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The KOs Beckon



The Vu-Graph theatre, as usual filled with spectators.

The situations in the three divisions are becoming clearer, with only three more rounds to be played on Tuesday.

In the juniors, the top seven teams — Netherlands, Australia, Israel, France, USA1, China and Italy — look safe. The battle for the eighth quarterfinal berth will be between Denmark, Singapore, Bulgaria, Argentina and China Hong Kong.

The same applies in the youngsters event,

where Poland, France, Australia, Israel, Sweden, USA1 and China will probably qualify. England and Italy will fight for the eighth place.

The four girls semifinalists are almost certain to be Netherlands, Poland, France and Italy. China, fifth, is 31 victory points behind Italy.

But in bridge the unexpected can happen; perhaps a team will win three blitzes and leap up the field.

Departure Details

Please would all of the non-playing captains submit departure details — date, time and airport — for all of their teams to Marina Madia in the WBF Office as soon as possible. We wish to arrange all the necessary buses.

Subsidiary Team Event

On Thursday and Friday, for teams eliminated after the qualifying matches and for those defeated in the junior and youngster quarterfinals, there will be a subsidiary team event. Full details will be in tomorrow's bulletin.

Results

Monday 30 July

Juniors Round 14

JAPAN	ARGENTINA	37 66	8 22
USA1	PAKISTAN	48 57	13 17
CHINA H K	SINGAPORE	45 29	19 11
EGYPT	BRAZIL	98 3	25 0
CHINA	NETHERLANDS	25 18	16 14
BULGARIA	ISRAEL	24 36	12 18
CANADA	DENMARK	28 38	13 17
USA2	INDIA	40 34	16 14
FRANCE	ITALY	28 29	15 15
COSTA RICA	AUSTRALIA	15 98	0 25

Juniors Round 15

ARGENTINA	USA1	24 51	9 21
PAKISTAN	CHINA H K	25 16	17 13
SINGAPORE	BRAZIL	37 29	17 13
JAPAN	CHINA	11 48	6 24
NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	42 46	14 16
ISRAEL	CANADA	32 29	16 14
DENMARK	USA2	33 18	18 12
INDIA	FRANCE	31 44	12 18
ITALY	COSTA RICA	56 30	21 9
AUSTRALIA	EGYPT	58 15	25 5

Juniors Round 16

ARGENTINA	COSTA RICA	84 23	25 0
PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA	16 44	8 20
SINGAPORE	ITALY	7 35	8 22
BRAZIL	INDIA	5 41	7 23
CHINA H K	DENMARK	33 38	14 16
USA1	ISRAEL	25 49	9 21
JAPAN	NETHERLANDS	28 32	14 16
FRANCE	CHINA	41 12	20 8
USA2	BULGARIA	13 19	14 16
CANADA	EGYPT	27 32	14 16

Juniors Ranking after Round 16

1	NETHERLANDS	323.0
2	AUSTRALIA	313.0
3	ISRAEL	312.0
4	FRANCE	295.0
5	CHINA	284.0
6	USA1	282.0
7	ITALY	273.0
8	DENMARK	256.0
9	BULGARIA	246.0
	SINGAPORE	246.0
11	ARGENTINA	244.0
12	CHINA HONG KONG	239.0
13	CANADA	227.0
14	USA2	223.0
15	INDIA	205.0
	PAKISTAN	205.0
17	JAPAN	185.0
18	BRAZIL	127.0
19	EGYPT	124.0
20	COSTA RICA	95.0

Matches on BBO

Tuesday 30 July (all times GMT+8)

10:30

VG	CHINA	POLAND	Y
B2	SINGAPORE	NETHERLANDS	J
B3	ITALY	BULGARIA	J
B4	SWEDEN	CHINA	G
OG	INDIA	CHINA	J

14:00

VG	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	J
B2	AUSTRALIA	DENMARK	J
B3	CHINESE TAIPEI	FRANCE	Y
B4	CANADA	ITALY	Y
OG	SWEDEN	CHINA	Y

16:50

VG	CHINA	USA1	J
B2	FRANCE	DENMARK	J
B3	AUSTRALIA	ITALY	J
B4	FRANCE	POLAND	Y
OG	CHINA	USA	G

Youngsters Round 12

ISRAEL	ARGENTINA	77	20	25	2
CHINA	FRANCE	59	30	22	8
NORWAY	ENGLAND	23	41	11	19
POLAND	SINGAPORE	39	25	18	12
JAPAN	CHINESE TAIPEI	55	59	14	16
CANADA	USA2	50	36	18	12
ITALY	USA1	33	41	13	17
LATVIA	AUSTRALIA	28	29	15	15
SWEDEN	Bye	0	0	18	0

