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All Still to Play For



Quite Possibly the Largest Bridge Timer in the World

We are nearly one-third of the way through the qualifying stage in the junior event (six rounds out of nineteen), just over one-third through in the youngsters competition (six of seventeen), and exactly one-third into the double round-robin in the girls tournament.

In the juniors, with eight teams to qualify, the top six have slightly separated themselves from the rest of the field. Israel is only one victory point ahead of the Netherlands in first, but is 33 in front of ninth.

The youngsters division is even closer at the top, with France and Poland tied. They enjoy an 11-point lead over Australia.

The Dutch girls have opened up a considerable

lead, being 26 victory points ahead of second-placed Italy, with Poland another 8 VPs behind in third.

We would like to run profiles of the teams. However, we need you to provide us with the information. You can get the basic idea from our look at the USA2 youngsters in this bulletin. We can take the photos, but if you would supply us with brief biographical details, we would be very happy to feature your team.

Also, we are still waiting for our first report of good bidding, declarer-play or defence from a player. When you see something worthwhile, please drop by the Bulletin Office. You may write the article or leave it to one of us.

Results

Friday 27 July

Juniors Round 4

CANADA	ARGENTINA	55	47	17	13
USA2	PAKISTAN	49	25	21	9
FRANCE	SINGAPORE	54	26	22	8
COSTA RICA	BRAZIL	87	30	25	3
AUSTRALIA	CHINA H K	47	28	19	9
ITALY	USA1	38	51	12	18
INDIA	JAPAN	50	40	17	13
DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	42	45	14	16
EGYPT	ISRAEL	20	65	3	25
CHINA	BULGARIA	72	22	25	4

Juniors Round 5

ARGENTINA	USA2	31	21	17	13
PAKISTAN	FRANCE	41	44	14	16
SINGAPORE	COSTA RICA	82	37	25	5
BRAZIL	AUSTRALIA	16	60	5	25
CHINA H K	ITALY	39	51	12	18
USA1	INDIA	63	29	23	7
JAPAN	DENMARK	57	45	18	12
NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	31	32	15	15
CANADA	CHINA	49	68	11	19
BULGARIA	EGYPT	54	40	18	12

Juniors Round 6

FRANCE	ARGENTINA	35	22	18	12
COSTA RICA	PAKISTAN	9	51	5	25
AUSTRALIA	SINGAPORE	43	20	20	10
ITALY	BRAZIL	62	18	25	5
INDIA	CHINA H K	22	50	8	22
DENMARK	USA1	15	37	10	20
ISRAEL	JAPAN	54	24	22	8
EGYPT	NETHERLANDS	8	82	0	25
CHINA	USA2	36	16	20	10
BULGARIA	CANADA	49	2	25	4

Juniors Ranking after Round 6

1	ISRAEL	128.0
2	NETHERLANDS	127.0
3	CHINA	125.0
4	AUSTRALIA	119.0
5	USA1	112.0
6	FRANCE	110.0
7	SINGAPORE	101.0
8	BULGARIA	96.0
9	USA2	95.0
10	ITALY	86.0
11	ARGENTINA	85.0
12	PAKISTAN	82.0
13	CHINA HONG KONG	81.0
14	DENMARK	76.0
15	JAPAN	73.0
16	CANADA	71.0
17	INDIA	60.0
18	COSTA RICA	55.0
19	EGYPT	42.0
20	BRAZIL	41.0

Matches on BBO

Saturday 28 July (all times GMT+8)

10:30

VG	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA	J
B2	USA1	USA2	J
B3	LATVIA	POLAND	Y
B4	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	G
OG	SINGAPORE	CHINA	J

14:00

VG	NETHERLANDS	USA1	J
B2	AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA	J
B3	CHINA	COSTA RICA	J
B4	POLAND	USA	G
OG	USA1	CHINA	Y

16:50

VG	USA1	POLAND	Y
B2	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	J
B3	BRAZIL	ISRAEL	J
B4	ARGENTINA	ITALY	J
OG	USA	CHINA	G

Youngsters Round 4

NORWAY	ARGENTINA	10	34	9	21
POLAND	ENGLAND	86	30	25	3
JAPAN	CHINA	49	42	16	14
CANADA	ISRAEL	25	91	1	25
ITALY	SWEDEN	29	62	7	23
LATVIA	SINGAPORE	36	56	10	20
AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	53	38	18	12
USA1	USA2	81	13	25	1
FRANCE	Bye	0	0	18	0

Youngsters Round 5

ARGENTINA	LATVIA	39	42	14	16
FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	28	22	16	14
ENGLAND	USA1	55	46	17	13
CHINA	USA2	26	59	7	23
ISRAEL	CHINESE TAIPEI	52	29	20	10
SWEDEN	SINGAPORE	27	71	5	25
CANADA	POLAND	20	85	1	25
JAPAN	NORWAY	35	68	7	23
ITALY	Bye	0	0	18	0

