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LET THE CURTAIN RISE



The Opening Ceremony was an enjoyable affair. There were interesting speeches by Bilgen Bilgin, the Dean of Students at Koc University; Nevzat Aydogdu, the President of the Turkish Bridge Federation; Ata Aydin, Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee; and Gianrigo Rona, President of the World Bridge Federation.

Then the teams were presented. It was great in particular to see those who look like they could play in the Kids Championship (which is approximately under 15) for several years to come.

Although after only one day of play you cannot get too excited, it is still nice to be well inside the top eight who will qualify for the quarterfinals.

The star country so far is Turkey, who leads in two of the series, Junior and Girls. In the Junior flight, Turkey has a quarter-match lead over Poland, with USA1 right behind.

In the Girls, Turkey has a narrow lead over Italy and the Netherlands.

France is nearly half a match ahead in the Youngsters event, in front of Sweden and Chinese Hong Kong.

Doing well now is much more important in the Kids Championship, because we are three-sevenths of the way to the gold medals. Sweden is leading so far, just ahead of France and Poland.

TODAY'S RECEPTION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AT THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The WBF President Gianrigo Rona is very pleased to invite all the Players, Non-Playing Captains, Coaches, Team Managers, NBO Representatives and Staff Officers to a "Middle of August Reception", which will be held today, Friday 15th August, at 6.30 p.m. at Koç University in the "Oval Terrace behind the Tower" (Kule Arkası Oval Teras). The dress code is casual (but no bathing suits, please!).

WBF YOUTH COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the committee at 10.00 this morning, Friday, in the Breakfast Room.





DRAW & PROGRAM TODAY

JUNIORS ROUND 5

HKG DEN
CAN EGY
USA1 TPE
IND TUR
BBO 2 NZL USA2
BBO 3 FRA FIN
ARG CHN
AUS NED
VG SWE POL
BOT SIN
GER NOR
TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 4

DEN IND
USA2 CHN
CHI NED
USA1 CAN
NOR FRA
CZE POL
BBO 5 SVK TUR
BBO 4 SWE HKG
TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

KIDS ROUND 4

IND ITA
TUR FRA
- Bye CHN
POL SWE
TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

JUNIORS ROUND 6

NZL IND
FRA BOT
BBO 3 ARG CAN
AUS HKG
SWE DEN
VG USA1 CHN
TPE SIN
BBO 2 NOR TUR
POL USA2
NED FIN
GER EGY
TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 5

DEN CHN
IND NED
USA2 CAN
CHI NOR
POL USA1
BBO 4 FRA SVK
SWE CZE
HKG TUR
TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

GIRLS ROUND 4

TPE USA
HUN ITA
FRA TUR
NOR BOT
AUS NED
BBO 5 POL CHN
- Bye IND
TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

KIDS ROUND 5

IND TUR
POL ITA
CHN SWE
- Bye FRA
TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

JUNIORS ROUND 7

VG CHN NED
FIN POL
BBO 2 USA2 NOR
BBO 3 TUR TPE
EGY SWE
IND USA1
HKG ARG
CAN FRA
BOT NZL
DEN AUS
SIN GER
TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

YOUNGSTERS ROUND 6

DEN NED
CHN CAN
IND NOR
USA2 POL
SVK CHI
USA1 SWE
BBO 4 HKG FRA
TUR CZE
TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

GIRLS ROUND 5

USA HUN
BBO 5 ITA FRA
IND NOR
BOT AUS
NED POL
CHN TPE
TUR - Bye
TIME: 15.20 - 17.20

KIDS ROUND 6

IND POL
CHN ITA
SWE FRA
- Bye TUR
TIME: 15.20 - 17.20



RESULTS - JUNIORS

JUNIORS		ROUND 1
ARG	USA1	18 - 79 0.00 - 20.00
SIN	FIN	46 - 36 12.97 - 7.03
EGY	CHN	18 - 29 6.77 - 13.23
DEN	NED	56 - 48 11.94 - 7.06
HKG	POL	14 - 38 3.97 - 16.03
CAN	NOR	19 - 29 7.03 - 12.97
BOT	TPE	0 - 133 0.00 - 20.00
NZL	SWE	29 - 76 0.82 - 19.18
FRA	AUS	51 - 14 18.04 - 1.96
TUR	USA2	48 - 32 14.42 - 5.58
IND	GER	68 - 25 17.76 - 1.24

