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ONE DEAL, THREE BRILLIANCES



Candidates for IBPA Junior award

By far the best deal of these championships occurred on Saturday. It featured beautiful play by the three players above: Hao-Wei Huang from Chinese Taipei, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller from France, and Adam Stokka from Sweden.

You may test yourself first on page 5, then read about their exploits starting on page 6.

The final of the inaugural **Kids Championship** is set. France will play Poland over 42 boards today. In the semifinals, France had an easy win over Sweden, but Poland squeaked past China by only 3 international match points. China and Sweden will play for the bronze medals.

There will be a prize-giving in the auditorium at 5.50, straight after the juniors finish playing.

The other three events are moving inexorably towards the quarterfinals, but some are progressing quicker than others.

In the **girls**, there are only two rounds to be played today. Italy leads by more than a match from France. The top six ought to qualify, but seventh, the United States, is only just over half a match ahead of ninth, and less than one match separates seventh from eleventh.

Almost immediately after play finishes, there will be a captains' meeting.

The **juniors** have seven matches to play. France is just ahead of USA1, who had a big day yesterday, gaining 50.33 victory points out of 60. Although the top three teams (Poland is third) have some breathing room, nobody can afford a bad run over the next two days.

In the **youngsters**, there are three rounds to be played. Sweden leads from Norway, but only one match separates first from sixth. Every team down to twelfth (Turkey) has a chance to qualify. Thirteenth (Denmark) and fourteenth (Canada) will have to do very well today and tomorrow to sneak in.

PRIZE-GIVING & CAPTAINS' MEETING

Meet at 17.50 in the Auditorium
for Kids Prize-Giving &
Youngsters and Girls Captains' Meeting



DEPARTURE



The following countries have not handed in their departure details to the Hospitality Desk, which is on the floor about the playing area: Botswana, China, China Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Denmark, Germany, Hungary and Sweden.

DEMIPA

Elektroser

GRUNDIG

Tüpraş



DRAW & PROGRAM TODAY

JUNIORS ROUND 15

USA2 vs FIN

TUR vs CHN

FRA vs USA1

EGY vs POL

DEN vs NOR

HKG vs TPE

BOT vs SWE

IND vs AUS

NZL vs ARG

SIN vs NED

CAN vs GER

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

BBO 3
VG
BBO 2

JUNIORS ROUND 16

DEN vs EGY

HKG vs SIN

CAN vs TUR

BOT vs USA2

NZL vs CHN

FRA vs NED

ARG vs POL

AUS vs NOR

SWE vs TPE

IND vs FIN

USA1 vs GER

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

BBO 3
BBO 2
BBO 4

JUNIORS ROUND 17

TPE vs AUS

NOR vs ARG

POL vs FRA

NED vs NZL

EGY vs USA1

FIN vs BOT

USA2 vs CAN

TUR vs HKG

SIN vs DEN

CHN vs IND

GER vs SWE

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

JUNIORS ROUND 18

EGY vs SIN

DEN vs TUR

HKG vs USA2

CAN vs FIN

BOT vs CHN

IND vs NED

USA1 vs SWE

FRA vs NOR

ARG vs TPE

NZL vs POL

AUS vs GER

TIME: 17.40 - 19.40

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 13

DEN vs TUR

HKG vs CZE

SWE vs FRA

SVK vs USA1

CHI vs POL

NOR vs USA2

IND vs CAN

CHN vs NED

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

BBO 4
VG

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 14

DEN vs CZE

TUR vs FRA

HKG vs USA1

SWE vs CHI

USA2 vs SVK

POL vs IND

CHN vs NOR

NED vs CAN

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 15

DEN vs FRA

CZE vs USA1

TUR vs CHI

HKG vs USA2

IND vs SWE

SVK vs CHN

NED vs POL

CAN vs NOR

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

TBD

15.20 and 17.40
Vugraph and BBO matches
are to be decided.

