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IT'S NOW OR NEVER: THE THREE FINALS



 **JUNIORS:**
NETHERLANDS - NORWAY 



 **YOUNGSTERS:**
USA1 - SWEDEN 



 **GIRLS**
FRANCE - CHINA 

The finals are beginning this morning, but only after some tense semifinals yesterday afternoon.

In the Girls division, China was down by 0.5 imps at halftime against the Netherlands. But China won both of the remaining sessions to come home by 13.5 imps.

In the France-Italy match, France led by 39 imps with one 14-board session to be played. Then Italy had a steady stream of gains that fell just short, by 5 imps. Or had they? The Italians registered an appeal on a board, but after lengthy deliberation, the result stood and France were through.

Sweden had an easy win by 75.5 imps over Norway in the Youngsters event. USA1 triumphed over France by 20.5 imps, although there were some anxious moments for their supporters near the end.

In the Juniors, Norway trailed Poland by 20.5 imps after the first set and by 34.5 at halftime. They were still trailing, but by only 0.5 imps, with one session to go, and gained 11 imps in that to win by 10.5.

In the match between France and the Netherlands, the Dutch led after each session, although a small matter of 77 imps were exchanged in the last set. The winning margin was 21 imps.

The finals are over 84 boards today and tomorrow. The third-place playoffs are only 56 boards long.

The Board-a-Match Teams also ends today.

Departure Details

Before leaving, you must check out in Building S.

And when the departure sheets go up today, please check them carefully to see that you are listed correctly.

The buses will leave from near the arch and the running water "fountain", close to the local bus stop at the top of the rise.



PROGRAM TODAY

10.00 - 12.00

**FINALS SESSION 1
PLAYOFF SESSION 1**

VG: NOR - NED Juniors
BBO2: SWE - USA1 Youngsters
BBO3: FRA - CHN Girls
BBO4: POL - FRA Juniors
BBO5: NOR - FRA Youngsters

BAM CONSOLATION

13.00 - 15.00

**FINALS SESSION 2
PLAYOFF SESSION 2**

VG and BBO matches are to be announced

BAM CONSOLATION

15.20 - 17.20

**FINALS SESSION 3
PLAYOFF SESSION 3**

VG and BBO matches are to be announced

BAM CONSOLATION

17.40 - 19.40

**FINALS SESSION 4
PLAYOFF SESSION 4**

VG and BBO matches are to be announced

BAM CONSOLATION



SEMIFINALS RESULTS

JUNIORS		SEMIFINALS							
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Total
POL	1.5	39	40.5	27	67.5	7	74.5	20	94.5
NOR	0	20	20	13	33	41	74	31	105

JUNIORS		SEMIFINALS							
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Total
FRA	0	11	11	39	50	20	70	32	102
NED	11	29	40	22	62	16	78	45	123

YOUNGSTERS		SEMIFINALS							
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Total
FRA	0	38	38	23	61	15	76	34	110
USA1	4.5	31	35.5	38	73.5	21	94.5	36	130.5

YOUNGSTERS		SEMIFINALS							
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Total
SWE	1.5	37	38.5	28	66.5	28	94.5	53	147.5
NOR	0	9	9	27	36	19	55	17	72

GIRLS		SEMIFINALS							
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Total
ITA	0	16	16	8	24	33	57	45	102
FRA	2	24	26	58	84	12	96	11	107

GIRLS		SEMIFINALS							
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Total
CHN	0	37	37	23	60	24	84	31	115
NED	6.5	19	25.5	35	60.5	13	73.5	28	101.5



RESULTS - BAM

RANKINGS AFTER ROUND 24

Rank	Team	VPs
1	THE BOYZ	115.80
2	EHAA	112.20
3	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	110.20
4	CZECH REP.	108.80
	BUUS THOMSEN	108.80
6	TURKEY JUNIORS	104.40
7	WAR OF THE ROSES	102.40
8	NL YOUNGSTERS	101.00
9	POLAND GIRLS	99.00
10	HUDSON	98.80
11	TAISWE	98.00
12	MAJIK	94.40
13	FRANCE KIDS	93.40
14	CARLOTTAS GIRLS	91.40
	CHINA YOUNGSTERS	91.40
	POLAND YOUNGSTERS	91.40
17	TURKEY GIRLS	90.60
18	CONTRACT KILLERS	90.20
19	FINLAND	86.80
20	TEAM FUDGE	86.40
21	SINGAPORE	83.80
22	SUPERFIT	83.40
23	NORWAY GIRLS	78.80
24	TBC	75.80
25	TURKEY YOUNGEST	73.80
26	TURKEY MIX	72.40
27	CHINESE T. GIRLS	69.40
28	SPADES	67.40
29	ARGENTINA	64.40
30	DENMARK KIDS	28.40



FINALS

JUNIORS FINAL

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
NORWAY	0		x		x		x
NETHERLANDS	4.5	x		x		x	

YOUNGSTERS FINAL

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
SWEDEN	4.5		x		x	x	
USA1	0	x		x			x

GIRLS FINAL

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
FRANCE	0.67		x		x		x
CHINA	0	x		x			x



3rd PLACE PLAYOFF

JUNIORS PLAYOFF

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
POLAND	0	x		x	
FRANCE	1.67		x		x

YOUNGSTERS PLAYOFF

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
NORWAY	1.5	x		x	
FRANCE	0		x		x

GIRLS PLAYOFF

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
ITALY	7.5	x			x
NETHERLANDS	0		x	x	



WHAT IS THE NEXT?