JUNIORS		ROUND 2
NOR	TPE	35 - 14 15.46 - 4.54
HKG	USA1	9 - 52 1.24 - 18.76
NED	SWE	23 - 7 14.42 - 5.58
CHN	AUS	38 - 9 16.88 - 3.12
FIN	ARG	23 - 25 9.34 - 10.66
USA2	FRA	32 - 25 12.16 - 7.84
TUR	NZL	62 - 7 19.91 - 0.09
SIN	IND	28 - 24 11.28 - 8.72
EGY	BOT	78 - 0 20.00 - 0.00
DEN	CAN	20 - 49 3.12 - 16.88
POL	GER	56 - 0 19.99 - 0.01

JUNIORS RANKING		AFTER ROUND 4
1	TURKEY	73.41
2	POLAND	68.75
3	USA1	66.07
4	CANADA	62.44
5	CHINA	58.21
6	NORWAY	53.53
7	FRANCE	46.60
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	45.29
9	USA2	40.56
10	NETHERLANDS	38.61
11	INDIA	36.58
12	EGYPT	36.20
13	DENMARK	33.50
14	SWEDEN	32.89
15	FINLAND	29.34
16	AUSTRALIA	29.23
17	ARGENTINA	29.09
18	CHINA HONG K.	29.07
19	SINGAPORE	28.84
20	GERMANY	27.70
21	NEW ZEALAND	12.09
22	BOTSWANA	0.00

JUNIORS		ROUND 3
NOR	SWE	28 - 22 11.87 - 8.13
POL	AUS	46 - 23 15.85 - 4.15
DEN	USA1	38 - 31 12.16 - 7.84
CHN	FRA	33 - 11 15.66 - 4.34
FIN	NZL	25 - 17 12.44 - 7.56
USA2	IND	30 - 10 15.26 - 4.74
TUR	BOT	95 - 6 20.00 - 0.00
SIN	CAN	18 - 59 1.47 - 18.53
EGY	HKG	23 - 55 2.66 - 17.34
NED	ARG	47 - 22 16.21 - 3.79
TPE	GER	36 - 46 7.03 - 12.97

JUNIORS		ROUND 4
FRA	NZL	46 - 20 16.38 - 3.62
ARG	IND	43 - 26 14.64 - 5.36
AUS	BOT	115 - 4 20.00 - 0.00
USA1	FIN	63 - 13 19.47 - 0.53
TPE	DEN	40 - 27 13.72 - 6.28
NOR	EGY	55 - 44 13.23 - 6.77
POL	SIN	37 - 8 16.88 - 3.12
NED	TUR	23 - 69 0.92 - 19.08
CHN	USA2	49 - 41 12.44 - 7.56
SWE	CAN	9 - 69 0.00 - 20.00
GER	HKG	26 - 14 13.48 - 6.52



RESULTS - KIDS

KIDS		ROUND 1
IND	CHN	60 - 38 15.66 - 4.34
FRA	POL	32 - 21 13.23 - 6.77
ITA	TUR	62 - 44 14.85 - 5.15
SWE	Bye	0 - 0 12 - 0.00

KIDS		ROUND 2
IND	SWE	5 - 46 1.47 - 18.53
FRA	CHN	33 - 29 11.28 - 8.72
TUR	POL	6 - 55 0.62 - 19.38
ITA	Bye	0 - 0 12 - 0.00

KIDS RANKING		AFTER ROUND 3
1	SWEDEN	45.59
2	FRANCE	43.27
3	POLAND	38.15
4	CHINA	33.06
5	ITALY	31.79
6	INDIA	18.37
7	TURKEY	5.77

KIDS		ROUND 3
IND	FRA	22 - 65 1.24 - 18.76
ITA	SWE	18 - 37 4.94 - 15.06
TUR	CHN	8 - 73 0.00 - 20.00
POL	Bye	0 - 0 12 - 0.00



