Thursday, August 8, 2013

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Junior Swiss Teams			Youngsters Swiss Teams		
	Session 7			Session 7	
Rank	Team	VPs	Rank	Team	VPs
1	WAR OF ROSES	102.65	1	CHINA XNWY	106.18
2	TURKIYE	88.32	2	USA JENG	92.24
3	JAPAN	80.94	3	BERK	87.54
4	AUSTRALIA	77.64	4	CHINA SX CLUB	85.70
5	ITALIA	77.16	5	KRISTENSEN	82.21
6	CALIFORNIAN ACES	72.79	6	CHINA WFL	76.67
7	VENEZUELA	70.47	7	LIN	75.57
8	ARGENTINA	69.07	8	BERMAN	69.79
9	USA JOLLY	66.77	9	GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	68.39
10	WERNIS	63.50	10	BERK S	68.26
11	USA MANFIELD	52.49	11	CHINA GIRLS SX CLUB	67.68
12	FCBC	16.20	12	ZHIHAOLE SCHOOL	64.17
			13	CHINA QFL	63.59
			14	BRIDGEMATES	36.37

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ARGENTINA	Juan Cruz ETCHEPAREBORDA, Nicolas Miguel SENGIALI,
	Francisco Pablo MONTES DE OCA, Felipe Jose FERRO, Santiago

RUEDA, Ariel ARGAIN Peter HOLLANDS, Justin HOWARD, Nathan HOWARD, Lauren AUSTRALIA

TRAVIS, Maxim HENBEST, Ellena MOSKOVSKY

CALIFORNIAN Kevin ROSENBERG, Frank LIN, Antony LEE, Ryan WESSELS

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Jose Alejandro ZAMORA VILLAMIZAR, Nicolas CORREA LAGUNA, Juan Felipe CUERVO LOPERA, Luis Alejandro REY

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Giorgia BOTTA, Massimiliano DI FRANCO, Margherita **ITALIA** CHAVARRIA, Gabriele ZANASI, Zachary BRESCOLL

Tadahiro KIKUCHI, Kosuke ITO, Koichiro HASHIMOTO, Takumi **JAPAN**

SESHIMO, Yuki HARADA, Ryoko OYAMA

Akin KOCLAR, Muhammet OZGUR, Sarper USLUPEHLIVAN, **TURKIYE** Erkmen AYDOGDU, Altug GOBEKLI, Berk GOKCE

USA JOLLY Dennis KRIVENTSOV, Anant RATHI, Andrew CAVALIER,

Christian JOLLY

Jeffrey TSANG, Qucheng GONG, Nathaniel MUNGER, Sabrina **USA MANFIELD**

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Adam GROSSACK, Kevin DWYER, Owen LIEN, Adam

WAR OF ROSES KAPLAN, Marius AGICA, Zachary GROSSACK

WERNIS Luz Carolina ORTEGA, Isha THAPA, Marianna LINZ, Rebecca

WERNIS, Julie ARBIT, Rachna GOYAL

Youngsters Teams

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Hakan BERK, David SOUKUP, Samuel AMER, Nolan CHANG, **BERK**

Jake OLSEN

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BERK S Ellie FASHINGBAUER, Gianni HSIEH, Victor LAMOUREUX, JASON MILLER, Sedef BERK, John ALTMAN

BERMAN Murphy GREEN, Asya LADYZHENSKY, Evan BERMAN, Jeffrey

SCHWARTZ

CHINA GIRLS

CHINA QFL

KRISTENSEN

LIN

Bryan GOODWIN, Jett NOVAK, Albena-Maria VASSILEVA, **BRIDGEMATES**

> Olivia COLBURN, Olivia LAUFER Yunpeng CHEN, Xinyao RUAN, Yijia LU, Xinying LU, Aijia

SX CLUB YUAN, Huiyuan JIN

Yihao GU, Xinyi YANG, Yunyi FANG, Danlei HUANG, Li QIAN,

Yingqi WANG CHINA SX CLUB Licong CHENG, Renyu LI, Yiyang ZHANG, Zhecheng DU, Yijun

SHANG, Yihong LIU

Yiqin SHAO, Hanchang LI, Bin QIN, Penghao WANG, Siyuan

CHINA WFL LIU, Xu HUANG

CHINA XNWY Tianyi JIN, Zhizhou SHA, Kaiwen WU, Kai JIN, Felicia Xinying

YU, Yiling SHEN GREEN PRIMARY Lu BAI, Kai Lu GONG, Xuan Yu LIU, Ding Zhi MA, Zi Nan