1, 4, 7, 11, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, ?

What is the next number
in this series?

The answer will be published tomorrow



MAXIMUM PRESSURE! by Micke Melander

Today's bridge bidding is very aggressive. The idea of trying to keep as low as possible with good cards so as to evaluate what contract should be chosen isn't always that easy, since the opponents try to get as high as they can with nothing. Let's check three cases from these 15th World Youth Bridge Teams Championships in Istanbul.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

♠ K Q J 10 7 5 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A 8 7 5
 ♣ A

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♣ (a)
3♥	4♣	5♥	??

(a) Precision Club

East-West are doing what they can to rock the boat; what would you do and why?

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ A Q J 3
 ♥ A
 ♦ 10 4 2
 ♣ A Q J 8 2

West	North	East	South
			2♦ (a)
Dble	5♦	??	

(a) Weak two-bid

What would you do?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 5 3
 ♥ A K 7
 ♦ A J 8 4 2
 ♣ 9

West	North	East	South
			1♦
4♣	Dble	Pass	??

You open with a natural one diamond, West jumps into the auction with everyone red. What would you do when partner makes a take-out double?

For what happened see page seven.



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THE CRITIC DEALS

by Phillip Alder

Let's have a quick look at the key deals from the last session of the close quarterfinal matches on Wednesday.

First, we have the **girls** match between **Australia** and **France**. The final set began with Australia leading by 27 imps. This was the first board:

Board 43. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Moskovsky	Huberschwiller	Travis
3♠	4♥	4♠	1♥
Pass	5♥	All Pass	Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fuller	de Tessières	Pattison	Thizy
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Even though Jessie de Tessière's negative double clouded the issue and East had two aces, she surely should have bid four spades at the prevailing vulnerability. Do not risk a big loss.

When the French had made 620 in the closed room, what Ellena Moskovsky did over four spades made very little difference. If she had doubled and scored plus 100, France would have gained 11 imps. As it was, the swing was 12 imps.

France gained several small swings and one bigger one when Pattison misdefended a three-notrump contract to lose 11 imps.

With one deal to go, France had taken the lead by 7 imps.

Board 56. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

♠ Q 10 6 4 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A K J 10 3 ♣ 9 5 ♠ 5 ♥ K Q 9 7 6 5 4 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A J 2	♠ 9 8 7 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 5 4 2 ♣ Q 10 8 4 3 ♠ A K J 3 2 ♥ A J ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ K 7 6
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The news from the closed room was good for Australia.

West	North	East	South
Fuller	de Tessières	Pattison	Thizy
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Surely both of the French players should have done something on the second round. Even if North was worried that her partner would think a double over four hearts was for penalty, South's ace-jack of hearts would luckily have made her intentions clear to Aurelie Thizy.

Since Kirstyn Fuller could not get into the dummy to take the club finesse, four hearts went two down.

This is what happened in the open room:

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Moskovsky	Huberschwiller	Travis
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After the pre-emptive opening, six spades looks much more appealing. Surely East will have the ace of clubs. But it was not to be. The slam went one down and France was through by 12. But if Moskovsky and Lauren Travis had stopped in four or five spades, Australia would have gained 11 imps on the board to win by 4. It was that close.



Pierre Saguet is the vice-president in charge of the Bridge University in France.

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Unfortunately the **France-Poland youngsters** match was not on BBO. France started the last set ahead by 30 imps, but won by only 1. Arthur Boulin and Colin Deheeger must have been very nervous, having gone down in three small slams.

The **China-USA1 youngsters** looked like a comfortable win for the Americans. I had written such in my article for today's New York Times. Then this happened:

Board 54. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Huber</i>	<i>Jin</i>	<i>Kriegel</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2NT	Pass	4♦
Dble	6♦	Dble	All Pass

Christopher Huber's double of four clubs seems particular dangerous. And one can understand why Oren Kriegel passed. Plunging into four spades with only a four-card suit feels iffy. There was no defence to five clubs doubled, though. North-South were plus 750.

Looking only at the North-South cards, you would want to be in six diamonds. But this was not the right moment. Plus 200 to China was worth 14 imps.

I was suddenly feeling like a sports commentator. You must have noticed how they always jinx players, especially at golf. "He hasn't missed a putt inside two metres all day." So he promptly misses one. "Every drive has been right down the middle." The next one is in the trees.

Board 55 was flat. Then we got to the final deal. I was already theoretically past my deadline with the paper. If the match went into overtime, I was wondering what would happen.

Board 56. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

The open room had finished. This was the auction:

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Huber</i>	<i>Jin</i>	<i>Kriegel</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT (a)	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

(a) Forcing for one round

Kriegel, trading on the favourable vulnerability, tried unsuccessfully to talk his opponents out of bidding. Plus 650 to China.

So, if Ben Kristensen and Kevin Rosenberg bid the hopeless slam, we would have to play six extra boards.

This was the auction:

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
2♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

There was a lot of thinking by both Americans, and especially by Kristensen. But eventually they did the right thing and won the match by 13 imps. Whew!



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MAXIMUM PRESSURE!

by Micke Melander

QUIZ

The bidding problems are set on page 4

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Tao</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Tang</i>
		Pass	1♣
3♥	4♣	5♥	5♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Tang for China against Canada faced this problem in the round robin. After quite some thought, he bid “only” five spades, but he was probably happy with that decision when Walsh, who was his screen-mate, doubled for business.