RESULTS - YOUNGSTERS

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 1	
DEN	USA1	26-59	2.51 - 17.49
FRA	CHI	67-25	18.65 - 1.35
CZE	USA2	49-16	17.49 - 2.51
TUR	IND	64-20	18.87 - 1.13
CHN	HKG	8-38	2.96 - 17.04
SWE	NED	80-7	20.00 - 0.00
CAN	SVK	27-69	1.35 - 18.65
NOR	POL	31-9	15.66 - 4.34

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 2	
DEN	CHI	50-3	19.18 - 0.82
USA1	USA2	28-25	10.97 - 9.03
FRA	IND	52-13	18.29 - 1.71
CZE	CHN	10-47	1.96 - 18.04
NED	TUR	11-31	4.74 - 15.26
HKG	CAN	38-37	10.33 - 9.67
NOR	SWE	24-27	9.03 - 10.97
POL	SVK	4-31	3.45 - 16.55

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 3	
DEN	USA2	31-53	4.34 - 15.66
CHI	IND	74-11	20.00 - 0.00
USA1	CHN	9-39	2.96 - 17.04
FRA	NED	46-19	16.55 - 3.45
CAN	CZE	27-21	11.87 - 8.13
TUR	NOR	10-40	2.96 - 17.04
POL	HKG	15-40	3.79 - 16.21
SVK	SWE	28-42	6.04 - 13.96

YOUNGSTERS RANKING		AFTER ROUND 3	
1	FRANCE		53.49
2	SWEDEN		44.93
3	CHINA HONG K.		43.58
4	NORWAY		41.73
5	SLOVAKIA		41.24
6	CHINA		38.04
7	TURKEY		37.09
8	USA1		31.42
9	CZECH REP.		27.58
10	USA2		27.20
11	DENMARK		26.03
12	CANADA		22.89
13	CHILE		22.17
14	POLAND		11.58
15	NETHERLANDS		8.19
16	INDIA		2.84



RESULTS - GIRLS

GIRLS		ROUND 1	
IND	TUR	26-63	1.96 - 18.04
BOT	ITA	0-123	0.00 - 20.00
NED	USA	75-24	19.06 - -0.06
CHN	HUN	55-26	16.88 - 3.12
POL	FRA	20-40	4.74 - 15.26
NOR	TPE	21-40	4.94 - 15.06
AUS	Bye	0-0	12.00 - 0.00

GIRLS		ROUND 2	
TPE	BOT	82-15	20.00 - 0.00
IND	NED	15-47	2.66 - 17.34
TUR	CHN	13-10	10.97 - 9.03
ITA	POL	24-18	11.87 - 8.13
USA	AUS	18-37	4.94 - 15.06
HUN	NOR	42-22	15.26 - 4.74
FRA	Bye	0-0	12 - 0.00

GIRLS		ROUND 3	
TPE	IND	10-25	5.81 - 14.19
TUR	BOT	64-4	20.00 - 0.00
ITA	NED	34-19	14.19 - 5.81
USA	CHN	52-52	10.00 - 10.00
HUN	POL	44-38	11.87 - 8.13
FRA	AUS	35-17	14.85 - 5.15
Bye	NOR	0-0	0.00 - 12

GIRLS RANKING		AFTER ROUND 3	
1	TURKEY		49.01
2	ITALY		46.06
3	NETHERLANDS		42.21
4	FRANCE		42.11
5	CHINESE TAIPEI		40.87
6	CHINA		35.91
7	AUSTRALIA		32.21
8	HUNGARY		30.25
9	NORWAY		21.68
10	POLAND		21.00
11	INDIA		18.81
12	USA		14.88
13	BOTSWANA		0.00



“MIND & HEALTH PLAY TOGETHER” SURVEY

TIMETABLE FOR INTERVIEWS (FOR ATHLETES NOT PLAYING DURING THE SESSION)

We would like to remind players about this health initiative. There are instructive posters about it on the floor above the playing area. Also, teams are reminded to send players who are sitting out on the schedule below, to the room behind the posters. Thank you for your help in this interesting project.