Youngsters Round 13

ARGENTINA	CHINA	8	76	1	25
FRANCE	ENGLAND	46	1	25	5
SWEDEN	POLAND	40	41	15	15
SINGAPORE	JAPAN	50	38	18	12
CHINESE TAIPEI	CANADA	47	28	19	11
USA2	ITALY	72	32	24	6
USA1	LATVIA	27	23	16	14
AUSTRALIA	NORWAY	45	23	20	10
ISRAEL	Bye	0	0	18	0

Youngsters Round 14

ENGLAND	ARGENTINA	50	22	22	8
NORWAY	FRANCE	29	37	13	17
POLAND	ISRAEL	24	21	16	14
JAPAN	SWEDEN	8	40	7	23
CANADA	SINGAPORE	42	16	21	9
ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI	38	12	21	9
LATVIA	USA2	43	28	18	12
AUSTRALIA	USA1	54	46	17	13
CHINA	Bye	0	0	18	0

Girls Ranking after Round 15

1	NETHERLANDS	317.0
2	POLAND	283.0
3	FRANCE	255.0
4	ITALY	249.0
5	CHINA	217.0
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	210.0
7	INDONESIA	180.0
8	SWEDEN	179.0
9	OCEANIA	170.0
10	USA	163.0

Youngsters Ranking after Round 14

1	POLAND	265.0
2	FRANCE	258.0
3	AUSTRALIA	250.0
4	ISRAEL	245.0
5	USA1	241.0
6	SWEDEN	239.0
7	CHINA	231.0
8	ENGLAND	218.0
9	ITALY	211.0
10	NORWAY	200.0
11	CHINESE TAIPEI	199.0
12	LATVIA	191.0
13	USA2	187.0
14	SINGAPORE	186.0
15	CANADA	159.0
16	ARGENTINA	142.0
17	JAPAN	119.0

Girls Round 13

CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA	32	42	13	17
FRANCE	OCEANIA	86	11	25	0
NETHERLANDS	USA	45	20	21	9
INDONESIA	SWEDEN	69	16	25	3
ITALY	POLAND	15	41	9	21

Girls Round 14

OCEANIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	42	31	17	13
USA	FRANCE	20	43	10	20
INDONESIA	NETHERLANDS	27	95	1	25
CHINA	ITALY	34	26	17	13
POLAND	SWEDEN	62	32	22	8

Girls Round 15

CHINESE TAIPEI	USA	76	18	25	3
FRANCE	INDONESIA	51	26	21	9
NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	42	25	19	11
OCEANIA	ITALY	33	45	12	18
CHINA	POLAND	10	52	5	25

The Draw

Tuesday 31 July

Juniors Round 17

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

Juniors Round 18

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

Juniors Round 19

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

Girls Round 17

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

Youngsters Round 15

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

Youngsters Round 16

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

Youngsters Round 17

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

Girls Round 16

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

Girls Round 18

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

Dutch Diaries - Part 4

by Kees Tammens

We non-playing captains from the Netherlands are privileged to have Agnes Snellers and Wubbo de Boer to help us. They are a married couple who also form a top bridge partnership in the Meesterklasse, the top division of Dutch competitive bridge. So the entire Dutch squad was anxiously waiting to hear how Agnes and Wubbo had performed in the pairs tournament for bobos (this Dutch expression we use for officials of any kind). There came this problem with a big matchpointed flavour.

teams from the USA, Canada, Venezuela, Australia and Japan have made the trip to Amsterdam. The organizers have told me that they would very much like teams from outside Europe to participate. If you are interested, contact me. I am usually sitting or walking around somewhere in the Taicang Sports Hall.

So, like Agnes, did you double three spades? And did you lead the king of diamonds?

This was the full deal:

Dealer East. None Vul.

West	North	East	South
—	Wubbo	1♠	Agnes
2♦	2NT (a)	Pass	1NT
3♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
(a) Clubs			??

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

So what would you do with Agnes' hand?