Walsh led the ace of hearts and shifted to the two of clubs. Tang would probably have made the contract if it wasn't for the fact that Walsh got in and he gave him a “Greek gift”. Declarer played a high trump when he won with the ace of clubs. Walsh won with the ace and helpfully returned another club. So Tang had been given the dummy entry he needed to finesse in diamonds. Down one!

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
			2♦ (a)
Dble	5♦	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

(a) Weak two-bid

Hult said after the game that he had decided to bid six spades but wanted to check out and give partner a hint that he actually had very good cards, therefore he took a trip through five notrumps on the way to six spades. (This showed a major and a minor. Six diamonds would have indicated a major two-suiter.)

Why he didn't stop and think before bidding six spades remains unknown, since he had already found the best suit – clubs -- to play in. Instead, he completed his initial thought and bid six spades.

Zhu could have defeated the contract by leading a club. When he went for diamonds and declarer pulled trumps as soon as he got in, the club shift was too late. Plus 1430 was 2 IMPs in when the USA2 pair played in the unbeatable six clubs at the other table.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Walsh</i>	<i>Tao</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Tang</i>
			1♦
4♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Again it was Tang for China in their game against Canada who got to face the problem. Four spades wasn't the right spot to be in when the suit unluckily broke 5-0. Passing and collecting 500 would have been the winning move, but that certainly was not obvious.

Having said that, it wouldn't surprise you if the spades didn't behave and with just four low in your hand, they are bound to be offside for any potential finesses.

The board was a push, however, when the Canadians played in the same contract at the other table. North-South could have played in either five diamonds or four hearts (even five hearts if South was declaring).



USA1 - China Youngsters set three

by Tom Carmichael

Dummy 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ J 7 6
♥ K 8 5
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ A 10 5

♠ A 9 2
♥ A Q 9 7 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ 9 8

♠ 5 4
♥ J 10 6
♦ K 9 8 2
♣ K Q 7 3

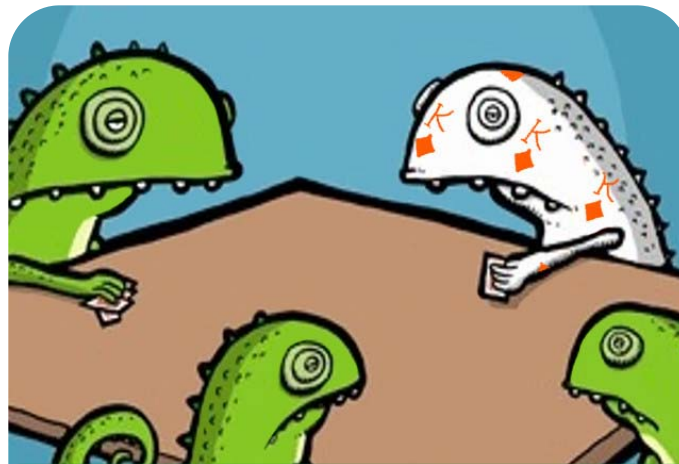
♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ 4 2
♦ Q 7
♣ J 6 4 2

Four hearts by West looks fairly easy, but it gets complex in a hurry.

When North led a low trump, declarer perhaps erred by winning with the dummy's jack. Declarer now led a spade from the dummy, and ducked the king from South. Another heart came back, and at this point, it looks wrong from declarer's perspective to finesse in hearts, since if the finesse loses, a third heart would seem

to kill declarer's chances. The simple line of going up with the ace of hearts and ruffing spades will fail. Declarer can't get off the dummy except by crossing in diamonds, which means when the first club is ducked later on, declarer is stranded in the dummy.

At the table declarer did well to realize all of this and instead won with his ace of hearts and immediately led a club. North ducked, which left declarer with the easy line of play of ruffing a spade, crossing to the diamond ace and leading a club towards dummy again. Suppose instead that North had won with his ace of clubs and cashed the king of hearts. If North then exited with a diamond he would have given up the suit; if a club, declarer has a non-simultaneous double squeeze: Take the top clubs, pitching a diamond, cross to the ace of diamonds, and run the trumps. On the first trump, North and East both pitch diamonds, on the last trump North (presumably) discards a spade. Now a diamond to the king in dummy squeezes South in the black suits. In addition, because of the nine of spades in declarer's hand, North's continuation has to be specifically the low spade, not the jack. (The jack isolates the club/spade menace and allows South to be caught in a different black-suit squeeze.)



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SEMIFINAL 3 JUNIORS - POLAND vs NORWAY by Barry Rigal

It was pure coincidence that the match was on Vugraph at all – the commentators had picked the other junior match to watch, but commentators proposed, Baldi disposed, as the old saying so nearly goes. And a brilliant decision it was too, as the Norwegians came rushing back from a 34 IMP deficit. Here is where the IMPs came in.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

<p>♠ K J 9 8 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ A Q 9</p> <p>♠ A 10 7 4 ♥ 10 8 5 3 ♦ K ♣ 10 7 6 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 3 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ A Q J 7 5 ♣ J 5 4</p> <p>♠ 6 5 ♥ A Q 7 4 ♦ 10 6 4 2 ♣ K 8 3</p>
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Both tables played in one notrump by South after similar sequences in which East had overcalled in diamonds and West had shown or bid spades, letting North produce a support double and South to guess well to rebid one notrump. Both Wests led the king of diamonds, got encouragement from East, and shifted to a club. Tuczynski guessed to cash clubs and test hearts, and when the latter didn't break, he tried to endplay East with a diamond to lead spades into dummy's tenace. Alas for him, this was a Miami endplay, throwing the defence in to cash the rest, since it was West, not East, who had the ace of spades. Thus after cashing his diamonds East could play a spade to West to take a heart winner.