World Bridge Federation Medical & Health Commission

GIRLS TEAMS

Day 2 - Friday, August 15th

Round Robin Match #4 (13:00 – 15:00)

11:40 - 12:00: India (Player #1)
 12:00 - 12:20: India (Player #2)
 13:20 - 13:40: The Netherlands (Player #1)
 13:20 - 13:40: The Netherlands (Player #2)
 14:00 - 14:20: Turkey (Player #1)
 14:00 - 14:20: Turkey (Player #2)
 14:40 - 15:00: USA (Player #1)
 14:40 - 15:00: USA (Player #2)

Round Robin Match #5 (15:20 – 17:20)

15:40 - 16:00: Australia (Player #3)
 15:40 - 16:00: Italy (Player #3)
 16:20 - 16:40: Botswana (Player #3)
 16:20 - 16:40: Hungary (Player #3)
 17:00 - 17:20: China (Player #3)
 17:00 - 17:20: Norway (Player #3)

Day 3 - Saturday, August 16th

Round Robin Match #6 (10:00 – 12:00)

10:20 - 10:40: Chinese Taipei (Player #3)
 10:20 - 10:40: Poland (Player #3)
 11:00 - 11:20: Botswana (Player #4)
 11:40 - 12:00: Turkey (Player #3)

Round Robin Match #7 (13:00 – 15:00)

13:00 - 13:20: The Netherlands (Player #3)
 13:00 - 13:20: USA (Player #3)
 13:20 - 13:40: Australia (Player #4)
 13:20 - 13:40: Italy (Player #4)
 14:00 - 14:20: China (Player #4)
 14:00 - 14:20: Norway (Player #4)
 14:40 - 15:00: Chinese Taipei (Player #4)
 14:40 - 15:00: Poland (Player #4)

Round Robin Match #8 (15:20 – 17:20)

15:40 - 16:00: The Netherlands (Player #4)
 16:20 - 16:40: Turkey (Player #4)
 17:00 - 17:20: Hungary (Player #4)
 17:00 - 17:20: USA (Player #4)

JUNIORS TEAMS

Day 2 - Friday, August 15th

Round Robin Match #5 (10:00 – 12:00)

10:00 - 10:20: Turkey (Player #1)
 10:00 - 10:20: Turkey (Player #2)
 10:20 - 10:40: USA 1 (Player #1)
 10:20 - 10:40: USA 1 (Player #2)
 10:40 - 11:00: USA 2 (Player #1)
 10:40 - 11:00: USA 2 (Player #2)
 11:00 - 11:20: Norway (Player #2)
 11:00 - 11:20: Sweden (Player #2)
 11:20 - 11:40: Chinese Taipei (Player #1)
 11:20 - 11:40: Chinese Taipei (Player #2)

11:40 - 12:00: Finland (Player #1)

12:00 - 12:20: Finland (Player #2)

Round Robin Match #6 (13:00 – 15:00)

13:00 - 13:20: Canada (Player #3)
 13:40 - 14:00: Australia (Player #3)
 13:40 - 14:00: China (Player #3)
 14:20 - 14:40: Botswana (Player #3)
 14:20 - 14:40: China Hong-Kong (Player #3)

Round Robin Match #7 (15:20 – 17:20)

15:20 - 15:40: Canada (Player #4)
 16:00 - 16:20: Australia (Player #4)
 16:00 - 16:20: China (Player #4)
 16:40 - 17:00: Botswana (Player #4)
 16:40 - 17:00: China Hong-Kong (Player #4)
 17:20 - 17:40: India (Player #1)
 17:20 - 17:40: India (Player #2)
 17:40 - 18:00: Germany (Player #1)
 17:40 - 18:00: Germany (Player #2)

Day 2 - Friday, August 15th

Round Robin Match #8 (10:00 – 12:00)

10:00 - 10:20: Chinese Taipei (Player #3)
 10:00 - 10:20: New Zealand (Player #3)
 10:40 - 11:00: Denmark (Player #3)
 10:40 - 11:00: Turkey (Player #3)
 11:20 - 11:40: Egypt (Player #3)
 11:20 - 11:40: USA 1 (Player #3)

Round Robin Match #9 (13:00 – 15:00)

13:40 - 14:00: Chinese Taipei (Player #4)
 13:40 - 14:00: New Zealand (Player #4)
 14:20 - 14:40: Norway (Player #3)
 14:20 - 14:40: Sweden (Player #3)