Youngsters Round 6

AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA	30	51	10	20
USA1	FRANCE	25	42	11	19
USA2	ENGLAND	32	33	15	15
CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA	18	47	8	22
SINGAPORE	ISRAEL	28	56	8	22
NORWAY	SWEDEN	24	51	9	21
POLAND	ITALY	44	37	16	14
JAPAN	CANADA	46	42	16	14
LATVIA	Bye	0	0	18	0

Girls Ranking after Round 6

1	NETHERLANDS	130.0
2	ITALY	104.0
3	POLAND	96.0
4	FRANCE	95.0
5	SWEDEN	90.0
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	89.0
7	CHINA	80.0
8	USA	79.0
9	INDONESIA	73.0
10	OCEANIA	56.0

Youngsters Ranking after Round 6

1	FRANCE	121.0
	POLAND	121.0
3	AUSTRALIA	110.0
4	ISRAEL	108.0
5	ENGLAND	98.0
6	USA1	92.0
7	ARGENTINA	91.0
	SWEDEN	91.0
9	CHINA	90.0
	NORWAY	90.0
11	SINGAPORE	86.0
12	USA2	80.0
13	CHINESE TAIPEI	77.0
14	ITALY	73.0
15	LATVIA	65.0
16	JAPAN	64.0
17	CANADA	55.0

Girls Round 4

CHINA	CHINESE TAIPEI	31	40	13	17
OCEANIA	FRANCE	32	46	12	18
USA	NETHERLANDS	34	52	11	19
SWEDEN	INDONESIA	70	13	25	3
POLAND	ITALY	54	13	24	6

Girls Round 5

CHINESE TAIPEI	OCEANIA	70	24	25	5
FRANCE	USA	89	14	25	0
NETHERLANDS	INDONESIA	70	38	23	7
ITALY	CHINA	40	50	13	17
SWEDEN	POLAND	39	41	15	15

Girls Round 6

USA	CHINESE TAIPEI	45	20	21	9
INDONESIA	FRANCE	18	23	14	16
SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	25	40	12	18
ITALY	OCEANIA	39	8	22	8
POLAND	CHINA	24	35	13	17

The Draw

Saturday 28 July

Juniors Round 7

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

Juniors Round 8

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

Juniors Round 9

1	ARGENTINA	ITALY	B4
2	PAKISTAN	INDIA	
3	SINGAPORE	DENMARK	
4	BRAZIL	ISRAEL	B3
5	CHINA H K	NETHERLANDS	
6	USA1	JAPAN	
7	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	B2
8	COSTA RICA	BULGARIA	
9	FRANCE	CANADA	
10	USA2	EGYPT	

Girls Round 8

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

Youngsters Round 7

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

Youngsters Round 8

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

Youngsters Round 9

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

Girls Round 7

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

Girls Round 9

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

Diamonds are a (French) Girl's Best Friend

by Brian Senior

When China met France in the third round of the Girls competition, China had a narrow 26-19 IMP lead after 11 of the 16 boards. The next two deals saw the French turn the match around when their E-W pair bid and made two diamond slams, neither of which was reached at the other table.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q J 10 6 3 ♥ J 8 5 ♦ – ♣ A K Q 10 5</p> <p>♠ A 7 ♥ A Q 10 7 6 ♦ A K 9 8 7 ♣ 9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q J 6 5 4 3 ♣ 8 7 6 3</p> <p>♠ K 9 8 5 2 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ 10 2 ♣ J 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Chen	Cannone	Zhao	Thizy
1♥	2♥	Pass	3♠
4♦	4♠	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Carbonn'x	Liu	Favard	Shan
1♥	2♥	Pass	3♠
4♦	4♠	6♦	All Pass

Both Wests opened 1♥ and both Norths made a two-suited overcall, spades and a minor. That shut out East, and South, with excellent spade support, jumped to 3♠. The West players, Jessie Carbonneaux, for France, and Xinyang Chen, for China, both showed their second suit, and North went on to the spade game. For China, Bing Zhao now contented herself with 5♦, which ended the auction. Laure Favard, however, saw that she had wonderful cards, not only six-card diamond support, but also a perfect heart holding. Trusting her partner to be strong for the 4♦ bid, Favard jumped to 6♦.

That was well judged by Favard. There was nothing to the play and, after a top club lead, both declarers had twelve tricks; plus 420 to Chen, but plus 920 to Carbonneaux and 11 IMPs for France.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 9 3 ♥ A K J 10 ♦ Q 8 ♣ Q 7 6 5 4</p> <p>♠ A Q 6 ♥ 9 7 6 5 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A 9 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K 8 ♥ – ♦ A K 10 7 6 4 3 ♣ K J 3 2</p> <p>♠ J 10 7 5 4 2 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ 10</p>
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West	North	East	South
Chen	Cannone	Zhao	Thizy
–	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Carbonn'x	Liu	Favard	Shan
–	1♦	Dble	1♠
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass

For France, Marion Cannone opened 1♣ and Zhao overcalled 1♦. Each player in turn introduced her long suit but, when Zhao could only rebid 3♦, Chen decided that her lack of support for partner would mean there was no game and passed 3♦. With diamonds three-two and the club queen onside, there were twelve tricks for plus 170.