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Benjamin KRISTENSEN, Brandon HARPER, Gregory HERMAN,

Ryan MILLER

Amber LIN, Theo ALLEN, Joseph LIEBERMAN, Christopher

WELLAND Sterling MAGNUSON, Madelyn NOVAK, Cherish ANDREWS, MIDNIGHT SUNS

Sarah EDWARDS

Andrew JENG, Richard JENG, Burke SNOWDEN, Oren KRIEGEL **USA JENG ZHIHAOLE**

Wenyu LIU, Xieen JI, Yuqiao ZHAO, Zelin FEI, Zijun WU, Meilun

SCHOOL

Knockout Matches Junior Teams

WAR OF ROSES Adam GROSSACK, Kevin DWYER, Owen LIEN, Adam

KAPLAN, Marius AGICA, Zachary GROSSACK JAPAN Tadahiro KIKUCHI, Kosuke ITO, Koichiro HASHIMOTO, Takumi

SESHIMO, Yuki HARADA, Ryoko OYAMA

TURKIYE Akin KOCLAR, Muhammet OZGUR, Sarper USLUPEHLIVAN,

Erkmen AYDOGDU, Altug GOBEKLI, Berk GOKCE

AUSTRALIA Peter HOLLANDS, Justin HOWARD, Nathan HOWARD, Lauren TRAVIS, Maxim HENBEST, Ellena MOSKOVSKY

Knockout Formats

In the Junior Knockout, there will be one-day, 48-board semifinals and final with no carryovers.

In the Youngster Knockout, there will be 32-board quarterfinals, semifinals and final, also with no carryovers.

So both events will finish on Friday, allowing all teams to play for at least two days in the Board-a-Match Teams that begins this morning and ends on Sunday.

Knockout Matches Youngsters Teams

2. CHINA XNWY Tianyi JIN, Zhizhou SHA, Kaiwen WU, Kai JIN, Felicia Xinying YU, Yiling SHEN

1. BERMAN Murphy GREEN, Asya LADYZHENSKY, Evan BERMAN, Jeffrey

SCHWARTZ

Andrew JENG, Richard JENG, Burke SNOWDEN, Oren 1. USA JENG

2. LIN Amber LIN, Theo ALLEN, Joseph LIEBERMAN, Christopher WELLAND

2. BERK S Ellie FASHINGBAUER, Gianni HSIEH, Victor LAMOUREUX, JASON MILLER, Sedef BERK, John ALTMAN

1.CHINA WFL Yiqin SHAO, Hanchang LI, Bin QIN, Penghao WANG, Siyuan

LIU, Xu HUANG

2. CHINA SX CLUB Licong CHENG, Renyu LI, Yiyang ZHANG, Zhecheng DU, Yijun

SHANG, Yihong LIU

1. KRISTENSEN Benjamin KRISTENSEN, Brandon HARPER, Gregory HERMAN,

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Nine Ever Ten Never

by Murat Molva

In the second round of the Junior Swiss Teams, this was Board 15:

Dlr: Sout Vul: N-S	♥ J 1	987	
♦ 9 6 5 3 ♥ 7 • Q 6 5 2		3	♣ J 10 7 ♥ K Q 9 8 ♦ K 4
♣ K 10 7	♠ K	6 5 4 3 2 10 3	♣ Q 8 6 5
West Seshimo	North <i>Kaplan</i>	East Oyama	South Agica
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥ 2♥

Pass

Put yourself into South player Marius Agica's (USA) shoes. You have a nice six-card suit and useful looking side values in the other suits, and your partner invites you to game. You are vulnerable, so a nice game bonus is waving to you. It is teams, so you are not worried about any pairs strategies or the rest of the field. You only have to think about your teammates at the other table. Would you not be tempted to bid four hearts? I am sure many of us would. Well Agica did not. And he was dead on target. Although dummy appeared with excellent values too, nine tricks were the limit. Well judged.

All Pass

At the other table, the Japanese pair Hashimoto–Kikuchi had exactly the same auction, but at the point where Agica passed, Kikuchi bid four hearts. He just needed trumps to split 3-2. Not today. Down one and 6 IMPs to the team War of Roses.



Marius Agica (War of Roses - USA)



Adam Kaplan (War of Roses - USA)



Tadahiro Kikuchi (Japan)



Koichiro Hashimoto (Japan)

Slam? What Slam?

by Murat Molva

It has happened to all of us. After the session, teammates ask if we could find the slam on a particular, and we reply "Slam? What slam?"

