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# It's an Intercontinental Final



**Simona and Paolo will have duplicated 18,000 boards this week**

The final of the Knockout Teams will be between the Netherlands Juniors and Argentina-Uruguay. The Dutch team won their semi final comfortably, gaining points in each of the three sessions. The other match was extremely exciting, between Arg-Uru and Netherlands-Rumania (which has a United States connection because Marius Agica lives there). Ned-Rum were 25 imps ahead with 16 boards to play and 15 in front with six deals left. Then Arg-Uru scored 48 imps and conceded 3 to post a 30-imp victory.

Today's final will be over 56 boards. The third-fourth play-off will consist of 42 boards.

There is one more day of qualification for the 12-team final of the Board-a-Match. Eight qualifiers will be joined by the four semi

finalists. Australia-1 are leading at the moment, three points ahead of Sweden and, more importantly, 21 in front of ninth. Since there are only 9.25 points between eighth and thirteenth, several teams are still in contention.

## **Board-a-Match Consolation**

Teams wishing to play the Consolation for the Board-a-Match should confirm this at the registration desk on Friday.

## **Pairs Registration**

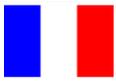
Pairs registration will be open on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00 to 18.00.

Pre-registered pairs must confirm their participation.

# Results

## Knock-Out Teams Semi Finals

	<b>ARG URU</b>	27	27	37	64	70	134
	<b>NED RUM</b>	59	59	30	89	15	104

	<b>FRANCE</b>	20	20	37	57	14	71
	<b>NED JUNIORS</b>	27	27	42	69	46	115

## BAM-Teams – Ranking after Day Two

1	AUSTRALIA 1	150
2	SWEDEN	147
3	AUSTRALIA 2	141
4	CROATIA	140
5	GERMANY	139
6	VICKYS VIKINGS	135
7	USA	134
8	USA U21	129.75
9	POLAND	129
10	ITALY 2	126
11	ITALY 1	122.5
12	ITALY GIRLS	121

13	NED YOUNG	120
14	TURKEY 1	118.5
15	JAPAN	116.5
16	KATTBRIDGE	116
17	TURKEY 3	115.5
18	AUSTRIA	104
19	TURKEY 2	93.5
20	VENEZUELA	86.5
21	IRELAND BLUE	58
22	IRELAND GREEN	56
23	CROATIA KIDS	44



Visitors to these Championships?



There are other games, and other cards!

# Japan vs Netherlands Juniors Quarter Final

by Kees Tammens

For a long time, Dutch juniors have been told not to double partscores. And, of course, they never obey. The fact that most doubled partscores are made — but could have gone one down with perfect defence — seems not to influence the players.

This was the first board of the quarterfinal:

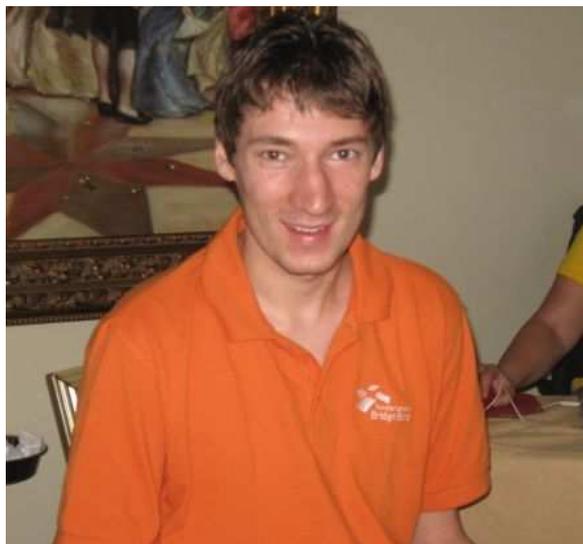
**Board 1**

Dealer North  
None Vul

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

After two passes, South opened three hearts, West made a take-out double, and North passed. What should East have done?

Joris van Lankveld was about to pass when he remembered the words of Frans Borm, a former Dutch schools coach. Instead of going for the big number (juniors believe that all of these contracts go down 500), he bid three notrumps.



