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POLAND WINS INAUGURAL KIDS CHAMPIONSHIP



Jakob Patreuha, Laszek Novak (npc), Kacper Kopka, Patryk Patreuha, Roland Lippik (coach), Michal Maszenda, Tomasz Pawelczyk, Michal Kaleta, Dr. Halina Kaleta

The first-ever kids (under 15) championship was decided yesterday afternoon. The match between France and Poland was very close for the first two-thirds, but Poland pulled away in the final session to win by 107imps to 77.5. The winning team can be seen above, and a profile of the players is on page 5. A report on the final will be in tomorrow's bulletin.

and international spirit. He was deemed to have been a credit to the tournament, his country and himself.

The quarterfinals of the Girls and Youngsters series have been decided. The draw is on page two and the matches start tomorrow.

In the last qualifying round of the girls, Turkey tried hard to make it into the top eight, defeating higher-ranked Poland, but just failed to catch Hungary.

The unlucky team in the youngsters was the Czech Republic. In the last round they lost to USA1 by 4.15 to 15.85 and ended 2.3 victory points behind China Hong Kong.

In the junior event, there are three more rounds to be played today. The leaders, Poland, are already through to the quarterfinals, even if they score 0 vps today. In fact the top eight are likely to qualify, the gap between eighth placed Norway and ninth Canada is 26.25 vps, more than one match. But it isn't over until the weighty woman warbles.



Jakob Patreuha receiving the Joan Gerard Award from Ata Aydin

It was a double success for Jakob Patreuha because he also won the Joan Gerard Award. Everyone was allowed to vote and he was chosen as the player who best exemplified friendliness, aptitude, diligence, good behaviour





SILVER MEDALISTS



 **France:** Christophe Oursel (npc), Romaric Guth, Theo Guillemin, Luc Bellicaud, Victor Le Lez

BRONZE MEDALISTS



 **China:** Jichao Hu (npc), Jiahe Shen, Bao Zhuo Jiang, Dongke Fang, Zihan Wang, Randy Pan, Zhiyu Cheng

CONSOLATION WINNERS



 **India:** S. Gokul, V. B. Reshwadithya, D. Diyaneswar, A. Ithikhash, A. Vaidya (npc), B. Subramaniam (coach)



GIRLS AND YOUNGSTERS QUARTER FINAL DRAWS

GIRLS

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
ITALY	11			x	x
HUNGARY	0	x	x		

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
NETHERLANDS	11	x			x
USA	0		x	x	

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
POLAND	0		x		x
CHINA	1.67	x		x	

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
AUSTRALIA	0		x	x	
FRANCE	6	x			x

YOUNGSTERS

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
SWEDEN	11	x		x	
NETHERLANDS	0		x		x

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
CHINA	11	x			x
USA	0		x	x	

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
NORWAY	0		x	x	
CHINA H. K.	5.67	x			x

	c/o	SEATING RIGHTS			
		1	2	3	4
POLAND	7	x			x
FRANCE	0		x	x	



DRAW & PROGRAM TODAY

JUNIORS Round 19

BBO 2 SWE AUS

TPE FRA

BBO 3 NOR NZL

POL IND

NED BOT

VG CHN CAN

BBO 5 SIN USA1

USA2 DEN

BBO 4 TUR EGY

FIN HKG

GER ARG

TIME: 10.00 - 12.00

JUNIORS Round 20

NED POL

CHN NOR

FIN TPE

TUR SWE

SIN AUS

EGY ARG

DEN FRA

BOT USA1

CAN IND

HKG NZL

USA2 GER

TIME: 13.00 - 15.00

JUNIORS Round 21

BOT CAN

IND HKG

NZL DEN

FRA EGY

ARG SIN

AUS TUR

SWE USA2

TPE CHN

USA1 POL

NOR NED

GER FIN

TIME: 15.20 - 17.20



13.00 and 15.20 Vugraph and BBO matches are to be decided.



RESULTS - JUNIORS

JUNIORS		ROUND 15	
		15 - 22	7.84 - 12.16
		4 - 29	3.79 - 16.21
		33 - 20	13.72 - 6.28
		12 - 30	5.15 - 14.85
		10 - 29	4.94 - 15.06
		32 - 10	15.66 - 4.34
		15 - 54	1.71 - 18.29
		13 - 17	8.72 - 11.28
		54 - 28	16.38 - 3.62
		8 - 48	1.59 - 18.41
		12 - 56	1.13 - 18.87

JUNIORS		ROUND 16	
		14 - 22	7.56 - 12.44
		53 - 13	18.41 - 1.59
		14 - 25	6.77 - 13.23
		17 - 79	0.00 - 20.00
		18 - 28	7.03 - 12.97
		9 - 47	1.83 - 18.17
		6 - 46	1.59 - 18.41
		8 - 26	5.15 - 14.85
		54 - 21	17.49 - 2.51
		16 - 38	4.34 - 15.66
		11 - 32	4.54 - 15.46

JUNIORS RANKING AFTER ROUND 18		
1		262.71
2		247.37
3		239.65
4		238.98
5		232.43
6		228.83
7		223.65
8		221.38
9		195.13
10		189.09
11		186.05
12		179.86
13		166.71
14		162.98
15		162.31
16		155.65
17		154.62
18		145.46
19		133.45
20		120.33
21		86.39
22		23.97

