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WHAT DRAMA!



The World Youth Team Champions, USA1

What an incredible final we have been privileged to watch over the last two days. Going into the last set of regulation time, USA1 trailed by 30 IMPs. Midway through that final set they were level and, though there were some minor swings to come, that was how it was when the 96th and final deal had been played.

Eight extra boards were played to decide the destiny of the 2005 World Youth Team Championship. USA1 came out on top by 15-0, giving a final score of 209-194 IMPs.

Congratulations to our worthy champions, USA1: Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Ari Greenberg, Justin Lall and NPC Bob Rosen. And both congratulations for their contribution to a magnificent final, and commiserations for coming so close only to fall just short of their goal, to the gallant silver medallists, Poland: Konrad Araskiewicz, Krzysztof Buras, Jacek Kalita, Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Piotr Madry, Wojciech Strzemecki, NPC Marek Markowski, and team manager Leszek Nowak.



The Silver medalists, POLAND



The Bronze medalists, CANADA



Closing Address

by the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee



Mr President,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends,

The 2005 World Youth Team Championship has come to an end and, as is customary, this is not only a moment to celebrate and applaud the worthy winners, but also to look at our policies and problems and see where we are heading.

When, in the mid 80s, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, the President of the World Bridge Federation at the time, decided to institute the World Youth Team Championship, he was acting under the simple principle that bridge without young people has no future. Twenty years later, and as we celebrate the tenth edition of this biennial event, the principle remains the same. However, the atmosphere has changed and the problems have been multiplied.

On the positive side, we are indeed very proud to see that the flagship competition of our world youth programme goes from strength to strength. Especially, this year, we reached maximum participation; this has happened only once before. Here in Sydney, we were very happy to welcome back Zone 4 and the young Pakistani team. Despite the fact that they did not collect many points, they were the protagonists of this championship. They applied the ancient Olympic spirit, according to which 'it is not the winning that matters but the taking part'. Instead of winning medals, they won our hearts. It is a pity that they are not here tonight to hear us, but

we can show our appreciation by applauding so loudly as to be heard maybe as far away as Pakistan!

The young Pakistani team, and also the young New Zealand team, give us good reason to be happy with the prospect of introducing a Schools series as part of the World Youth Team Championship, as from next year. If we are able to stage the event in a geographically suitable part of the world, we could welcome at least four Zones in the new series. We would also add a valuable motivation tool for the countries striving to develop bridge among the younger people.

As the President of the World Bridge Federation has said repeatedly, bridge will not be able to survive without developing Junior bridge. This is easy to understand but, unfortunately, in many countries proves difficult to implement. The modern disease is for grown ups to refuse a tiny extra effort, time and expense, in order to serve such a noble cause. Unfortunately, many of them have forgotten their own past; they have forgotten the times when they could benefit from just a small contribution from the previous generation - and they do not seem to realize how much they can achieve for so little. How would someone's life change if he spared the cost of a cup of coffee? Yet, this would be more than enough to change the face of bridge worldwide. Just think how many young people could be supported to learn bridge, to travel for bridge, to meet other young people in bridge, to contribute to the development of bridge - just for the cost of a cup of coffee. What a shame that this tiny contribution has been refused again and again by those who carry the destinies of bridge on their shoulders today.

As a confederation of national organizations, the WBF has limited jurisdiction and funds. We can be apostles and co-ordinators, but not much more. I believe that we are trying to achieve whatever possible in this adverse environment. In addition to the World Youth Team Championship, we have instituted a series of championships and events for young people which, for the time being, are held in Europe and North America only. I am referring to the World Youth Pairs Championship, the World Junior Individual and the Junior Camps that follow each of these competitions. It is definitely our intention to extend this activity to Pacific Asia, which deserves to become the third major pole in international bridge organization.

While we are optimistic about this prospect, we hear of scary developments in North America which, if realized, may well take us at least one decade backwards. It is certainly commendable to try and attract new people to bridge - and we all agree that this is the first step in every promotion effort. However, this must not happen at the expense of what has already been achieved. No

generation can be sacrificed for the sake of those who may follow. Bridge administrators need to learn from history, and not repeat the mistakes of the past which led to today's negative demographic results. We are confident that common sense will ultimately prevail and that the continuity of the existing programmes will be safeguarded.