In the other room, Yanjiao Liu opened the North hand with 1♦, Precision, and Favard doubled. Carbonneaux was well worth her leap to 4♥, but that was not exactly what Favard wanted to hear. She bid her long suit but, I think, Carbonneaux took that to be a cue-bid in support of hearts. With excellent outside controls, Carbonneaux tried 5NT but, when Favard repeated her diamonds, got the message and passed. Again, there was no problem in the play and Favard soon chalked up plus 1370 for 15 IMPs to France.

Those 26 IMPs gave France a win by 45-28 IMPs, converting to 19-11 VPs.

Dutch Diaries - Part 1

by Kees Tammens

The summer of 2012 started on July 1 when 21 Dutch pairs embarked on a bus trip to Vejle, Denmark, where the European Championships for youngster, girl and junior pairs took place. One week with an incredible stream of sometimes astonishing matchpoints. And certainly the old dog, always fond of the pairs discipline, got to learn some new magic tricks.

With only one free day in between, the next challenge was in Reims – the voyage by TGV - at the World University Teams Championships. It was nice to see all those (ex) juniors – the age limit being 28 – taking their last opportunity to play in a ‘Youth’ event. And once again they surprised the old dog with some remarkable tricks. As the high point of this memorable summertime, we all got on the plane to Taicang for these World Championships. No doubt the youngsters, girls and juniors will surprise us with more delicate and refined tricks.

The Dutch girls have proved to be excellent competitors in the last few years and are anxious to show that once more here in Taicang. After a win in round one, they met Poland, their big rivals in Europe.

Things started well when Jamilla Spangenberg guided her partner, Judith Nab, to an excellent six spades.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Jamilla S.		Nab
–	–	2♦ (a)	2♠
Pass	4♣ (b)	Pass	4♦ (b)
Pass	5♣ (b)	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Weak two-bid in either major

(b) A control with slam interest in spades

Especially the second try by North with five clubs was well-judged, pinpointing the lack of a heart control.

When the opponents are cold for four clubs, it is always right to save in three notrumps(!), as Jamilla and Judith proved.

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
	Jamilla S.		Nab
–	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With eight tricks being the maximum in a spade contract, North-South did very well to get to the game where only nine tricks were requested. After East started with the ace and queen of hearts, there were nine easy tricks and plus 400.

The 25 victory points against their Polish rivals helped to gain the first spot, and the Netherlands consolidated with a good win over Oceania in the third round.

Girls first, no problem. Being a longtime trainer of the Dutch juniors, I really looked forward to these World Championships. Mangaratiba (2001), Beijing (2008) and Philadelphia (2010) were great events, but the Netherlands had to be satisfied with sixth, fifth and ninth, respectively (the last time missing the knockout by half a victory point). So some revenge was badly needed. Good news for Dutch junior bridge is that since 2009, Agnes Snellers and Wubbo de Boer have taken on the job as captains of the Dutch juniors in international competitions. Wubbo was one of the Dutch team that won the first junior world title, back in 1987.

Starting against the Australians, whom we met a couple of years ago in Amsterdam, the Netherlands picked up some IMPs in a low scoring match and led by 13 with three boards to be played.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hop	Milne	Helmich	Adam E.
-	-	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	Dble	5♠	All Pass

Adam Edgton led the queen of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade to his king. South took his ace and played a second heart, jack, king and ruff. Three more rounds of spades followed, North discarding two diamonds. East cashed his ace of diamonds and led a low diamond, a sleepy South discarding a club. In dummy with the ten of diamonds, declarer discarded his club on the ten of hearts for plus 450.

That was worth 11 IMPs when at the other table the Australian East-West also ended up in five spades and were quickly defeated when South led his singleton diamond and switched to a club when in with the ace of spades.

With two more plus scores on the last boards the Dutch emerged winners 41-3 (24-6).

Italy is always an important European force in junior bridge. The Netherlands got lucky and scored 17 IMPs on the second board when the Italians failed in an ambitious grand slam while the Dutch rested in the more reasonable six spades.

With no other real possibilities for big swings, this led to a Dutch victory by 38-11 (21-9).

So 45 VPs from the first two matches gave everybody in the squad a boost of confidence. In bridge, however, points can come and go in quick pace.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz		Westerbeek	
-	-	-	2♠
2NT	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Well, two notrumps is not the overcall an old dog would make, but in this case it produced a big profit, and it did not lead to the disaster of a three-heart overcall, as many experienced.