JUNIORS		ROUND 17	
		13 - 42	3.12 - 16.88
		52 - 32	15.26 - 4.74
		28 - 33	8.42 - 11.58
		19 - 51	2.66 - 17.34
		11 - 47	2.09 - 17.91
		83 - 0	20.00 - 0.00
		17 - 23	8.13 - 11.87
		20 - 16	11.28 - 8.72
		49 - 8	18.53 - 1.47
		37 - 22	14.19 - 5.81
		45 - 14	17.19 - 2.81

JUNIORS		ROUND 18	
		13 - 24	6.77 - 13.23
		27 - 30	9.03 - 10.97
		35 - 12	15.85 - 4.15
		23 - 18	11.58 - 8.42
		19 - 59	1.59 - 18.41
		4 - 51	0.82 - 19.18
		34 - 48	6.04 - 13.96
		19 - 12	12.16 - 7.84
		7 - 55	0.72 - 19.28
		13 - 47	2.37 - 17.63
		50 - 8	18.65 - 1.35



RESULTS - KIDS

KIDS		FINAL					
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Total
	5.5	22	27.5	25	52.5	25	77.5
	0	28	28	29	57	50	107

KIDS		3/4					
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Total
	0	25	25	17	42	30	72
	8	59	67	41	108	47	155

KIDS		5/6					
	c/o	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Total
	0	58	58	51	109	34	143
	0	5	5	25	30	21	51



RESULTS - YOUNGSTERS

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 13
DEN	TUR	29 - 32 9.03 - 10.97
HKG	CZE	6 - 32 3.62 - 16.38
SWE	FRA	38 - 16 15.66 - 4.34
SVK	USA1	41 - 28 13.72 - 6.28
CHI	POL	0 - 79 0.00 - 20.00
NOR	USA2	43 - 17 16.38 - 3.62
IND	CAN	16 - 49 2.51 - 17.49
CHN	NED	34 - 14 15.26 - 4.74

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 15
DEN	FRA	35 - 20 14.19 - 5.81
CZE	USA1	17 - 37 4.74 - 15.26
TUR	CHI	52 - 24 16.72 - 3.28
HKG	USA2	12 - 35 4.15 - 15.85
IND	SWE	8 - 60 0.35 - 19.65
SVK	CHN	13 - 53 1.59 - 18.41
NED	POL	28 - 32 8.72 - 11.28
CAN	NOR	27 - 51 3.97 - 16.03

YOUNGSTERS		ROUND 14
DEN	CZE	37 - 6 17.19 - 2.81
TUR	FRA	10 - 61 0.44 - 19.56
HKG	USA1	9 - 23 6.04 - 13.96
SWE	CHI	75 - 9 20.00 - 0.00
USA2	SVK	18 - 30 6.52 - 13.48
POL	IND	82 - 1 20.00 - 0.00
CHN	NOR	28 - 11 14.64 - 5.36
NED	CAN	50 - 1 19.38 - 0.62

YOUNGSTERS RANKING		AFTER ROUND 15
1	SWEDEN	220.63
2	CHINA	198.37
3	NORWAY	194.15
4	POLAND	189.54
5	USA1	183.63
6	FRANCE	174.01
7	NETHERLANDS	167.09
8	CHINA H. K.	165.11
9	CZECH REP.	162.81
10	USA2	155.60
11	SLOVAKIA	148.81
12	TURKEY	137.69
13	DENMARK	136.61
14	CANADA	113.51
15	CHILE	42.47
16	INDIA	7.16



RESULTS - GIRLS

GIRLS		ROUND 12
TPE	HUN	3 - 36 2.51 - 17.49
FRA	USA	15 - 42 3.45 - 16.55
NOR	TUR	32 - 33 9.67 - 10.33
AUS	IND	24 - 20 11.28 - 8.72
POL	BOT	76 - 16 20.00 - 0.00
CHN	NED	13 - 26 6.28 - 13.72
ITA	- Bye	0 - 0 12.00 - 0.00

GIRLS		ROUND 13
NED	BOT	86 - 19 20.00 - 0.00
CHN	IND	61 - 7 19.83 - 0.17
POL	TUR	12 - 16 8.72 - 11.28
AUS	ITA	29 - 14 14.19 - 5.81
NOR	USA	10 - 51 1.47 - 18.53
FRA	TPE	14 - 32 5.15 - 14.85
HUN	- Bye	0 - 0 12.00 - 0.00

GIRLS RANKING		AFTER ROUND 13
1	ITALY	182.83
2	NETHERLANDS	177.42
3	POLAND	167.24
4	AUSTRALIA	165.45
5	CHINA	155.31
6	FRANCE	153.26
7	USA	147.90
8	HUNGARY	126.01
9	TURKEY	123.72
10	CHINESE TAIPEI	117.88
11	NORWAY	99.52
12	INDIA	82.80
13	BOTSWANA	15.66



THE VICTORIOUS POLISH KIDS TEAM

Michal Maszenda

The youngest player on the team is 12-year-old. He lives in Plock and has been playing bridge for four years, having been taught by his father. His other interests are football (soccer for North Americans), volleyball and ski jumping. He hopes to become a top player and his favourite player is Grzegorz Narkiewicz.



Kacper Kopka

Michal's partner is Kacper Kopka, who is 13 and lives in Sochaczew. He was taught by his parents five years ago. He likes volleyball, football and rugby. Not only is he a national bridge champion in Poland, he is now a world bridge champion, but that came second to international success at rugby.

He admires Zia Mahmood and his teammates say that he knows a lot of funny jokes.



Tomasz Pawelczyk

Tomasz is 14 and hails from Bytom. His father taught him to play three years ago. He really enjoys football, hopes to become a professional player like Adam Zmudzinski, and is considered very friendly.