♠ A K 10 9 3 ♥ J 8 7 ♦ K Q J ♣ K 8

And what would you lead against three spades doubled or undoubled?

While you are deciding, I will tell all juniors that the White House Junior Internationals next year will be from March 24-29. Of course all teams that participated in 2012 will get an invitation. The event is basically European, although in the past

Agnes led the king of diamonds and saw declarer quickly take nine tricks: the ace of diamonds (heart off) and a diamond ruff, the ace of clubs and a club ruff, followed by a heart from the dummy. North won with his ace, but South was helpless, unable to get more than three trump tricks.

Of course all Dutch juniors told their captain that they would have led the ace of spades!



Agnes and Wubbo at the Tournament

As a result of this stone cold bottom, Agnes and Wubbo tumbled to third, but generously donated their prize of a nice dinner in a local pizzeria to the hungry juniors present.

Maybe the idea of the dinosaur swing raised some eyebrows. I must admit that I always feel sorry for the pairs who lose 15 IMPs or more on a single deal. I know coincidence, hazards or sheer luck often cause these kinds of swings. Believe me, I have encountered them all, including the lead of a bare ace of diamonds against a seven-heart contract that proved to be the only lead to let through the contract.

And what do you think of

♠ A K Q J 5 2 ♥ A K Q J 6 5 4 ♦ — ♣ —

Well, four hearts was the maximum that you could make!

In the first match on Sunday, the Dutch juniors provided me, unrequested (they had not seen Monday's bulletin), with two of these dinosaurs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Pushing the opponents one level higher is good bridge, and South was not asked to bid one more. But there are exceptions to every rule, and this was one for Gerbrand Hop in the South chair.

East led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a diamond to his king and returned the

ten of diamonds to West's ace. West cashed the king of hearts, then led a diamond, ruffed by North with the ten of spades, East discarding a club. Now the ace of clubs and a club to the ten and king left the defenders helpless. North ruffed the fourth diamond with the nine of spades and pushed forward a high club. There was nothing East could do to prevent declarer from taking nine tricks for plus 730. To defeat the contract, East had to throw a heart, not a club, on the third round of diamonds. Then he could have won the second club and played two rounds of trumps to leave declarer a trick short.

At the other table Berend van de Bos and Joris van Lankveld got to the tight four hearts.

West	North	East	South
v d Bos		v Lankveld	
1♥	Pass	3♦ (a)	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
(a) Four hearts, 6-9 points			

The ace of spades was not the card Berend van de Bos wanted to see in the dummy, but with spades 4-4, hearts 2-2 and the queen of clubs as an entry to develop the spades, ten tricks were taken. Plus 620 and plus 730 gave a dinosaur 16.

When you have a board that fits into this category, don't hesitate to tell Phillip or Brian in the bulletin office about it. Believe me, they will treat it carefully and always have an understanding eye for the problems that every bridge player encounters. And you may learn a lot from these goulash deals.

The bulletin editors have also asked for well bid, played or defended deals. With a big part of the Championships behind us, I am sure that every pair has had their beautiful moments when they performed at their best. Don't feel shy to report those boards to the bulletin office. I don't know if there are any official brilliancy prizes, but the pairs who bring in boards well suited for the dinosaur category will receive from me personally a nice dinosaur award.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

♠ A K 6 5 ♥ 7 ♦ 8 4 ♣ A K Q 9 5 2 ♠ J 7 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 3 ♦ A 3 ♣ 10 7 4 ♠ 10 8 4 3 2 ♥ A J ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ J 8 6	♠ Q 9 ♥ 6 5 4 2 ♦ K J 10 7 6 5 ♣ 3
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West	North	East	South
v d Bos		v Lankveld	
–	1♣	2♦	2♠
3♥	4♥	5♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This was for sure absolute par because five spades can be defeated with a diamond uppercut. But bridge in real life produces different scenarios.

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

South felt inclined to bid more than four spades, and five clubs got the Dutch pair into troubled water. This changed when West gave a lead-directing double of five hearts. North now knew South had the ace of hearts and presumably a singleton diamond. So he confidently leapt to the small slam. Duly making 1460 when East led a heart. The net of 1160 was 15 IMPs to the Netherlands.