West led the king of hearts, South discarding a diamond on dummy's ace. If declarer shortens his trumps by ruffing hearts every time he is in dummy, with the ace of hearts, two club ruffs and the ace of diamonds (refusing the finesse), he will get to ten tricks. But after the ace of hearts and a heart ruff, declarer first tried the diamond finesse, placing West with the king for his two-notrump overcall. East won and played a trump to the jack

and king. Things got worse when declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. West overruffed and played his last trump to hold declarer to eight tricks.

The good run for the Dutch continued:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz		Westerbeek	
–	1♣	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Dble	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

You might not agree with East's bidding; the hand is however uncommon and there exist no rules or laws to cope with these kind of hands. Six diamonds depended on the club finesse and a 3-2 break in trumps. The Dutch chalked up 1370 and could afford to deduct the minus 750 from the other table (three notrumps doubled for a heart lead, but duly making). It was all Orange in this third match of the first day. The juniors equalled their compatriot girls and also took the lead in their group.



Youngsters USA2

We shall be presenting the teams in a series of articles. We start with the youngsters of USA2: *(originally published by the ACBL)*



Hakan Berk

Hakan, 15, attends Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring MD. Like many of our young players, his first teacher and partner was his father. He especially enjoys the Youth NABCs, where he and some of his current teammates won the 2011 Swiss Team. In addition to bridge, Hakan's interests include basketball, soccer and tennis, and he is active in his school's robotics club.



Arjun Dhir

Arjun, 16, is completing his junior year in high school. He learned bridge five years ago through a camp run by Atlanta Junior Bridge at his local library. He has two second-place finishes at Youth NABCs. Arjun spends time as a volunteer working with children who have developmental disabilities. He also enjoys tennis, basketball and football.

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Youngsters Round 4 - USA1 vs USA2

by Phillip Alder

Usually the two United States teams face off in round one — but not here. The juniors do not meet until round seven, and the youngsters played against each other in round four.

But before we get to the deals, here is a defensive problem.

North Dealer N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	2♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West, your partner, leads the king of hearts, two, four (encouraging), six. West continues with the nine of hearts, five, ace, three. What would you do now?

The match started well for USA1.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

The Jeng brothers, Andrew and Richard, stopped in three notrumps and took ten tricks. Ben Kristensen (East) and Burke Snowden (West) were more ambitious, pushing into six notrumps. The defenders got their aces for a gain of 10 IMPs.

The board was flat in one match, both Easts

making six diamonds. The two Souths, thinking desperate measures were called for, led a low spade!

Blackwood, anyone?

Board two was flat; then:

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♦ (a)	Dble	3♦
4♠	5♦	5♥	All Pass

(a) In principle, 10-15 points, 2-plus diamonds

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

That was quite a barrage put up by Adam Kaplan and Zachary Brescoll. One feels that West, with his diamond void, should have raised five hearts to six, but one can understand why he did not.

Five hearts made with two overtricks, six hearts exactly, giving USA1 a further 12 IMPs.

USA2 gained 2 IMPs on a partscore board, before more went to the match leaders:

Board 5. Dealer North N-S Vul.

♠ A K Q 8 7 5 3
♥ A J 6 3
♦ —
♣ A 6

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

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 2
♦ 7
♣ K Q 10 8 7 5 2

West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
—	1♣ (a)	3♦	Dble (b)
5♦	6♦	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

(a) 16-plus points
(b) Game-forcing

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
—	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

It is not often that you get to bid your long suit for the first time at the seven level, as Kaplan did here. But seven spades was laydown.



Adam Kaplan, USA1

At the other table, there was clearly a misunderstanding. If David Soukop (North) had read four notrumps as Roman Key Card Blackwood, he surely would have just bid seven spades.

That was 17 IMPs to USA1 and the lead by 39-2.

The excitement continued:

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

♠ —
♥ J 4 3
♦ K J 10 7 6 5 4
♣ K 7 4

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

♠ 10 9 5 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 8 2

West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	4♦!	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT (a)	4♦	4♠ (b)	5♦
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Game-forcing spade raise
(b) Minimum opening

Kaplan's four-diamond overcall really made life hard for his opponents, with East's double losing the definition that it would have had at a lower level.

Declarer lost one trick in the play to concede 500.

Five spades was tricky. South led the two of diamonds. Richard Jeng, who until earlier this year held the record for the youngest-ever life master in the American Contract Bridge League, cashed dummy's queen of spades at trick two, getting the bad news. He crossed to his king of spades and ran the ten of clubs, losing to the king. North shifted to a low heart, East putting on his ten. Hakan Berk (South) took his ace and led another diamond, but declarer ruffed in the dummy, cashed

the jack of spades, played a heart to his queen, drew the missing trump, crossed to the king of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club and took the last trick with his ten of hearts.

Minus 500 and plus 650 gave 4 IMPs to USA1.