In the other room Kristoffer Hegge won the club and exited at once with a diamond for East to take his winners. West had to find four discards and let go of an encouraging spade and three clubs as declarer pitched a club from hand. Then on the run of the clubs (ending in dummy), West pitched down to his hearts and the bare ace of spades. Hegge read the position perfectly to exit with a spade from the board to the bare ace, and claimed the rest for 5 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Ellingsen</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Wocjieszek</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Both Souths played in three notrump after an unrevealing auction, and both Wests elected to go after clubs. Declarer ducked the opening club-queen lead, won the next club in hand, and led a spade to the queen and king. When the defenders cleared clubs, Tuczynski won in dummy and led a spade to the ten, and a diamond to the ten, queen and ace. The defenders played a third spade, and declarer could take eight tricks from here on in but no more.

Hegge instead, at trick five, led a diamond to the king and ducked a diamond to the bare ace. (His rationale was that West appeared to have no four-card major and only four clubs thus was much more likely to have four diamonds).

Declarer finessed on the spade return, cashed all of his diamond and spade winners, and threw East in with a spade to lead hearts. Nine tricks and 10 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Ellingsen</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Wocjieszek</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
		3♠	All Pass

The inelegant three-spade opening fared better than it might have done. After the singleton-club lead, declarer won in hand and played the king of spades to South's ace. That player shifted to a diamond to the queen. A club ruff would have been fatal to the defence. Instead



Grude accurately returned a diamond and declarer won, ruffed a heart, led the queen of spades and another spade to the jack ... and Grude played a second heart. Declarer ruffed, drew the trump and claimed.

In the other room three notrumps on a heart lead to the ace was not without play. The defenders shifted to diamonds, to North's queen, and now a diamond came back. Had it been ducked, it would have left the defenders one chance to revert to hearts and establish the fifth winner. Declarer actually won the second diamond trick and crossed to dummy to lead the king of spades. South ducked, and declarer triumphantly reverted to diamonds to establish his nine tricks before the defenders had five. And yes, five clubs is cold and one needs to lead a minor to beat six clubs.

Not that many IMPs changed hands on our next exhibit, but it was a good example of the natural play not always being the best one.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

	West <i>Jassem</i>	North <i>Grude</i>	East <i>Wocjieszek</i>	South <i>Hegge</i>
	Pass	1NT	2♦ (a)	2♠
	Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) One major

Closed Room

	West <i>Ellingsen</i>	North <i>Klukowski</i>	East <i>Eide</i>	South <i>Tuczynski</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
	1NT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Two notrumps played comfortably enough; on the lead of the ten of clubs, declarer won with the jack and set up clubs, then took the low heart continuation and exited in hearts. The defenders might have submitted him to a spade guess now, but when they played diamonds, declarer had plus 150.

In the other room East was delighted to defend against two spades doubled, and on a heart lead, the defenders would have racked up plus 300 in very straightforward fashion. West, however, decided it was time for action and led and continued clubs. Declarer ruffed and gave up

a diamond to East's ten. East cashed his king of diamonds and played a third diamond. Declarer ruffed again and finessed in hearts, reaching this ending:

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

With four tricks in, Eide now carefully exited with the ten of spades (a heart would also have sufficed but a club would not have worked) and was sure to collect three trump winners whichever hand declarer took the trick in. Down 300 and 4 more IMPs to the piggybank.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

	West <i>Jassem</i>	North <i>Grude</i>	East <i>Wocjieszek</i>	South <i>Hegge</i>
	Dble	1♦	1♥	1♠ (a)
	Dble	2♦	2♥	Pass
	Pass	3♦	All Pass	

(a) Minors

Closed Room

	West <i>Ellingsen</i>	North <i>Klukowski</i>	East <i>Eide</i>	South <i>Tuczynski</i>
	Dble	1♦	1♥	2♣ (a)
	Dble	4♦	4♥	All Pass

(a) Diamonds

Both tables were able to compete with the South cards, but Grude went low, Klukowski went high. This time the four-diamond call goaded Eide into bidding what he might always have done, while Wocjieszek inexplicably made no game-try and Jassem compounded the felony by not competing to three hearts either. Three diamonds went one down, four hearts collected a painless plus 680 on the ten-of-diamonds lead, when all the ruffs got away. All of that left Norway winners of the set by 41-7 and behind by just half an imp going into the last 14 deals.



MEET THE CANADIAN JUNIORS! by Canadian National Juniors Team



The Canadian junior program has a history of producing world class players. Names such as Fred Gitelman, Geoff Hampson, Gavin Wolpert and Daniel Korbel are but a few recent examples. Not only does our current junior crop promise to continue such tradition, but it is also full of interesting characters.

Shan "The Myth" Huang (25)

Shan is already an accomplished professional bridge player. He won the 2013 Canadian Richmond Trophy that is awarded for the most masterpoints won by a Canadian in the calendar year, and he is in the lead again this year.