For this reason, we are looking forward to the next World Youth Pairs Championship and Junior Camp which will take place in Piestany, Slovakia, next year – June 30 to July 10, 2006. Details on these events will be announced in the autumn, but you may already start planning your participation. With a minimum cost, the highlight of next year's events will be the introduction of a Schools series in the Pairs Championship, provided that the entry is sufficient. This, I am sure, will lead the world's most massive youth event to new participation heights – overpassing the 400 Juniors' mark we enjoy today. Let us all plan to be part of this memorable event!

Dear Friends,

The 10th edition of the World Youth Team Championship which finishes tonight will go on record as a memorable event for a variety of reasons. At the venue in the Olympic Park, our needs were served well and we found the necessary facilities for our championship in a great environment. Above all, however, the event gave us the opportunity to visit this great country of Australia and this wonderful city of Sydney - something that many participants did for the first time.

Travelling brings people closer to each other, so our visit here will not be restricted to touristic aspects. We value that we were able to meet so many of our fellow bridge players in this part of the world, and we cannot thank enough the entire Australian bridge community for what they have done for us. This is an organized community, and we are glad to have with us tonight our host, the President of the Australian Bridge Federation, **Keith McDonald**, to receive a token of our appreciation on behalf of the ABF.

Keith did well to delegate the organization of this championship to two very capable members of the Australian bridge community, and we wish to thank very much for all their great efforts the on-site organizers, **David Stern** and **Peter Gill**.

Many people contributed to the success of this championship. Although we can only mention a few by name, our gratitude goes to all volunteers and workers alike.

A very capable team of tournament directors was headed by **Richard Grenside**, and included **Marc van Beijsterveldt** and **Laurie Kelso**.

The Daily Bulletin was edited by **Brian Senior** with regular contributions by **Ron Klinger**, and with **George Georgopoulos** on the Layout.

The WBF Internet service was run by **Fotis Skoularikis**.

The Vugraph show was set-up by **Nick Fahrer**, and was kept alive thanks to the expert commentary of **Ron Klinger** and **Ishmael Del Monte**.

We are thankful to:

- the Main Office Supervisor **Chris Diment**
- the Scorer **Matthew McManus**
- the duplication staff under **Dorothy Cser**

Many thanks are due to the hospitality chief **Kim Neale**.

The Director of Operations, the person who carries the responsibility for the smooth running of the tournament, **Dimitri Ballas**.

Finally, I would like to thank very much the Senior Vice-President of the WBF and President of the host Zone, **John Wignall**, and, of course, my close friends and collaborators, devotees to youth bridge, the members of the Youth Committee present here: **Joan Gerard**, **Charlotte Blaiss** and the inevitable **Stefan Back**.

Dear Friends,

Junior bridge is the first stage in a person's involvement in our sport which, unlike most other, enters our lives to stay until the end. Not everybody is lucky enough to join us when he is young, and it is inevitable that those who do so can only stay in Junior bridge for a short time. For this reason, we are frequently in the difficult position of having to say goodbye to wonderful young people who have given meaning to our cause over a number of years. One such occasion is tonight when we have to bid farewell to a person who has made a difference.

For over a decade, he has been a prominent member of youth bridge, developing as a player from beginner to top class - and most importantly, developing as a person from one like the others to one very much distinguishable from the others. It's not only that he was young and played bridge. It is mainly that he grew in bridge as well as in other aspects of life, helping the others to grow too. A permanent participant of all our championships and all our camps for over 10 years, a recipient of the top WBF Youth Award for diligence, aptitude and exemplary attitude - we are very sad to say goodbye, but also very happy to deliver such an ambassador of youth bridge as **Joel Wooldridge**.

Dear Friends,

It only remains for me to thank you, the players, for coming to this championship and making it such a great success with your ethical play and sportsmanlike behaviour. I do look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in our exciting events next year. Until then, goodbye Juniors, and goodbye Australia – we hope to be back soon, very soon!

Panos Gerontopoulos
WBF Youth Committee Chairman

FINAL & PLAY-OFF

SEGMENT 2

Every Little IMP Counts

by Ron Klinger

It's easy to make your contract when the tricks are there, but the tough competitors play for every trick that is not nailed down for the opponents. Here is a little gem from the second session of the finals:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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In the play-off for third, both Easts played in INT:

West	North	East	South
<i>Grainger</i>	<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Capes</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>	<i>Demuy</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	

At both tables South led the ♠7 and declarer did not lose a spade trick. Both played a diamond to the ten and jack (sooner or later). Tim Capes set up a diamond trick to go with three spades, two hearts and two clubs for +120. Thomas Bessis collected four spades, two hearts and two clubs for 120, too; no swing.