This was Board 6 of the fourth round of the Swiss.

Dlr: East Vul: E-W	★ 6 3 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 6 2 ♦ Q 8 3
	♣ Q
♠ A 9 8	♦ J 10 7 5 4
♥ A 9	♥ 5 4 3
♦ 5 4 2	♦ —
♣ A 9 4 3 2	♣ K 10 7 6 5
	♠ K Q 2
	♥ J
	♦ A K J 10 9 7 6
	♣ J 8

As you can see, six clubs is on for East-West with a total combined high-card-point total of only sixteen.

Aside from the spade king-queen being onside, the key point of the deal is that even if a heart is led against the slam, South, when he gets in with his spade trick, will not be able to cash a heart trick, and declarer will discard West's heart loser on the established spade winners.

The frequency charts show two six diamonds doubled contracts, so we could assume that Australia and Argentina were able to bid the slam. Well done.

This board created some tension at the table I was watching:

West	North	East	South
Linz	Hashimo	oto Wernis	Kikuchi
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Probably, the three-diamond bid combined with the adverse vulnerability prevented West, Marianna Linz (USA), from overcalling on the first round, but she could have come closer to bidding something at her second turn after her partner, Rebecca Wernis, indicated length in both black suits. (And, yes, perhaps East should have intervened with one notrump to show at least 5-5 in the unbid suits.) But anyway, the Japanese pair reached a normal five-diamond contract.

West first led her spade ace and then her club ace. Correctly deciding that if the heart ace was cashing there was no rush to take it, she continued with the spade nine.

Tadahiro Kikuchi took this with his king and, without ruffing his second club, played three rounds of trumps ending in dummy. Since there were only hearts remaining in dummy, he led a heart to West's ace. West continued with a spade, which declarer ruffed! South then played a few more trumps and claimed the remainder conceding a club. But the spade queen was clearly visible in his hand. The girls were quick to call the TD, who started investigations during which I was consulted as a witness. Declarer was given a two-trick penalty and the final result was down four.

Rather than ruffing a trick that already belonged to him, Kikuchi would have been better advised to ruff one of the aces that West cashed. That — in theory — would have allowed him to make the contract. J



A Jolly Good Slam

by Murat Molva

Any slam that makes can be classified as belonging to the jolly good category. At least for the declaring side anyway. This was Board 9 in the fourth round of the Swiss:

Dlr: North	▲ J 4 3	
Vul: E-W	♥ 9 8	
	♦ 10 6 3	
	♣ A 9 8 7 5	
♠ 2		♠ A K Q 10 8 6 5
♥ J 10 7 3		♥ A
♦ A Q 8 2		♦ 7 5 4
♣ K Q 3 2		♣ J 10
	♦ 97	
	♥ K Q 6 5 4 2	
	♦ K J 9	
	♣ 6 4	

This good slam was reached by only two pairs in the Juniors, and none of the Youngsters could bid it. (Yes, all right, it is better played by West, but how would one manage that when using a natural system? That East hand is too strong for Namyats.)

West	North	East	South
Koclar		Aydogdu	
	Pass	1♠	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Erkmen Aydogdu (Turkey) showed a good hand with his three-heart cue-bid. But how good? When he heard his partner remove three notrump to four spades, Akin Koclar reasoned that if they did not have two quick heart losers, and if the trump quality was good, there should be a good play for slam. So he came up with a five-spade raise to convey his thoughts. East had all that was required, so he just bid the slam.



West Jolly	North	East <i>Cavalier</i>	South
	Pass	1♠	3♥
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
5.	Pacc	64	All Dage

Here, the bid of three notrump by Christian Jolly (USA) gave East, Andrew Cavalier, more hopes to reach a slam. But what to bid? Andrew found a four-club rebid that the NASA engineers are still trying to analyze. Is it a fake control-bid (cue-bid) to inhibit a club lead? Or is it a high-tech conventional bid that says "Partner I have no controls in clubs and diamonds, but I just love the rest of my hand"? West, meanwhile, was quite satisfied with the way things were going. He showed his club support by raising to five clubs. Now Cavalier probably thought that things could get out of hand if he found another technical bid. So he just blasted the slam, and all was well.

East's bidding was cavalier, but in the end he and his partner were jolly happy with the result!

