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Play Under Way



A View of the Playing Area

After last night's enjoyable opening ceremony and dinner with musical accompaniment, now we have got down to the serious business of trying to decide three world championships with the first of six qualifying days.

In the Junior event, two of the pretournament favourites, the Netherlands and Israel, are in the lead, just ahead of the host country, China. The two American teams are tied in seventh.

In the Youngsters division, Australia and France

are tied for first, five victory points ahead of England.

In these tournaments, the top eight will qualify for the quarterfinals starting next Wednesday.

In the Girls competition, the Netherlands leads from Italy. Then there is a 13 victory point gap to third-placed Indonesia. The surprise so far is that Poland, often the team to beat in this event, is fifth. Here, only four teams move into the semifinals.

Results

Thursday 26 July

Juniors Round 1

ARGENTINA	EGYPT	34	37	14	16
PAKISTAN	CHINA	0	68	1	25
SINGAPORE	BULGARIA	37	28	17	13
BRAZIL	CANADA	24	41	11	17
CHINA H K	USA2	18	48	8	22
USA1	FRANCE	59	24	23	7
JAPAN	COSTA RICA	34	35	15	15
NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA	41	3	24	6
ISRAEL	ITALY	42	5	24	6
DENMARK	INDIA	27	25	15	15

Juniors Round 2

CHINA	ARGENTINA	30	47	11	19
BULGARIA	PAKISTAN	43	37	16	14
CANADA	SINGAPORE	46	63	11	19
USA2	BRAZIL	48	24	21	9
FRANCE	CHINA H K	59	14	25	5
COSTA RICA	USA1	17	106	0	25
AUSTRALIA	JAPAN	48	10	24	6
ITALY	NETHERLANDS	11	38	9	21
INDIA	ISRAEL	18	26	13	17
EGYPT	DENMARK	29	50	10	20

Juniors Round 3

ARGENTINA	BULGARIA	42	63	10	20
PAKISTAN	CANADA	55	38	19	11
SINGAPORE	USA2	55	27	22	8
BRAZIL	FRANCE	9	53	5	25
CHINA H K	COSTA RICA	59	16	25	5
USA1	AUSTRALIA	9	64	3	25
JAPAN	ITALY	37	48	13	17
NETHERLANDS	INDIA	84	1	25	0
ISRAEL	DENMARK	58	13	25	5
CHINA	EGYPT	72	3	25	1

Juniors Ranking after round 3

1	NETHERLANDS	70.0
2	ISRAEL	66.0
3	CHINA	61.0
4	SINGAPORE	58.0
5	FRANCE	57.0
6	AUSTRALIA	55.0
7	USA1	51.0
	USA2	51.0
9	BULGARIA	49.0
10	ARGENTINA	43.0
11	DENMARK	40.0
12	CANADA	39.0
13	CHINA HONG KONG	38.0
14	JAPAN	34.0
	PAKISTAN	34.0
16	ITALY	32.0
17	INDIA	28.0
18	EGYPT	27.0
19	BRAZIL	25.0
20	COSTA RICA	20.0

Matches on BBO

Friday 27 July (all times local = GMT+8)

10:30

VG	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	J
B2	ITALY	USA1	J
B3	POLAND	ENGLAND	Y
B4	USA1	USA2	Y
OG	CHINA	BULGARIA	J

14:00

VG	ARGENTINA	USA2	J
B2	CANADA	CHINA	J
B3	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	J
B4	FRANCE	USA	G
OG	CHINA	USA2	Y

16:50

VG	DENMARK	USA1	J
B2	CHINA	USA2	J
B3	FRANCE	ARGENTINA	J
B4	POLAND	ITALY	Y
OG	POLAND	CHINA	G

Youngsters Round 1

ARGENTINA	POLAND	20 50	8 22
FRANCE	JAPAN	80 18	25 2
ENGLAND	CANADA	54 65	13 15
CHINA	ITALY	19 26	14 16
ISRAEL	LATVIA	28 45	11 19
SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA	27 60	7 23
SINGAPORE	USA1	38 82	5 25
CHINESE TAIPEI	USA2	59 5	25 3
NORWAY	Bye	0 0	18 0