In the final, John Kranyak played INT from the West seat:

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♥(i)	Pass	1♦	Dble
INT	Pass	1♠(ii)	Pass
INT	All Pass		

- (i) Shows 4+ spades
- (ii) 3-card spade holding

Lead: ♥8

Declarer ducked in dummy and captured South's ten with the jack. After ♠2 to the ♠A, the ♦3 went to the ten and jack. North continued hearts: four – ace – king. South returned a heart to dummy's queen and declarer cashed the ♠K and played a third spade. In with the ♠Q, North played the thirteenth heart, South discarding the ♦7. North

exited with the ♦10 and declarer had three spades, two hearts and two clubs for +90.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Araszkiewicz</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Rdbl	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♠	1♥	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

This looked like a flat board since declarer figured to make three spades, two hearts and two clubs for +80. However, with a little help from the defence, Krzysztof Buras brought in two(!) overtricks.

North led the ♥8: two – ten – king. A spade to the ace was followed by the ♣Q: four – six – five. Then came the ♠K and a third spade to North's queen. North continued with the ♥3, ducked to the jack (South did not want to give declarer an entry to dummy in case the club finesse could be repeated). West cashed the thirteenth spade on which everyone discarded a diamond. This was the ending:

♠ – ♥ 9 6 ♦ J ♣ 10 9 8	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ – ♥ Q ♦ 9 5 4 ♣ J 3
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Buras exited with a heart to the queen and ace, and South tried the ♦7. Not wishing to let North in to cash the last heart, and judging that South figured to have the top diamonds for his double anyway, Buras rose with the ♦Q. That was his seventh trick and, when he exited with a diamond to endplay South, he was able to score two club tricks at the end for +140 and 2 IMPs to Poland.



FINAL & PLAY-OFF

SEGMENT 3

Endplayed In Four Suits

by Ron Klinger

Two pairs reached the best spot on this deal from the third session of the finals. The other two were a little hasty in the auction.

Board 38. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ J 9 7 3 ♦ A K 6 4 2 ♣ 6 3 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K J 7 2 ♥ – ♦ Q 10 8 7 ♣ Q 10 9 7 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 8 5 4 ♥ 10 8 6 4 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 5</p> <p>♠ A Q 6 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ J 9 ♣ A K J 8</p>
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Play-off for third:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Grainger</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Halasi</i>
Pass	2♥(i)	Pass	2♣
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(i) Negative

If system required me to handle the South cards this way, I'd want to do some work on my system.

West led the ♦4 to the ♦Q and the ♦7 came back. West won and cashed his other top diamond. The diamonds were now blocked and the ♦2 went to East's ♦10. As South had thrown two spades from dummy and a spade and a club from hand, East switched to the ♠2. South could see nine tricks via five hearts, a spade and three clubs via the club finesse. He therefore rose with the ♠A and played the ♥A. The 4-0 break was a shock and South cashed out, making six tricks for -150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>J.Grenthe</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>G.Grenthe</i>
Pass	2♥(ii)	Pass	2♦(i)
Pass	4♦(iii)	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	4♥

(i) Artificial, strong

(ii) Negative

(iii) Pick a major.

East led the ♣10, taken by the ♣A. After the ♥A revealed the trump position, declarer cashed the ♣K to throw a diamond. He ruffed a club and exited with a diamond. West won and led the ♥J, won by the ♥K. A diamond was ruffed, followed by the ♠9 to the ♠Q and the ♣J, ruffed with

North's last trump. West ruffed the ♠A next, but declarer had 10 tricks for +420 and 11 IMPs to France.

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Araszwieckicz</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>
Pass	2♥(i)	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥(ii)	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	4♠

(i) Negative

(ii) Transfer to spades

South might have marked time with 3♠, allowing North to bid 4♥ to reach the superior trump fit.

