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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Mr. Sûkrü Genç, Mayor of Sanyer, Mr. Bilgen Bilgin, Dean of Students of Koç University, Mr. Nevzat Aydoğdu, President of the Turkish Bridge Federation, Mr. Yves Aubry, President of the European Bridge League, Mr. Ata Aydın, Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee, Mrs. Sevinç Atay, WBF Executive, authorities, distinguished guests, dear young players, dear friends good evening and thank you for coming.

Both on behalf of the World Bridge Federation and personally, I am very pleased to welcome all of you to Istanbul and Koç University, to participate and enjoy together the 15th World Youth Bridge Teams Championships.

I am confident that this will be a great event thanks to the Turkish Authorities, the Koç University, which hosts us in this prestigious and marvelous place, and the Turkish Bridge Federation.

Let me also renew my gratitude to the Local Organizing Committee, the WBF Championship Committee and personally to my colleagues and dear friends, Ata Aydın, Sevinç Atay and Murat Molva, for the great job they have done in supporting and organizing this event.

To all our sponsor-friends, Tupras, Grundig, Elektroser, Dem-Pa and Setur, our most sincere thanks go: without their amazing support it would have been impossible for us to organise this event.

I am sure that Istanbul and Koç University will live up to their reputation, tradition, history and culture by offering a great welcome to all of you: friends, players, officers, journalists and guests.

This year, for the first time, we welcome the kids, the new category introduced after Atlanta, and the Championships are enriched by their participation, showing, as I have already said and wish to repeat, that the youth movement in bridge is alive and continuously developing and improving, guaranteeing the future of our marvellous discipline.

Together with my colleagues from the World Bridge Federation, I am confident in being able to count on the dedication and professionalism of our staff, led by the Championship Manager Maurizio Di Sacco, to offer you the best service and comfort possible, to meet your expectations and to enjoy once again a great, unforgettable bridge event.

We are also confident that we can count on the cooperation of all of you to ensure the success of this event. I never tire of repeating that bridge is about more than fair play. It is a way of thinking and feeling, not just a matter of following procedures, and I am sure that, once again, this event will increase my conviction.

“Bridge for Peace” is our motto, but we are painfully aware that in several parts of the world peace is still a dream. For this reason, before closing my speech I want to send my greetings and wishes to the Juniors, Youngsters and Kids of Israel who, by circumstances out of their control, unfortunately cannot attend this event. But they will be in our thoughts here in Istanbul.

Thank you dear friends for your attention and enjoy together your play and your stay.

Gianarrigo Rona
WBF President



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DRAW & PROGRAM TODAY

JUNIORS ROUND 1

ARG USA1
 SIN FIN
 EGY CHN
 VG DEN NED
 HKG POL
 CAN NOR
 BOT TPE
 NZL SWE
 BBO 2 FRA AUS
 BBO 3 TUR USA2
 IND GER

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

JUNIORS ROUND 2

NOR TPE
 HKG USA1
 NED SWE
 BBO 2 CHN AUS
 FIN ARG
 VG USA2 FRA
 TUR NZL
 BBO 3 SIN IND
 EGY BOT
 DEN CAN
 POL GER

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

JUNIORS ROUND 3

VG NOR SWE
 BBO 3 POL AUS
 BBO 2 DEN USA1
 CHN FRA
 FIN NZL
 USA2 IND
 TUR BOT
 SIN CAN
 EGY HKG
 NED ARG
 TPE GER

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

JUNIORS ROUND 4

BBO 3 FRA NZL
 BBO 4 ARG IND
 AUS BOT
 USA1 FIN
 TPE DEN
 NOR EGY
 POL SIN
 VG NED TUR
 CHN USA2
 BBO 2 SWE CAN
 BBO 5 GER HKG