Michal Kaleta

Tomasz's partner is 15-year-old Michal Kaleta. He lives in Nowa Wies Tworoska, and was -- surprise, surprise -- taught by his parents eight years ago, and his mother is the team's doctor. When not at the bridge table, he loves to play computer games. His favourite bridge player is an interesting choice: Andrzej Wilkosz, a two-time world champion who died two years ago at the age of 77.



Then we come to brothers Patryk and Jakub Patreuha from Boleslawiec. They learned from their father in 2008.

Patrick Patreuha

Patryk is 14. He really enjoys the logic of the game. He likes to swim and play volleyball, watches many sports, and hopes one day to become a judge. When asked to name his favourite player, he chose Jacek "Pepsi" Pszczola.



Jakub Patreuha

Jakub, who also received the Joan Gerard Award, enjoys, after bridge of course, football the most, but also likes volleyball and working on a computer. He hasn't chosen a vocation for later life and his favourite player is Cezary Balicki.



Leszek Nowak

Their non-playing captain is Leszek Nowak. His only nervous moment was in the semifinal against China. Poland had a 36-imp lead with fourteen boards to go, but won by only 3. Interestingly, though, when Poland started the last set of the final against France and led by just 4.5 imps, he played the same two pairs who had almost lost the big lead to China.



Roland Lippik

Roland Lippik is the coach. He was very nervous during the last set of the semi and all three segments of the final. But obviously his work with the team has paid dividends.





ROUND 9 GIRLS - CHINA vs ITALY

by **Maurizio Di Sacco**

The first round of the day featured an interesting match between one of the Girls Championship's favourites, Italy, and the unknown Chinese team. The former was chasing France for the lead and the latter was lying fourth.

The first and the second boards were rather dull: China scored 1 IMP in the second for a second overtrick in the normal two-spade contract; however, the third deal provided something more significant.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i> <i>Burgio</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Fu</i>	<i>East</i> <i>Buttò</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Li</i>
2NT	1♦	1♥	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

<i>West</i> <i>Wu</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Salvato</i>	<i>East</i> <i>Zhao</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Chavarria</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
	Pass	Pass	

I quite like Michela Salvato's pass despite such good distribution, since she was lacking prime cards. But I cannot say the same for four notrumps, which looks just too heavy to me. Anyway, the right spot was reached, and eleven tricks made when declarer, quite reasonably, refused to take the club finesse after the scary lead of a diamond.

In the other room, Fu thought she had an automatic opening bid, but then things went wrong. I do think that South clearly intended her four-diamond bid as forcing or, otherwise, she had lost focus on her cards for a while. The net result was 6 IMPs to Italy.

Another IMP went the same way, when Chavarria was put to a test that could have been fatal for her four-spade contract had she not passed it,



but which resulted in a overtrick when she guessed correctly. In the other room the defense was softer and the contract was never in danger.

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i> <i>Burgio</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Fu</i>	<i>East</i> <i>Buttò</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Li</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

<i>West</i> <i>Wu</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Salvato</i>	<i>East</i> <i>Zhao</i>	<i>South</i> <i>Chavarria</i>
Pass	2NT (a)	Pass	3♠ (b)
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

(a) Enquiry
(b) Minimum

The lead was a heart in both rooms, and each declarer won and played two rounds of trumps before reverting to hearts. On the third round of hearts, the play diverged: The Chinese defender ruffed, and even though this cost a trick, it eventually led to the possibility of defeating the contract. South cashed the last trump and played a diamond, but the defense, accurately, played two rounds ending in West, who duly underled her ace of clubs. Nice, but the cigar was smoked by Margherita Chavarria, who called for the king and scored up eleven tricks.

In the other room, Federica Buttò preserved her jack of spades by refusing to ruff, but declarer was thus able to shed both of dummy's clubs and to come to ten tricks without any sweat.

The next board produced a big swing for the Italians, even though you could call it undeserved.





Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Burgio</i>	<i>Fu</i>	<i>Buttò</i>	<i>Li</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Wu</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Zhao</i>	<i>Chavarria</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Both declarers received a club lead, but whilst the Chinese declarer, Bo Fu, correctly put up dummy's queen, granting her a spade discard on the king, the Italian North called for the ten! Obviously, this would have solved all her problems, had the jack been onside, but as it was, the contract was now touch-and-go.

Fu ruffed, drew trumps ending in dummy, took her discard, and proceeded to misguess spades by leading dummy's jack and covering it with her king to go one down, losing two spades and two diamonds.

Salvato started the same way, but she had no discard available, thus had no other option but to run the jack of spades and hope for some miracle. Yes, East had to win with the ace of spades, but if she had then switched to diamonds, she would have defeated the contract. However, East led another club, establishing the queen as a winner after North had ruffed away West's ace.

North continued with the queen of diamonds, which left the defenders with no winning option. When West won the trick, declarer had a dummy entry in diamonds to gain the spade discard on the queen of clubs and win 10 IMPs.



Bo Fu

The play is particularly interesting if the defenders both duck the queen of diamonds. Benefiting from the spade suit being frozen, North runs her trumps, giving this end-position:

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

On the last trump, probably East will discard her last clubs, dummy will pitch, say, a diamond, and West will throw a diamond. (She might try blanking her queen of spades, of course.)

Now North exits with a diamond. The defenders take two tricks in the suit, but whoever takes the second is endplayed in spades.