West began with ♦A, ♦K and shifted to the ♥3, ruffed by East, who shifted to the ♣4. South took the ♣A, ruffed a club in dummy and led the ♠10. East followed with the ♠7 and South chose to play East for ♠K-7-2. The ♠Q held, but there was a trump to lose. That was one down and -50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♣(i)
2♦	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
All Pass		Pass	4♥

(i) Artificial, forcing

South kept pestering North to bid until he found the right strain and raised to 4♥. East led the ♦8 and West took the ♦K and ♦A. At this point he was endplayed in all four suits!

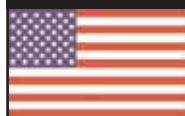
A club return seems best. Although that gives declarer two spade discards, he still has to manage the spades for no losers. Double dummy, North can still succeed on a club return, but he has to work for the contract.

In practice West shifted to the ♠3, hoping East's spades were slightly stronger. The ♠10 was covered by the king and ace. Declarer cashed the ♥A, finding the bad news, and followed with the ♥K, ♣A, ♣K and a club ruff. Once West had followed to three clubs, North could tell from the bidding that West had started with a 1-4-5-3 pattern. He therefore led the ♠8 and let it run. West ruffed, but that was the last trick for the defence; +420 and 10 IMPs to Poland.


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FINAL

SEGMENT 4



USA I

v

POLAND



Poland led the final by 122-77 at the half but Set 4 was to be one of the most exciting of this or any other Championship, with swings going backwards and forwards and the lead going up and down quite dramatically.

Board 49. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K J 9 6 5 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A 10 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 4 3 ♥ K J 7 6 5 ♦ 10 7 ♣ Q 4 2
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West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kalita	Hurd	Kotorowicz
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
All Pass	INT(i)	2♠	3NT

(i) Transfer to clubs

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
All Pass	Dble	2♠	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦

After the 1♠ overcall, Jacek Kalita transferred to clubs and that did not encourage Krzysztof Kotorowicz to look beyond game. It seemed likely that North had some heart length, so Kotorowicz punted 3NT, ending the auction. John Hurd led a heart to the queen and ace and Kalita cashed his nine tricks for +400.

Justin Lall heard his partner make a negative double and was sufficiently impressed that he checked on aces then bid the diamond slam. Krzysztof Buras led a spade for the queen and ace and Lall led his club. It would have done Buras no good to go up with his ace. If he switches to a heart declarer has a club trick and two spade ruffs in dummy, while a trump lead reduces the spade ruffs to one, but now declarer can ruff out the clubs and has the heart ace in dummy as a late entry to cash them. Buras actually played low on the club, but Lall went up with the king and took his two spade ruffs for +920 and 11 IMPs to USAI.

USAI picked up 1 IMP on Board 50, then came another major swing:

Board 51. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 5 4 2 ♥ A Q 9 5 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ 10	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 ♥ 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ 9 8 4 3 2
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♠ Q 7 3 ♥ 10 7 ♦ J 5 ♣ A K Q J 7 6	♠ A J 9 8 ♥ K J ♦ A 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ 5				

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kalita	Hurd	Kotorowicz
Dble	5♣	5♦	2♣
All Pass			All Pass
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
1♠	3♣	4♣	1♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	5♣
			All Pass

The Precision-style 2♣ opening allowed Kalita to bounce to the five level, putting Hurd under big pressure. Hurd settled for bidding game in his long suit, ending the auction. Kotorowicz cashed the king of clubs then switched to a spade – not what the defence required. Hurd won and played ace and another diamond; +600.



John Hurd, USA

Lall's 1♣ opening did not permit Greenberg to pre-empt to quite the same extent, so Araskiewicz could show his singleton and slam interest below game. When 5♣ was passed around to him, it was normal to bid on, but 5♠ was not a secure spot. Greenberg led a club and Lall won and switched to the seven of hearts. Buras won and cashed a second heart before playing ace of spades and a spade to ... the king; down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to USA1, who had halved the deficit in just three deals.

Board 54. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 7 5 2 ♥ 10 6 3 2 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ 9 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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 K Q J 10 ♥ 9 ♦ K J 10 8 4 3 ♣ 4	♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ A Q J 7 ♦ 9 5 ♣ 8 7 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♥	2♣	1♠	Pass
3♠	4♣	2♠	Pass
		4♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lall</i>
2♠	Dble	1♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	4♠	Pass
5♠	All Pass	5♦	Pass

When 7♣ is a good save against the opposing game, it seems that you have undercooked it if you let your opponents play peacefully in 4♠. Fortunately for Poland, their East/West pair judged correctly to bid on to 5♠ and were permitted to play there. Both declarers took eleven tricks for +650 and a flat board.