GIRLS ROUND 12

TPE vs HUN

FRA vs USA

NOR vs TUR

AUS vs IND

POL vs BOT

CHN vs NED

ITA - Bye

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

BBO 5

GIRLS ROUND 13

NED vs BOT

CHN vs IND

POL vs TUR

AUS vs ITA

NOR vs USA

FRA vs TPE

HUN - Bye

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

KIDS KO

F vs POL

3/4 vs CHN

5/6 vs ITA

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

BBO 5

KIDS KO

F vs POL

3/4 vs CHN

5/6 vs ITA

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

KIDS KO

F vs POL

3/4 vs CHN

5/6 vs ITA

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

KIDS

PRIZE GIVING
CEREMONY

TIME: 17.50



RESULTS - JUNIORS

JUNIORS ROUND 12

USA1	NOR	45 - 27	14.85 - 5.15
BOT	DEN	19 - 110	0.00 - 20.00
IND	EGY	29 - 41	6.52 - 13.48
NZL	SIN	32 - 16	14.42 - 5.58
FRA	TUR	21 - 33	6.52 - 13.48
ARG	USA2	7 - 27	4.74 - 15.26
AUS	FIN	32 - 19	13.72 - 6.28
SWE	CHN	40 - 15	16.21 - 3.79
TPE	POL	10 - 56	0.92 - 19.08
CAN	HKG	34 - 40	8.13 - 11.87
GER	NED	13 - 70	0.00 - 20.00

JUNIORS ROUND 13

ARG	FRA	34 - 94	0.00 - 20.00
USA1	USA2	56 - 17	18.29 - 1.71
SWE	IND	78 - 7	20.00 - 0.00
TPE	CAN	8 - 75	0.00 - 20.00
NOR	HKG	21 - 12	12.71 - 7.29
POL	DEN	38 - 33	11.58 - 8.42
NED	EGY	49 - 38	13.23 - 6.77
CHN	SIN	30 - 39	7.29 - 12.71
FIN	TUR	35 - 28	12.16 - 7.84
AUS	NZL	27 - 62	2.23 - 17.77
GER	BOT	86 - 20	20.00 - 0.00

JUNIORS RANKING AFTER ROUND 14

1	FRANCE	208.08
2	USA1	204.21
3	POLAND	203.40
4	TURKEY	193.16
5	CHINA	177.87
6	SWEDEN	176.28
7	NORWAY	168.37
8	NETHERLANDS	165.23
9	CANADA	163.78
10	NEW ZEALAND	142.93
11	AUSTRALIA	137.13
12	DENMARK	131.62
13	SINGAPORE	128.04
14	USA2	126.59
15	CHINA H. K.	121.22
16	EGYPT	119.01
17	GERMANY	109.44
18	CHINESE T.	104.20
19	INDIA	100.64
20	FINLAND	99.41
21	ARGENTINA	75.72
22	BOTSWANA	20.67

JUNIORS ROUND 14

FIN	CHN	8 - 30	4.34 - 15.66
USA2	NED	24 - 21	10.97 - 9.03
TUR	POL	8 - 36	3.28 - 16.72
SIN	NOR	34 - 39	7.42 - 11.58
NZL	USA1	9 - 40	2.81 - 17.19
HKG	SWE	28 - 50	4.34 - 15.66
CAN	AUS	37 - 34	10.97 - 9.03
BOT	ARG	43 - 33	12.97 - 7.03
IND	FRA	14 - 48	2.37 - 17.63
EGY	TPE	30 - 22	12.44 - 7.56
DEN	GER	20 - 12	12.44 - 7.56



RESULTS - KIDS

KIDS SEMIFINALS

	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Total
FRA	8	16	24	70	94	43	137
SWE	0	11	11	16	27	11	38
POL	8	30	38	49	87	13	100
CHN	0	28	28	23	51	46	97

KIDS 5/8

	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Total
IND	0	10	10	34	44	5	49
ITA	4	19	23	1	24	16	40
ITA	4	32	36	32	68	19	87
TUR	0	7	7	2	9	0	9
TUR	0	31	31	5	36	0	36
IND	4	12	16	15	31	41	72



RESULTS - YOUNGSTERS

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 10	
		37-7	17.04 - 2.96
		66-21	18.98 - 1.02
		22-39	5.36 - 14.64
		16-28	6.52 - 13.48
		17-30	6.28 - 13.72
		34-48	6.04 - 13.96
		80-3	20.00 - 0.00
		30-88	0.00 - 20.00

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 11	
		5-87	0.00 - 20.00
		37-18	15.06 - 4.94
		55-31	16.03 - 3.97
		45-49	8.72 - 11.28
		46-25	15.46 - 4.54
		49-27	15.66 - 4.34
		7-91	0.00 - 20.00
		71-20	19.56 - 0.44