TIME: 17.40 - 19.40

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 1

DEN USA1
 FRA CHI
 CZE USA2
 TUR IND
 CHN HKG
 BBO 4 SWE NED
 CAN SVK
 NOR POL

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 2

DEN CHI
 BBO 4 USA1 USA2
 FRA IND
 CZE CHN
 NED TUR
 HKG CAN
 NOR SWE
 POL SVK

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 3

DEN USA2
 CHI IND
 USA1 CHN
 BBO 4 FRA NED
 CAN CZE
 TUR NOR
 POL HKG
 SVK SWE

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

GIRLS ROUND 1

IND TUR
 BOT ITA
 NED USA
 CHN HUN
 BBO 5 POL FRA
 NOR TPE
 AUS - Bye

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

GIRLS ROUND 2

TPE BOT
 IND NED
 TUR CHN
 BBO 5 ITA POL
 USA AUS
 HUN NOR
 FRA - Bye

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

GIRLS ROUND 3

TPE IND
 TUR BOT
 ITA NED
 BBO 5 USA CHN
 HUN POL
 FRA AUS
 - Bye NOR

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

KIDS ROUND 1

IND CHN
 FRA POL
 ITA TUR
 SWE Bye

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

KIDS ROUND 2

IND SWE
 FRA CHN
 TUR POL
 ITA - Bye

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

KIDS ROUND 3

IND FRA
 ITA SWE
 TUR CHN
 POL Bye

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20



WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

by Phillip Alder



Istanbul is one of the world's oldest cities and today is a bustling metropolis with a population of more than 14 million. It has many wonderful sites, especially the Topkapi Palace, the Archaeological Museum, the Dolmabahçe Palace and the Grand Bazaar. There are also innumerable mosques, the most famous being the Blue, the Hagia Sofia and the Suleymaniye.

Here we are, at Koç University, ready for nearly two weeks of serious but friendly competition, with world titles on the line.

With luck there will be several brilliancies produced by the players, but as we have not started yet, here is a brief look back at 2012 in Taicang.

First, though, to get the cobwebs from the mind after your journey, here is a quick quiz.

1. With both sides vulnerable, you, East, pick up:

♠ J 6 3 ♥ -- ♦ A K 8 7 2 ♣ A Q J 8 4

The auction starts like this:

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠ (a)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	??	

(a) Fourth-suit game-forcing

What would you do now?

2. You, West, hold:

♠ Q 8 6 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ 9 7 5 4 3

The auction proceeds:

West	North	East	South
	1♣	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

One club was Polish, three-way, and, presumably, four diamonds was forcing.

What would you lead?

3. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

♠ A K 9 7 3
♥ A K 9 7
♦ A 7
♣ K 9

♠ 8 4
♥ Q J 6 4 3
♦ 10 8
♣ A 6 3 2

You reach six hearts after East bid spades. West leads the two of spades, clearly a singleton. How would you plan the play?

4. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2♣ (a)
Pass	2♦ (b)	Pass	2♥ (c)
Pass	2♠ (d)	Pass	2NT (e)
Pass	3♣ (f)	Pass	3♦ (g)
Pass	4NT (h)	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) Strong
- (b) Waiting
- (c) Hearts or balanced
- (d) Forced
- (e) 24-26 HCP balanced
- (f) Stayman
- (g) No major
- (h) Quantitative

West leads the three of clubs and East puts in the nine. How would you continue from there?

All of the answers are below.

The 2012 Junior final was an exciting match decided on the last board in favor of the Netherlands over Israel. I will spare some blushes by not revealing that deal. This one from the second session was worth a lot more than the Dutch winning margin of 0.67 IMPs.

Dealer East. Both Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Gerstner	Hemlich	Fisher	Hop
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠ (a)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Fourth-suit game-forcing

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Padon	Westerbeek	Meyuchas
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠ (a)	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Fourth-suit game-forcing

Chris Westerbeek's three-spade bid, describing his shape so that partner knows how well the hands fit, looks preferable to Lotan Fisher's four diamonds. If it is a slam deal, four diamonds will work well, but so should three spades because presumably West will not have a lot of wastage in hearts.

Against three notrumps, Dror Padon led his fourth-highest heart. Ernst Wackwitz won with his ten, crossed to dummy with a diamond, cashed the ace of clubs and continued with the queen of clubs. Now he had ten tricks: three hearts, five diamonds and two clubs.

The Israeli auction provided a road map for the defenders: ace of spades, spade to the king, spade ruff.

That gave the Netherlands 12 IMPs.

There are times when bridge has an element of poker: bluffing. This deal arose during the Australia-USA1 Youngsters match.

Dealer West. Both Vul.