Board 57. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ - ♥ J 9 8 7 4 3 ♦ A 6 4 3 ♣ A 8 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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 10 8 6 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ 5 2 ♣ Q 7 6 2	♠ Q 9 7 5 3 ♥ - ♦ K Q J 9 ♣ K J 9 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	Dble	2NT	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lall</i>
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
3♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

I have heard some pretty scathing comments about the 2♥ overcall, vulnerable with a bad suit and facing a passed partner so that game is improbable. Well, all of that is true, but passing is also dangerous sometimes. A couple of partscore swings in from bidding can cover one big penalty out, and bidding 2♥ does increase the likelihood that the opposition will play in spades, because you have made it a little more difficult for them to find an alternative strain – and you would not mind their playing in a suit that you know is breaking badly for them. Anyway, 2♥ is not as bad a call as some would have us believe, even if it may be wiser to pass, and even if it was very badly timed on this occasion.

Kalita led the ten of clubs round to the ace and Wooldridge played ace and another diamond, Kalita going in with the ten to win the trick and play a second club through after Kotorowicz had unblocked the ♦K under the ace. Kotorowicz won the ♣9, cashed the ♣K and played a spade, ruffed by declarer. Wooldridge tried to ruff a dia-



Konrad Araskiewicz, Poland

mond now but Kalita had pitched his last diamond on the third club and could now ruff low. Wooldridge did not over-ruff, throwing a spade from dummy, so Kalita won the trick and switched to the king of hearts to dummy's ace. A spade ruff was followed by another diamond and Kalita ruffed in front of dummy. That left Kalita with two trump tricks and one for Wooldridge; three down for -800.

Greenberg also led the ten of clubs but this was ducked all round and he continued with a second club to declarer's ace. Buras led a low diamond and Greenberg played the eight, which forced Lall to win the trick. Lall played king then jack of clubs, ruffed by declarer as Greenberg discarded two diamonds. Now the ace of diamonds was ruffed and Greenberg tried to cash the ♠A, ruffed. A diamond was ruffed by North and over-ruffed with the ace, then a diamond discard was taken on the king of spades. North had three trump tricks to come so that was again down three for -800 - just another dull push!

Board 58. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A Q 8 5 3 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ 10 4 ♣ K 5 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	♠ K 10 7 ♥ Q J 9 3 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ Q 10 7	♠ J 9 2 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ J 9 8 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lall</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The Polish East/West pair had a simple Stayman auction to game after the INT opening. Greenberg led a diamond so Buras won in dummy and took the heart finesse. He could win the diamond continuation, draw trumps and take a club pitch on the fourth diamond; +620 when the ♠A was where it was meant to be.

Wooldridge had to open 1♦ and 2♥ was the obvious response to the negative double. Maybe Hurd should have bid on with his 11-count - the ♠K was well-placed also, but he didn't like the lack of aces and kings and just passed out 2♥. A club lead, on which Wooldridge went up with dummy's queen, meant eleven tricks for +200; 9 IMPs to Poland.

Board 59. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 8 3 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ K Q 6 5 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 10 6 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K Q ♣ J 10 8 4	♠ A 9 ♥ K Q 9 5 2 ♦ A J 7 3 2 ♣ A
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
			Pass
Pass	2♠	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lall</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♠	3♠
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Poland had a huge slice of luck when they reached a thoroughly bad slam which had one priceless merit - it made! Araskiewicz made a two-suited overcall of the 1♠ opening and cuebid when Buras was able to bid the heart game. Buras was willing to cuebid once in reply, and that was sufficient for Araskiewicz to drive to slam. The hearts divided evenly and the diamond position was just what declarer required; +1430.

At the other table, Kalita opened with a weak two-suited bid and Hurd used leaping Michaels to show the red suits. When Wooldridge could only give simple preference, Hurd had no reason to bid on; +680 but 13 IMPs to Poland.

After the strong start to the set for USA 1, Poland's lead was back up over 40 IMPs, but now the Americans came back very strongly over the closing deals of the day.

Board 60. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

Wooldridge/Hurd had a transfer auction to 3NT, Wooldridge preferring that contract to 4♥ when looking at only three small hearts and no outside weakness. Three rounds of clubs would have defeated the contract but Kalita guessed to lead a spade. Wooldridge won and knocked out the ace of diamonds and had nine tricks for +400.