Youngsters Round 2

JAPAN	ARGENTINA	25 67	5 25
CANADA	FRANCE	17 111	0 25
ITALY	ENGLAND	27 66	6 24
LATVIA	CHINA	5 73	1 25
AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL	56 23	23 7
USA1	SWEDEN	14 33	11 19
USA2	SINGAPORE	76 38	24 6
NORWAY	CHINESE TAIPEI	39 34	16 14
POLAND	Bye	0 0	18 0

Youngsters Round 3

ARGENTINA	CANADA	2 56	3 25
FRANCE	ITALY	53 40	18 12
ENGLAND	LATVIA	83 18	25 1
CHINA	AUSTRALIA	18 49	8 22
ISRAEL	USA1	70 35	23 7
SWEDEN	USA2	41 34	16 14
SINGAPORE	CHINESE TAIPEI	54 26	22 8
POLAND	NORWAY	51 53	15 15
JAPAN	Bye	0 0	18 0

Girls Ranking after Round 3

1	NETHERLANDS	70.0
2	ITALY	62.0
3	INDONESIA	49.0
4	USA	47.0
5	POLAND	44.0
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	38.0
	SWEDEN	38.0
8	FRANCE	37.0
9	CHINA	33.0
10	OCEANIA	31.0

Youngsters Ranking after Round 3

1	AUSTRALIA	68.0
	FRANCE	68.0
3	ENGLAND	63.0
4	POLAND	55.0
5	NORWAY	49.0
6	CHINA	47.0
	CHINESE TAIPEI	47.0
8	USA1	43.0
9	SWEDEN	42.0
10	ISRAEL	41.0
	USA2	41.0
12	CANADA	39.0
13	ARGENTINA	36.0
14	ITALY	34.0
15	SINGAPORE	33.0
16	JAPAN	25.0
17	LATVIA	21.0

Girls Round 1

ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI	41 10	22 8
POLAND	FRANCE	45 12	23 7
CHINA	NETHERLANDS	27 64	6 24
OCEANIA	INDONESIA	47 38	17 13
SWEDEN	USA	39 32	16 14

Girls Round 2

CHINESE TAIPEI	SWEDEN	32 21	17 13
FRANCE	ITALY	32 51	11 19
NETHERLANDS	POLAND	53 4	25 4
INDONESIA	CHINA	25 32	14 16
USA	OCEANIA	72 27	25 5

Girls Round 3

CHINESE TAIPEI	POLAND	32 40	13 17
FRANCE	CHINA	45 28	19 11
NETHERLANDS	OCEANIA	65 41	21 9
INDONESIA	USA	41 11	22 8
ITALY	SWEDEN	49 25	21 9

The Draw

Friday 27 July

Juniors Round 4

1	CANADA	ARGENTINA	
2	USA2	PAKISTAN	
3	FRANCE	SINGAPORE	
4	COSTA RICA	BRAZIL	
5	AUSTRALIA	CHINA H K	
6	ITALY	USA1	B2
7	INDIA	JAPAN	
8	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	VG
9	EGYPT	ISRAEL	
10	CHINA	BULGARIA	OG

Juniors Round 5

1	ARGENTINA	USA2	VG
2	PAKISTAN	FRANCE	
3	SINGAPORE	COSTA RICA	
4	BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA	
5	CHINA H K	ITALY	
6	USA1	INDIA	
7	JAPAN	DENMARK	
8	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	B3
9	CANADA	CHINA	B2
10	BULGARIA	EGYPT	

Juniors Round 6

1	FRANCE	ARGENTINA	B3
2	COSTA RICA	PAKISTAN	
3	AUSTRALIA	SINGAPORE	
4	ITALY	BRAZIL	
5	INDIA	CHINA H K	
6	DENMARK	USA1	VG
7	ISRAEL	JAPAN	
8	EGYPT	NETHERLANDS	
9	CHINA	USA2	B2
10	BULGARIA	CANADA	