**Joris van Lankveld**

This was a spectacular success when South led a low heart and dummy's jack held the trick. A low club was won by North's king, and North returned his second heart, South taking the trick with his ten and cashing the ace. Now East's king was declarer's ninth trick, along with three spades, the jack of hearts, one diamond and three clubs.

This was a good start for the Dutch when the Japanese pair at the other table somewhat unluckily failed in four spades.

**Board 12**

Dealer West  
N-S Vul

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

In this deal, Aarnout Helmich and Gerbrand Hop reached a much better contract than at the other table.

West	North	East	South
	Helmich		Hop
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT (a)
Pass	5♣ (b)	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood  
(b) One key card

Declarer had 12 easy tricks: two spades, three hearts and seven clubs.

At the other table a skimpy one-spade overcall disrupted the Japanese pair.

West	North	East	South
vdBos		vLankveld	
	1♣	1♠!	Dble
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led a low diamond, and the defenders took the first five tricks.

This is the kind of board you love if you are Dutch, gaining 16 imps.

After the first session, Netherlands Juniors led by 38 imps. In the next set, though, Japan recouped 22 imps. The match seemed open.

But in the last stanza the Japanese played a game the wrong way round, got to a hopeless six notrumps, and did not guess a diamond suit

of 10-x-x opposite A-Q-J-x-x-x (it was singleton king offside). Suddenly the Dutch juniors had run up 43 unanswered imps and went on to win by 61.



**Berend van den Bos**

## Three Notrump by Everybody! — Solution

By PO Sundelin

It is possible that there are more solutions, but here is one:

Dealer North	♠ K J		
None Vul	♥ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2		
	♦ —		
	♣ Q 10 9		
♠ Q 10 9		♠ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	
♥ K J		♥ —	
♦ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2		♦ Q 10 9	
♣ —		♣ K J	
	♠ —		
	♥ Q 10 9		
	♦ K J		
	♣ A 8 7 6 5 4 3 2		

Assume that South is declarer (or East, ...). West leads a spade to North's jack.

East wins the trick and continues spades. South discards a heart, then gives up a heart to West. Spades are blocked so the defenders can get only two spades, a heart and the ace of diamonds. It makes no difference if East ducks the first spade. East could instead win the spade and try his luck in diamonds, but that suit is also blocked and cannot produce more than two tricks while declarer enjoys seven heart tricks and at least two other tricks.

If West leads a diamond, declarer discards a club from North and proceeds similarly but with the clubs as his source of tricks.

Should West begin with a heart, declarer wins three tricks in hearts and continues with ace and another club. A spade continuation produces an entry to North, while a diamond lets declarer unblock dummy's club if West wins the diamond.

### More Three Notrump, Fewer High Cards

We learn that to make three notrump we need about 26 high-card points. I should say "used to learn." Over the years not only has bidding developed and changed, so have the requirements for making games. Or rather for bidding them. Today I believe 24 is closer to the average player's minimum. For juniors maybe 23 – or a good 22, and for Meckwell (Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell) sometimes only 19 or 20. My guess is that these contracts don't make as often as they used to.

Anyway, assuming you are allowed to place the cards as you wish, with how few points (adding yours and your partner's points) can you make three notrump against best defence?

# The Semi Finals – First Session

by Phillip Alder

The two semis got off to an exciting start.

**Board 1**

Dealer North  
None Vul

♠ A Q	
♥ Q 6	
♦ K 4 2	
♣ K Q 6 5 4 3	

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

♠ 10
♥ A K 3 2
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ J 10 8 7

Arg-Uru vs. Ned-Rum

	West	North	East	South
	Agica	Scanavino	Nistor	Ferro
		1♣	1♦	1♠ (a)
	4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Hearts

	West	North	East	South
	Crusizio	Drijver	García dR	Wackwitz
		1NT	Dble	Redble
	2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
	3♠	3NT	All Pass	

France vs. Ned-Jun

	West	North	East	South
	Bos	Cailliau	Lankveld	du Corail
		1NT	2♦ (a)	Dble
	3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Diamonds and a major

	West	North	East	South
	Poulat	Helmich	Lebatteux	Hop
		1NT	Dble (a)	Pass
	4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) A four-card major and longer minor

Against Marius Agica in four spades, North led the king of clubs. Declarer took dummy's ace, ruffed a club, played a diamond to dummy's nine, and discarded a heart on the ace of diamonds to escape for one down.