Round Robin Match #10 (15:20 – 17:20)

15:20 - 15:40: Poland (Player #3)
 15:20 - 15:40: USA 2 (Player #3)
 16:00 - 16:20: Finland (Player #3)
 16:00 - 16:20: Singapore (Player #3)
 16:40 - 17:00: France (Player #3)
 16:40 - 17:00: The Netherlands (Player #3)

Round Robin Match #11 (17:40 – 19:40)

17:40 - 18:00: Denmark (Player #4)
 17:40 - 18:00: Turkey (Player #4)
 18:00 - 18:20: Egypt (Player #4)
 18:00 - 18:20: USA 1 (Player #4)
 18:20 - 18:40: Poland (Player #4)
 18:20 - 18:40: USA 2 (Player #4)
 18:40 - 19:00: Norway (Player #4)
 18:40 - 19:00: Sweden (Player #4)
 19:00 - 19:20: Finland (Player #4)
 19:00 - 19:20: Singapore (Player #4)
 19:20 - 19:40: France (Player #4)
 19:20 - 19:40: The Netherlands (Player #4)



THE ALL-AMERICAN YOUNGSTERS BATTLE by Phillip Alder

Let's start with a quick quiz.

1. With only your side vulnerable, you, South, pick up:

♠ J 10 9 5 4 3 ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 10 8

The auction goes:

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♣	1♥	2♦	3♥ (a)
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥ (b)	Pass	4♠ (b)	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

(a) Pre-emptive

(b) Control-bid

What would you lead?

2. You are dealt:

♠ J 9 8 ♥ J 8 ♦ A 10 9 7 3 2 ♣ 9 4

With only the opponents vulnerable, your partner opens one 15-17 notrump, you respond two notrumps, a transfer to diamonds, and partner rebids three diamonds, positive for diamonds. What would you do now?

3. In a similar vein, you hold:

♠ Q 8 6 ♥ K J 9 5 2 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 8 4 2

With both sides vulnerable, partner deals and opens one 15-17 notrump. You transfer into hearts and partner rebids two hearts. What would you do now, if anything?

It is normal that when one country has two teams in the same event, they meet early in the qualifying stage. So it was no surprise when USA1 and USA2 squared off in the second round of the Youngsters round robin. (Unexpectedly, in the Junior event, the American teams will not meet until lucky round 13 out of 21.)

The match started with a bang.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

West Dhir	North Rosenberg	East Jolly	South Kristensen
Pass			
1♣	1♥	2♦	3♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West Kriegel	North Snowden	East Huber	South Hunt
			Pass
1♣	1♥	2♦	3♥
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥ (a)	Pass	4♠ (a)	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

(a) Control-bid

When South raised pre-emptively to three hearts, it put West under some pressure. Arjun Dhir for USA2 solved it by rebidding three notrumps. Then, with eight tricks to contribute to the cause, surely Christian Jolly should have taken another positive step. Four diamonds seems sensible, but even if he chose four notrumps, surely West would have jumped to six clubs. Then one thinks East should correct to six notrumps, a diamond lead perhaps disconnecting the dummy.

Three notrumps made with four overtricks when Kevin Rosenberg led the jack of hearts.

In the other auction, Oren Kriegel for USA1 rebid four clubs. Then the auction proceeded as you can see to the making six clubs. (If North somehow had guessed to lead a diamond, declarer would probably have got home because all logical lines work except playing to ruff two spades in the dummy.)

However, Christopher Huber corrected to six diamonds. Here, of course, West should have done a correction of his own, bidding six notrumps. But when he passed, the spotlight was on Allison Hunt (South). Thinking her opponents were prepared for a heart lead, she selected the spade five. Declarer immediately claimed all of the tricks.

That was 9 IMPs to USA1 when it might have been 12 to USA2.



Allison Hunt



Then, two boards later:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West Dhir	North Rosenberg	East Jolly	South Kristensen
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT (a)
Pass	3♦ (b)	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Enquiry

(b) Three hearts and a maximum

West Kriegel	North Snowden	East Huber	South Hunt
	1♣	2♦	Dble
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Dble	5♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Hunt could not have responded two hearts, because that would have been non-forcing (a negative free bid).