	♠ Q J 8 6 4		
	♥ 7		
	♦ 9 6 5 2		
	♣ K 8 4		
♠ K 9 7 5 3		♠ A	
♥ 9 5 4 2		♥ A K Q J 8	
♦ J 10		♦ A Q 7	
♣ 3 2		♣ A Q J 5	
	♠ 10 2		
	♥ 10 6 3		
	♦ K 8 4 3		
	♣ 10 9 7 6		
West	North	East	South
Cooper	Kaplan	Thompson	Brescoll
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT (a)	Pass
5♦ (b)	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(b) No key card

West	North	East	South
Z. Grossack	Travis A. Grossack	Moskovsky	
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦ (a)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) At most one king

In the Closed Room, perhaps three notrumps over three spades should show the king of spades.

Four hearts came home with two overtricks when South led a diamond -- a reasonable choice against game.

Against six hearts, though, Zachary Brescoll led a trump. If Jamie Thompson had put up dummy's nine, he could have then taken either minor-suit finesse and succeeded.

When declarer won the trump lead in his hand and drew two more rounds, he had to decide whether to take diamond finesse or the club finesse. Whichever he chose, he could get to dummy by giving up a trick in the other minor.

First, though, what should have Adam Kaplan discarded on the second trump?

It was dangerous to throw any card, in case he was pitching from declarer's second suit. But fairly quickly he chose the four of clubs, in theory upside-down count and attitude.

East, though, felt that Kaplan would not discard from a suit in which he had the king, so declarer decided to play North for the king of diamonds, leading the queen of clubs from his hand. North won with his king and switched to a diamond. Declarer had to finesse, so went one down, giving 13 IMPs to USA1.

This deal had some unusual features. See if you can spot them.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

		♠ A 10 2	
		♥ K 7	
		♦ 9 8 4	
		♣ A K J 7 4	
♠ J 5 4 3			♠ K 8 6
♥ J 9 4			♥ A Q 5 3
♦ 10 5 2			♦ A K 3
♣ 9 8 2			♣ Q 6 5
		♠ Q 9 7	
		♥ 10 8 6 2	
		♦ Q J 7 6	
		♣ 10 3	
West	North	East	South
Chaigny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
		1♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	1NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufurat	Thizy
		1♣ (a)	Pass
1♦ (b)	1NT	All Pass	

(a) Polish Club: usually a balanced 11-14, but perhaps 4=4=1=4 and 11-14, or natural with 15-plus points, or any 18-plus

(b) 0-6 points



In the Open Room, Natalia Sakowska led the eight of hearts to the nine, king and ace. Carole Puillet played a spade to dummy's jack, which North erred by ducking. Now a spade to the king and another spade caused some embarrassment for North. She switched to the seven of clubs, declarer putting up her queen successfully. A heart to the jack, the five of spades, a heart to the queen and two top diamonds brought home the contract with two overtricks.

At the other table, I thought Katarzyna Dufurat was going to double one notrump. But as she does not have a good lead, I can understand her cautious approach.

East led the ace of diamonds, her partner signalled discouragement by throwing the ten, and declarer unblocked the eight. East shifted to the three of hearts, North taking West's nine with her king. Now North led the four of diamonds to the three, seven and five. Declarer ran the ten of clubs to East's queen. East continued with the five of hearts and when dummy played the six, West did not think it could gain to play her jack. When she put on the four, North won with her seven and cashed four clubs to bring this end-position:

	♠ A 10 2	
	♥ --	
	♦ 9	
	♣ --	
♠ J 4		♠ K 8
♥ J		♥ A
♦ 2		♦ K
♣ --		♣ --
	♠ Q 9	
	♥ --	
	♦ Q J	
	♣ --	

Now a diamond apparently endplayed East to lead away from her king of spades at the end. However, on the ace of hearts, declarer incorrectly discarded the nine of spades from the dummy. So West took the last trick with the jack of spades. The contract had made with one overtrick, giving France 7 IMPs.

What were the oddities? It isn't often that both pairs on a team play in one notrump. It is less common that J-5-4-3 opposite K-8-6 plays for one loser. But the rarest feat of all was that Marion Canonne won two tricks with a seven with everyone following suit. Also, we nearly had both declarers winning nine tricks!

Even though it isn't a junior deal, that last one was topped earlier this year by this one:

Dealer West. East-West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

This deal occurred during a practice session at Bridge Base Online.

After West opened one spade, Ralph Katz (North) overcalled four hearts. The auction continued as given through five hearts. That contract would have gone down one or two, but Nick Nickell (South) ran to five spades, doubled by West, of course.

West led the two of spades, which declarer won with his three, setting a new world record for the first round of trumps, one that will surely never be broken. Dummy discarded the eight of clubs and East the three of clubs.