Against Bob Drijver in three notrumps, who hoped his club suit would be running, East led the queen of diamonds. North won, knocked out the ace of clubs, and quickly went one down.

That was 3 imps to Arg-Uru.

Against Berend van den Bos in three spades, the lead was the king of clubs, so he made nine tricks in the same way as Agica.

Against Simon Poulat in four spades, though, North started with the queen of hearts. Apparently this hit the jackpot, but, despite his partner encouraging with the two, he switched to the king of clubs. Again nine tricks, giving Ned-Jun a 6-imp start.

The next three boards were tame, although a misdefence by Joris van Lankveld on Board 4 gave 6 imps to France, tying the match at 8-8. Arg-Uru were ahead by 16-0.

## Herman can count to four.

Or can he?

A significant part of his photos were attributed to a player four positions away, resulting in four wrong attributions yesterday, involving six players. In today's bulletin we shall correct all these errors, including this one:



**This is the real Massimiliano de Franco**

Herman sends apologies to all six wronged players.

On Board 5 Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa and Maximo Crusizio made four clubs while the rest of the world were taking an easy nine tricks in three notrumps, giving Ned-Rum 6 imps.

This was the next deal with action in both matches:

**Board 7** ♠ A 7 6  
 Dealer South ♥ A 10 9 6 2  
 All Vul ♦ 10 9 7  
 ♣ 4 3

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

♠ K 8 4 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ K 5 2  
 ♣ K J 8 7 6 2

Arg-Uru vs. Ned-Rum

West	North	East	South
Agica	Scanavino	Nistor	Ferro
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Drijver	García dR	Wackwitz
1♠	2♦ (a)	Pass	3♣
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(a) Hearts

France vs. Ned-Jun

West	North	East	South
Bos	Cailliau	Lankveld	du Corail
1♠	Dble (a)	1NT	2♣
2♦	2♥ (b)	Pass	3♣
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Four hearts or ...

(b) ... five hearts

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Helmich	Lebatteux	Hop
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Da Rosa and Lankveld must have been pained that they were not given the opportunity to double three clubs, but it would probably have been only one down -- it takes a low-spade lead to obtain two down.

Three diamonds would have failed by a trick if North had started with hearts, but understandably they all led the four of clubs.

Berend van den Bos played perfectly, discarding a heart on dummy's ace of clubs and playing three rounds of trumps. He lost two spades, one heart and one diamond.

Poulat, though, ran the nine of spades at trick two. North won with his ace, cashed the ace of hearts, and gave his partner a heart ruff. When the smoke had cleared, the contract was two down and Ned-Jun gained 7 imps.

Radu Nistor had a chance to take nine tricks, but ended with eight after careful defence.

García da Rosa had to take nine tricks. He was off to a good start when South led a low club. The winning line was to discard a diamond from the dummy (West), and continue with the nine of spades. Best defence would let that card hold, but then declarer would play on hearts and must get home.

Unfortunately, declarer threw a spade from the dummy at trick one. He continued with the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. Now came a heart to East's queen and a diamond ducked to North. However, Bob Drijver just cashed his ace of hearts and put declarer in the dummy with a heart. East could cash three diamonds, but the defenders took the last three tricks with two high spades and the ten of hearts.

So it was 6 imps to Ned-Rum instead of 6 the other way.



**Radu Nistor**

This deal was difficult to judge for the players.