‘Take care of your trumps’ could be an instructive theme for a training session:

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

♠ K Q 10 9 5 2 ♥ Q J 9 7 5 3 ♦ — ♣ A ♠ A ♥ K 10 8 6 ♦ 8 7 5 4 2 ♣ K 8 7 ♠ J 7 6 ♥ A ♦ A J 9 6 3 ♣ 10 9 6 5	♠ 8 4 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ Q J 4 3 2
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West	North	East	South
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦	Dble	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Some years ago Berry Westra (the Dutch junior world champion in 1987 and Bermuda Bowl winner in 1993) gave a valuable Bols Bridge Tip: ‘When partner gives you an easy clue, don’t stop thinking’. (It is a pity this competition no longer exists.) West somewhat lazily led a diamond when the ace of spades (to protect the four-card heart suit) would have been more effective. But the defence still could have prevailed if East had realized the value of his three low trumps.

Declarer won with his ace, cashed his ace of hearts, played a club to the ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and called for the queen of hearts. East took the bait and ruffed with his eight of spades, overruffed with South’s jack. Declarer ruffed a club, ruffed a heart (bringing down the king), ruffed a third club and led the king of spades to West’s ace. Declarer ruffed the diamond return in the dummy, drew trumps and claimed. Note that this plan would not have been possible if East had refused to waste one of his trumps. He would then have made a trump trick for one down.

Thank You

A number of pictures in this bulletin have been taken by Miao Zhi Qing. We will be using more of them in the coming week. Thank you!

Juniors Round 14 France vs Italy

by Phillip Alder

The first match on Vu-Graph on Monday was France, lying third, against Italy, seventh. So this was more important for the Italians, who did not want to fall out of the qualifying group after a bad loss.

The match was 1-0 to France after three deals.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Lhuissier	Di Franco	Francesc'ti
Pass	2♦ (a)	Pass	2♥ (b)
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Weak two in a major

(b) Pass or correct

West	North	East	South
Lebatteux	Delle Cave	Kilani	Gandoglia
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

It does not feel right to pass on the first round as East with that strong a hand. Perhaps South with a weak collection and a few diamonds will pass and East would never get a second chance.

Pierre Franceschetti was brave in bidding three hearts vulnerable with only two trumps, but he perhaps expected his partner to have a better hand for a second-seat pre-empt.

Gabriele Zanasi was brave or foolhardy, depending upon the outcome, to raise to four spades.

South led the jack of hearts. Declarer won with his ace and played his singleton club, taken by North's king. Now Nicolas Lhuissier probably should have switched to a trump. But he found a disastrous choice: the ace of diamonds. Massimiliano di Franco carefully unblocked his jack. A second diamond went to the queen and king. South, in desperation, led a low spade, hoping his partner could uppercute with the nine of spades, but it was not to be. East overruffed, ruffed a heart, drew trumps and had ten tricks: five spades, two hearts, two diamonds and that heart ruff.

In the Closed Room, Alexandre Kilani was always bidding game after receiving a spade raise, but rebid three hearts in case that suit was their best fit. (Of course, when West retreated to three spades, no doubt East wished he had just jumped to game without giving the defenders free information about his hand.)

Alessandro Gandoglia led the jack of spades, a good choice. East won with dummy's queen, played a heart to his ace, ruffed a heart and played a diamond to his jack. After winning with his king, South led another trump. East won with his nine, cashed the king of spades and led his queen of diamonds.

Giuseppe Delle Cave (North) thought for a long time because South's diamond eight could have been from K-8 or K-8-6. Was East 5=4=3=1 or 5=4=2=2?

Eventually North made the right play by ducking. The point was that if East were 5=4=2=2, he would either have two club losers or, if he had the ace of clubs, he was always going to make the contract with North having the singleton king.

Plus 620 and plus 100 gave Italy 12 IMPs.

We will draw a kindly veil over Board 5. Both teams were in four hearts. France went down six and Italy went down four, to gain 3 IMPs. Can anyone better a total of ten undertricks on one deal?

Team Profiles Wanted

We have received some team profiles, but we want more (all?). Please captains, players, coaches or whoever, write us a few words about the players in your team. We'll add the photographs.

Next:

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Lhuissier	Di Franco	Francesc'ti
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣ (a)	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Forces two diamonds; either weak with diamonds or game-invitational with four or more cards in a major

West	North	East	South
Lebatteux	Delle Cave	Kilani	Gandoglia
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	Dble	3♣	Dble
3♦	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Kilani transferred into diamonds after North made a penalty double of the strong notrump.