Girls Round 5

21	CHINESE TAIPEI	OCEANIA	
22	FRANCE	USA	B4
23	NETHERLANDS	INDONESIA	
24	ITALY	CHINA	
25	SWEDEN	POLAND	

Youngsters Round 4

11	NORWAY	ARGENTINA	
12	POLAND	ENGLAND	B3
13	JAPAN	CHINA	
14	CANADA	ISRAEL	
15	ITALY	SWEDEN	
16	LATVIA	SINGAPORE	
17	AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	
18	USA1	USA2	B4
19	FRANCE	Bye	

Youngsters Round 5

11	ARGENTINA	LATVIA	
12	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	
13	ENGLAND	USA1	
14	CHINA	USA2	OG
15	ISRAEL	CHINESE TAIPEI	
16	SWEDEN	SINGAPORE	
17	CANADA	POLAND	
18	JAPAN	NORWAY	
19	ITALY	Bye	

Youngsters Round 6

11	AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA	
12	USA1	FRANCE	
13	USA2	ENGLAND	
14	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA	
15	SINGAPORE	ISRAEL	
16	NORWAY	SWEDEN	
17	POLAND	ITALY	B4
18	JAPAN	CANADA	
19	LATVIA	Bye	

Girls Round 4

21	CHINA	CHINESE TAIPEI	
22	OCEANIA	FRANCE	
23	USA	NETHERLANDS	
24	SWEDEN	INDONESIA	
25	POLAND	ITALY	

Girls Round 6

21	USA	CHINESE TAIPEI	
22	INDONESIA	FRANCE	
23	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	
24	ITALY	OCEANIA	
25	POLAND	CHINA	OG

Match of the Day

China v Pakistan (Juniors Round 1)

by Brian Senior

We begin our coverage of the Juniors championship with a look at our hosts, China, one of the teams we would expect to reach the knockout stages. Their opponents, Pakistan, are less experienced and may struggle to make the knockouts, though their team does include Anam Tebha, who represented USA in Opatija last year in the World Youth Congress.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
–	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
–	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

The two auctions followed pretty routine lines up to South's 2♠ call. Both Wests now competed for the partscore but chose different ways of doing so. For China, Yinpei Shao tried 3♣ and, looking at a club void, Junjie Hu quickly converted to 3♥, ending the auction. At the other table, Tebha preferred 2NT and Oosman Bashir had less reason to overrule his partner, leaving her to declare in 2NT.

Zain Khan led the queen of spades against 3♥. Hu won dummy's king, ruffed a club, then cross-ruffed spades and clubs before passing the jack of

diamonds to North's queen. Mirza Hussain returned his fifth spade, but Hu ruffed high and, when Khan discarded, played a second diamond. Khan was obliged to ruff that as he was down to nothing but trumps and was now endplayed to give declarer his ninth trick with the queen of trumps – nicely played for plus 140.

Two no trump was less successful. Jiang led the jack of spades, which Tebha won with the king. She played the heart jack, ducked, then a second heart to the king and ace, Jiang pitching a spade. Yichao Chen returned the ten of clubs to the queen and king. North cashed two more clubs, then exited with a spade to dummy's ace. Tebha cashed the heart queen, then ran the jack of diamonds. Jiang won with the queen and cashed the ten of spades before exiting with ace and another diamond. Tebha won with the king but had to give the last trick to Chen's club ten for down three; minus 150 and 7 IMPs to China.

On the second board, the Chinese made 1NT in one room and defeated it in the other to pick up a further 5 IMPs, and there was even better news for our hosts on Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Jiang opened in third seat and, when Chen gave only a simple raise at his second turn, a safe partscore was reached. Bashir led a diamond against 2♠. Jiang won with the queen and led a club to the ten and jack, and back came a trump. He put up dummy's queen and, when that held, led a diamond to the ace and crossruffed clubs and hearts. When the fourth club was led, Bashir ruffed in front of dummy with the king and returned his remaining trump. Declarer had a club to cash so made nine tricks for plus 140.

Hussain did not open the North hand, giving Hu an opportunity to open the East hand with 1NT and, after a pass from Khan, who might have come in with some kind of two-suited bid, Shao transferred to hearts. When the completion came around, Hussain had the perfect hand for a balancing double which, perhaps unwisely, Khan left in.