There were two partscore boards, with a net gain of 1 IMP to USA1.

Then:

Board 9. North Dealer E-W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 6 3 ♥ J 10 6 5 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ Q 4 3</p>	<p>♠ K Q J 10 8 ♥ Q ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ K 9 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A 4 2 ♥ A K 7 2 ♦ A K 3 ♣ A J 8</p>	
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West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
–	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
–	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

That was nice bidding judgment by Brescoll to try for the nine-trick game.



Zachary Brescoll, USA1

West led the four of diamonds. Declarer took East's queen with his king, cashed the ace of hearts, then ducked a spade. East won and returned a spade. South won, cashed his king of hearts, played a heart to the ten, led a club to his jack and cashed the ace of diamonds to give this end-position:

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

Brescoll played a heart to the jack (East discarded a spade), then endplayed East with a spade. South took one spade, four hearts, two diamonds and three clubs for a well-earned overtrick.

To make four hearts, North had to follow a similar line of play. East led the king of spades. North won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of hearts, played a heart to his jack and surprisingly led the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ace. Declarer exited with a spade, but East, after taking his two tricks in the suit, returned a club. North could not avoid losing two spades, one diamond and one club.

At double dummy, it was tough to make four hearts. First, North had to duck the opening trick. Then he could have timed the endplay. But after winning trick one, North was always doomed, assuming, in one line, East unblocked his queen on the second round of diamonds.

Plus 430 and plus 50 gave 10 IMPs to USA1, now ahead by 59-7.

USA2 must have wished every deal was a partscore because they gained another small swing here:

(see next page)

Board 10. East Dealer Both Vul.

♠ A J 5 4 2
♥ Q 10 9
♦ 6 3
♣ A K 7

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

♠ K 9
♥ A 3 2
♦ 10 9 8
♣ J 9 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	All Pass	

It is not my style to open that East hand with one diamond (unless, of course, playing strong club). But it worked beautifully here, allowing Kristensen to buy it in two diamonds.

Brescoll found a good trump lead, but declarer won in his hand and led the jack of hearts, going up with dummy's king when South played low. When declarer continued with a low heart from the dummy, South overtook his partner's ten with the ace and led a second trump. East won in the dummy, ruffed a heart with the ace of trumps, cashed the king of diamonds to draw South's last trump, and led a spade. South rose with his king and shifted to a club, but declarer ruffed in the dummy and cashed the two high hearts for his contract.

One spade played nicely. North ruffed the third diamond, led a trump to the king, played a trump to his jack and cashed the ace of spades, East discarding a club. Declarer led the ace of clubs, on which West pitched, and continued with the king of clubs, which West ruffed to lead a heart. North guessed that correctly, winning with his queen. Another club through East left North with nine tricks.

Plus 90 and plus 140 gave 6 IMPs to USA2.

Unfortunately for the trailing team, the cards

turned wild again.

Board 11. South Dealer None Vul.

♠ K 9 7
♥ J 9 5
♦ A Q 9 5
♣ A J 2

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

♠ A 3 2
♥ 10
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ K Q 10 8 6

West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
—	—	—	1♦ (a)
1♥	1♠ (b)	Pass	2♣ (c)
2♥	3♥ (d)	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

(a) 10-15 points, 2-plus diamonds

(b) Denying four spades, akin to a negative double

(c) Both minors, any relative length

(d) Game-force

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
—	—	—	1♣
1♥	3♥ (a)	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

(a) Asking partner to bid three notrumps with a heart stopper



Richard Jeng, USA1

This deal exhibits the power of the 4-4 fit over the 5-3 fit. (The best analysis of the various suit fits and when to pick which is in *On Bidding* by Alan Truscott and *You Know Who*, which was an update of the excellent book *Morehead on Bidding* by Albert Morehead, the first bridge columnist for The New York Times. It has been out of print for years, but you might find a copy at amazon.com or you can download it from Google Books.) In diamonds, you get ten minor-suit tricks; but in clubs, you win only nine.

As you have no doubt noticed, six diamonds by South makes unless West leads a low heart and receives a club ruff at trick two.

Against five diamonds, West led the ace of hearts and continued with a low heart. Brescoll ruffed, cashed his king of diamonds, played a diamond to dummy's ace, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the king, drew the missing trump and claimed an overtrick.

Against five clubs, West also started with the ace of hearts and a low heart. South ruffed and played a trump to the ace, getting the bad news. Then, struggle as he might, Berk had to lose one spade, one heart and one club.

Plus 420 and plus 50 gave another 10 IMPs to USA1.

One IMP went to USA1 on the next three deals. Then came another flat board that was nearly a best-defended-deal candidate.

Board 15. South Dealer N-S Vul.