**Board 10** ♠ A J 6 4  
 Dealer East ♥ K 10 8 6  
 All Vul ♦ K 8 7  
 ♣ 8 3

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

	N	♠ Q
W		♥ 7 5 3
	E	♦ A 10 9 5 3
S		♣ 10 7 6 5

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

Arg-Uru vs. Ned-Rum

West	North	East	South
Agica	Scanavino	Nistor	Ferro
		Pass	1♠
3♣	4♣	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Drijver	García dR	Wackwitz
		Pass	1♠
2♣	2NT (a)	3♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) A good spade raise

France vs. Ned-Jun

West	North	East	South
Bos	Cailliau	Lankveld	du Corail
		Pass	1♠
3♣	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Helmich	Lebatteux	Hop
		Pass	1♠
2♣	2NT (a)	4♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) A good spade raise

I like the idea proposed by Andy Robson and Oliver Segal in their book, when in a competitive auction where our side has made only one bid in a major, two notrumps shows four-plus trumps with at least game invitational values (eight or fewer losers) and a cue-bid below three of our major indicates the same strength but with exactly three-card support.

Five clubs doubled failed by two tricks. (Ivan Cailliau correctly led a trump, but it did not help.) Four spades was unbeatable, but exchange South's jack of clubs for East's ten of clubs and it would have been different. However, only Crusizio went for it, leading his singleton diamond, getting his ruff, and underleading his club honours. Unlucky! That turned a 3-imp loss into minus 4.



**Ivan Cailliau**

With neither side vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ A ♥ A K 10 7 5 ♦ K 9 5 ♣ A 7 6 5

You open one heart in third position, lefty overcalls two spades, partner passes, and righty raises to three spades. What would you do, if anything?

Drijver doubled and partner removed to four hearts. This came down to a diamond guess, which declarer got right by playing the percentages.

Scanavino passed. Yes, three spades went one down, but that was 9 imps to Ned-Rum.

In the other match, both Norths doubled, so four hearts made was flat.

This was the full deal:

**Board 11** ♠ A  
 Dealer South ♥ A K 10 7 5  
 None Vul ♦ K 9 5  
 ♣ A 7 6 5

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

	N	♠ Q J 10 9 3 2
W		♥ J 8 3
	E	♦ 7 6
S		♣ K 10

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

A couple of days ago, there was a deal in which Ned-Jun played in three hearts doubled at one table and four hearts at the other to lose 13 imps.

In some ways that was topped by this deal:

**Board 12**

♠ A 4		
Dealer West	♥ J 10 5	
N-S Vul	♦ A J 7 3	
	♣ K 10 5 4	
♠ K Q J 10 7 5	♠ 9 8 6 3	
♥ 9 6	♥ A Q	
♦ 6	♦ 10 9 8 4 2	
♣ J 6 3 2	♣ 9 8	

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

France vs. Ned-Jun

West	North	East	South
Bos	Cailliau	Lankveld	du Corail
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Helmich	Lebatteux	Hop
3♠	Pass	4♥!!	All Pass

What a great psych by Aymeric Lebatteux. On best defence he goes down nine, but South led a trump, so it was 400 to North-South.

Against five hearts, West led his singleton diamond, so the contract just made. But it was 6 imps to France, now down by 5.

Arg-Uru vs. Ned-Rum

West	North	East	South
Agica	Scanavino	Nistor	Ferro
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Drijver	García dR	Wackwitz
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	5NT	6♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

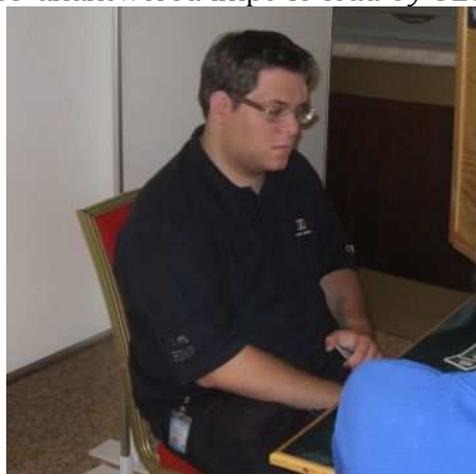
If the vulnerability were different, there would be a good case for North passing out his

partner's double. Here, that would have collected 300.

Felipe José Ferro clearly believed four notrumps showed length only in the minors. However, he could have made five clubs. West led his singleton diamond. Declarer won with the king and cashed his two top clubs. Now, though, he had to guess trumps correctly. Instead, Ferro played a spade to dummy's ace, ruffed the four of spades in his hand, and led the queen of diamonds. West ruffed, played a heart to his partner's ace, and got a second ruff for one down.