YOUNGSTERS RANKING AFTER ROUND 12

1		165.32
2		156.38
3		151.30
4		150.06
5		148.13
6		144.30
7		138.88
8		138.26
9		135.06
10		129.61
11		120.02
12		109.56
13		96.20
14		91.43
15		39.19
16		4.30

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 12	
		17-35	5.15 - 14.85
		44-12	17.34 - 2.66
		24-35	6.77 - 13.23
		32-18	13.96 - 6.04
		46-13	17.49 - 2.51
		64-13	19.56 - 0.44
		23-40	5.36 - 14.64
		9-96	0.00 - 20.00



RESULTS - GIRLS

GIRLS		ROUND 9	
		13-51	1.83 - 18.17
		39-6	17.49 - 2.51
		18-59	1.47 - 18.53
		33-6	16.55 - 3.45
		41-3	18.17 - 1.83
		24-25	9.67 - 10.33
	- Bye	0-0	12-0.00

GIRLS		ROUND 10	
		15-70	0.09 - 19.91
		41-46	8.42 - 11.58
		5-64	0.00 - 20.00
		31-14	14.64 - 5.36
		48-24	16.03 - 3.97
		52-35	14.64 - 5.36
	- Bye	0-0	12-0.00

GIRLS RANKING AFTER ROUND 11

1		165.02
2		144.87
3		143.49
4		139.98
5		138.52
6		129.20
7		112.82
8		102.11
9		100.52
10		96.52
11		88.38
12		73.91
13		15.66

GIRLS		ROUND 11	
		33-28	11.58 - 8.42
		40-11	16.88 - 3.12
		32-38	8.13 - 11.87
		20-61	1.47 - 18.53
		1-120	0.00 - 20.00
		21-25	8.72 - 11.28
	- Bye	0-0	12-0.00

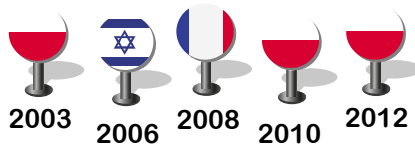


PAST WINNERS

JUNIORS



YOUNGSTERS



GIRLS



ONE DEAL, A WHOLE BULLETIN

by Phillip Alder

Occasionally along comes a deal that has everyone talking. It was Board 12 from the ninth round of the juniors, eighth of the young-

sters and seventh of the girls.

Try it first as a declarer-play problem.

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

You are in six spades. Partner opened one heart, East overcalled two notrumps, and West showed some enthusiasm for the minors.

What would you do after West leads (i) a low diamond, or (ii) the king of hearts, or (iii) the jack of clubs? Turn to page 6 to read the rest of the article.



ONE DEAL, A WHOLE BULLETIN

by Phillip Alder



Before reading this article, look at the declarer-play problems on page 5.

This was the full deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

How do East-West get on in clubs or diamonds and North-South in hearts or spades?

While you are also thinking about that, this deal was played at 50 tables. In the 25 matches, the total number of imps scored was 231 -- an average of 9.24 imps per match. And three times the board was flat. In one of the girls matches, both sides made five of a major exactly. In two junior matches, once both North-South pairs went one down in six spades (and both could have made their contract!), and once both declarers made five spades exactly.



Have you worked it all out?

In clubs, which would probably be played by West after East's Unusual Two Notrumps, North must lead a diamond to hold the contract to ten tricks. When South gets in with the ace of clubs, he leads a heart to his partner's ace and receives a diamond ruff. What a surprise! No pair found that.

In diamonds, again probably by West, the defenders can take three tricks: the ace of hearts, the ace of clubs and a club ruff.

In hearts, the defenders will get one heart and one diamond.

Last, but most definitely not least, in spades, if South is the declarer, West, to defeat the contract, must lead either the king of hearts or a diamond. If a diamond, East must win as cheaply as possible and then either try to cash another diamond or switch to exactly the six of hearts. If six spades is played by North (presumably after a start of 1♥-(2NT)-3♦ showing spades), East must lead precisely the six of hearts to defeat the contract!

Now let's look at three matches. First, the women's battle between France and India.

This was the less-exciting auction:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>de Tessières</i>		<i>Thizy</i>	
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

That was really unambitious bidding by the Indian girls. However, they did defeat five diamonds. North led the ace of hearts, switched to her club, and got her ruff.

There was much more action at the other table:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	<i>Mourgues</i>		<i>Huberschwiller</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♠
4♣	4♠	5♣	5♠
Pass	6♠	Dble	All Pass

Just before we get to the play, note that in the tournament program West at the first table is given as Jessie Carbonneaux, but as you can read on page 8, she is on her honeymoon. And South at this table is Anne-Laure Tartarin in the program, but she has been married for one year. We have used their married names at their request.