North led the queen of spades. Aymeric Lebatteux took the trick and played a trump, North winning and leading the nine of spades, which held, and a third spade. On the next diamond, which North took, South encouraged in hearts. So, not that it mattered, North switched to that suit. Declarer could not shorten dummy's trumps to pull off a trump coup, so the defenders took one spade, one heart and three diamonds for one down.

At the other table, Lhuissier had a nasty decision after his partner's very aggressive balancing take-out double. His least expensive choice would have been two notrumps, in which he could have escaped for one down.

To make matters worse, the defence was not

optimal. North cashed his top diamonds, then switched to the queen of spades. West won, took the ace of clubs, ruffed a club and led the ten of hearts, covered by the queen and ace. After another club ruff, declarer called for a low heart.

South should have won with his king and either given his partner a heart ruff or returned a spade. When he played low, though, West showed that he has an artistic streak. After winning with the jack of hearts and cashing the king of spades, his seventh trick, instead of just ruffing a third club with the ten of diamonds, he led a club and discarded dummy's last spade. South won and cashed the king of hearts, but then, at trick twelve, had to trump coup his partner.

Plus 200 and plus 380 gave Italy another 11 IMPs and the lead by 26-1.

Six of the last ten boards were flat. France gained 11 on two deals, Italy 3 on another. So with one board remaining, Italy led by 29-11. This was that fateful deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Lhuissier	Di Franco	Francesc'ti
–	–	Pass	1♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Lebatteux	Delle Cave	Kilani	Gandoglia
–	–	Pass	1♠
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

In the Open Room, the auction went well for Lhuissier. Against five hearts, East led the ace of clubs and another club. When West did not ruff dummy's nine, declarer was no doubt very re-

lieved. Now he could draw trumps with the marked finesse and try the spade finesse for an overtrick.

In the Closed Room, when North showed some values by doubling five diamonds, South thought that he should go for the sure profit. Bidding five hearts on a four-card suit looked debatable.

And a plus score they should have got. However ...

North led the jack of spades. South, looking at the ten, should have known this was from either a singleton or a doubleton, so it could not cost to win with the ace and continue with the queen, which could have led to two down. After a diamond to the queen and ace and the ten of spades, a fourth spade would have promoted North's jack of diamonds.

Instead, South made a very surprising play, underleading his ace of hearts at trick two.

West ruffed and played a trump. In with his ace, now South led the queen of spades. Declarer won and ran his trumps. He was still destined to go down, but South made another error, discarding his ace of hearts to keep two clubs.

This was the end-position:

	♠ —	
	♥ K	
	♦ —	
	♣ K 8	
♠ 8		♠ —
♥ —		♥ Q
♦ 3		♦ —
♣ 5		♣ A J
	♠ 10	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ Q 9	

The last diamond executed a textbook double squeeze. North had to throw the eight of clubs, so now dummy's queen of hearts could be spared. South, similarly, had to discard a club. Dummy's jack took the last trick.

Plus 650 and plus 750 gave France 16 IMPs and left Italy only 2 IMPs ahead, a 15-15 tie.

Before we move on, though, that result was a middling dinosaur, perhaps a triceratops. But in the girls match between the Netherlands and the United States there was a brontosaurus.

At the time, the Dutch led by 23 IMPs. These were the two auctions:

West	North	East	South
Linz	J. Sp'berg	Wernis	Nab
—	—	Pass	1♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Ortega	Banas	Shi
—	—	Pass	1♠
4♦	4♥	Pass	4NT (a)
Pass	5♣ (b)	Dble	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(b) 1 or 4 key cards

In five hearts doubled, Luz Carolina Ortega won the first trick with dummy's ace of diamonds, drew trumps ending in the dummy and called for a low spade. When West ducked, North won with her jack, established dummy's suit and collected an overtrick, losing only a club at the end.

Against five diamonds doubled, North led the jack of spades. South won with her ace and continued with the queen, a good start. But when South got back in with her ace of diamonds, she erred by trying to cash the ace of hearts. Now Marianna Linz, who has only six masterpoints, executed the double squeeze, her first in competition.

Plus 1050 and plus 750 were worth 18 IMPs.

To be fair to the Dutch girls, this was their only blip in a match that they won by 45 IMPs to 20, or 21-9 in VPs.



