just prior to the PABC in Seoul.

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A Young Person's Guide to Sydney Nightlife

by Danielle Stern

Its Friday night and you've played 14 of the 17 matches of the round robin. Some players will feel down and others will be on a high, all wondering what the last match brings.

Whatever happens, you have Friday night off to enjoy the sights and sounds of Sydney.

Here is my guide to what people our age might like to do with their free time...ENJOY.

Pubs

THE ROCKS

The Rocks, located on the Western Promontory of Sydney Cove (the City), was a principal focus of early harbour settlement by the First Fleet. Today it is home to a number of traditional – though somewhat touristy – Australian pubs. Here are a couple of suggestions, though merely wandering around you will stumble on a number of great pubs.

Train to Wynyard Station – approx 25mins from Sydney Olympic Park then 10 minute walk from the Station (take George St exit and turn right)

The Australian Hotel – 100 Cumberland St

Vibe: Good Aussie pub

Highs: Great selection of Aussie Beers and large selection of gourmet pizzas

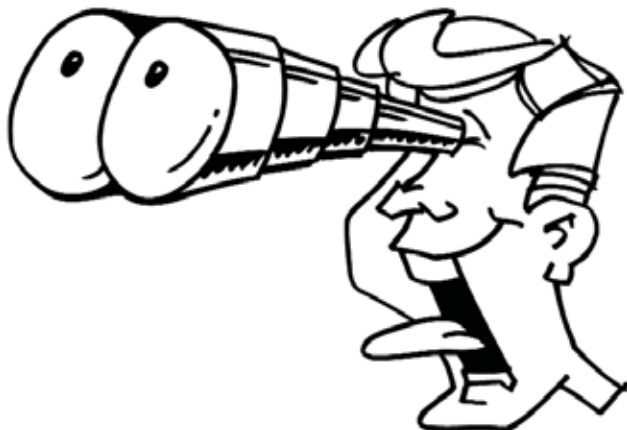
Harbour View Hotel 18 Lower Fort St The Rocks

Vibe: Bar / Pub

Highs: The view

Other

- **The Orient Hotel** - 89 George St
Live music
- **The Lowenbrau** - Argyle St
German Beer Hall Style of Pub
- **Fortune of War** - 137 George St
Reputedly Sydney's oldest pub
- **The Mercantile** - 25 George St
An Irish Pub through and through



Bars

SYDNEY CITY

Sydney CBD tends to be flooded with post-work drinkers on a Friday night but come 10:00 pm, many of the suits head home, and the revellers join the crowd.

Train to Wynyard Station – approx 25mins from Sydney Olympic Park – All listed are approximately 10 minutes walk from the Station

Cargo 52-60 The Promenade King St Wharf

Take the York St exit from the station and head down to the water.

This Bar is split in to two areas:

Cargo Bar downstairs with a large heated outdoor area is the more low key of the two and a great place to enjoy a drink by the water

Cargo Lounge upstairs presents patrons with comfy couches, a heated verandah and excellent cocktails. A live DJ plays, but, warning, this can be a difficult set of bouncers to navigate so get there early and dress it up a bit (collared shirts never go astray for guys)

Highs: What can beat enjoying a drink by the water with the tunes playing

Bungalow 8 The Promenade King St Wharf

Take the York St exit from the station and head down to the water (just up from Cargo)

This Bar is also split in to two large areas:

Bungalow 8 Bar downstairs is a relaxed bar area with DJs and some live singing. Can have stringent requirements to get in later in the night.

The Loft Upstairs and Upmarket Cocktail Lounge

Highs: A toned down Cargo, this caters for those into a few quieter bevies

Slip Inn 111 Sussex St

Take the York St exit from the station and head down to the water.

This multi-bar and club venue offers it all for your Friday night Drinker and/or Dancer

Garden Bar: A large heated courtyard where one can escape the usual hustle and bustle of city bars

Slip Bar: A spacious bar inside where one can enjoy a quiet drink at a table or couch

Sand Bar: A slightly more sophisticated bar

Chinese Laundry: A club that starts at 10 and seems to kick off around 11-1130 playing house music. A cover charge of \$5 before midnight and \$15 thereafter. No trainers/runners.

Highs: The variety – a lil' for everybody

Establishment 252 George St

Take the George St exit from the station, turn left walk 50m and its across the road.

This place is a hang-out for Sydney's suits, and like Slip Inn has a number of bars throughout the complex.

Highs: The architecture of this city bar makes it worth a mention – high ceilings, marble columns and a glassed in

garden area.

Lows: Though this may suit those seeking a classy night – be warned the place can be a bit of a meat market for city workers. Also, quite dressy

Others

Upmarket Waterside Bars

Bridge Bar

Level 10 / 1-3 Macquarie St Circular Quay. Amazing views, sumptuous cocktails but you pay for both

Cruise Bar

Overseas Passenger Terminal West Circular Quay

Clubs

KINGS CROSS

Once regarded as a place to avoid, Sydney's Red Light District has definitely cleaned up its act in recent years to be the Mecca of Sydney's club scene. The places usually start to get going around 10pm. Cover charge can vary based on the DJs generally is cheaper before midnight.

Train to Town Hall Station – approx 25mins from Sydney Olympic Park - change to the Bondi Junction Line to Kings Cross (2 stations from Town Hall). All except YU / Soho Bar are on the Darlinghurst Road exit Getting back to Olympic Park may be a bit more difficult early in the morning.

Lady Lux

2 Roslyn St

The Bourbon – Plan B

A bar downstairs – a club upstairs 24 Darlinghurst Road

Sapphire Suite

2 Kellert St

YU

171 Victoria St (take the Victoria St Exit from the Station) Downstairs is the Club Upstairs is the bar

Moulin Rouge Downunder

39 Darlinghurst Road

Hugo's Bar

19 Bayswater Road

Technically a Bar, there's a bit of dancing inside, but mainly a people watching place.

And if you are in the Cross, and end up at The Empire Hotel. you know its time to go home..

And Stay Safe

Team Profiles

We would like to publish team profiles in the Daily Bulletin of all 18 teams at this Championship. This is not only of interest to others present in Sydney or reading the bulletins on the internet, but is valuable material for bridge journalists around the world. Ideally, we would like to receive the profiles in electronic form, however, handwritten is OK, but only if your handwriting is more legible than mine.

Thank you

Saturday Excursion



Please assemble on Herb Elliott Drive immediately outside the Novotel Hotel (not in the hotel driveway) between 12:15 and 12:30 Saturday afternoon. Our hosts will be taking carloads of guests to the Koala Park. We will be having our Barbeque lunch around 1:30pm so have a good breakfast.

After lunch we will get up close and personal with Koalas, Kangaroos and other native Australian Animals.

Our hosts will start taking you from the park around 4:30pm and you will arrive at Darling Harbour about 5:15pm. Feel free to walk around this harbourside area or take a short stroll into town.

You should return to King Street Wharf at 6:45pm but no later than 7:00pm to board our dinner harbour cruise. This will finish around 10:00pm and transportation back to the venue will be a combination of trains and hosts.

To enable proper catering for both venues please advise us if you will NOT be coming to either or both excursions.

We promise you an enjoyable day and look forward to spending some quality time with our guests

The pickup point for the boat is marked on the following picture. If you get lost call 04-1111-1655