No doubt if García da Rosa had passed over Drijver's enthusiastic five-notrump pick-a-slam, South would have bid six hearts. (If Ernst Wackwitz had bid six clubs, he could have made it unless West led a spade.) Against six hearts, West probably would have led his diamond, the only start to defeat that slam.

Six spades doubled went four down and Ned-Rum gained 14 imps. Ned-Rum had now won 48 unanswered imps to lead by 32.



**This is Aymeric Lebatteux**



**While this is Maximo Crusizio**

Board 13 was flat in both matches. Then:

**Board 14** ♠ K 8 6 5  
 Dealer East ♥ A 7  
 None Vul ♦ A K 6 4 3 2  
 ♣ Q

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

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

Arg-Uru vs. Ned-Rum

West	North	East	South
Agica	Scanavino	Nistor	Ferro
		Pass	1♣
2♣ (a)	2♠ (b)	4♥	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

(a) At least 5-5 in the majors

(b) Game-forcing with diamonds

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Drijver	García dR	Wackwitz
		Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

France vs. Ned-Jun

West	North	East	South
Bos	Cailliau	Lankveld	du Corail
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♦
3♥	4♦	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Helmich	Lebatteux	Hop
		2♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

That is an interesting evaluation of the South hand. One opens one club, one opens three clubs, and two pass, one of whom then bids as if he has a weak hand with some diamond support.

The one-club opening bid pushed Ferro into six diamonds.

To defeat that, West had to lead his ace of spades. And given the bidding, there was surely a very strong case for that start. When, though, he selected the king of hearts, declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace-king of diamonds and queen of clubs, ruffed a heart in his hand, and discarded all of dummy's spades on his clubs before East could ruff in.

At the other table, five clubs made easily enough, but Arg-Uru gained 11 imps.

In the second match, surely Edouard du Corail should have bid more than he did. Over two diamonds, three clubs is sensible. And a two-spade cue-bid does not overstate the high-card values, just exaggerates the diamond strength a little. Also, when partner bid again at the four-level, surely South should have raised, perhaps even via five clubs.

The defenders took their four tricks to defeat four hearts.

At the other table, Lebatteux opened with a bid that would not occur to many! I suppose Poulat was worried either that five hearts would cost 500 or push his opponents into a making slam.

Helmich lost one trick in the play by overtaking his queen of clubs with dummy's ace, but Ned-Jun gained 8 imps.

On the next deal, three tables played in two spades by North, made with an overtrick. This was the odd table out:

**Board 15** ♠ Q J 8 7 6 5  
 Dealer South ♥ A 3 2  
 N-S Vul ♦ K 9 3  
 ♣ 5

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

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

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Helmich	Lebatteux	Hop
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣ (a)	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠ (b)	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

- (a) Puppet to two diamonds  
 (b) Game-invitational with five or six spades

South should have passed out two spades. Yes, it might prove to be a 5-1 fit, but misfits are miserable.

Three hearts was less secure.

At double-dummy, East found the only lead to beat the contract: a low trump.

North won with dummy's nine, cashed the ace of spades, played a diamond to the jack and king, and ran the queen of spades, discarding a diamond from the dummy and giving this position:

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

What must West lead now?

He tried the king of clubs and another club, but North ruffed, cashed the jack of spades, played a diamond to the ace, trumped another club with the ace of hearts, ruffed a diamond, and exited with a club.

There were two cards left. East led his low heart, but North called for dummy's ten and took the last trick with the queen to get home for a flat board.

To defeat the contract, West had to lead the king of hearts!

The session ended with:

**Board 16** ♠ 7

Dealer West ♥ A 8 6  
 E-W Vul ♦ A Q 10 8 7 5 4  
 ♣ Q 3

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

♠ 5 4  
 ♥ Q 10 7 3  
 ♦ K 6 3  
 ♣ K 10 6 5

Arg-Uru vs. Ned-Rum

West	North	East	South
Agica	Scanavino	Nistor	Ferro
1♠	2♦	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Drijver	García dR	Wackwitz
1♠	2♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

France vs. Ned-Jun

West	North	East	South
Bos	Cailliau	Lankveld	du Corail
1♠	2♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Helmich	Lebatteux	Hop
1♠	2♦	4♣ (a)	4♦
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Fit-jump

I am a big fan of fit-showing jumps, but here it gave South a chance to nudge in a four-diamond bid, which made it even easier for North to go to five diamonds. Then Poulat judged well to double, not to bid five spades.