Differing no trump ranges meant that Buras rebid INT rather than open with that bid. Araskiewicz checked back for a 5-3 heart fit and 2♠ showed three hearts. Here, East was making the final decision and he knew onll that there was the required trump fit, not that his partner had no weak side-suit. It was normal for Araskiewicz to choose to play in 4♥, but that contract had no play and the horrible trump split meant that it was also doubled. Laql got his three trump tricks to go with the two clubs and one diamond, so 4♥ doubled was down three for -500 and 14 IMPs to USAI.

Board 61. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A J 10 9 7 ♥ 10 ♦ A K ♣ Q J 6 5 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ Q 6 5 2 ♥ A K J 6 2 ♦ 9 8 5 2 ♣ -
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	♠ K 4 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q J 7 4 3 ♣ A K 9 2										

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kalita	Hurd	Kotorowicz
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5NT	Pass

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
Rdbl	3♣	2♠	Dble
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Wooldridge/Hurd had a nice auction to the small slam. Two No Trump enquired and 4♣ showed the shortage. That suited Wooldridge well enough and he checked for key cards, discovering an odd number plus a useful void, obviously clubs, so had to play 6♠. After a heart lead, Wooldridge could play to ruff four clubs in dummy, the fifth going on the second heart. Though the fourth club was over-ruffed, that was with the ♠K, and was the trick for the defence; +1430.

We will never know if the Poles would have flattened the board if left to themselves. When Lall decided to get involved in the auction, Buras has happy to take the sure penalty rather than search for a dubious slam. Three Clubs doubled was not very pleasant for Greeneberg. Araskiewicz cashed a top heart then switched to a low spade for the king and ace. Buras returned a spade to the queen and Araskiewicz played king and another heart, Buras ruffing low as Greenberg threw a diamond from dummy. Buras cashed the two diamond winners then exited with a spade, ruffed in dummy. Greenberg cashed one top club then played a diamond but Buras could ruff high, exit with a spade, and still make his remaining club honour at the end for five down; -1400. The Poles would have settled for that, although it cost them 1 IMP.

Poland gained 4 IMPs on the next deal when East/West made a partscore which went down at the other table, then USAI struck again.

Board 63. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J 8 6 ♥ A K 8 6 5 ♦ K 10 ♣ A K 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ 10 ♥ Q J 9 4 2 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ 9 8 5 2
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	♠ K 9 4 3 2 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ Q 10 3										
	♠ A Q 7 5 ♥ 7 ♦ Q 9 8 6 2 ♣ J 7 4										



West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kalita	Hurd	Kotorowicz
			Pass
1♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
			Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Would you overcall with the North hand? It makes a difference whether the opening is a natural 1♥, when you might imagine that there was little point with a moderate suit and balanced hand, or a Polish Club, where there is some pre-emptive benefit. Kalita saw no reason to get involved and Wooldridge was left to play 4♥. Kalita led a spade and Kotorowicz won the ace and switched to a club, which Wooldridge ducked to the ten, a nice play. The contract was now secure due to the even club break. Kalita returned a club so Wooldridge won, drew two rounds of trumps and unblocked the club. A diamond went away on the thirteenth club so there was no need to pick the diamond position; +420.

Greenberg did overcall the Polish Club and Lall first showed a constructive raise then went on to 4♠ over 4♥. Buras doubled, as who would not, but a contract that appears to have no chance somehow came home. Araskiewicz led the ♥Q, overtaken, and Buras cashed a club then switched to a trump. Greenberg drew three rounds of trumps then played ace and another diamond, ducking to the king. All Buras needed to do was to cash the top club as that would have been the fourth defensive trick. But Buras had a blind spot and instead returned a low heart. Declarer could ruff in dummy and cash three diamond winners, throwing his club losers; +790 and 15 IMPs to USA1.