♠ A K Q J 9 3
♥ Q J 10 8 6 3
♦ —
♣ 7

♠ 7 5 2
♥ A 7 4
♦ K J 5
♣ A 5 3 2

♠ 10 8 6
♥ K 9
♦ Q 9 6 4
♣ K J 8 6

♠ 4
♥ 5 2
♦ A 10 8 7 3 2
♣ Q 10 9 4

West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
—	—	—	Pass (a)
1♣	2♣ (b)	3♣	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) He had no weak two in diamonds available

(b) At least 5-5 in the majors

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
—	—	—	2♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Four hearts could not be touched, South losing the obvious three tricks.

Four spades was another story. After a short pause, East led his king of hearts! When West encouraged, East led his second heart. But West could not imagine that North had *six* hearts. He shifted to a trump, so the contract made.

I was hoping West would have led the ace of clubs at trick three. Then East would have had a chance for an alarm-clock play, dropping the king! But, of course, West might have assumed that was a singleton.

There was one more sizable swing in the final deal:



Olympic Update

On Thursday, the first round of matches in the men's football tournament were played. Japan caused an upset by beating World and European champions Spain, 1-0. There were also victories for Brazil (3-2 over Egypt), Belarus (1-0 over New Zealand) and Uruguay (2-1 over UAE). Four other matches ended in a draw: Honduras-Morocco (2-2), Mexico-Korea (0-0), Gabon-Switzerland (1-1) and Great Britain-Senegal (1-1).

On Friday, the start of the Archery competition preceded the Opening Ceremony.

Board 16. West Dealer E-W Vul.

♠ 3
 ♥ J 10 3
 ♦ K Q J 7 6 3
 ♣ 10 9 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
Snowden	Kaplan	Kristensen	Brescoll
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♦	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Andrew J.	Soukup	Richard J.	Berk
1♣	3♦	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	6♣	6♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, Kaplan decided to trust his opponents, saving at the six level.

Against six diamonds doubled, East led the ace of hearts and another heart. North won with his jack and led the king of diamonds, which East inaccurately ducked. Now declarer took dummy's two heart winners and discarded his spade loser. Then he crossruffed, trumping two club losers and going only two down.

The auction in the other room was fun — at least for one side.

If South had passed out five clubs, USA1 would have gained 8 IMPs. Then Berk, after pushing his opponents into the laydown slam, judged well to sacrifice in six diamonds. After West doubled, East spent some time thinking about bidding six notrumps, which would have been a fabulous decision. But eventually he passed.

East should have led a trump. However, when he started with the queen of clubs, North erred by giving up a spade. (Playing a heart to his hand would have allowed him to escape for three down.) West won with his ace and shifted to his trump, East winning and playing another round. Now declarer also had to lose one heart and two clubs to

go four down.

Minus 300 and plus 800 was a concluding 11 IMPs to USA1, who had justified their number-one seeding, winning the match by 81-13 (25-1).

♠♥♦♣

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Murphy Green

Murphy is an 18-year-old senior at Alpharetta High School near Atlanta. He plans to pursue a career as an electrical engineer. Murphy learned bridge through a program of Atlanta Junior Bridge and he represented the United States competing for the Damiani Cup two years ago. He was elected by his peers to be a Youth Advocate for bridge in 2009.



Ben Kristensen

Ben, 14, is in the eighth grade at Marshall School in Duluth MN, where he especially enjoys math and science classes. He has been playing bridge for about four years. With his partner, Burke Snowden, Ben took the Youth NABC in Toronto in 2011 by storm, winning the Gold Rush Pairs (flights B/C/D), the Youth National Pairs and the Youth National Swiss Team in three consecutive days.

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Match of the Day

Netherlands v Israel (Juniors Round 5)

by Brian Senior

First met second in Round 5 of the Juniors Championship and we didn't have to wait for the action to begin with a slam swing on the very first board.

Having found spade support at the two level, Moshe Meyouhas had room to make a splinter bid of 4♥. That suited Padon, who had a maximum with only one wasted jack, very well. He took control, asking for key-cards, then bidding the slam on finding partner with two plus the trump queen. Meyouhas won the heart lead and played on trumps, making twelve tricks when everything behaved in a friendly fashion; plus 980 and 11 IMPs to Israel.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Meyouhas	v d Bos	Padon	v Lankveld
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Hop	Gerstner	Helmich	Fisher
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Easts opened 1♣, then showed 11-14 balanced. West inquired and Dror Padon, for Israel, showed his three-card spade support while Aarnout Helmich, for the Netherlands, showed four hearts. For the Dutch, Gerbrand Hop continued with his second suit and collected spade preference from Helmich. Hop simply raised to game, ending the auction. After a club lead, Hop played on trumps and, with both black suits behaving kindly and the diamond onside, had twelve tricks for plus 480.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Meyouhas	v d Bos	Padon	v Lankveld
–	–	Pass	1♦
3♠	3NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Hop	Gerstner	Helmich	Fisher
–	–	Pass	1♦
3♠	Dble	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Both Souths opened 1♦ and both Wests over-called 3♠. For the Netherlands, Berend van den Bos bid 3NT with the North cards. Then Padon saved in 4♠. Joris van Lankveld left the decision to his partner and, with no diamond fit, Van den Bos settled for the penalty. After the jack of diamonds lead, there was little to the play. Meyouhas lost two hearts and one trick in each black suit for down one; minus 100.