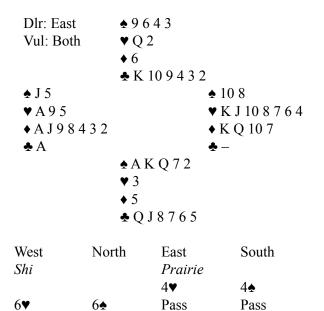
Back to the Past in the Pairs

by Phillip Alder

There were several other interesting boards in the three pair events.

Let's start with surely the biggest plus score we will see at this tournament -- if not this year. It occurred on Board 10 of the first final session in the junior event.

First, though, let's set the scene. On the previous deal, against the normal contract of four hearts by North, East had made the abnormal lead of a low spade from ace-fourth. This had conceded an overtrick, partner having queen-jack-fourth and declarer king-third. A second overtrick had been surrender with inaccurate discarding. Minus 480 was a bottom for East-West. Sylvia Shi admitted that she was "on tilt," determined to get the matchpoints back.



West had a tough choice over four spades because she did not have a bid that invited a slam and asked partner for a spade control. But, as a fourheart opening bid often includes short spades, West decided to jump to slam.

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Dble

Pass

7♥!

Redble!

Then North, trusting his opponent, sacrificed in six spades.

After two passes, Shi was up at the plate again. She knew that she could double six spades and probably get 500 or 800, but that would not compensate for 1430 in six hearts.

Still "on tilt," Shi bid seven hearts.

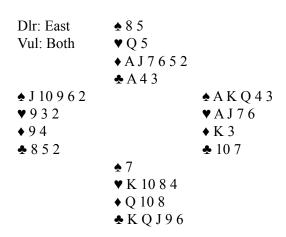
North, with no defensive tricks, surprisingly doubled this.

After two more passes, Shi decided that seven hearts doubled and down one was probably going to be a zero. So she raised the ante by redoubling. She also wondered if this might persuade her opponents to bid seven spades. But no. And now South was on lead.

Reasonably assuming that West had to be void in spades, and perhaps wondering if his partner's double was a Lightner, South led a club.

Seven hearts redoubled plus two vulnerable is 3740, but the overtricks were not permitted. Still, plus 2940 was a nice top and resulted in an exactly average two-board round!

In the Girls Final, the winners, Giorgia Botta and Margherita Chavarria from Italy, began the last day in third place. But they started perfectly on the first board of the penultimate session.



West	North	East	South
Chavarria	Jin	Botta	Yuan
		1♠	2♣
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

South should have made a takeout double over one spade. But when she overcalled two clubs, Chavarria produced a very brave pre-emptive three-spade raise. When one makes that bid with so few high-card points, one usually has a singleton or a void somewhere. But it worked well. North doubled to show some points, South hoped her partner had four or five hearts, and Botta happily doubled North's five-club rescue.

South lost one spade, one heart and one diamond, East cashing her heart ace when in with the diamond king

Plus 200 was 6 out of 6 for East-West.

The next two boards were flat. In the second set, the first board was also average. But then the Italians got a top when one of their opponents passed a forcing bid. The auction went one diamond-(one heart)- two clubs-all pass. Plus 130 did not trouble the scorers when the other three pairs were bidding and making game. What was even more strange was that the opener had 15 high-card points, three aces and one king. So she would have been worth a move toward game opposite a nonforcing two-club response (what is known as a negative free bid).

Boards 19 and 20 helped the cause of the American bronze medalists. First, Isha Thapa got a favorable lead that let her take twelve tricks in three clubs, for 5 matchpoints out of 6. Then North made a textbook error.

Dlr: Wes	t ♠ J :	5 3	
Vul: Botl	h ♥ 9	8 2	
	♦ A	QJ987	
	♣ 3		
♦ K 9 7 6	5 2		♠ Q 10
♥ 10 6 5	3		♥ A K Q
♦ 3			♦ K 10 5
♣ Q 8 5			♣ K J 10 9 2
	♠ A	8 4	
	♥ J	7 4	
	♦ 6	4 2	
	♣ A	7 6 4	
West	North	East	South
Thapa		Arbit	
Pass	2♦	Dble	3♦
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the diamond four. North, who knew declarer had the king, should have played her jack. And if she were allowed to take the trick, she should have continued with a low diamond (or the queen). When declarer has one stopper in the suit you are trying to establish, work to make her use it up as quickly as possible.