Team Profile - Latvia Youngsters

We would like to thank the WBF and the Latvian national railway company "Latvijas dzelzceļš" for their support in making the Latvia youngster team participation in this tournament possible.



Janis Ilzins: (17) the most experienced player on the team, playing for some four years, usually ready to take on any opponent and needs to be restrained not to be too aggressive. Will always play till the last card and make that extra IMP even if it drives his opponents mad. His main wish is for the opponents to stop biting their nails, as this drives him mad, so if you want you can get nail clippers from him.



Gints Dreimanis: (16) our youngest and least experienced player, has been playing only for about a year, usually trying not to get his partner (Janis) angry. If he gets to be the declarer look out, as you'll probably not guess what he's thinking about. Don't get hooked by his very quiet appearance as inside there's hard metal playing on his internal jukebox. For some reason always starts the conversation by declaring he's not a hipster.



Aleksis Zalitis: (17) forms half of a partnership that has been playing for about two and a half years. If he's not stopped by his coach, usually he will be chuckling and trying to be friendly with an

opponent. Always smiling even when mad at himself for a play, loves any scientific bidding, and if asked about his bidding system would be glad to talk for hours (forced his partner to learn full revision club system in the last year). Would love to talk to anyone, so if you're bored he can entertain you.

Gints Freimanis (no, not related, Gints is their first name): (19) our oldest player, but still the most carefree as it seems the years of experience on this earth haven't weighed on him at all. His youth formula lies in the



fact that still most of his sentences start with "why?" as he seems not to be able to contain his wish to know everything. Probably the world's best declarer if all the suits break good, as his personality makes him hope for the best every time.

NPC Peteris Bethers: (24), who tries to use his knowledge of playing junior events in training the bunch, but usually just tries his best to get rid of all the player questions. Would love to play himself, but unfortunately Latvia has ran out of good junior players. The team has denied him the opportunity to sit at the table during matches, as he can't sit still and either talks all the time or falls asleep.



Olympic Update

On Sunday in London, 14 medal events finished. Four countries took two titles each.

China's total of golds went up to six. Guo Wenjun won the women's air pistol, the event she had also won in Beijing. But the most historic performance belonged to Wu Mingxia, who won the synchronized springboard diving together with He Zi. She had previously, with a different partner, won the same event in 2004 and 2008. She has thus become the 149th person in history to have won the same event in three Olympic Games (yet another list Herman keeps).

Kimberley Rhode (USA) won the women's skeet (clay shooting). Also for her, it was a third gold medal, after 1996 and 2004, but not in the same event. She has become the 32nd person to have won medals in five Olympic Games, and she moves up to 42nd on Herman's list. The other American gold was for Dana Vollmer in the 100 meters butterfly.

France won two gold medals in swimming, Camille Muffat in the 400 meters free-style, and the men's relay team in the 4 x 100 meters free-style, holding off the Americans. It did however mean there was an 8th medal for Ryan Lochte and a 17th medal for Michael Phelps, that is still one behind Larysa Latynina. Phelps moves up to third on Herman's all-time performance list, within catchable distance of the number two, Carl Lewis.

North Korea's two gold medals went to An Kum Ae, who improved on her judo silver from Beijing, and to Om Yun Chol, who was the strongest man in the lightest weightlifting category.

The South Korean women won the team archery, for the seventh consecutive time. It has been reported that this was only the seventh time this event was held, and that is true for recent times, but there was also a women's team event in 1904, won by the Cincinnati Archers, who were the only team that turned up.

Marianne Vos (NED), the favourite, won the women's cycling road race.

Other gold medals went to Aron Szilagyi (HUN, sabre), Lasha Shavdatuashvili (GEO, judo) Zulfija Chinshanlo (KAZ, weightlifting) and Cameron van der Burgh (RSA, 100 m breast-stroke).

There were also medals for Azerbaijan and Moldova, both weightlifting bronzes, and the first two medals for the home nation, in cycling and swimming.

In men's football, Brazil won their second match and they are through to the quarterfinals. Also through Japan, while Spain lost again, this time to Honduras, and are out of the competition.

The new USA Basketball 'dream team' had its first outing. They beat Sydney silver medallists France, a team with six NBA players, by 98-71.



We were not told why, but the French Girls decided to employ a different mascotte during the second week.