Khan led his singleton club to the queen and king. Hu led the six of hearts from hand and, when Khan played low, ran it. Hu now switched his attention to clubs, attempting to cash the jack – ruffed. Khan returned the queen of diamonds. Hussain won with the ace and underled his ace of spades, but Hu had no guess so went in with the king. He played ace and another heart to Khan's king, and Khan led a spade to his partner's ace. Hu ruffed the spade continuation, drew the last trump and had a club and a diamond to cash; eight tricks for plus 670 and 13 IMPs to China, ahead now by 25-0.



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
–	–	–	2♠
Pass	3♣	3NT	4♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
–	–	–	2♠
Pass	2NT	3♥	Pass
4♥	5♣	Dble	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Both Souths opened with a two-suited 2♠. Jiang responded 3♣, pass or correct, and Bashir overcalled 3NT. Expecting support for both minors for the 3♣ call, Chen competed with 4♦ but, when Tebha now bid 4♥, had no reason to keep bidding. Jiang led his spade against 4♥. Tebha could win, draw trumps and play on diamonds to establish a discard for her third spade, so lost just the minor-suit aces; plus 650.

Hussain responded 2NT to ask for the second suit and Hu overcalled 3♥. When that was raised to game, Hussain judged to save. He tried 5♣ but, when that was doubled, Khan ran to 5♦ and, when that too was doubled, corrected himself to 5♠, a dubious action given that partner rated to have some diamonds but had suggested spade shortage. Five spades was also doubled, ending the auction.

Shao led a trump, which did Khan no harm at all. Hu won and switched to a low heart, Khan ruffing the second round and playing a spade. Hu won and, giving up on the forcing game, switched to a low diamond. Khan ducked that to the jack

and back came the queen. He could win, give up a diamond to establish the suit and, on ruffing the heart return, draw the missing trumps and cash out for down three; minus 800 and 4 IMPs to China.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
1♦	1♠	Dble	2♥
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Shao opened 1NT and Hussain, though having the distribution to come in, lacked the necessary high-card strength. He passed and passed again when Hu transferred and Shao completed. Hussain led the six of diamonds to the seven, jack and queen. Shao cashed the ace of hearts and the king appeared on his left. He now tried the jack of spades, setting up a potential ruff without giving up control of the suit, but Khan won with the queen and returned a low heart to kill the ruff. Shao won with the ten and played the jack of clubs. Khan won with the king and returned a diamond to the ace, so Shao played a second club. Khan won and led a spade to the ace. Shao played two winning clubs, pitching the spade from the dummy as Khan ruffed. A spade exit meant that Khan had another trump trick to come, but Shao had eight for plus 110.

In the other room, Tebha opened 1♦ and Jiang could overcall at the one level. The Chinese pair

were always going to win the auction now and Jiang eventually declared in 3♠. Bashir cashed the ace of diamonds, then switched to the ten of spades to the queen and Tebha's ace, neither of which plays caused declarer to lose any sleep. Tebha switched to ace and another heart, ruffed by Jiang, who crossed to a top club to run the jack of diamonds. When that held, he crossed to the king of spades to play the diamond king. Though that was ruffed, that was the last trick for the defence; plus 140 and 6 IMPs to China. The lead was up to 36-0 at the halfway point in the match.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both East-West pairs bid competently to the cold heart slam. Tebha could open with an artificial 2♣ and rebid to show her heart suit. Bashir's club splinter was music to her ears and she promptly launched into Keycard, bidding the small slam on finding her partner with one key card to go with

his heart support and club shortage.

Shao started at the one level and that gave Hussain an opportunity to overcall. Once Hu showed a constructive heart raise and was willing to co-operate, there was no stopping Shao, and he eventually took control and bid the slam.