However, North won the first trick with her ace and returned the jack. When she took that trick too, she shifted to the heart nine. Julie Arbit won and drove out the club ace. South took the third round and returned a heart. East finished the clubs, then led the spade queen to establish her ninth trick.

Plus 600 was a cold top.

4♥

1♠

The final board of the girls event helped the silver medalists.

Dlr: East Vul: Nor	ne ♥Q	986 QJ65	
♠ A K J î	1087		♦ Q96
v 10 7 3			♥ A
♦ 87			♦ 10 9 4 3 2
♣ A 4			♣ K 8 6 2
	★ 5 3	}	
	♥ K	J 5 4 2	
	♦ A		
	♣ Q	J 10 7 3	
West	North	East	South
Jin	Suarez	Yuan Pass	de Jesus 1♥

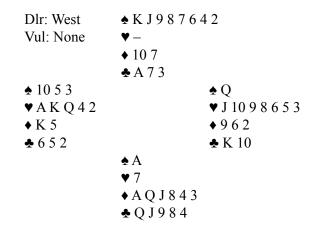
All Pass

This contract went the obvious down two, but minus 100 was worth 5 matchpoints out of 6 to North-South.

North did well to drive straight to game, but East should have risked a card-showing double. Then West, who knewsher partner was very short in hearts, would probably have converted to four spades, which you will have noticed could have been made with an overtrick even after a trump lead.

Stern at the Five-Level by David Stern

This is an expression my partner has for my passion for bidding over the opponents at the five-level – usually incorrectly, I might add. The following caught my attention for some good five-level action in Round 3 of the Teams.



Frequencies: +510x3, +450x1, +300x1, +100x3, +50x3, -420x1

The auctions that I watched varied, but the following was common.

West	North	East	South		
1♥	4♠	5♥	Dble		
Pass	Pass	Pass			

This was the sequence at another table:

West	North	East	South	
1♥	1♠	4♥	5♣	
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

Clearly North hadn't eaten his power food for breakfast, electing to bid just one spade with his eight-card suit.

A popular treatment over the four-heart response in this auction is four notrump showing two places to play, rather than the "guessing" five-club bid chosen by South holding five clubs and six diamonds.

West	North	East	South	
1♥	3♠	4♥	4♠	
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass	
Pass	5♠	All Pass		

South created a "winning" score when she didn't double five hearts, perhaps discouraged from doing so by partner's three-spade rather than four-spade bid

They do say that pre-emptors should not bid twice, but having undercooked the hand with the initial three-spade bid, I don't think we can blame North for bidding five spades after his partner supported spades and failed to double five hearts.

Journalists tend to shy away from Deep Finesse and rely on their own analytical skills,1 but I like to use DF as a backup for my less-than-perfect analytical skills. DF says you can make six spades only by South -- can you see why?

A diamond lead from East will excommunicate your dummy and prevent you from being able to throw your club losers away on diamonds provided West wins with the diamond king and continues with a diamond.

Swingy Set by David Stern

Round 5 of the Swiss (KO) Teams proved to be a wild affair with an average swing of just over 5 IMPs per board at each of the six tables in the Junior Teams. The first board was right on target as pairs guessed what the best spot was and what should be trumps.

Dlr: North Vul: None	★ K J 8 7 2 ★ K 8 ♦ 9 8 6 5 2 ♣ 3	
♠ 10 9 5 4 3 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K 4 ♣ A K J	13	A Q
	♦ 6 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ A Q J 7 3 ♣ Q 9 7	

At the Open Room table where California Aces played Turkiye:

West	North	East	South
Koclar	Lee	Aydogdu	Wessels
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♦	Dble	4♦
4♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass

East won the spade lead and took dummy's two top clubs. Now he had to go down one.

In the Closed Room they stopped in four clubs after:

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Osgur	Lin	Uslupehlivan
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1NT	3♦	4 .	All Pass

Declarer took the same ten tricks.