Now it was down to the declarer play.

Dhir led the king of diamonds. Kristensen (South) won with dummy's ace and set out to establish his own hand by playing a spade to his queen. West won with his king and led another diamond. South ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a spade high in the dummy (East discarded a club), and played a trump to his hand to give this position:

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

To make his contract, South could have run his trumps to squeeze West in the black suits. Or, more realistically,

he could have played a club to dummy's king and continued with the ace of clubs. If East had discarded, South would have thrown a spade and crossruffed home. Or if East had ruffed, South would have overruffed, trumped a spade in the dummy, returned to his hand with a club ruff, drawn West's last trump, and claimed.

However, declarer ruffed a spade, on which East threw his last club. So now when East ruffed the ace of clubs, the contract was one down.

In the other room, Burke Snowden (North) set up his club suit. He won the spade-five lead with dummy's ace, played a club to his ace, ruffed a club with the ace of hearts, led a low heart to his nine, ruffed another club high, cashed the queen of hearts, played a heart to his nine, and claimed, conceding only one spade. He took one spade, six hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

That was 14 IMPs to USA2 and the lead in the match.

Things were quiet for while. After half of the 14-board match, USA2 led by 15-13.

This was the next deal:

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West Dhir	North Rosenberg	East Jolly	South Kristensen
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT (a)	Pass	3♦ (b)
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West Kriegel	North Snowden	East Huber	South Hunt
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT (a)	Pass	3♦ (b)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(a) Diamonds

(b) Likes diamonds

Do you or don't you? I guess a computer simulation would show that three notrumps is an underdog. Even with six diamond tricks, there might not be nine winners.

Three diamonds made exactly.

In the other room, Snowden gambled on game. As we can see, a club lead would have been fatal. But one would have expected West to choose a low heart. Even then, after South took East's queen with his king and ran the diamond queen, if East had shifted to a club (admittedly a tough play to find), the contract would still have failed. Strangely or imaginatively, depending on your point of view, West led the ace of spades. Then, even though East played a discouraging five, West continued with another spade. South won in her hand and ran



the queen of diamonds, ending with ten tricks.

That was 8 IMPs to USA2, but USA1 struck back immediately.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhir	Rosenberg	Jolly	Kristensen
			1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Kriegel	Snowden	Huber	Hunt
			1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Some would argue that that South hand is a tad too strong for a 15-17 notrump, what with six controls and a ten. However, the 4-3-3-3 distribution is a minus.

Still, vulnerable at IMPs, it looks right to try for game

with the North hand. Agreed, the lie is wonderful: the king of spades, jack of diamonds and ace-queen of clubs are all outside. On a bad day the contract would fail, but IMP odds are IMP odds.

Both contracts came home with an overtrick, giving USA1 10 IMPs and tying the score at 23-23.

On Board 27, the two Norths held:

♠ K Q J 4 3 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ 5.

What would you open in third position with neither side vulnerable?

Rosenberg chose two spades and went down three. Snowden opted for three spades and went down two to gain 2 IMPs!

The match ended 28-25 to USA1, which converted to 10.97-9.03 in victory points. It was good news (no bad loss) and bad news (not a big win against clear competition for a medal) for both teams.



Burke Snowden



[Click here to watch the interview with Allison Hunt after USA1 - USA2](#)



MANY A SLIP

by Barry Rigal

Journalists often wonder to themselves in their superior fashion why declarers always seem to rush through the play in a grand slam. After all, if a seven-level contract does not attract your attention, what will?

Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

Board 12 of the first match between two of the girls teams fancied to collect medals, France and Poland, saw Olga Dlugosz (South) play in 7♦ after 1♣-1♥-2NT-3♦-4♦-4♥-4♠-4NT-5♦-5♠-6♣-7♦-Pass.

Agnieszka Szczyrczyk – whose last name would be a great score at Scrabble if only it were possible to play it; even having both blanks would not be enough – showed 18-19 balanced, raised diamonds, control-bid the ace of spades and showed the requisite key cards plus the club king. That allowed South to bid the grand slam knowing from the two-notrump rebid that North had two hearts only (else a two-diamond call).