China gained 2 IMPs when the Italians were too generous in giving overtricks in three notrumps.

Then the two teams each scored 12 IMPs in the following two deals, exactly in the same way: one bid and made six hearts, which was missed at the other table.



Italian girls Federica Buttò and Caterina Burgio with Maurizio Di Sacco and Carlotta Venier



Board 21. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

	North	East	South
West	Fu	Buttò	Li
Burgio	1♥	1♠	Dble
2♦ (a)	4♥	All Pass	

(a) A spade raise

Closed Room

	North	East	South
West	Salvato	Zhao	Chavarria
Wu	1♥	1♠	Dble
2♠	4♥	Pass	4NT (a)
Pass	5♦ (b)	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(b) Three key cards

Chavarria evaluated her cards well and drove to slam, while Li, in the same position, took a rather pessimistic view. Fu was given a third overtrick when Buttò didn't lead a spade to save an IMP.

Then:

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

	North	East	South
West	Fu	Buttò	Li
Burgio		Pass	Pass
1♦	4♣	Pass	5♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

	North	East	South
West	Salvato	Zhao	Chavarria
Wu		Pass	Pass
2♣	4♣	4♥	6♣
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

This time Buttò was pessimistic. But, in fact, even if she had bid five hearts, I think it is unlikely that West would have raised to six hearts. Five clubs doubled failed by four tricks, giving 800 to East-West, but that lost 12 IMPs when the distinctly lucky six hearts was unbeatable. China got back what it had just lost.

However, Italy struck back immediately, thanks to a better view in the auction, which this time paid a good dividend.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

	North	East	South
West	Fu	Buttò	Li
Burgio			1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

	North	East	South
West	Salvato	Zhao	Chavarria
Wu			1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♠	Dble	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The Italians were well in control and landed in the best spot. In the other room, I think that Fu should have bid three notrumps, but when she picked three spades instead, breaking one the Hamman's golden rules ("when you have different alternatives, and one of them is three notrumps, bid it"), the pair went overboard and lost 13 IMPs.



Hanxiao Li



The score was already good for the Europeans, ahead 42-15, but some more was coming. Six IMPs right afterwards, when Wu-Zhao managed to screw up what looked like an easy defense, wasting the good job of their teammates in the other room.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West Burgio	North Fu	East Buttò	South Li
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble	2♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

West Wu	North Salvato	East Zhao	South Chavarria
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West Burgio	North Fu	East Buttò	South Li
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

West Wu	North Salvato	East Zhao	South Chavarria
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥ (a)	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Dble
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Fu-Li stayed out from the doomed three notrumps, and even though you may say that five in a minor is laydown, that is hard to diagnose. North-South were plus 150.

Against Salvato's three notrumps, Zhao led the three of spades, not fatal, but when Wu won with the king and continued with the ace, East failed to unblock. That cost 11 IMPs: 6 away instead of 5 in.

China recovered a total of 3 IMPs in overtricks in the next two otherwise uninteresting boards. Then, though, they suffered a further heavy blow, and once again on a deal that could have brought in at least the same amount of IMPs in its favour. However, this time you cannot really put the blame on the Asian players.

Six spades looks like a perfectly playable contract, which was missed when Burgio-Buttò failed fully to appreciate the value of the two combined hands. The Chinese pair did better, but Wu was not able to solve the problem of how to get to twelve tricks. Looking at all of the cards the route is easy to spot, since the queen-jack of diamonds drop in three rounds. Wu, though, won the first trick with dummy's ace of hearts and discarded her other heart on dummy's second top diamond. Then she decided to cash dummy's king of clubs and play a club to her jack. When the finesse lost, she had to go one down. That was 11 IMPs to Italy instead of 12 the other way.

The match ended with a flat board. However, Italy lost a further chance for some IMPs. Wu-Zhao stretched to four spades, which duly failed by one trick. But in the other room Buttò at some point lost her concentration and misjudged the position, going down in three spades. The bottom line was a heavy 59 to 18 in favour of Italy, which translated to 18.53-1.47 in VPs.

The Italians had managed to get to the top of the ranking at the end of the day, thanks to the first defeat for France, the former leader.



Michela Salvato



ROUND 13 JUNIORS - THE UNITED STATES BATTLE by Phillip Alder

When the two American teams met in Round 13, USA1 was lying fourth, almost two matches clear of ninth. USA2 was 12th, nearly a match and a half behind eighth. USA2 needed a good win, but the match did not start well for this team.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Zhu	Kaplan	Wu	Brescoll
	Pass	Pass	1♦ (a)
Dble	Redble (b)	2♣	Pass (c)
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) 10-15 points, 2-plus diamonds
- (b) Hearts
- (c) Denies three hearts

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Zach G.	Hudson	Adam	G.Herman
	Pass	Pass	1NT (a)
Dble (b)	2♦ (c)	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

- (a) 15-18 points (one club would have been 12-14 balanced or any 16-plus points)
- (b) A minor one-suiter or a strong spade one-suiter or both majors
- (c) Transfer

Two hearts played nicely, coming home with an over-trick. Zach Brescoll lost one spade and three hearts.

Two notrumps was not so comfortable. Zach Grossack led the nine of diamonds, Rusinow. Gregory Herman won with dummy's king, played a club to his queen, and returned a low club to the ten and jack (West discarded the spade four). Another diamond went to South's ace. Declarer cashed the ace of spades, ran the nine of spades, and cashed the ace of clubs. But the defenders took the rest for two down and 6 imps to USA1.