Shan is very fond of his pet turtle "Xuanwu" and is seriously trying to teach it to play bridge so that he can take it on the road!

Tom "Pretty Boy" Walsh (22)

Tom is in his last year of accounting studies. He has already tasted bridge success, having won the Canadian Open Team Championship this year and will represent Canada at the Commonwealth Bridge Games in Glasgow, Scotland, in early September.

Tom is the team's "Ladies Man". He is so concerned with his appearance that he travelled to Istanbul with four pairs of shoes, not to mention the number of pants and shirts.

Jeff "Mad Scientist" Tsang (23)

Jeff is the team's brains, having recently obtained his PhD in Evolutionary Game Theory. As you can imagine, Jeff is partial to "bridge science". His pet system is a home-grown MOSCITO variant which equally bites the opponents as well as it does its users. Jeff is also a concert pianist and professional tenor.

Darien "Mozart" Cozart (20)

Darien has a great interest in arts and music, with live theatre being at the top of the list. He studied acting but discovered it was not for him. He is currently in the process of pursuing other career opportunities.

Ethan "Quiet One" Macaulay (24)

Ethan is an undergraduate at Dalhousie University in Mathematics. He has been playing bridge for over 16 years!

He is a veteran of the Canadian junior program, having represented Canada in three previous Youth team competitions and a University world championship. Ethan is also a Canadian Geography champion and has represented Canada internationally in geography competitions.

Playing with the flamboyant Mad Scientist means that you do not get many opportunities to speak, hence the nickname.

Jordan "Rolo" Tessarolo (25)

Jordan is a graduate student at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia, studying genetics and olfaction (sense of smell) in Atlantic salmon. He is the team's athlete, playing semi-professional Ultimate Frisbee and competing in many other sports including squash, basketball and ice hockey. He also enjoys playing the guitar.

Nader Hanna, NPC.

Nader is a top Canadian bridge player who started playing bridge at the age of 16. He has won multiple Canadian and North American titles, the latest at the recent Las Vegas North American Championships in July. He is the President of the Canadian Bridge Federation and has been involved with the Canadian junior program since 2007.

In addition to playing bridge, and being a frustrated golfer, Nader and his wife, Joan Eaton, love to travel, having visited over 50 countries on six continents.



SEMIFINAL 2

by **Maurizio Di Sacco**

SWEDEN vs NORWAY YOUNGSTERS

After the first segment of their semifinal match, Sweden led Norway by 29,5 IMP, 38,5-9. Two heavy punches were landed on the first two boards, one by each side. First, the leaders extended their lead when Safter-Rimsted bid a slam missed in the other room.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saether	Grönkvist	Scheie	M. Rimstedt
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥ (a)	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(a) Intended as natural, but thought by West to be a transfer

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Bakke	Safsten	Flaatt
1♣ (a)	Pass	1♦ (b)	Pass
1♥ (c)	Pass	1NT (d)	Pass
2♣ (e)	Pass	3♣ (f)	Pass
3NT (g)	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

- (a) 16-plus points
- (b) 0-8 points
- (c) 20-plus points
- (d) 5-8 points
- (e) Relay
- (f) Spades with diamond shortness
- (g) West forgot the meaning of three spades

The auction will not be a candidate for the International Bridge Press Association's annual bidding award, but in the end what mattered was Ola Rimstedt's enterprise.



Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saether	Grönkvist	Scheie	M. Rimstedt
Pass	1♣ (a)	Pass	1♠ (b)
Pass	2♦ (c)	Pass	2♠ (d)
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥ (e)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

- (a) Maybe only a doubleton
- (b) A normal one-notrump response
- (c) Extra values
- (d) Transfer to two notrumps
- (e) Singleton

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Bakke	Safsten	Flaatt
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Norway recovered immediately most of those 11 IMP, thanks first of all to a different view on the matter of leads, then to some arguable play all around.

In the open room, East led his fifth-highest spade. Now the path was not a straight one. Dummy's eight of spades was overtaken by the jack, and a club was led. Once East covered, North should have won and, at some point, worked on diamonds, but when he ducked instead, had given away the fifth trick for the defense. East played another spade, and Ida Grönkvist won, crossed to hand with the jack of clubs, and led a diamond. All was easy now for East-West: ten of diamonds, spades and, eventually, a total of two spades, two diamonds and the king of clubs. However, West overtook the ten with the jack! This gave away a vital tempo, but North was not able to take full advantage of the gift. She won the heart shift, cashed a second round of the suit, and all would have been fine had she continued with either a third heart, then a diamond, or an immediate diamond. However, when declarer abandoned the red suits and played a spade instead, her fate was sealed.

In the closed room, Johan Safsten led a heart. Declarer won and led the queen of clubs, ducking when East covered with the king. North took the second heart, cashed the jack of clubs and should have played a spade



Ida Grönkvist

to the eight or ten, but he started with the queen of spades, East accurately playing low. After a spade to the ten and the ace of clubs, to give this position:

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

When another club was led, declarer discarded a spade. But what should East have thrown?

He actually chose the ten of diamonds, but now North could win the next heart, cross to the ace of spades, and cash the last club. Declarer took three spades, three hearts and three clubs.

In the above diagram, East had to throw a heart. Then West must switch to the four of diamonds! If North plays low, East wins with his ten and plays a spade to set up five defensive tricks. North cannot get to his queen of hearts. And if North puts up his king, the defenders get three diamond tricks for one down. That was 10 IMPs to Norway.