Board 64. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A K Q ♥ K 6 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A 10 9 8 3	<table border="1" 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		♠ 10 ♥ A 5 4 2 ♦ A J 10 4 ♣ Q J 5 4	♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 9 8 2 ♣ K 6 2
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West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kalita	Hurd	Kotorowicz
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araskiewicz	Lall
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Hurd's 3♣ showed any 4-4-4-1 and 3♥ showed that it was a singleton spade. Wooldridge had a lot of points in spades, bad news, but good controls and a fifth club, good news. The fact that Hurd went this route rather than going through Stayman probably indicated willingness to at least consider slam, so Wooldridge chose 4♣. Four Diamonds was, I believe, Kickback, with 4NT showing two key cards without the ♣Q, and Hurd guessed to bid six. Slam needs a little more than the club finesse so that you would prefer to stop in game in the long run, but this Championship is about getting boards right in the short term, not the long run, and USA1 soon had +1370.

Araskiewicz also showed a three-suiter with short spades, but there was less implication of slam interest and Buras settled for the obvious game; +690 but 12 IMPs to USA1.

After 64 boards of hard-fought bridge, Poland had increased their advantage by just 1 IMP on the day and, with 32 boards to go, now led by 148.5-143.

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SEGMENT 5

Heart Failure
by Ron Klinger

With only North/South vulnerable the bidding goes:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2♥(i)

All Pass

(i) Three-suiter, short diamonds
What would you lead as West from:

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

Shortly into the fifth session of the final, the same contract was played at both tables but in opposite directions.

Board 66. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♠ A 10 7 3 ♥ K Q 6 2 ♦ K J 5 ♣ 10 6 	<table border="1" style="background-color: black; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♠ J 9 6 ♥ 7 5 ♦ Q 9 8 7 ♣ Q J 9 3
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♠ K 8 4 2 ♥ A 10 9 3 ♦ 4 ♣ A K 4 2 					

In the Open Room there was a misunderstanding:

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Araszwiecicz	Hurd	Buras
Dble	1♦	Pass	1♣
2♥	All Pass	2♦	Pass

Lead: ♣7

East intended 2♦ as natural, West took it as a cuebid.

The ♣Q was taken by the king and South switched to the ♦4, five, ace. North reverted to the ♣5 (high-low from an odd number): three – ace – ten. South continued clubs, West discarding the ♠3. The ♥5 went to the king and declarer then tried the ♦J, overtaken by the queen and ruffed.

South played the fourth club and West ruffed with the ♥Q. He exited with a trump and scored two spade tricks at the end for three down, – 150.

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz	Kranyak
		2♥(i)	All Pass

(i) Three-suiter, short in diamonds

Jacek Kalita found the excellent lead of the ♥K. Declarer won and played the ♠4: three – queen – nine. On the ♠5, East played the jack and South ducked. East resumed the heart attack to West's queen and the third heart was won in dummy. A club to the ace, East playing the ♣Q, was followed by the ♥10 and the ♣2 exit. West won and switched to diamonds and when the clubs did not break declarer was one down for – 100; 6 IMPs to Poland.

Declarer might have succeeded after the ♥K lead via a mini-dummy-reversal: take the ♥A, play over to the ♦A and ruff a diamond, followed by a low spade. If West ducks, the ♠Q wins and you score a second diamond ruff, plus two clubs and another trump trick. If West rises ♠A to clear trumps, you score three heart tricks, ♦A and two tricks in each of the black suits.



Joel Wooldridge, USA

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Polish Team Profile

When Poland won the European Junior Team Championship in 2004, we waited until the end to reveal the profile, being afraid that these secrets being known to our opponents might lead to our finishing at the bottom of the ranking list. All six players won the European Championships in Prague in 2004 and in Italy in 2005.

Konrad (Casanova) Araszkievicz, aged 25: Konrad is finishing his history studies and is disappointed that there are only three girls playing bridge here. We think his ambition is to become captain of the Girls team.

Krzysztof (The Prosecutor) Buras, aged 25: is finishing his law studies. Because of this he is our internal prosecutor, pursuing every mistake our guys commit. We are really pretty sure that at the end of the day we will all know who is responsible for 2 VPs lost in our 25-2 match. Luckily, we have been avoiding such losses recently so that he can concentrate on the bridge.

Jacek (Jacula) Kalita, aged 23: is another future lawyer. The youngest member of the team, he won the European Schools Championship in Torquay in 2002 before graduating to the big time. At the bridge table some have mistaken him for sleeping beauty, but we all know that he is a sleeping bear in fact. So beware the predator inside him.

Krzysztof (Kotorek) Kotorowicz, aged 24: brilliant and filled with energy, he is studying at a technical university and likes to play h-k. He loves hip-hop, especially 2pac.