After the lead of the jack of clubs, Dlugosz made a series of small errors that added up to disaster. She won with the queen of clubs (her first inaccuracy) and drew two rounds of trumps before trying to ruff hearts, which was effectively fatal. When she played three rounds of hearts, ruffing the last in dummy, the queen did not fall, and she could not get back to her hand except in clubs. When Aurelie Thizy ruffed the third top club, declarer needed the spade finesse, and was unlucky there too.

Best we think is to win the first club in dummy and draw two rounds of trumps, ruff a heart, come to the queen of clubs, ruff another heart, and ruff a club to hand. Then you draw the outstanding trump and claim.

Declarer was surely unlucky to find all four suits not cooperating, but it would have cost nothing to think for just a bit longer...



MATCH 1 - DENMARK – NETHERLANDS JUNIORS by Micke Melander

Best opening leads in these championships?

In most tournaments there sometimes are competitions for best defence, best declarer play, bidding and so on. Here come two examples that easily could qualify in the category for opening leads. But before that, let us summarize the match: this ding-dong battle between Denmark and Netherlands saw eight major swings going in different directions. Eventually the game ended 12.94 – 7.06 in Danish favor, or 56-48 in IMPs, which is really a lot over 14 boards. So let's go back to check what happened on two of the swings.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Van Overbeeke</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>R. Jepsen</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>M. Bilde</i>	<i>Westerbeek</i>	<i>P. Jepsen</i>	<i>Wackwitz</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Nothing stopped Tobias Polak in the Open Room from driving to slam. The two control-bids from West were enough for him to ask for aces, after which there was no turning back.

It was different in the Closed Room where Peter Jepsen suddenly passed five hearts in mid-auction. Question: What on earth happened here? The Danish pair had a bidding misunderstanding of course. Majka Cilleborg Bilde thought three spades was natural with spades, while Jepsen thought it was a control-bid with hearts as trumps. So when asking for aces, he thought five hearts showed two key cards and denied the queen of hearts.

Now believing that he was missing an ace and the queen of trumps, he passed.

In the closed room, Ernst Wackwitz led the five of spades. Declarer rose with the ace, and played a heart to the jack. When that held the trick, Jepsen cashed the ace of hearts noting the fall of the king. Another trump to dummy's queen followed and Jepsen could just sit back and play off his club winners. South could ruff whenever he wanted, but nothing could prevent declarer from getting twelve tricks.

In the open room, West got the four of diamonds lead, which went to the king and declarer's ace. When looking at the problem from declarer's point of view, it all seems to be about how to solve a suit combination. How do you play Q-5-3 opposite A-J-6-4 for one loser?

There seem to be three alternatives. Low to the jack is one, low towards the queen a second option, and finally cashing the ace and then leading low towards either the jack or queen. Using Triandaphyllopoulos suit combination homepage tells us that ace and low towards the queen or jack is 46.017%, a direct low card to the jack is 44.806%, and a direct low one to the queen is 43.595%. So the differences are very small. However, there are more factors to consider since hearts are not trumps. For example, you might be able to catch South in a squeeze in the majors.

Let's get back to what happened at the table. Tom Van Overbeeke got the diamond lead, which went to the king and ace. Declarer now played a club to the ace and immediately led a low heart towards the queen. When North held king-doubleton there was not much declarer could do to recover. Declarer won the club return, then tried to cash his hearts and ruff the last heart in dummy. But when North could overruff the third round, the contract was down one.

There are many ways of playing the deal. Instinctively I would try for the following line: ace of diamonds, cash two trumps, and when clubs don't break (if they do you always have twelve tricks), you play a spade to the ace and a heart to the jack, since this still gives you the option of squeezing South in the majors, and it also leaves you the option of eventually ruffing a heart high.

Another slightly better line might be to win the diamond, cash the ace of clubs, then play a spade to the ace and a heart to the jack. If it holds, you play the ace of hearts and ruff a heart high. Eventually, if it loses, you will play to ruff out the spades and go for a spade-heart squeeze (but if a heart comes back, you may need to play a criss-cross squeeze and read the position).