A flat board followed, but Sweden lost the chance for a medium size pick-up.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
Saether	Grönkvist	Scheie	M. Rimstedt	
	Pass	1♣	Dble	
1♦ (a)	Pass	1♠	Pass	
2♥	Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
O. Rimstedt	Bakke	Safsten	Flaatt	
	Pass	1♦	1NT	
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦	
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	

I confess I don't like much Ola Rimsted's three hearts, which led to a contract that could not be made, instead of a plus available from defending against three diamonds. However, minus 50 would have still been worth few IMPs had the defense in the other room been more effective.

North-South started well, leading diamonds, then switching to clubs, and repeating the suit when East gave away a second diamond. Unfortunately for Sweden, when declarer played out two more trumps, South threw a diamond, and later on, some wrong carding in spades gave away a second trick.

Then a real accident cost Norway 9 IMPs, in one of the deals that are the nightmare of all coaches.

Obviously, Christian Bakke intended his one spade as forcing, but the two partners were clearly not on the same wavelength. The defense slipped a trick, and Norway saved an IMP.

A real flat board followed -- an easy four hearts for eleven tricks -- then Norway won an overtrick IMP thanks to some better guesswork in the otherwise normal contract of two spades. (It was eleven tricks versus ten, but before you ask how come an easy game was missed, you should know that the cards were lying in a really friendly fashion.)



Christian Bakke



Sweden added 6 IMPs to its score in the following deal.

Board 21. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saether	Grönkvist	Scheie	M. Rimstedt
Pass	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Bakke	Safsten	Flaatt
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣ (a)	2♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Drury-Fit

Mikael Rimstedt's final pass may look a bit too shy, but, after all, he had overcalled vulnerable with a so-so suit, and partner may well have raised with a doubleton. In the other room, Flaatt was a bit too hurried for my taste (obviously you would like to play three diamonds as a short-suit trial bid here, but if not, who votes for double as a game-try?), and was not lucky when dummy delivered three low hearts and wasted values in diamonds.

Norway then won 2 IMPs thanks to one fewer down in four spades -- a hopeless contract with four top losers, but difficult to be avoided once South was dealt a quite normal weak-two opening bid, and North had a 17-count. Then came the biggest swing of the set, which went in the same direction.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Saether	Grönkvist	Scheie	M. Rimstedt
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT (a)
Pass	4♣ (b)	Pass	4♦ (c)
Pass	4♠ (b)	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Slam-try with heart support

(b) Control-bid

(c) Last Train

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O. Rimstedt	Bakke	Safsten	Flaatt
Pass	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♦ (b)	Pass	3♣ (a)
Dble	4♥	Pass	3♠ (c)
Pass	6♥	All Pass	5♣ (d)

(a) Puppet Stayman

(b) No five-card major

(c) Four hearts

(d) Control-bid

You would like to be in seven hearts here, a contract that requires trumps to behave, and no ruffs on the lead, thus an odds-on one. The Norwegian bidding sequence did almost part of the requested job, but in the other room the Swedish pair stopped too low when it was possible that Ida Grönkvist failed to appreciate the full value of the combination of her trumps and prime cards (the doubt comes from my little knowledge of North-South's partnership's style). As for Rimstedt's five hearts after his partner had confirmed twice her slam interest, I can see why he bid it, but, once again, it is fairly possible that he had already received enough information.

That was it, almost. Norway added 1 IMP immediately afterwards, thanks to well-deserved overtrick in the otherwise normal four spades. Two flat boards followed, totally uninteresting, then twice two generous overtrick IMPs to Sweden were the last of the set (the last deal was a super flat three no-trumps plus two). Sweden had won 28-27, and was ahead 66,5-36.



The Semifinals (Youngsters)



NO REWARD FOR GOOD PLAY!

by Micke Melander

ITALY vs FRANCE Semifinal GIRLS

Going into the semifinals we had Italy against France (0-2 carry-over) and China versus the Netherlands (0-6.5). In the round robin it was one of the most IMP-poor matches. That game ended 20-14 in French favour. [Ed. The record was the France-China girls match, which ended 5-3 to France.] The question was; would the semifinal continue in the same way?

On the first deal of the match Butto (East) had:

♠10 7 ♥Q 6 5 ♦A K 6 4 ♣K 6 4 2

The auction started like this:

West	North	East	South
Burgio	de Tessières	Buttò	Thizy
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	??	

When she decided to bid three diamonds, they were in trouble when partner had 5=2=3=3 and the diamonds were 5-1 for the defence. 7 IMPs to France when this went four down for minus 200 and their opponents at the other table played in two spades that just made.

More IMPs were scored on the next board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Botta	Huberschwiller	Costa
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦ (a)	Pass	3♥
4♣	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Burgio	De Tessières	Buttò	Thizy
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦ (a)	Pass	2♥
3♣	Pass	3♦	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Michaels Cue-Bid

Three hearts by Costa made it easy for Botta to raise to game, which really paid off when de Tessières in the closed room had a very pessimistic view of what her hand was worth. Partner must have had some values to bid three hearts freely.

Mourgues led the king of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a diamond to the king, and finessed the queen of hearts. The finesse lost and declarer had to lose another spade and a club for ten tricks. When West had shown approximately ten cards in the minors during the bidding and had already shown up with one spade and two hearts, it wasn't any problem for Costa to figure out that East had king-jack-doubleton of hearts.