Match of the Day

Netherlands v Bulgaria (Juniors Round 15)

by Brian Senior

The long-time leaders, the Netherlands, met Bulgaria in Round 15 of the Juniors championship. While the Dutch needed merely to have a series of solid results for the remainder of the round robin to ensure that they headed the rankings and earned the right to choose their quarter-final opponents, the Bulgarians were involved in a desperate struggle to qualify and could not afford a serious loss.

The match began badly for Bulgaria when their declarer revoked to go down in a vulnerable game on Board 2, presenting 13 gift IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Syusyukin	Westerbeek	Ivanov
–	–	Pass	Pass
2♣	5♦	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
West	North	East	South
Skorchev	v d Bos	Spasov	v Lankveld
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	4♦	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Why do we pre-empt? This is why.

For Bulgaria, Stefan Skorchev opened with a strong club, 16-plus, and Berend van den Bos overcalled 4♦. When that came back to Skorchev

he cue-bid 5♦ and Dean Spasov appreciated that his heart cards had to be good, so committed to slam by bidding 5NT. Perhaps Skorchev might have guessed that his partner had a couple of good heart cards as he could hardly have much else of value, but it was too tough and he settled for 6♣, where he played. With 13 easy tricks available in either black suit, minus 1390 seemed to be an average plus result for the Dutch N-S pair.

In the other room, Ernst Wackwitz opened 2♣ artificial and always strong, and Ivan Syusyukin pre-empted to a level higher. Peter Ivanov in turn raised the ante, bidding 6♦. Wackwitz thought for a long time before making a forcing pass. If partner was inviting him to bid at the six level, Chris Westerbeek could see that his ace and queen of hearts had to be very valuable and surely he should not settle for a non-vulnerable penalty. But what to bid? Westerbeek convinced himself that his partner might have long hearts and that, if he did not, he would correct to his actual suit anyway, so bid a rather imaginative 6♥! Wackwitz might have tried 7♣ now – it would be unlucky to find that contract going down when 7♥ was making – but he actually chose to assume that his partner had five or more good hearts, so simply raised to 7♥. That ridiculous contract went six down for minus 600 and Bulgaria had 18 IMPs and the lead in the match; 18-14.



Joris van Lankveld

Netherlands regained the lead on the next deal, but they were very close to conceding a game swing on the board.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 10 5 4 3 ♥ K 5 ♦ J 5 ♣ K 7 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ Q 7 ♥ Q 4 3 2 ♦ A K Q 7 4 3 ♣ 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A K J ♥ A 8 7 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A J 10 9 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 9 8 6 2 ♥ J 10 9 6 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ Q 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Syusyukin	Westerbeek	Ivanov
-	-	-	2♦
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Skorchev	v d Bos	Spasov	v Lankveld
-	-	-	1♣
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Joris van Lankveld opened 1♣ and Van den Bos transferred to spades after the overcall, Van Lankveld doing as requested. Van den Bos next showed some clubs and signed off in 3♣ when van Lankveld cue-bid in search of greater things. Van Lankveld lost two diamonds at the start and the queen of spades at the end; plus 130.

Ivanov's decision to upgrade the South hand to 18-19 balanced meant that his side was always going to get to game. Against 5♣, Wackwitz cashed two diamonds, then switched to a trump. Ivanov drew trumps, cashed one top spade, then played on hearts, ruffing the third round, and played two more rounds of trumps ending in dummy and led a spade. Westerbeek had come down to spades and a heart and Ivanov had a pretty good idea of the distribution. After some thought he got it wrong, putting in the jack and losing to the doubleton queen; one down for minus 100 and 6 IMPs to the Netherlands, when it might

have been 10 IMPs the other way.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q 10 7 3 ♥ - ♦ 10 8 ♣ K J 9 6 5 4 2</p> <p>♠ K 9 2 ♥ K 9 8 5 4 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ 10 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ J 8 5 ♥ A 10 6 3 2 ♦ A 6 5 4 ♣ 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A 6 4 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ J 9 3 2 ♣ A Q 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Syusyukin	Westerbeek	Ivanov
1♥	4♣	4♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Skorchev	v d Bos	Spasov	v Lankveld
1♥	3♣	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both Wests opened 1♥ and both Norths made a pre-emptive overcall. Syusyukin's 4♣ left Westerbeek little option but to bid 4♥ with the East cards, while the lower pre-empt left space for Spasov to show a good 4♥ bid via a 4♣ cue-bid. Ivanov doubled the pressurized 4♥ bid while Van Lankveld did not double the same contract after hearing that RHO had a strong raise.