There was nothing to the play so it was flat at plus 1430.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Easts opened 1♠ and jumped to 3♦ at their next turn. Shao now looked at his soft club values and lack of a top diamond and simply jumped to the diamond game, ending the auction. Tebha was more adventurous. She bid 3♥ and, when Bashir now went back to spades, leaped to the diamond slam. Was there a misunderstanding, with Tebha intending 3♥ to be a cue-bid and so taking the 3♠ response as showing the ace? Whatever she was expecting, she was swiftly disappointed. Chen led the nine of clubs, so Jiang won with his ace and switched to the spade singleton. He was able to overruff the next spade for two down; minus 100. Perhaps there was hope for Pakistan, as 5♦ could also be defeated?

Alas, no. Khan led the eight of clubs and Hussain duly won with the ace and returned his spade for the king and ace. But Khan did not spot the possibility of the overruff, though it is hard to see how his actual club return could ever be better than playing a second spade. Hu won the club, drew trumps and claimed eleven tricks for plus 400 and 11 IMPs to China.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tebha	Jiang	Bashir	Chen
1♥	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Shao	Hussain	Hu	Khan
1♥	1♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass



Anam Tebha

drew trumps and conceded a heart trick, claiming six spades, two hearts, three diamonds and one club.

Plus 200 and plus 1430 gave the Netherlands 17 IMPs.

Italy gained 10 IMPs on the third board when Chris Westerbeek made a very strange defensive play.

Board 5 was another slam:

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8 ♥ K J 10 9 6 ♦ K 10 ♣ K 10 9 5 3</p> <p>♠ Q J 9 6 3 2 ♥ 5 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 8 7 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ A ♦ A Q 9 7 4 3 ♣ A J</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K 10 ♥ Q 8 7 4 ♦ J 6 5 2 ♣ Q 6 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	di Franco	v d Bos	Zanasi
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
de Leo	Westerbeek	delle Cave	Wackwitz
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Six diamonds is a good contract. But it is easy to see why the two Norths, despite a great diamond holding in context and a singleton, were loath to sound ambitious, having opened with only ten high-card points.

The Netherlands gained 1 IMP for an extra overtrick.

On Board 7, both North-South pairs did bid a slam.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 6 ♥ K J 3 ♦ 10 8 3 2 ♣ A 10 7 4</p> <p>♠ J 9 5 3 ♥ 10 5 4 2 ♦ 6 4 ♣ K 6 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A K 10 7 2 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ A K Q ♣ 9 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8 4 ♥ 9 8 6 ♦ J 9 7 5 ♣ Q J 8 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	di Franco	v d Bos	Zanasi
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣ (a)	Pass	3♠ (b)
Pass	6NT	All Pass	
(a) Puppet Stayman			
(b) Five spades			

West	North	East	South
de Leo	Westerbeek	delle Cave	Wackwitz
			2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠ (a)	Pass	3NT (b)
Pass	6NT	All Pass	
(a) Minor-suit Stayman			
(b) No four-card minor			

Six notrumps needed spades to play for five tricks; or, in the absence of a club lead, the spades and diamonds each to be worth four tricks. Here, though, nothing was working.

Joris van Lankveld led the six of diamonds. Declarer won with his queen and played four rounds of spades. West led his second diamond. South ran his hearts and last spade, but Berend van den Bos kept his last two diamonds to defeat the contract.

At the other table, Francesco de Leo led a heart. South immediately took his three diamond winners, telling East what was happening. Now one down was destined for a push.

Then came an interesting partscore battle:

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	di Franco	v d Bos	Zanasi
	1♦	1♥	Dble (a)
Pass	1♠ (b)	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
de Leo	Westerbeekdelle Cave	Wackwitz	
	1♦	1♥	Dble (a)
Pass	1♠ (b)	Dble	Redble
2♣	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Four or more spades

(b) Usually only three spades

The par result was four clubs made by East-West, and maybe the East-West pairs should have got closer to that than they did.

In the Open Room, when van der Bos volunteered three clubs vulnerable against not, one thinks that van Lankveld could have gone to four clubs.

The defense against three diamonds was perfect, though: ace of hearts, heart five ruffed, club to the queen and ace, heart ruff, king of clubs.

In the Closed Room, de Leo could well have bid three clubs over two spades. Yes, he had four spades, but they were not good ones and his partner, who had announced four clubs with his take-out double of one spade, was known to be short in spades.