Vis Res	Home Res.	EW	NS	Tricks	Lead	Decl.	Cont.
	12		200	6	♦ 9	W	4♠
	12	430		10		W	3NT
			100	6	♦ 9	W	2♠
			110	9	♣A	S	3♦
	- 5		50	10	∳ 6	Е	5♣
		130		10	∳ 6	Е	4♣
	2		110	9	♣A	S	3♦
			50	8	♦ 9	W	3NT
4		100		9	∳ Α	N	4 ♦ x
4	1		50	9	∳ 6	E	4♥
5		110		8	♣ 3	W	2♠
5			100	7	+ 2	W	3NT

Board four was a lost opportunity for the California Aces:

Dlr: West	★ 7 6 2	
Vul: Both	♥ A 6	
	♦9873	
	♣ K 9 8 3	
↑ T 9 5		♦ J 4 3
♥ K Q 8 3 2		♥ J 9 7 4
4		♦ K Q J 6 5
♣ Q T 7 2		♣ J
	♠ A K Q 8	
	♥ T 5	
	♦ A T 2	
	♣ A 6 5 4	

Something strange happened on this board. The Open Room auction seemed simple and normal and perhaps likely to lead to a pickup when North-South avoided a three-notrump game with their combined 24-count, taking eight tricks in one notrump for plus 120

West	North	East	South
Koclar	Lee	Aydogdu	Wessels
Pass	Pass	1♦	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Closed Room, however:

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Osgur	Lin	Uslupehlivan

Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	2♣	3♥	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East chose to lead the diamond king. This was not immediately fatal, but when North ducked, East continued with the diamond queen. The declarer won and played a third diamond to establish the diamond nine as his ninth trick after spades broke. I have some sympathy for East persisting with diamonds, but as my sage mother says, "You never have to apologise for leading partner's suit."

Cont.	Decl.	Lead	Tricks	NS	EW	Home Res.	Vis Res.
3NT	S	♥ 3	8		100		6
1NT	S	♥ 2	8	120			٠
1NT	S	♥ 3	8	120			
2♠	S	♦4	8	110			-
1NT	S	♥ 2	8	120			10
3NT	N	♦K	9	600			10
1NT	S	♥ 3	8	120			
1NT	S	♥ 3	8	120		T -	
3NT	S	♦4	9	600		12	
3NT	S	♥ 5	8		100	12	
1NT	S	♥ 3	8	120			1
2NT	S	♦ 4	9	150			1

Board 9 featured a big swing in three of the six matches. Murat Molva describes the action at the two tables where the slam made in his article titled A Jolly Good Slam. Please excuse the small amount of repetition here.

Dlr: North	♠ J 4 3	
Vul: E-W	♥ 9 8	
	♦ 10 6 3	
	♣A9875	
♠ 2		♠ A K Q 10 8 6 5
♥ J 10 7 3		♥ A
♦ A Q 8 2		♦ 7 5 4
♣ K Q 3 2		♣ J 10
	♦ 97	
	♥ K Q 6 5 4 2	
	♦ K J 9	
	♣ 6 4	

West	North	East	South
Koclar	Lee	Aydogdu	Wessels
	Pass	1♠	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

The three-heart inquiry for a stopper followed by the bid of four spades without support from partner showed mild slam interest, which West eagerly accepted with limited heart values. This made the obvious 12 tricks after the heart-king lead.

In the Closed Room, Rosenberg's more unilateral action substantially reduced the chances of reaching slam.

North	East	South
Osgur	Lin	Uslupehlivan
Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass
	Osgur Pass	Osgur Lin Pass 1♠

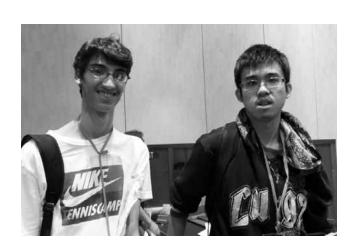
Cont.	Decl.	Lead	Tricks	NS	EW	Home Res.	Vis Res.
5♠	Е	ΨK	12		680	-	
4♠	Е	♥ Q	12		680		
3♠	E	♣ 6	10		170	- 11	
4♠	E	ΨK	13		710		
6♠	E	ΨK	12		1430		13
3NT	W	♥ 9	10		630		
4♠	Е	♣ 6	12		680		2
3NT	W	♥ 9	9		600		
5♠	E	♣ 6	12		680	13	
6♠	E	♣ 6	12		1430		
4♠	Е	ΨK	12		680		
4♠	Е	ΨK	12		680	-	

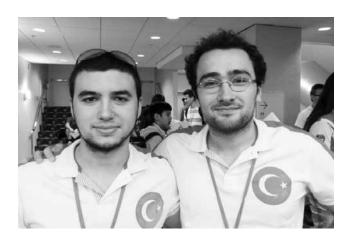
I'm not sure I could think of an auction that would result in a final contract of three spades, but we'll leave that for another time.

After the trading of IMPs in this match, California Aces beat Turkiye 39-33 to put them in second place.









Force

2 over 1 Game

by Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell

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