On Board 3, these were the North-South hands:

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

These were the two auctions:

<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>
Kaplan	Brescoll	Hudson	Herman
1♥	1♠	1♦	2♠ (a)
2♦ (a)	2♠ (b)	2NT (b)	3NT (c)
2NT (c)	3♣ (d)	4♣ (d)	4♦ Dble
3♦ (e)	3♥ (f)	4♥ (e)	4♠ (f)
3NT	4NT	4NT (e)	5♥ (g)
6♣	Pass	6♣	Pass

(a) Artificial game-force (a) Four spades, five clubs, 11-15 points

(b) Two hearts (b) Relay

(c) Relay (c) 4=2=2=5 maximum

(d) 4=2=2=5 (d) Puppet to 4♦

(e) Sets clubs as trumps (e) RKCB for clubs

(f) Control-bid (f) One key card

(g) The ♣Q and ♥K

It is fun to see systems actually working.

The declarers played identically, winning the first trick with the ace of diamonds, playing a club to the ace, cashing three rounds of hearts to discard the diamond loser, and leading another trump. When they were 2-2, the contract was claimed for a flat board.

On Board 4, the Grossacks judged to stop in two notrumps when eight tricks were the limit. Edmund Wu and William Zhu pushed into three notrumps, giving USA1 another 6 imps.

Surprisingly, Herman and Alex Hudson had another of their two-spade opening bids on Board 5. However, partner had a 2=5=4=2 two-count. Three clubs went four down vulnerable. Zhu made one notrump at the other table, but USA1 gained a further 7 imps to lead by 9.





After an overtrick imp to USA1, this was Board 7:

Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ J 9 8 ♥ J 10 4 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ 9 8 5 3</p> <p>♠ K 6 4 2 ♥ Q 9 7 6 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ J 7</p> <p>♠ A 7 5 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ K J 4 ♣ A Q 6 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ 9 7 5 3 ♣ K 10 2</p>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Zhu	Kaplan	Wu	Brescoll
Zach G.	Hudson	Adam	G. Herman
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT

Would you lead a spade or a heart from that West hand?

I tend to prefer to lead from a king than from a queen, but that nine of hearts might cause a change of heart, if you will excuse the pun.

Zhu did choose the two of spades. Brescoll took the first trick and craftily played a heart(!) to dummy's ten. East won and switched to the seven of diamonds. West won with his queen and led a spade to his partner's queen. Now East tried his luck with a club. South won with his queen and returned a low club. West won with his jack and cashed the ace of diamonds. When South smoothly played his king, West continued with another diamond. South won and cashed two club tricks to escape for two down.

In the Closed Room, Zach Grossack led the six of hearts. Adam Grossack won with his king and switched to a diamond. West won and put his partner on lead with the ace of hearts for another diamond. West took South's king with his ace, cashed the queen of hearts, and exited with a diamond. Declarer now played a spade to dummy's eight and East's ten. East cashed his last diamond, West discarding his final heart. So East cashed his eight of hearts before leading the queen of spades. South won and exited with a spade, hoping for an endplay. But West had two spade winners to cash, resulting in four down and 5 imps to USA1.

After another well-bid small slam by both North-South pairs (each winning 13 tricks by squeezing East in the rounded suits), came this deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Zhu	Kaplan	Wu	Brescoll
Redble	Pass	1♠	Dble
3♠	2♦	Pass	3♦
	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Zach G.	Hudson	Adam G.	Herman
Redble	Pass	1♠	Dble
3NT	2♦	Dble	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass

Zach had no trouble in three notrumps. He took the first ten tricks with the king of diamonds, four clubs and five spades.

Kaplan's advance sacrifice at favourable vulnerable paid a nice 8-imp dividend. He lost one trick in each suit to go two down.

USA1 was now ahead by 23 imps and more was coming.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Zhu	Kaplan	Wu	Brescoll
1NT (a)	Dble	1♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
		All Pass	

(a) Forcing

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Zach G.	Hudson	Adam G.	Herman
2♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Zach's double has a pair-game-tactic feel to it, and Deep Finesse says that North could have won ten tricks. But we humans do not play with transparent cards.

At both tables, East made the excellent lead of his singleton trump.

North does best here to win in the dummy and take a heart finesse. Then it is smooth sailing. But each declarer won in hand and played a club, losing to West's king. (Kaplan played dummy's club nine, Hudson the queen.)

Zach led back a trump to dummy's jack. Now was the



last chance for the heart finesse. Instead, North played a heart to his ace, cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart with the ace of diamonds. He could score two more trump tricks, but that was it. The contract went one down.

USA1 was now ahead by 20 imps. USA2 needed something good to happen.

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

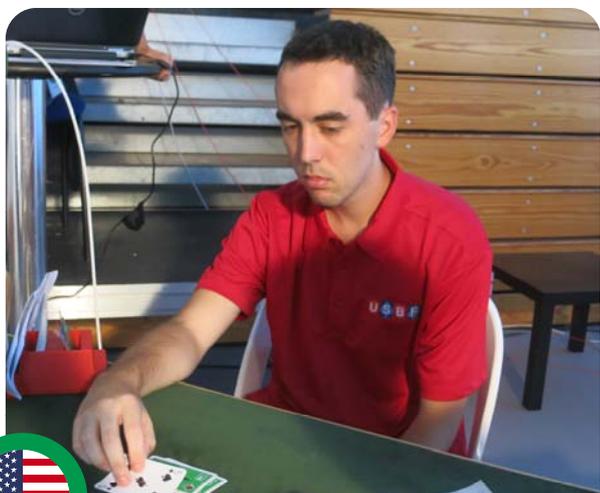
	♠ A 5 4		
	♥ K 9 8 4		
	♦ 10 6 4		
	♣ 8 7 2		
♠ K Q 8 6 2		♠ J 10 9	
♥ A 5		♥ Q 7 6	
♦ Q J 9 8 3		♦ K 5 2	
♣ K		♣ Q J 9 4	
	♠ 7 3		
	♥ J 10 3 2		
	♦ A 7		
	♣ A 10 6 5 3		