Where Van den Bos had bid 3NT over 3♠, Gal Gerstner preferred to make a negative double. Again, East raised to 4♠. Now Lotan Fisher bid 5♥ as South when surely 4NT would have been the wiser course – the double cannot guarantee four hearts at this level or North will be shut out of the auction far too often when holding good values with fewer than four of the suit. Fisher was fortunate that 5♥ was not too bad thanks to the even trump break. He won the spade lead with the ace, pitching the club jack from hand, and led a heart towards the queen. Hop won with his king and played a second spade. Fisher ruffed, cashed the ace of hearts, then played on clubs. Hop could ruff the second club and play a third spade, but Fisher could throw a diamond loser from the dummy while ruffing in hand. Helmich in turn got a club ruff now, but there was only one diamond to lose; down two for minus 200 and 7 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q
♥ A J 10 9 6
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ 8 6 5 2
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ A 8 3
♣ J 2

♠ K 10
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K Q 10 5
♣ A 10 7 5

♠ J 9 7 4 3
♥ 3
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ K 9 4

West	North	East	South
Meyouhas	v d Bos	Padon	v Lankveld
–	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Hop	Gerstner	Helmich	Fisher
–	1♥	1NT	All Pass

Would you take any action with the East cards when RHO opens 1♥ as dealer? Padon went quietly and quite enjoyed defending against 2♣, while Helmich stretched to overcall 1NT and enjoyed the struggle to find seven tricks considerably less.

Padon started with the king of diamonds and switched to the five of clubs to the four, jack and

queen. Van den Bos played ace of hearts followed by the jack and, when Padon played low in tempo, ruffed it, then led a spade to the queen. That lost to the king and Padon could cash the ace of clubs, dropping dummy's king, then take the queen of hearts before crossing to partner's diamond ace. Meyouhas cashed the heart king and away went Padon's remaining spade. A diamond return now would have resulted in four down, but Meyouhas actually gave Padon a spade ruff. That still meant three down for minus 300.

Fisher led a spade against 1NT. Gerstner won with the ace and continued with the queen to Helmich's king. Helmich played the diamond king and a diamond to the ace, then exited with a spade. That was not a great success as Fisher had three of those to cash. He did so, then switched to a heart to the ten and queen. Declarer, who had come down to a doubleton club in each hand, cashed the club ace and diamond queen, then played a second club, hoping that North would be endplayed to give the last trick to dummy's heart king. It was not to be, Fisher winning with the king and cashing out for down one; minus 50 and 8 IMPs to Israel, who led by 20-7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K 10 9 6
♥ Q 9 8
♦ A J 5
♣ K 6 5

♠ 5 4 2
♥ K
♦ K 10 9 8 6
♣ A Q 4 2

♠ A Q J 3
♥ A J 7 6 5
♦ Q 4
♣ 7 3

♠ 8 7
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ 7 3 2
♣ J 10 9 8

West	North	East	South
Meyouhas	v d Bos	Padon	v Lankveld
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Dble	Redble	1♥
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Hop	Gerstner	Helmich	Fisher
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Dble	Redble	1♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Would you double with the North cards, every-one vulnerable and facing a passed partner? Both our Norths did so, but I am far from convinced that it is correct on a flat hand with no playing strength.

Both Easts redoubled and South bid 1♥, trying to look as confident as he could manage. Hop now judged his hand to be a sound opener, so made a take-out double, and Helmich was very happy to leave that in. Meyouhas, on the other hand, did not rate the West hand so highly and bid 2♣, suggesting a weak distributional opener, and Padon bid 3NT.

The play in 1♥ doubled was not a pleasure for Fisher, but on a spade lead he managed to scramble two trumps, a club and a diamond for down three; minus 800.

What about 3NT? Van Lankveld led the jack of clubs and, with all but the odd jack marked in the North hand, Padon rose with the ace, cashed the king of hearts then took the spade finesse. Ace and another heart established two winners in that suit and van den Bos exited with the ten of spades, Padon winning with the jack. He cashed the hearts, throwing a club and a diamond from dummy, then played ace of spades and a low diamond to the king, and had to come to a trick at the end for plus 600 but 5 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Meyouhas	v d Bos	Padon	v Lankveld
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♦	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Hop	Gerstner	Helmich	Fisher
—	—	—	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

There is no good bid on the West cards so it comes down to personal style and how the mood takes you at the time. Hop opened 3♠ and was left to play there, while Meyouhas passed.