Against six spades, West led the king of hearts. After South won with dummy's ace, what did she do?

Confident that the lead was a singleton, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller seemed destined to lose one trick in each red suit. However, after drawing trumps ending in the dummy, she called for the two of diamonds!

As you can guess, East went up with her ace -- and it is easy to feel sympathy for her. Here, though, it was a disaster.

That wonderful play by Huberschwiller gained 17 imps for France.



Anne-Laure Huberschwiller



Now let's turn to New Zealand against Chinese Taipei in the juniors.

In the Open Room, this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Wang		Chen	
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♣ (a)
4♥	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) At least game-invitational in hearts

North led the ace of hearts, so the contract went one down.

As an aside, it feels wrong to me for South not to show his spades first.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
	Tai		Huang
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the three of diamonds, low from an odd number. What did Hao-Wei Huang do?

Yes, he smoothly played low from the dummy and East ... put up his ace.

As West said afterwards, he should have led the *queen* of diamonds. Remember that for the next time you know your side has a lot of cards in a suit.

Chinese Taipei gained 16 imps on the board.

Last but not least, we get to the junior match between Argentina and Sweden.

This was the auction in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist		Gullberg	
Pass	1♥	2NT	Pass!
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led the ace of hearts, so the contract made for plus 400.

This was the far more interesting sequence at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Hult		Stokka	
Pass	1♥	2NT	3♠
4♣	4NT (a)	5♣	5♥ (b)
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood for spades

(b) Two key cards but no queen of spades

After West led the jack of clubs, what did Adam Stokka do?

He saw that he needed the king of hearts to be a singleton and also some sort of squeeze. So he won with his ace of clubs, ruffed his second club in the dummy, and ran his trumps to bring about this end-position:

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

On the last trump, dummy discarded a heart, but what could East spare?

Nothing!

If he had thrown the jack of diamonds, Stokka intended to duck a diamond to take the last three tricks with the ace of hearts, the king of diamonds and the queen of hearts. And when East pitched a heart, that suit ran.

Brilliant!

Those were three great pieces of declarer play, all worthy of the annual junior award from the International Bridge Press Association.



Candidates for IBPA Junior award



Click here to watch the video interview with Anne-Laure Huberschwiller



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

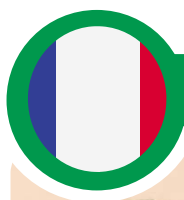
Mobile phones and electronic devices may **not** be brought into the playing area or toilets.

Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and or electronic device into the playing area or toilets will cause his team to be fined 2 VPs (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match).

This penalty cannot be appealed.

There is a place to store a mobile device outside the playing area, for which there is no charge.

Before each session, there are random searches on some players. If you are stopped, you must empty all pockets and bags. You may refuse to do this, but then you will be barred from playing in that session. The Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.



MEET THE FRENCH GIRLS TEAM



Anaïs Leleu, Mathilde Thuillez, Jessie de Tessières, Jérôme Rombaut, Aurélie Thizy, Anne-Laure Huberschwiller Jennifer Mourgues

Mathilde Thuillez (Thildou), 17 from Paris

The last recruit of the team and the new Jessie (talking, talking and talking). Next year she will study medicine, but don't tell her parents that we hope that she will play bridge more than study! We have high hopes because in three weeks she will be 18.

Anaïs Leleu (Nana), 17 from Lille

She's so happy to come here this year, especially because her second-favourite country, Finland, has finally qualified. She is studying in Sciences Po Paris and she will be the most famous journalist in France in few years! She just came back from an internship in England, so she is now quite fluent (or not far from) in English; therefore, come to speak with her.

Jessie de Tessières (Jess, née Carbonneaux), 25 from Lyon

She will soon end her studies to be a lawyer and she is on her honeymoon. She has been married to Godefroy de Tessières for ten days. She is seen as the grandmother of the team, already having played in five championships, winning one gold medal, two silvers, one bronze and one chocolate!

Aurélien Thizy (Lilie), 25 from Besançon (from nowhere)

She lives with the best bridge player ever, Cédric Lorenzini of course! She is an actuary. She is the second grandmother of the team and always rambling: "We belong to the team since the creation of the girls' championship." This is the third girls' championship and Aurélie and her partner, Jess, have played in all three.