Plus 100 at both tables gave France 5 imps, leaving Ned-Jun ahead by 27-20.

Drijver bravely bid five diamonds when Alejandro Scanavino foolishly passed. (If both four spades and five diamonds had been failing, it would have been foolish Drijver and brave Scanavino.)

Plus 620 and minus 50 gave Ned-Rum 11 imps and a handy 59-27 lead.

# The Semi Finals – Second Session

by Kees Tammens

Since Ned-Rum had a handsome lead of 32 imps over Arg-Uru, I decided mainly to follow the events in the France-Netherlands Juniors match, which was almost level.

After a push when dull partscores went three down, this was the second deal:

**Board 18** ♠ 10 6  
 Dealer East ♥ K 10 7 4 3  
 N-S Vul ♦ K 3  
 ♣ K 5 3 2

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

with his ace, played a club to dummy's king, and returned a spade to his nine.

The 13 imps gave France the lead in the match.

Arg-Uru gained 12 imps to close the gap.



**Simon Poulat**

As you can see, six clubs is laydown and six spades has play. These were the two slam-going auctions:

## France vs. Ned-Jun

West	North	East	South
vdBos	Lebatteux	vLankvelt	Poulat
			1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

## Arg-Uru vs. Ned-Rum

West	North	East	South
Agica	Scanavino	Nistor	Ferro
			1♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Defeating six spades is tough. West must either lead a club or cash the ace of diamonds and switch to a club. Declarer must be kept from reaching the dummy to finesse through East on the second round of trumps.

Van den Bos actually led an interesting queen of spades. However, following the Principle of Restricted Choice, Poulat won

Board 19 is the sort that haunts a trainer. The opponents bid to two notrumps and one of your juniors thinks it is a good idea to double because he has a balanced 19-point hand. Double-dummy the contract is laydown. After the lead chosen, declarer is threatening to score an overtrick. But luckily declarer gets careless and goes one down, turning plus 50 into plus 100!

At the other table, the 19-count goes one down in three diamonds to give Ned-Jun 5 imps, tying the match at 33-33.

On the next deal, four hearts went two down, but four spades, which was worse, failed by four tricks to give Ned-Jun 5 imps.

Another partscore board gave Ned-Jun 5 more imps when Lebatteux made a highly debatable bid.

Then:

**Board 23**

Dealer South  
All Vul

♠ A J 10 5 4  
♥ J 4  
♦ J 7 6 5 2  
♣ 7

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

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

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



West	North	East	South
vdBos	Lebatteux	vLankvelt	Poulat
			Pass
1♣	1♠	Dble	Redble
2♣	2♦	Dble	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gaydier	Helmich	Bernard	Hop
			Pass
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

**This is how captains watch a semi final nowadays:**



**Pierre Saguet**

Five clubs was easy to make and four hearts failed, giving France 12 imps.

This was a big swing to Ned-Jun:

**Board 26**

Dealer East  
All Vul

♠ 10 5 4  
♥ 10 9 5 3  
♦ 8  
♣ K 9 5 4 2

♠ A J 8 7 6 2  
♥ 7 2  
♦ Q 5 3  
♣ A 7

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

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



West	North	East	South
vdBos	Lebatteux	vLankvelt	Poulat
		1♥	2♦
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Eleven opposite eleven and a meagre diamond stopper. But after winning the first trick with the jack of diamonds, East took the next nine tricks.

Four hearts went two down at the other table to give Ned-Jun 13 imps and an 11-point lead.