In 3♠, Hop received the lead of the ten of hearts, which he won in hand with the queen. Hop ducked a spade and back came a second heart. He won in dummy, pitching a club from hand, then played a club up, Fisher rising with the ace and returning a trump. Hop won with the ace and played the jack of clubs. He could establish his long clubs, but lost three tricks in each black suit for down two; minus 100.

After a pass on his right, Van den Bos opened the North hand with 1♦ and Padon overcalled 1♥. Van Lankveld doubled to show four spades and Meyhouas still saw no sensible action with the West hand. Van den Bos rebid 1NT and van Lankveld started an invitational checkback sequence. Now Meyouhas thought he could afford a double and, when Van den Bos bid 2♦, Padon in turn doubled that. Meyouhas must have had a few queasy moments wondering if he had really helped his partner to judge correctly but stuck the double. Padon led the nine of clubs. Van den Bos won with the king and cashed the ace of trumps, confirming the bad news. He led a club to the queen and a spade, Meyouhas winning with the ace and playing the queen of hearts. Padon dropped the jack under that, a clear suit-preference card for spades, and was duly given his ruff. He could cash two more hearts now and still had two trump tricks to come for two down; minus 300 and 9 IMPs to Israel. They led by 31-13. The penultimate board:

(diagram on next page)

After identical starts to the two auctions, Helmich took away some bidding space with a raise to 3♠ on the East cards while Padon did not. Fisher passed over 3♠, and when that went around to Gerstner, he jumped to 5♥, inviting slam but suggesting that he lacked a spade control. Perhaps, with first-round control and a little extra distribution, Fisher might have done more, having limited his hand to some extent when he passed over 3♠, but he simply accepted the invitation and bid 6♥; plus 1460.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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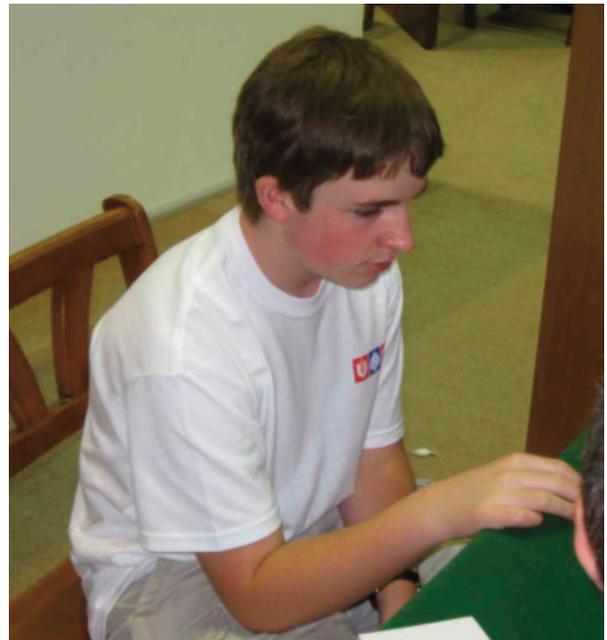
♠ 7 6	
♥ A Q J	
♦ A 5 2	
♣ A K J 10 5	
♠ K Q J 5 4	♠ 10 9 8 3
♥ 9 8	♥ 4 3 2
♦ 9 4	♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ 8 7 4 2	♣ 6 3
♠ A 2	
♥ K 10 7 6 5	
♦ K J 7 6	
♣ Q 9	

West	North	East	South
Meyouhas	v d Bos	Padon	v Lankveld
–	–	–	1♥
1♠	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	7♥	7♠	Pass
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Hop	Gerstner	Helmich	Fisher
–	–	–	1♥
1♠	2♠	3♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Given the extra space, Van Lankveld introduced his second suit and now 4♣ was a clear slam-try and denied a spade control. It followed that Van Lankveld had to have a spade control to be able to cue-bid 4♦, so now Van den Bos could use Kickback to ask for key cards, discovering that his partner held the two that he did not hold himself. Van den Bos jumped to 7♥ and now Padon saved in 7♠. That would have cost 1700 and would have reduced the swing on the deal from 13 IMPs to 6 IMPs. However, Van Lankveld was not ashamed of his hand and left the decision to his partner, and now Van den Bos bid 7NT, where there were 13 top tricks; plus 2220 and 13 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Israel won the match by 34-31 IMPs, 16-14 VPs.



Burke Snowden

Burke, 14, is a certified director and runs the Intermediate/Newcomer Club in his hometown Fort Collins CO. Burke is an avid reader (loves James Rollins and Dan Brown). He enjoys tennis and has been playing the oboe for four years.



David Soukup

This fall David, 14, will begin his junior year at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria VA. When he was nine, he learned of bridge by reading the bridge column in the Washington Post and then found an online course provided by the ACBL. With three of his current teammates, David won the 2011 NABC Youth Teams in Toronto. David's other interests include computer science, math and baseball.

The team is led by Curt Kristensen (NPC).