Anne-Laure Huberschwiller (née Tartarin), 24 from Paris

She is a bridge teacher. She has been married since last summer and she and her husband, Matthias, already have three babies: wonderful cats called Léo, Caramel and Squeeze. She is very nice and forthright, and she is a really brilliant bridge player!

Jennifer Mourgues (Jenn), 23 from Mont-de-Marsan

She used to study musicology and now she is a bridge teacher too. She would be the perfect woman if she didn't smoke, but we have to admit that if you play with Anne-Laure, you need to smoke a lot to support her!

Jérôme Rombaut (Jéjé), 28½ from Lille

He works for Funbridge and has three children. His daughter Lila made the magic rainbow looms that the team members wear. (They are red, white and blue bracelets.)

To shape the team he had a lot of problems, so he put the names of the girls in a hat and drew the pairs.



A French girls' magic rainbow loom



Send the description of your team to phillipalder@prodigy.net



WILD BIDDING WITH KIDS

by **Micke Melander**

It's well known that juniors aren't afraid of paying out some 800, 1100 or even 1400 numbers here and there, since their bidding tends to be a little bit too optimistic at times. Here comes a deal from the last match of the Kids qualifying round when Sweden met Turkey.

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Denen	Sandin	Turan	Clementsson
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥!
2NT!	3♥!	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Three hearts doubled was easily going for 500 or more, and even though East-West could make three notrumps, it required some good guesswork.

What happened at the table after that wild bidding sequence was that Alexander Sandin in North led the three of hearts, which went to seven, ten and jack. Believe it

or not then the following happened: Declarer played a spade to the ace, took another finesse in hearts, and unwisely cashed the ace of clubs before trying to finesse in diamonds. When North covered the jack of diamonds with the queen, declarer won with dummy's ace and crossed to his hand with the ace of hearts. Declarer then continued with the ten of diamonds, whereupon North won and underled his king of clubs to South's queen. The defenders had winners galore. Declarer just got three hearts and the other three aces. Three down was 800 and 14 IMPs to the Swedish kids, who won the match by 68 imps to 13 and qualified for the knock-outs. At the other table Hansson for Sweden played in two notrumps and took nine tricks.

Near-Perfect Defense:

To defeat three notrumps unless West is blessed with X-ray vision, North has to lead a spade. When declarer plays low from the dummy, South wins with his king and shifts to clubs. Then the defence would get one spade, three clubs and one diamond for one down.

Perfect Play:

When not receiving a spade lead, declarer sets up his diamonds and takes two heart finesses to win one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and one club. It's also possible to set up just two hearts and two spades.

Or if North leads a spade, West must win with dummy's ace (note that this leaves the suit blocked from the defenders' point of view), play a heart to his nine, and attack diamonds. Then he would collect the nine tricks just mentioned.

Board	Deal	Vuln	Contract	By	Lead	Tricks	NS	EW	IMPs	
									We	They
1/17	N	-	2NT	Ø		7	50			
2/18	E	NS	2Ru	N		8	90		1	
3/19	S	EW	3H	S		8	50		5	
4/20	W	All	4Sp	S		11	650			13
5/21	N	NS	3NT	Ø		8	50		10	
6/22	E	EW	3Sp	Ø		9		140	10	
7/23	S	All	2NT	V		4	400			
8/24	W	-	2Ru	N		10	130		6	
9/25	N	EW	4Ru	N		7		150	2	
10/26	E	All	1NT	Ø		7	90		6	
11/27	S	-	3NT	S		10	430		10	
12/28	W	NS	3NT	Ø		8	50			
13/29	N	All								
14/30	E	-								
15/31	S	NS	3Sp	V		9		140	7	
16/32	W	EW	3NTX	V		6	800			14

IMP difference			
20 - 40	1	370 - 420	9
50 - 80	2	430 - 490	10
90 - 120	3	500 - 590	11
130 - 160	4	600 - 740	12
170 - 210	5	750 - 890	13
220 - 260	6	900 - 1090	17
270 - 310	7		18
			19
			20
			20

Scorecard



Comparing after the game



SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO? by Micke Melander



*Should I stay or should I go now?
Should I stay or should I go now?
If I go there will be trouble
An' if I stay it will be double
So come on and let me know?*



The European qualifying event for this tournament was played last year in Wroclaw, Poland. Here are some deals from the round-one match between Denmark and Sweden.