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Zhu</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Brescoll</i>
<i>Zach G.</i>	<i>Hudson</i>	<i>Adam G.</i>	<i>Herman</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Closed Room, Hudson found an inspired diamond lead. South won with his ace and returned the suit. West won in the dummy and led the queen of clubs, but South took the trick with his ace and switched to a heart, ducked to North's king. Then a diamond ruff left West two down.

Kaplan led the eight of hearts, which I have a horrible feeling would have been my choice too. Zhu won with dummy's queen and tried unsuccessfully to sneak a club through, but though South won, he did not switch to a diamond. He returned a heart, so West won, drove out the ace of spades and made the contract for an 11-imp gain for USA2.



Zachary Brescoll

On the last three boards, though, USA1 gained 5, 2 and more here:

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Zhu</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Wu</i>	<i>Brescoll</i>
	1♠	Pass	1NT (a)
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Semiforcing

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Zach G.</i>	<i>Hudson</i>	<i>Adam</i>	<i>G.Herman</i>
	1♠	Pass	1NT (a)
Pass 3♠	Pass	4♠	
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Forcing

Both pairs were using a strong-club system. (Herman and Hudson play natural when the opponents are non-vulnerable.) So I was surprised North did not rebid three notrumps, which I play shows this hand. (If you use a five-card-major system with a semiforcing or forcing one-notrump response, I think a two-notrump rebid by opener should be in principle forcing to game -- compare 1any-1any-2NT -- with transfer rebids by responder. Then a three-notrump rebid by opener can show this hand-type, where he is hoping to have nine runners.)

Brescoll, not liking his singleton spade and soft values -- those three queens -- thought that notrump might be better than spades anyway. And right he was. West led the six of diamonds. South won with dummy's ten and took his nine top tricks.

Against four spades, Adam Grossack found one of the killing leads: a diamond. North took West's jack with his ace and desperately took a heart finesse. But West won with his king, cashed the king of diamonds, and led a suit-preference four of diamonds for his brother to ruff. Two club tricks later the contract was two down and USA1 had another 13 imps in the bank.

The final score of the match was 56-17, which converted to 18.29-1.71 in victory points.

USA2 had a steep hill to climb to qualify for the quarterfinals.



ROUND TWELVE JUNIORS - SWEDEN vs CHINA by Micke Melander

Lots of action in Istanbul

In the first third of these championships Sweden had been struggling to be in the top eight while the Chinese seemed more safe to qualify to the KOs. The distance between the two teams was 27 VPs. However, a big win for Sweden could close that gap.

The very first board featured some nice play by Mikael Grönkvist for Sweden, aided by a small Chinese slip on defence. Here's what happened when the first 5IMPs was scored.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Gullberg	Zhang	Grönkvist
Pass	1♥ (b)	Pass	1♣ (a)
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♠ (c)

- (a) Natural or a balanced hand outside the range for one notrump
- (b) Spades
- (c) Four-card support, minimum opening

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Tao	Hult	Tang
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Yong Tao in the closed room had no chance when Simon Hult kicked off with the ace of hearts and another heart. Declarer won in dummy and tried the queen of spades, covered by the king and ace. West won the next round of trumps with the jack and gave East his heart ruff. Then a diamond through dummy made sure that the defense quickly took their six tricks to put Tao down one.

In the open room Grönkvist in South was declaring. West started with the ten of hearts, which went to jack,



Mikael Grönkvist

ace and two. That was a good lead because a heart ruff more or less is needed to bring the contract down, if declarer plays well. Liangxiao Zhang now cashed the ace of clubs and had to guess if partner was encouraging or not when he followed with the four. Zhang decided, however, to continue with the queen of clubs, which was won by declarer's king. That was all Grönkvist needed; he cashed the ace of spades and played a low trump towards dummy which went to the jack, queen and East's king. East now exited with his last trump, which didn't harm declarer much. South won with his ten and West discarded a diamond to leave the following position:

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

Grönkvist now played a heart to the king, another heart to the queen, and ruffed his third heart in dummy. Then he finished it all off by calling for a diamond from dummy and covered whatever East played. West, who now got in, was endplayed and could only cash his ace of diamonds, but then had to concede a diamond to declarer's king, which was what he needed to get eight tricks. Well done.





Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Liu	Gullberg	Zhang	Grönkvist
			2♦ (a)

Pass 3NT All Pass

(a) Weak two in a major or game-forcing with long diamonds

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Ekenberg	Tao	Hult	Tang
			2♦ (a)
Pass	2NT (b)	Pass	3♦ (c)
Pass	4♠	All pass	

(a) Weak two-bid in either major

(b) Enquiry

(c) Minimum with spades

In both rooms South opened with two diamonds multi, having a weak major. Daniel Gullberg didn't investigate anything further and thought it was enough for him to bid three notrumps. When East led a club to the ace, Gullberg had his nine tricks coming from five hearts, three spades and one club when he didn't take any chance gambling on finessing in spades.