In the match Sweden vs New Zealand in the juniors, Mikael Grönkvist was the declarer in six clubs. Here Nic Jacob from New Zealand knew after an informative auction that the dummy would come down with 2=4=1=6 and have the ace of hearts. Without any hesitation, he put a mean two of hearts on the table! That could have qualified for the best opening lead so far in the tournament if wasn't for the fact that Grönkvist rose with the ace, and cashed three rounds of trumps. When South



discarded two diamonds and a heart, declarer could assume that either South had five hearts, or the suit was splitting. This made West play a low heart towards dummy's jack, a successful line of play. If South had discarded a diamond or a spade, declarer would most probably have played a heart to the queen to go down when North had started with king-doubleton!

The position is similar to the theme of the idle-fifth as it was highlighted by Jean Besse in an article for The Bridge World magazine. South cannot discard a heart whether he has four or five hearts.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Van Overbeeke</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>R. Jepsen</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>M. Bilde</i>	<i>Westerbeek</i>	<i>P. Jepsen</i>	<i>Wackwitz</i>
		1NT	Dble
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Here Rasmus Jepsen in the Open Room guessed to kick off with the ten of hearts, and when that held the trick, he continued with a low heart to North's jack. Dennis Bilde unblocked the ace and returned a club. South cashed out for one down.

"Why did you lead a heart?" was a question asked of Jepsen after the match. "Well, it was easy," he said, "I had hearts and I knew that declarer didn't ..."

In almost all other matches, a notrump contract was played and a club was led, which gave declarer the needed tempo to set up another club trick before cashing his nine winners, so here too Denmark scored up another 12 IMPs. Nice lead Rasmus!

It is worth mentioning that this opening lead was only copied once in all the other series. It was done by Victor Todd-Moir for Denmark in the youngsters match against USA 1.



MEET THE CZECH U20 WARRIORS by Czech Youngster Team

Although we hadn't qualified directly from the European Championships, we were asked to fill in for Israel, who were unable to participate for safety reasons.

Therefore, here we are for the first time at WYTC, stronger than ever and ready to fight for our country and also for our Israeli friends!

Lucka Kohutova, 16. The prettiest member of the team, better known as "The Devil With An Angel Face". Lucy is our secret (OK, very obvious) weapon to distract her male opponents. She enjoys her role very much!

Michael "Maniak" Botur, 18. Maniak is the team's sportsman. You will probably not meet him during breakfast; at that time he is still enjoying his beauty sleep. This seems to work well for him because we have to drag Maniak out of bed every morning.

Erik Klems, 18. Poor kid who thinks he's more handsome than the Captain. In any case, watch out ladies! He would be a much better player giving one percent of the attention he gives to beer to the bidding system instead, but somehow he still made it to the Istanbul team.

Lukas Kolek, 18. First of the so called "Smiling idiots" (a nickname invented by Hartmut, the famous Ger-

man captain), one of our most experienced players who started playing at the age of 11 and became a regular member of the U20 team in 2009. As well as all other male members of the team, he likes girls. A lot.

Martin Melcak, 17. The dancing master and (don't trust his innocent looks) krav maga guru. Least experienced, but measured by numbers of working fitnesses, by far the luckiest guy in the team.

Jakub Vojtik, 19. The Smiling idiot No. 2. Despite being the oldest player of the team, Jakub can often be seen doing weird stuff both at the table and away of it, usually with a huge and creepy smile.

Michal Kopecky, 28, Capo di Tutti Capi. Last time Michal visited Istanbul was for the 1st World Youth Congress in 2009, winning a Gold medal in Teams. He hopes his squad can conquer Istanbul again this year and also hopes he still has his day job and his girlfriend after an unreported two-week absence.

The Red Dragon, 17. Although we have experienced many trips with our awesome and reliable van, Istanbul is the most distant destination it has ever reached (actually it is the same for the team).



Czech Team needs your help!

At the moment the Czech crew runs a project asking one of the local banks for a grant for Tromsø: <http://dreamcatcher.cz/dream/detail/939>. Please support us by sharing on Facebook -- you have to click the link to see a more detailed description and then share it by clicking the big "+" on the top right. We need 1600 shares in total!