In the closed room Thizy only took nine tricks after letting the defence get a ruff in spades, and another trick in spades, a heart and a club. Plus 140 was 10 IMPs to Italy, who had temporarily taken the lead in the match.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Botta	Huberschwiller	Costa
Burgio	de Tessières	Butto	Thizy
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1NT	Dble	All Pass

Huberschwiller in the open room was looking for blood and doubled Botta when she overcalled with one no-trump. Leading her longest and strongest suit, spades, was a good idea. West won with the ace and continued with the king of diamonds. Declarer took the second round and played ace of clubs and queen of clubs. The defense cashed out and brought the contract four down in both rooms. Butto is probably still wondering why she didn't double that bid, a decision that cost 12 IMPs when there was 800 to get...





Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Botta</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Costa</i>
Pass	1♣	2♠	3♣
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Burgio</i>	<i>de Tessières</i>	<i>Buttò</i>	<i>Thizy</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
2♦	3NT	All Pass	

A potential swing, but neither of the North-South pairs found the slam after some interference from the opponents. It was even worse in the other semi-final, where China sold out to East-West in three diamonds! When looking at the junior semi-finals, three out of the four tables reached the slam in clubs – well done. One IMP to Italy when de Tessières only got 11 tricks when the defense cashed their two diamonds.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Botta</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Costa</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Burgio</i>	<i>de Tessières</i>	<i>Buttò</i>	<i>Thizy</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

It was pure joy to watch this board, perfect play and defense. Mourgues kicked off with the ten of diamonds and

East correctly played low. Declarer then played three rounds of clubs, discarding a spade from hand (a good move if the ace of spades had been offside). Then after a heart to ace and another trump, West won with the king and the play went diamond to the ace, diamond ruff, and the ace of spades to bring the contract one down.

In the closed room the play went similarly up to the point when it was time to play trumps. Thizy then finessed instead of playing a heart to the ace. One might think Costa should have been rewarded with some IMPs for her attempt at safety-playing the deal, but when trumps were 3-1, it didn't cost anything to finesse. Very lucky for the French declarer, who wouldn't have been too happy to go and compare results if trumps had been 2-2. It was just a flat board.

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Botta</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Costa</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

How would you play in four hearts by North after East leads the ace of clubs and shifts to the jack of hearts?

Declarer had bad communications between the hands and had to be very careful. Costa played a diamond the jack, which held the trick. She cashed the ace of diamonds and the ace of hearts, discovering the bad break in trumps when East discarded the five of clubs. Declarer then cashed the king of diamonds and the queen fell from West, and played the king of spades. West ducked. Botta should now have continued with spades, which was a winning line of play. Instead, she played a diamond that West ruffed and had to play when the remaining cards were:

♠ 6 ♥ K 9 6 ♦ 8 ♣ - ♠ A 9 ♥ 10 8 ♦ - ♣ 4 ♠ Q 10 7 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ Q 8	♠ J 8 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ K 10 9
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If West had just cashed the ace of spades, declarer would have been down. Instead, West played her club and declarer wrongly discarded her spade, allowing East to win with the king and the third trick for the defense. Declarer had to lose another trump for West, so down one.

If North had ruffed the club and played a spade to dummy's ten, she would have got home, presumably with a trump coup.

This was the full deal:

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

Now let's look at the closed room.

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Burgio</i>	<i>de Tessières</i>	<i>Buttò</i>	<i>Thizy</i>
Pass	1♥	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the closed room Thizy was the declarer in three no-trumps, a contract that in theory should have always made. The defense started with the jack of clubs, which held the trick. A club to the king followed, forcing declarer to discard from dummy, Thizy finally parted with the six of spades. The ace of clubs followed, West making an encouraging signal in spades by discarding the two and dummy discarding a diamond.

So far so good. Now East shifted to the jack of hearts. With the ace of spades, East for sure would have just cleared clubs. So to be able to make the contract, declarer needed to find hearts breaking 3-3 or the diamond finesse working. Thizy cashed the queen of hearts and played a heart to the nine. This line would have worked if West had started with ♥ 10-8-x-x. But when East discarded, declarer was bound to go down. Thizy tried the king of spades but got no help from Burgio, who just returned a safe



The Italian Girls Team

ten of hearts and waited for one more trick to bring the contract down. No swing.

Ida Grönkvist from Sweden in the Youngsters semi-final played the deal beautifully in four hearts. She got the ace-of-clubs opening lead and a shift to the jack of hearts, won with dummy's queen. Then came a diamond to the jack, ace of hearts discovering the bad break in trumps, ace of diamonds and king of spades – again ducked by West, as in the match between France and Italy. Ida then cashed the king of diamonds and played a spade to dummy's ten. West won with the ace and returned his last club – ruffed by declarer to leave this end-position:

♠ 9 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ — ♣ —	♠ — ♥ K 9 ♦ 9 8 ♣ —	♠ J ♥ — ♦ — ♣ K 10 9
♠ Q 7 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q		

The nine of diamonds forced West to ruff and she was endplayed! Well done.



The French Girls Team
 By the end of the match they prevailed.

Back to the girls match, what looked like a set with many IMPs after two boards proved that it wasn't. Instead, we were almost back to the round robin match, because the session ended 24-16 to the French Girls. With the carry-over, they were 10 IMP up for the remaining three segments.