Tao in the closed room choose to play in four spades. Hult started with the seven of clubs, which went to West's ace. A diamond to the king was followed by another diamond to West's ace. And when declarer later tried to play for the jack of spades to drop, he went one down. 12 IMPs to Sweden.



Yong Tao



Daniel Gullberg

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Liu	Gullberg	Zhang	Grönkvist
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Ekenberg	Tao	Hult	Tang
			Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Both players in the East seat decided to lead a club. Tao in the Closed Room tried the ten from dummy, covered by the jack and ruffed by declarer. Two rounds of trump followed, leaving declarer in dummy. He now called for the king of clubs, which was covered by the ace and ruffed by declarer. North, though, didn't have any entries left to dummy. He needed to create one in diamonds, but if the honours were split, he needed help from the defence. Declarer started with the queen of diamonds from his hand, which Simon Ekenberg (West) didn't duck. It was then all over when declarer later ran the jack of spades. West should have had a complete count of the North hand and should have been able to figure out what was needed possibly to defeat the contract.

Did you spot declarer's error? At trick five, after ruffing the ace of clubs, he should have led the ten of diamonds, not the queen, and overtaken it with dummy's jack.



West must take the trick, but what does he do next? If he switches to a spade, North will have to play low. Then East will be endplayed. West's only safe return is a diamond. Now declarer plays his queen. If East wins with his ace, declarer has his dummy entry. But when East ducks, declarer calmly leads his last diamond. East wins but is endplayed because he does not have the thirteenth diamond.

Gullberg only needed one dummy entry since he played dummy's king of clubs at trick one and used that entry to take the same finesse in spades. No swing when they both only lost two diamonds and a spade.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Gullberg	Zhang	Grönkvist
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Tao	Hult	Tang
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Not much could prevent Zhang from making his three-notrump contract. Although, if Grönkvist would have found the opening lead of the king of spades, it might have created problems for declarer; instead South led the natural two of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace of diamonds, finessed in clubs, played a second round to notice that the queen dropped from North, and then just safely played by setting up a trick in diamonds to scramble home ten tricks.

The Swedes in the closed room started the auction in the same way, but over three clubs, Hult then bid four clubs, where three diamonds probably should have been the right bid to get to the best contract. Also five clubs is a reasonable bid, since partner most probably is 5=4=1=3 and the diamond stopper doesn't look too promising unless partner has ace or king singleton. West with three aces couldn't be stopped after that control-bidding auction and the pair got to six clubs.

Also here South started with a diamond. Declarer won

in dummy and played a heart to the jack, which lost to South's queen. Tang now helped declarer by switching to a trump. Hult won in his hand and led the queen of diamonds, covered by South (maybe not the best move) with the king and ruffed in dummy. A heart to the king followed, declarer noting that both the nine and ten had fallen from North to set up his eight. This meant that declarer had established his twelfth trick and just could pull the trumps and claim. Another (lucky) 12 IMPs to the Swedes.

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Gullberg	Zhang	Grönkvist
1♣ (a)	4♣	4♥	5♣
6♥	Pass	Pass	7♣
Pass (b)	Pass	Dble	All Pass

(a) 16-plus points
(b) First-round club control inviting seven hearts

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Tao	Hult	Tang
1♦	4♣	Pass	5♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

The big club in the open room allowed East freely to bid four hearts, and when South bid on, West didn't have any problem bidding their slam in hearts. Grönkvist correctly sacrificed in seven clubs, which went for 1100.



Liangxiao Zhang



That didn't matter much when the Swedes in the closed room decided to go for the money prematurely in five clubs. 12 well deserved Chinese IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Liu</i>	North <i>Gullberg</i>	East <i>Zhang</i>	South <i>Grönkvist</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West <i>Ekenberg</i>	North <i>Tao</i>	East <i>Hult</i>	South <i>Tang</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The last IMPs that were scored in the match came with two boards to go. Liu's three-club rebid promised at least ten black cards. When he then bid four spades, he showed 6-4. That was all Zhang needed to ask for aces and try for the small slam in spades.

Gullberg led the nine of hearts. Declarer went up with the ace and cashed two rounds of diamonds to pitch the losing heart in his hand. Gullberg in tempo smoothly followed with the two and the queen. When declarer then decided to ruff his two low clubs in dummy, he went down one because of the unfortunate trump break. Setting up diamonds would have been the way for declarer to succeed.

In the closed room Simon Hult declared in three no-trumps for Sweden. South led the five of hearts, which went to the six, nine and jack. Hult ran the ten of spades, which was ducked by North, and played another spade to dummy's jack and North's king. North now continued the heart attack, but declarer went up with the ace, cashed the king of clubs, and played a club to the ace. When Hult then cashed his four spades, North was squeezed in the minors and declarer claimed twelve tricks.

That was 11 imps to Sweden, who won the battle by 40-15, or 16.21-3.79 in victory points.



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| ISTANBUL | TRANSFER |
| SQUEEZE | BLACKWOOD |
| TRICK | ENDPLAY |
| STAYMAN | GAROZZO |
| BELLADONNA | HAMMAN |

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ANOTHER QUEEN-JACK-EIGHTH

by Phillip Alder

I was having breakfast with Barry Goren, the non-playing captain of the USA1 Youngsters team. I mentioned that I had just received an article from one of the New Zealand team and was sorry not to get more from players.

He immediately mentioned a deal in which West held eight hearts to the queen-jack. I had not seen the deal before, but did remember an earlier deal, in round 4 of the juniors, in which West had held eight diamonds headed by the queen-jack.