Van den Bos led a low spade against 4♥. Skorchev won in hand, led a heart to the queen and, when that held, switched his attention to diamonds, Van Lankveld winning the second round and clearing the spades. Skorchev cashed two diamonds for a spade discard, then played the seven of hearts off the table. Van Lankveld rose with the ace and returned a spade, but Skorchev ruffed in hand and took the club finesse and had just one heart to lose; plus 420.

Syusyukin also led a spade. Wackwitz won in hand and assumed that trumps would be five-zero for the double. He played on diamonds immediately, Ivanov winning the second round and returning a spade. Wackwitz took his spade discard on the diamonds, then played the queen of hearts to Ivanov's ace. He ruffed the spade return and took

the club finesse and had to lose the long heart at the end; plus 590 and 5 IMPs to the Netherlands, 25-18.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 9 8
♥ A K J 9 6 5 4
♦ –
♣ K 3

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

♠ Q J 2
♥ Q 7
♦ Q 10 6 5 2
♣ 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Syusyukin	Westerbeek	Ivanov
–	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Skorchev	v d Bos	Spasov	v Lankveld
–	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Six hearts is on the club position and, with the ace favourably placed for declarer, is cold. The Dutch pair stopped in game after a strong and artificial 2♣ opening and natural continuation; plus 480.

The Bulgarians had a disaster when South forgot the system. Two clubs was strong and artificial, 2♦ a negative/relay, and 2♥ two-way, either natural or big and balanced. Two spades asked and 3♦ showed a single-suiter with at least six hearts. I am not sure about 3♠ – it looks as though North took it to be natural – but 5♦ was surely intended as Exclusion KCB. Alas, passing is not the way to show zero key cards. Five diamonds was four down for minus 200 and 12 IMPs to the Netherlands, whose lead was up to 37-18.

Bulgaria picked up 6 IMPs by playing in a better partscore on Board 10 to close to 24-37, then moved closer still on Board 11.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K J 10 6
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ Q J
♣ 10 9 2

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

♠ 8 7 3
♥ Q 9 8
♦ 9 2
♣ K J 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Syusyukin	Westerbeek	Ivanov
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Skorchev	v d Bos	Spasov	v Lankveld
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Dutch auction began naturally but Westerbeek's second bid of 2♣ requested that his partner bid 2♦, allowing him to play there or continue with various invitational sequences. When Ivanov doubled that, it seemed that a diamond partscore was high enough and the Dutch stopped in 3♦, making 11 tricks when trumps proved to be two-two; plus 150.

In the other room, Skorchev opened with a strong club and the 1♥ response showed any 8-11 HCP. The continuations were natural and the final contract of 3NT was right-sided so that Van Lankveld's club lead gave the overtrick; plus 430 and 7 IMPs to Bulgaria, 31-37.

The score had moved on to 42-36 in favour of the Netherlands when the final board hit the table.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Syusyukin	Westerbeek	Ivanov
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Skorchev	v d Bos	Spasov	v Lankveld
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Bulgarians used a simple Stayman sequence to 3NT. Van den Bos also opened 1NT and the 3♦ response showed either four or six plus hearts, and was game-forcing.

Spasov led the three of diamonds to the ten and king, and Skorchev switched to a low club, Van den Bos winning with the king. With little to go on, he played ace, king and a third heart. The contract was two down for minus 100.

Westerbeek led the seven of clubs. Wackwitz won with the ace and returned the six to Syusyukin's king. Declarer led the two of diamonds to the six, ten and king, and back came a club to his queen. He played a diamond to the queen and discovered the four-one split. At this point Syusyukin thought for quite some time. He knew that East had begun with four-four in the minors, so West rated to have the heart length. Eventually he was ready and led the jack of hearts off the table, covered by queen and ace. Now a low spade from hand saw Westerbeek go in with the king and return his club ten. Wackwitz won with the jack

and returned a spade, so Syusyukin won with the ace, crossed to the queen and cashed the ace of diamonds. He then completed a nicely played deal by leading a heart to his nine and had nine tricks for plus 400 and 11 IMPs to Bulgaria.

The Bulgarians had snatched victory on the final board, coming out on top by 47-42 IMPs, 16-14 VPs, a useful result against the team at the top of the rankings.



Stefan Skorchev

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