With three Bildes and three Jepsens in the Danish team and two Grönkvists, three Rimstedts and two Petersens on the Swedish team, you had to be sure who was playing where when trying to follow what happened.

The Clash, an English punk rock band from 1976 to 1986, wrote the famous "Should I stay or should I go?" (The song is ranked as one of the greatest of all time by both VH1 and Rolling Stone.) It pretty well illustrated what happened in this match. The players were faced with several hard decisions of whether they should stay or go...

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
E. Jepsen	C. Rimstedt	D. Bilde	I. Grönkvist
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Swedish girls in the Open Room, Grönkvist-Rimstedt, didn't take their chances of playing in either five diamonds or three notrumps; instead they ended up in four spades on a 4-3 fit. In theory this was a contract that could have been made by simply losing two trumps and a heart (if you look at it double dummy). However, it is rarely simple being declarer in a tough game, especially on the very first hand you pick up in a long tournament. One would have wished for a smoother way to get into the game.

Dennis Bilde led a heart. Cecilia Rimstedt called for the ace from dummy and cashed dummy's ace, king and queen of diamonds, discarding her losing heart on the last round. Bilde ruffed in with the three of trumps and

exited with a heart, not giving anything away to declarer. She had to ruff and was down to a 3-3 fit in trumps.

Rimstedt fought on to the bitter end, but with this layout had to go down.

At the other table, Denmark played in a very convenient three notrumps.

Then came another deal on which a 4-3 spade fit would not have been the ideal choice.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
E. Jepsen	C. Rimstedt	D. Bilde	I. Grönkvist
1♥	1NT	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Both the Swedish girls had big problems when the Danes went on full attack in the bidding. Emil Jepsen was probably feeling relieved at not having to bid when Ida Grönkvist advanced with two notrumps, which was meant as invitational in clubs. Rimstedt, with a singleton club, couldn't see that her cards would be enough for three notrumps.

In the other room, the Danes did bid three notrumps, which made easily after Johan Karlsson decided to lead a low spade. That combined with the fact that it wasn't possible to make three clubs put Denmark further ahead, with a lead of 27-0 after only four boards.

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Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

On board five, Sweden struck back when Gullberg-Karlsson in the Closed Room bid and made four hearts while the Danes in the Open Room came to a stop in only two hearts. The swing came about when Daniel Gullberg choose to open with one notrump, promising 15-17 points. In contrast, Emil Jepsen went for a one-club opening. Karlsson had no problem bidding the game when partner showed up with a four-card major after a Stayman enquiry.

The defence started with the ace of spades, a spade to the king and a third spade. Gullberg ruffed high, led a diamond to the queen (South playing the nine), and finessed twice in hearts before playing a club to the king and ace. North now led a diamond, declarer played low from the dummy, and when South put up his jack, declarer had all of the tricks that he needed and scored plus 420.

In the other room, Dennis Bilde was declaring in only two hearts and received a small gift from Ida Grönkvist at the first trick when, faced with an unappetizing lead, she chose the seven of diamonds. With that suit solved, Bilde immediately played a club to the king and ace in an attempt to go for the maximum number of tricks. Now the Swedish girls played three rounds of spades. Bilde discarded a club from dummy on the third round and North ruffed it. When Rimstedt returned a club, declarer ruffed with the nine and realized that he might be going down unless he pulled trumps and cashed the ace and king of trumps. When the queen did not fall, he had to lose another trick for plus 110. That was 7 IMPs for the Swedes, who had scored their first IMPs in the championship.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room:

	West	North	East	South
	E. Jepsen	C. Rimstedt	D. Bilde	I. Grönkvist
			Pass	1♦
1♠		Dble	3♣*	Pass
4♠		5♥	All Pass	

Closed Room:

	West	North	East	South
	D. Gullberg	M. Bilde	J. Karlsson	P. Jepsen
			Pass	1♦
1♠		2♥	3♠	Pass
4♠		Dble	All Pass	

In the Open Room, Rimstedt couldn't bid her heart suit, because she had far too many values for a negative free bid. She was forced to start with a negative double. That left space for Dennis Bilde to make a fit-jump bid showing spades and clubs. Then Jepsen had no problem in jumping to game. With this information, Rimstedt saw the danger and bid five hearts instead of doubling four spades.