This was Goren's deal from round 6 of the youngsters, when USA1 was playing against Sweden:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 8 6 3 2 ♥ -- ♦ A K 7 4 2 ♣ A K 8 4</p> <p>♠ A 9 4 ♥ Q J 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♦ -- ♣ 9 5</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ Q 8 3 ♣ Q 10 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K 7 5 ♥ A 9 ♦ J 10 9 6 5 ♣ J 6 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Rosenberg	Gronkvist	Kristensen
4♥	1♦	Pass	1NT
Dble	5♣	Pass	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass

Goren commented that Kevin Rosenberg had had a nasty problem over four hearts. We disagreed with five clubs because that should have guaranteed at least a five-card suit. Four notrumps instead would have shown four clubs and longer diamonds. But that might have ruined a good story.

West made a Lightner double of five clubs -- although some pairs would treat that as just saying West had bid four hearts to make with a strong hand, not as a pre-emptive action with a weak hand and a long suit.

The Swedes were on the same page, because Ida Gronkvist led the five of diamonds. West ruffed and cashed the ace of spades, North carefully playing his eight to hide his lower cards. Now when East played the five (low encouraging), West thought it was discouraging. So Mikael Rimstedt next led a heart.

North ruffed, cashed his two top trumps, played a diamond to dummy's queen, ruffed the ten of hearts in his hand, cashed his ace and king of diamonds, ruffed a diamond in the dummy, cashed the queen of clubs and king of hearts, and conceded the last trick for one down.

This was also well played by Alex Hudson of the USA2 junior team against Norway.

West	North Hudson	East	South Herman
	1♦	Pass	2♥ (a)
4♥	4NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

(a) Balanced game-invitation or strong jump shift in hearts

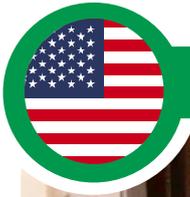
East led the jack of diamonds. Declarer won with his king and played a spade. West took the trick and returned a spade. East won and tried to cash the ace of hearts, but North ruffed, played a spade to dummy's jack, discarded a club on the king of hearts, cashed the queen of clubs, played a club to his hand, and led the last spade. When East discarded, this was the end-position:

<p>♠ -- ♥ -- ♦ K 7 4 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ -- ♥ Q J 8 7 ♦ -- ♣ --</p>	<p>♠ -- ♥ -- ♦ K 7 4 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ -- ♥ 10 ♦ Q 8 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ -- ♥ -- ♦ 10 9 6 5 ♣ --</p>
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North played a trump, East inserting his nine and South winning with the queen. Then declarer pleased the BBO spectators by leading the ten of hearts and discarding his ace of clubs! East ruffed but was endplayed in trumps. North was out for one down.



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MEET THE USA GIRLS TEAM



Rebecca Wernis, Asya Ladyzhensky, Kate McCallum, Anam Tebha, Isha Thapa, Julie Arbit and Marianna Linz

Asya Ladyzhensky

Asya is currently the most adorable member of the USA Rona Cup T-. No wait, that's not true, she's tied with Isha. She also happens to be a returning World Champion!

Bio info: 20 years old, student at Wake Technical Community College, Assoc. Degree in Arts

Anam Tebha

Anam has a standing invitation to play with Nick Nickell as long as she wears the "matchpoint dress". At the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, she has three majors and two minors, which is one too many suits.

Bio info: 22 years old, student at University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), Majors: microbiology, psychology, chemistry. Minors: French, math

Julie Arbit

Julie's proudest accomplishment so far is that she lived outside in Portugal for six months and only got fleas twice. Also on her list of achievements is winning the North American Pairs on her 21st birthday and getting bronze in the Girls Pairs in the 2013 World Youth Open Bridge Championship in Atlanta with her partner Isha-bo-bisha.

Bio info: 23 years old, student at University of Michigan, majoring in environmental science and psychology.

Isha Thapa

2013 WYOBC medalist Isha, also adorable, has acquired admirers from numerous countries at this tournament. Even with regular visits to Baby Gap to fill her closet, she still strikes fear into her opponents' hearts at the bridge table. She and teammate Becca were on the winning team in the ACBL Collegiate Championship earlier this summer representing the University of California, Berkeley.

Bio info: 20 years old, student at UC Berkeley, majoring in statistics and industrial engineering plus operations research.

Rebecca Wernis

After leaving Turkey, Becca will be flying straight to Brazil to take atmospheric chemistry measurements in the Amazon Rain Forest for her PhD research -- and to get fleas like Julie. She managed to sneak a turbo fan needed for her equipment in Brazil through Turkish customs, which has been much appreciated by her teammates. Just before coming to Turkey she joined forces with Isha and two other Berkeley students to win the ACBL Collegiate Championship.

Bio info: 23 years old, graduate student at University of California, Berkeley, studying environmental science.

Marianna Linz

Marianna is in her second year in a PhD program in physical oceanography at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). Even when she's taking a break from research to play bridge, her A.D.D. means she's nevertheless frequently "at sea". Her widely famed strong-club bidding system with Becca, "Mecca's Accuracy", is designed to get to the best contract, not necessarily the same one every time.

Bio info: 25 years old, graduate student at MIT studying physical oceanography.

Karen McCallum

Karen, who goes by Kate, gets a year taken off her lifespan every time the team goes for minus 2000 on a board. Luckily she has lost just one year so far this tournament. She loves us and we love her too!



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