The defenders against two spades took the first five tricks with the ace of clubs, a club to the king, a heart to the jack, the ace of hearts and a heart

ruff. But declarer had the rest.

Plus 50 and plus 110 gave the Dutch another 4 IMPs and the lead by 34-2.

The slams kept on coming:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	di Franco	v d Bos	Zanasi
		Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣ (a)	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

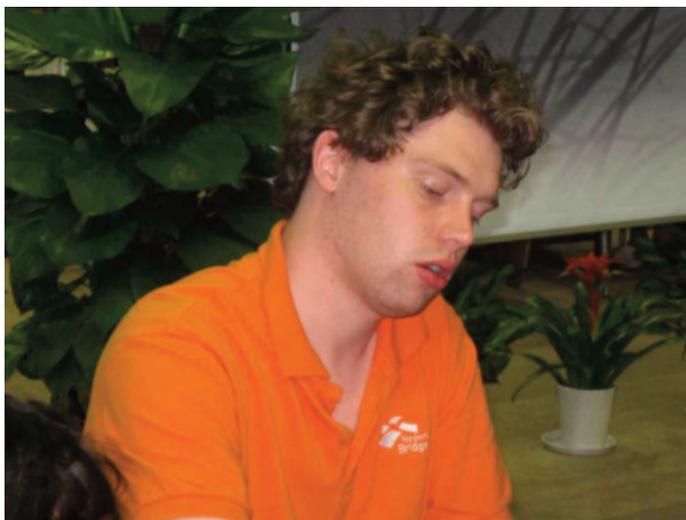
(a) Game-forcing relay

West	North	East	South
de Leo	Westerbeekdelle Cave	Wackwitz	
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥ (a)	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(a) Spades

Six clubs isn't bad. Perhaps if Massimiliano di Franco had bid three diamonds over three clubs, suggesting weak spades, the Italians could have got to six clubs.

The Netherlands gained 3 IMPs because Westerbeek took 12 tricks after the heart-queen lead. When he ran the clubs, West pitched two diamonds, so North took two hearts, four diamonds (he finessed his jack at trick eight) and six clubs.



Ernst Wackwitz

One pair on BBO got to six clubs:

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Ida G.	Richard J.	Mikael G.
Pass	1NT (b)	Pass	1♣ (a)
Pass	2♥ (d)	Pass	2♦ (c)
Pass	2NT (d)	Pass	2♠ (e)
Pass	4♣ (g)	Pass	3♠ (f)
Pass	4NT (i)	Pass	4♥ (h)
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5♠ (j)

(a) Either natural or two-plus clubs in a balanced hand outside the range for one notrump

(b) Either a game-forcing balanced hand or five-plus clubs

(c) A minimum unbalanced hand with long clubs

(d) Relay

(e) Heart side suit

(f) 1=4=2=6 or 0=4=3=6

(g) Sets clubs as trumps

(h) Control-bid (cue-bid)

(i) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(j) Two key cards and the club queen

The play was interesting. Andrew Jeng led the four of diamonds. Declarer, Mikael Grönkvist, thought for a long time, then won with dummy's ace, took his two heart winners, ruffed a heart and gave up a spade. The best defence now was a trump switch. Declarer would have had to take the diamond finesse to get home. But West continued with another low diamond. South took dummy's king, ruffed a spade in his hand, trumped his last heart in the dummy, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a diamond and drew trumps.

If you expect that was it for slams in this set, you are wrong. Now came Board 12:

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

Almost everyone got to six spades without difficulty, despite North occasionally overcalling three hearts. In the Italy-Netherlands match, only one auction was given on BBO, with van Lankveld opening the West hand with two notrumps and giving a super-accept when van den Bos transferred into spades.

The last four boards were less interesting and the Netherlands won by 38-11, which converted to 21-9 in victory points.



Olympic Update

The Olympic Games in London are starting tomorrow, and we will be presenting you with a small daily update. We shall be focusing on the nations present here in Taicang.

The football competitions have already started. Wednesday saw the first round of matches in the women's competition. There were wins for Great Britain, Japan, USA, Brazil, Sweden and DPR Korea. The men's competition begins today.