**Kees Tammens**

Board 31 got the spectators talking

**Board 31**    ♠ K Q  
 Dealer South    ♥ A 9 6 5 4  
 N-S Vul        ♦ A K Q  
                   ♣ K 8 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
Gaydier	Helmich	Bernard	Hop
Pass	2NT	4♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

A heart lead seems obvious, after which North-South should get three spades, three diamonds and one club for four down. But South chose the ten of clubs. Now they got only 500. However, North failed to find a way home in four hearts at the other table, so Ned-Jun gained another 12 imps to lead by 69-57.

## The Semi Finals – Third Session

by Phillip Alder

In the match between France and the Netherlands Juniors, the Dutch team won all three sessions to triumph by 115 imps to 71.

In the battle between Netherlands-Rumania and Argentina-Uruguay, Ned-Rum was 25 imps ahead with one session to play.

However, Arg-Uru outplayed their opponents by 70 imps to 15 to win by 30. We will have a full description of this session in tomorrow's bulletin. For now, here are two of the critical boards.

Ned-Rum was still in the lead by 15 imps with six deals to play. This was Board 43:

**Board 43**    ♠ 4  
 Dealer South    ♥ Q 10 9 2  
 None Vul        ♦ 5  
                   ♣ K Q 8 7 6 4 2

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

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♠ A K Q 8 5 2  
 ♥ A K J 8 4  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ J

West	North	East	South
Ferro	Drijver	Scanavino	Wackwitz
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	6♥

North must have wanted to use four notrumps over four hearts as Roman Key Card Blackwood, but presumably it would have been natural. Then South was painted into a corner, not knowing if his partner had an ace.

West led the king of diamonds, under which East signalled suit preference with the three, and West switched to a club for one down.

This was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Agica	Garcia	Nistor	Crusizio
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♦ (b)	Dble	4NT (a)
Pass	Pass	Pass	5♥

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(b) No key card

That made, of course, giving Arg-Uru 11 imps, now down by 4.

The margin was two when this board appeared:

**Board 46** ♠ J 9 5  
 Dealer East ♥ 10 9 5  
 None Vul ♦ K J 4  
 ♣ J 10 6 2

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

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

West	North	East	South
Ferro	Drijver	Scanavino	Wackwitz
		1♠	Pass
3♣ (a)	Pass	3♦ (b)	Pass
4♣ (c)	Pass	4♥ (d)	Pass
4NT (e)	Pass	5♦ (f)	Pass
5♥ (g)	Pass	6♥ (h)	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Either three spades and 10-11 points or four spades and 7-11 points

(b) Enquiry

(c) Three spades and a singleton (or void) in clubs

(d) Control-bid suggesting a slam in spades

(e) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(f) Three key cards

(g) "Do you have the queen of spades, partner?"

(h) "Yes, and I have the king of hearts but no minor-suit king."

(i) "Perfecto!"

Declarer won the trump lead with his ace, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club in the dummy, drew trumps, took the ace of hearts, and led another heart, claiming when the queen appeared.

A beautiful plus 1510.

This was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Agica	Garcia	Nistor	Crusizio
		1♠	Pass
1NT (a)	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠ (b)	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(a) Forcing one round  
 (b) Game-invitational hand with exactly three spades

In the other match, France played in four spades and Ned-Jun in four hearts.

That gave Arg-Uru 14 imps and a lead they never lost.

## Time Table

### Day 5 – Friday August 26th

10.00-12.00	KO Teams	-	Final & Play-Off	-	1st set
13.00-15.00	KO Teams	-	Final & Play-Off	-	2nd set
15.20-17.20	KO Teams	-	Final & Play-Off	-	3rd set
17.40-19.40	KO Teams	-	Final	-	4th set

10.00-11.30	BAM Teams	-	Qualification	-	13th session
11.45-13.15	BAM Teams	-	Qualification	-	14th session
14.00-15.30	BAM Teams	-	Qualification	-	15th session
15.45-17.15	BAM Teams	-	Qualification	-	16th session
17.20-19.45	BAM Teams	-	Qualification	-	17th session

### Day 6 – Saturday August 27th

10.00-11.30	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	1st session
11.45-13.30	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	2nd session
14.30-15.15	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	3rd session
15.30-16.45	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	4th session
17.00-18.15	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	5th session
18.30-19.30	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	6th session