Both four hearts and four spades were cold on the board. Five hearts, however, was one level too high and it didn't even matter that Dennis Bilde led his singleton diamond instead of killing declarer immediately with three rounds of clubs. Rimstedt called for the jack from dummy, which held the trick, played a trump to the ace and led a second round to dummy's jack, revealing that trumps were 3-1. Now declarer couldn't set up the diamonds to get rid of the losing clubs, pull the last trump and still have an entry to dummy. However, one down was a very good sacrifice since four spades doubled was a cold contract in the other room when clubs broke and the queen of trumps was singleton in front of the king.



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Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 7 2 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ A J 10 3 ♣ 9 8</p> <p>♠ K 6 3 ♥ K Q 6 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ A Q 5 2</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ 10 8 7 5 ♦ K Q 9 6 5 4 ♣ J 4</p> <p>♠ Q 9 8 5 4 ♥ A ♦ 7 2 ♣ K 10 7 6 3</p>
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Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>E. Jepsen</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>I. Grönkvist</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	3♠	4♦	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>D. Gullberg</i>	<i>M. Bilde</i>	<i>J. Karlsson</i>	<i>P. Jepsen</i>
	Pass	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass!	Pass	Pass

Two hearts from Karlsson promised a four-card heart suit, a longer minor and 6-10 HCPs. Gullberg, who had a huge hand, now jumped to game, and Majka Bilde probably still wonders why she didn't do something positive instead of passing it out.

Declaring didn't present any problem for Karlsson, with the ace of trumps and the king of clubs onside. That was eleven tricks and 650 to the Swedes in the Closed Room.

At the other table, Grönkvist only managed to take seven tricks, when she doubled in four spades after a more competitive auction by all of the players.

"Should I stay or should I go now? Should I stay or should I go now?" is still ringing in my ears...

After 13 boards, Sweden had drawn level, the score being 27-27. However, the rest of the match was all Denmark. The final score was 46-29 in IMPs or 14-6 in VPs and the Danes had got the start to the championship that they wanted.

Last but not least, some more advice from The Clash: *"If I go, there will be trouble -- An' if I stay, it will be double."*



HOW TO MAKE A LOSER EVAPORATE

by **Samuel Coutts**

This deal occurred during Round 3 in New Zealand's junior match against Finland, rotated to make South the declarer.

If you like double-dummy problems, after West leads the jack of hearts against two spades doubled, who should come out on top?

Dealer North. Both Vul.

<p>♠ K J 10 6 2 ♥ Q 7 5 4 ♦ 7 4 ♣ 7 4</p> <p>♠ A Q 7 5 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ K 9 3</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ A 6 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ J 10 6 2</p> <p>♠ 9 8 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ A J 3 2 ♣ A Q 8 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Bailey</i>		<i>S. Coutts</i>	
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When the dummy came down, two spades seemed to have plenty of play, with most of the minor-suit points likely to be on my right.

East won the first trick with his ace and I played my ten. Now East, knowing his partner had led a singleton or from a doubleton, returned the six of hearts, suit preference for diamonds. I won with my king, ran the nine of spades, and continued with the eight of spades, which also held while East discarded a heart.

I hoped to hold my losers to three spades, one heart and either one diamond or one club. I led the nine of hearts. West ruffed and switched to a diamond. I ducked

East's queen to keep my options open.

East now led a low club. When my queen lost to West's king, my idea of only one minor-suit loser was gone, but the contract was not without hope.

West returned the three of clubs. I took East's ten with my ace to give this position:

<p>♠ A Q ♥ -- ♦ 9 6 ♣ 9</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 ♥ Q ♦ 7 ♣ --</p> <p>♠ -- ♥ -- ♦ K 10 8 ♣ J 6</p> <p>♠ -- ♥ -- ♦ A J 3 ♣ 8 5</p>
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I ruffed a club in the dummy, played a diamond to my jack, cashed the ace of diamonds (discarding dummy's winning heart) and led a card to guarantee one more spade trick for my contract.

I had lost two minor-suit tricks, but as compensation, conceded only two trump tricks.

We gained 13 imps when my teammates defeated one notrump by two tricks.

Did you notice how the defenders could have defeated the contract? East must duck his ace of hearts at trick one. South wins, runs the nine of spades and continues with the eight of spades. West must win with his ace and East must discard a low diamond. Then West leads his remaining heart, East taking the trick and switching to the jack of clubs! If declarer finesses his queen, West wins with the king and returns specifically the nine of clubs. Now the defenders are on top.

Who would find that? Only Deep Finesse.