MEET THE NORWEGIAN GIRLS! by French National Girls Team



Hello! We are the **Norwegian Girls Team** and we would like to invite everyone to come and play in our country next year. The European Youth Team Championships as well as the European Open Championships will be held in Tromsø. We want to make you feel super welcome, so we shall start by introducing ourselves...

Charlotte Mikkelsen (21)

is the aggressive bidder on the team, she loves to save. She has played bridge for four years now. Her other passions are her boyfriend and the loving sound of cars with horsepower (Volvo). She is stubborn but normally really happy, even when she has had a bad board. In April 2014 she became Nordic Champion in the girls class with Stine Frøse.

Stine Frøyse (23)

has a special talent for bringing home very tricky contracts. She is already good at bridge, but she is still very eager to learn more. Besides playing bridge, she hangs out with her boyfriend, who also plays bridge. She can sometimes get really mad when she has had a bad board, but usually she gets over it quickly. Everybody likes this girl.

Sofie Sjødal (12)

likes to talk a lot. Given the fact that she will be a junior for 13 more years, who would have thought that this hyperactive 12-year old girl is the best player on the team? She knows all the ins and outs of the system, is always happy, and has no difficulties forgetting bad boards. She and Thea Indrebø are two of a kind: always happy and always hyperactive.

Thea Indrebø (15)

has a very bright future in bridge. You can always find her on BBO, even during a break at school. If she could choose, she would play bridge all day long and skip school. She has played bridge for nearly three years. In her spare time she likes to be with friends and play the card game Mexicaner, even though she always loses!

Thea Hauge (16)

is, according to the Turkish locals, the most beautiful one of the team. During our trip to the city, somebody offered two camels to buy her. Although it could be a bit of fun to have two camels, we are Very Happy that she is still here and in our team. She has a great team spirit and is always eager to learn more. She has promised

that she will be our squeeze expert during the next European Girls Team tournament.

Marte Kligen (18)

has a super cute smile, but beware when you are her opponent and she smiles like that, you are in big trouble! Marte is a very thoughtful bridge player and likes to bid really high slams so that Thea Hauge can practice her squeezes. Oh and sorry guys, Marte is very much in love with her boyfriend, so you have no chance!

Rosaline Barendregt (28)

is the crazy, happy coach of the team. She is really funny and loves weird songs and bridge. If we have a bad match, she often buys cookies or ice-cream for us. She loves taking care of us. Rosaline also likes to cheer on the Netherlands, which is almost okay for us. She is the cutest one in the team.

Sven-Olai Høyland (53)

switched after ten years of being the junior captain to the most fun Norwegian team: the girls! He must be the most fanatical captain around, because he was kibitzing us at the table every match, and mind you, he was not sleeping: he remembers every single board.

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YOU CAN NEVER TELL

by Matthew Brown

If you have a bad board, do not let it affect the rest of your game, because maybe your teammates have you covered.

For example, one pair in the round robin went down in a grand slam on a losing finesse to win 5 imps! (The opponents had an accident, playing in a 2-2 fit.)

In the B-a-M, we had this awful auction:

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	S. Coutts		Brown
			1♠
Pass	2♣	3♥	3♠
5♥	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♥	Dble	Pass	6♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the ace of diamonds. Then, hoping partner had a singleton, led a second diamond. A few moments later, I was claiming my contract for plus 1210.

When we get together to score, our teammates are not on good terms. They apologise for one disaster, then continue grumbling at each other.

When we get to this board, one of them says, "Minus 980, sorry." Quietly I say, "Win."

"What? How?" We explain. Then we get high fives and everyone is happy again.



WILL HE SMELL THE RAT?

by Glenn Coutts



The first round of the last day of qualifying, we, New Zealand, had an outside chance of qualifying if we had a big win against Norway. And the cards certainly cooperated with the potential for several big swings.

This was the second board:

Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Coutts		Jacob
		Pass	1♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

You will notice that five spades is trivially beaten with the king-of-diamonds lead. I get straight in with the ace of spades and underlead my heart honours. Partner, Nick Jacob, would then give me a diamond ruff.

Unimaginatively, I chose to lead the ace of hearts. Now it seems that South would succeed. He could not get to the dummy, so would have to cash the ace of diamonds and probably feel it was nothing more than his due when my king dropped.

However, I saw one possibility. At trick two, I switched to the seven of clubs. South won with his ace and led his king of spades. I won and played another club.

South took this with dummy's king and discarded a low diamond from his hand. Then, presumably trusting my partner's count signal, he cashed the queen of clubs and threw another diamond.

Now declarer -- not being suspicious of my defence -- took the diamond finesse to go one down.

There was good news and bad news. My teammates, Victoria Bouton and Matthew Brown, had defeated five hearts undoubled by two tricks and won gained 5 imps on the board. Sadly, though, that was our biggest gain of the match and we were no longer in the hunt for the quarterfinals.



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- a) The exact format and timing of the day-to-day schedule will be published nearer the time when numbers are known
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c) It is anticipated that play will start daily at 10.00 am and end at approximately 19.30 / 20.00 hours

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Day 7 Mixed Pairs Thursday 16 October	Day 8 Mixed Pairs Awards Ceremony Mixed Pairs Mixed Teams & Pairs Closing Cocktail Friday 17 October	Day 9 Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Qualification Swiss Saturday 18 October
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