Piotr (The Wise) Madry, aged 24: finishing at the famous AGH (University of Mining and Metallurgy) in Cracow, he is in fact a farmer. So don't be fooled by his slim look his hands are like hammers.

Wojciech (Bob (Boban)) Strzemecki, aged 26: last but not least, the nicest and kindest guy you ever met. A romantic lover – but girls lustily watching his lips, hurry up – he is planning his wedding, to Madzia, this October. At the bridge table we have a slight problem with the guy – somebody told him once that redouble always improves his score, so he uses it even when knowing that the contract will be down.

The npc is **Marek Markowski** and the team manager is **Leszek Nowak**, who coached the Polish Schools team to victory in Riccione. The team, and in fact the whole Polish Bridge Federation, is sponsored by **Prokom Software**, the biggest software company in Poland.

It Was Only One IMP

by Ron Klinger

This deal was of little consequence in terms of the score but, just like a draw in cricket, that did not mean it lacked excitement.

Board 60. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

In the play-off for third place, both East/West pairs played in 4♠, Grainger–Halasi scoring an extra overtrick for 1 IMP to Canada.

Final:

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Kalita	Hurd	Kotorowicz
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Lead: ♥9

Declarer cashed the ♥A, ♥K, crossed to the ♦A, ruffed a club, played a diamond to the king and ruffed another club. He continued with a heart, ruffing as South discarded the ♣K. The next club ruff set up the clubs and declarer had +1430.

At the other table the bidding did not climb as high, but the score almost did:

West	North	East	South
Buras	Greenberg	Araszwieckicz	Lall
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
Rdbl	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♥A and switched to the ♠2. The ♠K lost to the ace and a spade went back to the queen. East cashed the ♥K followed by the ♥6. Declarer pitched a diamond from dummy and West ruffed. After cashing the ♦A, ♦K West played a spade. Declarer discarded a heart from hand and ruffed in dummy. The ♣A revealed that West had two more trump tricks. That was five down, a mere 1400, for 1 IMP to USA1.

Great Grue

USA1 trailed Poland by 30 IMPs going into the last set of the final but had closed the gap to just 11 with nine boards to play. Then came a great play from Joe Grue (of course, had his play not been successful, we would be talking about Gruesome Grue, Not Great Grue).

Board 88. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K 7 ♥ A K 6 2 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ K 7 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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		♠ 6 5 4 ♥ 9 ♦ 8 6 ♣ J 10 9 8 6 5 2	♠ 10 8 3 ♥ Q 8 7 5 ♦ K Q J 9 4 2 ♣
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
INT	Pass	2♠(i)	Pass
2NT(ii)	Pass	3♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
(i) Clubs			
(ii) Club fit			

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♣	Dble	2♣	3♣
Dble	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

At the first table Jacek Kalita won the spade lead and played on diamonds. Joel Wooldridge won the second round and played back the ♠Q. Kalita won and ran the diamonds. Wooldridge was squeezed and three a heart, so Kalita had four hearts tricks and eleven in all; +460.

With hearts four-one, that looked like a good solid result for Poland, as even if USA bid the heart slam it rated to fail. Well, Grue/Kranyak did indeed bid to 6♥. Konrad Araskiewicz led a diamond to the ace and Krzysztof Buras switched to a spade. Grue won the ace of spades and led a low heart to the nine and queen. Then he led the ♥8 off the table and, though Buras played smoothly, ran it! It was plain sailing now; Grue led a third heart to hand, ruffed a club and crossed back to hand with a spade to draw the last trump and claim.

That was a fantastic +980 and 11 IMPs to USA1, who were level midway through the final session. Eight boards later the teams were still dead level and that meant eight extra boards to decide the World Youth Team Championship, but, whatever the outcome of those extra boards, without Joe Grue's fine effort on this deal Poland would have been champions already.



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TEAMS	POLAND	USA I
Carry-over	4.5	-
Boards 1-16	45	27
Total	49.5	27
Boards 17-32	49	35
Total	98.5	62
Boards 33-48	24	15
Total	122.5	77
Boards 49-64	26	66
Total	148.5	143
Boards 64-80	41.5	17
Total	190	160
Boards 81-96	4	34
Total	194	194
Boards 97-104	0	15
Final Result	194	209

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