South continued with his king of spades, ducked by West. Dummy pitched the two of hearts and East the five of hearts.

Declarer led the queen of spades, West won with his ace, North threw the three of hearts and East the nine of hearts.

Now West could have taken his aces for one down. Or he could have led a low club to his partner's king, received a heart ruff and cashed the ace of diamonds for two down.

However, thinking that declarer was void of hearts, West returned a spade. Nickell claimed, stating that he would draw trumps and run dummy's heart suit.

Many years ago, when Nickell was playing with his former partner, Dick Freeman, Nickell had won the first round of trumps with his singleton four, declarer and Freeman following suit. At the time, Freeman had predicted that that would remain as a world record. Nickell commented that he is sure Freeman, who died in 2009, would be very happy to see his prediction broken.



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

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

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

This penalty cannot be appealed.

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

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



This deal was intriguing in two other respects. First, note that East could have made seven clubs by ruffing three hearts and running his trumps to catch South in a spade-diamond squeeze.

And how could the defenders have defeated five spades by three tricks after the initial spade lead? I leave it for you to work out.

This deal was reported by Michael Byrne, the non-playing captain of the England Youngsters.

My team found Poland too hot to handle in their Round 4 match, but Shivam Shah and Alex Roberts combined well on this deal to bring in a much-needed swing.

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In the Closed Room the English North-South bid to five diamonds by North. When East led a top heart, that was an easy 11 tricks for plus 400.

This was the auction in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
	Roberts		Shah
	1♣	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

One club was Polish, three-way, and, presumably, four diamonds was forcing.

Put yourself in the West seat -- how can you possibly beat five diamonds? Surely the opponents have missed a slam when you hold such a poor hand facing partner's pre-empt?

If that's your attitude, then you'll never be a winner, because real bridge players don't give up. Looking for miracles, Roberts led a club and one duly materialised when Shah ruffed it. Now the spotlight turned to him -- could he find a low-heart switch?

Analysing the position well, Shah reasoned that a low heart could never cost. If partner had the ace of trumps, the ruff would still arrive, so only an undertrick would be lost, and to force to game facing a non-vulnerable opening declarer would surely have most of the missing points. Besides which, if North had the queen of hearts, he might have tried three notrumps at some stage.

Shah led a low heart, Roberts won and gave his partner another club ruff for one down and 10 IMPs to

England.

Kees Tammens, the coach of the victorious Dutch junior team, coined the phrase a "dinosaur". What do you think that is, in a bridge sense?

Although this was not his original idea, he proposed including weird deals. He mentioned one in which the bare ace of diamonds was the only lead to let a seven-heart contract make.

And he gave this hand:

♠ A K Q J 5 2 ♥ A K Q J 6 5 4 ♦ -- ♣ --

When he saw that hand, four hearts was the maximum that he could make!

There was also a bizarre deal in New York City some decades ago. In a big pair event, someone was on lead against seven notrumps holding an ace. He doubled, led the ace and got a complete zero for plus 200!

At every other table, the contract was six notrumps, and then the natural lead resulted in three down, minus 300!

Tammens contributed this deal to the bulletin:

Dealer West. Both 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
	Helmich		Hop
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 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 the Netherlands 16 IMPs.

Tammens defined a dinosaur as any swing of 15 IMPs or more.

To end, this was my deal of the tournament, from the Youngsters semifinal match between Israel and USA-1.

Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Reiter	Brescoll	Ginossar	Kaplan
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣ (a)	1♠	2♥ (b)
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣ (c)
Pass	4♠ (d)	Pass	4NT (e)
Pass	5♣ (f)	Pass	6♥ (g)
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) 16-points or more
- (b) Five-plus hearts, game-forcing
- (c) Control-bid (cue-bid)
- (d) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (e) One key card
- (f) Asking for the queen of hearts
- (g) Showing her and denying a king

West	North	East	South
Adam G.	Asulin	Zachary G.	Levy
		2♠ (a)	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2NT (b)
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT (c)	Pass	5♦ (d)
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

- (a) Weak two-bid
- (b) Lebensohl, warning of a bad hand
- (c) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (d) One key card

The Israeli auction was surprising. First South warned that he might have a zero-count when he was easily worth a constructive three-heart advance; then North barrelled into six hearts anyway.

A diamond lead would have been lethal, but understandably both Wests led their singleton two of spades, telling the declarers that this suit were definitely breaking 5-1.

Hila Levy won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of hearts, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing the last, led a trump to his hand, ruffed the last club and cashed the ace of diamonds to give this position:

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

On the next diamond lead, Zach Grossack accurately put up his queen, then played a spade to promote his brother's eight of hearts as the setting trick.

After the club ruff at trick five, the contract could have always been defeated.

At the other table, Kaplan spotted the right line of play.

After winning the first trick, he cashed dummy's ace of hearts (believing when East played the ten that the hearts were 3-1) and king of clubs before playing a club to his ace. Then he made the key play: he led his last spade.

At the table, West ruffed in and led his last trump, but Kaplan claimed. He could discard his diamond loser on the king of spades and ruff both of his clubs in the dummy.

It would have been stronger defence by West to discard a diamond, not ruff in. But Kaplan had seen the right answer. He would have won with dummy's king of spades and led a third spade, discarding his diamond loser.

Suppose East plays another spade. South ruffs high, plays a diamond to the ace, ruffs a diamond and crossruffs home.

Plus 100 and plus 1430 have 17 IMPs to USA1 and the lead by 26 with two boards to play.

Only one other declarer made six hearts: Justyna Zmuda from Poland. She is also the only Polish player back to try to defend the Girls title.



Justyna Zmuda



I was surprised that this did not win the Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year award from the International Bridge Press Association. That honor went to Chen Yuechen for his defence in this deal, which was described by Fu Tsiang from Beijing. It occurred during the 2013 China National Youth Bridge Championships, which were played in Suzhou.

Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

	North	East	South
West	Yuechen	Cao	Jiahao
Chen	Pass	Pass	2♣ (a)
Pass	2♦ (b)	Pass	2♥ (c)
Pass	2♠ (d)	Pass	2NT (e)
Pass	3♣ (f)	Pass	3♦ (g)
Pass	4NT (h)	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) Strong
- (b) Waiting
- (c) Hearts or balanced
- (d) Forced
- (e) 24-26 HCP balanced
- (f) Stayman
- (g) No major
- (h) Quantitative

Without a clear opening lead, 25-year-old Chen (West)

chose his lowest club, Cao Jiahao (East) correctly put in his nine, and South won with his ace. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's jack, then ran the jack of hearts. How did West defend?

West realized that declarer needed two more dummy entries: to repeat the heart finesse and to cash the 13th heart. Those entries had to come in spades.

West won with his ace of hearts and led another diamond, a key play. (A club would have given South four tricks in the suit with a good guess. And a spade would have been won by dummy's ten.)

South took this trick, cashed the king of clubs to try to drop the queen, then led his seven of spades. West was ready, playing his jack to kill the second dummy entry. Now the contract had to fail. South took only three spades, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

That was very nicely done, but did the jurists not notice that South missed an interesting chance to make his contract? Before playing a diamond to dummy's jack, declarer should have cashed his ace of diamonds. This looks pointless, but not when West started with only two diamonds. When he got in with his ace of hearts, he would have been endplayed.

If West returned a club, South could get four tricks in the suit by playing low from the dummy to collect three spades, one heart, four diamonds and four clubs. Or, if West shifted to a low spade, declarer would win with dummy's ten and have his second dummy entry. He would win three spades, three hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

This is called a Dentist's Coup, extracting the safe exit card(s) from a defender's hand.

However, it must be admitted, that does not detract from Chen's excellent defence, and often a mistake by one player gives another an opportunity to shine.

If you produce a brilliant bid, declarer play or defence, or -- even better -- you see one by your partner or an opponent, please pass along details to a member of the bulletin staff. Our office is on the level above the playing area.



SYSTEMS AND ALERTS



Please take note of the following points for playing behind the screens.

1. When you need to alert, use both the card and get a nod of confirmation from your opponent.

2. You must write down all questions and answers. No spoken enquiries or explanations.

3. English is not the native language for many competitors. If you speak fluent English, please make sure that your opponent understands exactly what you mean. And if you have trouble with English, make a special effort to ensure that you have comprehended correctly.

4. When describing a conventional call, avoid using names. Describe what the call shows.

For example, do not just write "Bergen Raise". Instead, write that partner has four-card support for your major and whatever point range is appropriate.

5. Do not just write "PRE" for pre-emptive. Give also the actual point range.

6. Leading "2nd and 4th" means different things to different players. Ask!