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Dutch Success



Berend van den Bos, Joris van Lankveld, Aarnout Helmich and Gerbrand Hop, flanking their captain, Kees Tammens

The winners of the gold medals in the knockout teams are Netherlands Juniors. In the 56-board final against Argentina-Uruguay, the Dutch players never trailed. In the first three quarters they gained 25 imps, 35 and 11, respectively, to lead by 71. The fourth quarter was quiet, being 14-8. The final score was Netherlands Juniors 145 -- Argentina-Uruguay 68. Congratulations!

In the 42-board play-off for third place, Netherlands-Rumania were trailing France after the first session by 2 imps. But they gained 35 imps in the second and 3 in the third. The final score was Netherlands-Rumania 125 -- France 89.

Gold: Netherlands Juniors: Berend van den Bos, Joris van den Lankveld, Aarnout Helmich and Gerbrand Hop, with Kees Tammens as non-playing captain.

Silver: Argentina-Uruguay: Maximo Crusizio, Rodrigo García da Rosa, Felipe José Ferro and Alejandro Scanavino.

Bronze: Netherlands-Rumania: Bob Drijver (playing captain), Ernst Wackwitz, Marius Agica and Radu Nistor.

The eight qualifiers in the Board-a-Match teams, to be joined by the last four teams in the knockout, are Australia-1, Sweden, Australia-2, Germany, Croatia, USA, USA-U21 and Vicky's Vikings.

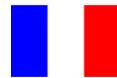
They play today for the title.

Results

Knock-Out Teams Final

	ARG URU	23	23	21	44	16	60	8	68
	NED JUNIORS	48	48	56	104	27	131	14	145

Knock-Out Teams Consolation

	NED RUM	34	34	64	98	27	125
	FRANCE	36	36	29	65	24	89

B-a-M Teams – Ranking after Day Three

1	AUSTRALIA 1	218
2	SWEDEN	211
3	AUSTRALIA 2	210
4	GERMANY	203
5	CROATIA	202
6	USA	199
7	USA U21	195.75
8	VICKYS VIKINGS	194
9	POLAND	193
10	ITALY 1	186.5
11	ITALY 2	182
12	ITALY GIRLS	181

13	NED YOUNG	179
14	TURKEY 1	175.5
15	KATTBRIDGE	175
16	TURKEY 3	173.5
17	JAPAN	171.5
18	AUSTRIA	150
19	TURKEY 2	145.5
20	VENEZUELA	130.5
21	IRELAND BLUE	87
22	IRELAND GREEN	86
23	CROATIA KIDS	70

Top Eight qualify for Final

Pairs Registration

Pairs registration will be open on Saturday 27th August from 10.00 to 18.00.

Pre-registered pairs must confirm their participation.

Hey You!

If you have any funny pictures of the championships, you are kindly asked to bring them to the registration desk so that they can be used in the championship album.

The Semi Finals – Third Session, Part Two

by Phillip Alder

We all know the results of the semi finals, with Netherlands Juniors outscoring France in each session to win by 44 imps. Two failing slams hurt the French in the final session, but that was only half the margin.

In the other match, Netherlands-Rumania were 25 imps ahead of Argentina-Uruguay with one 16-board session to play.

The first real swing board was the fourth:

Board 36 ♠ Q 3
 Dealer West ♥ A 9
 All Vul ♦ Q 10 9 7 3
 ♣ K J 3 2

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

♠ A J 10 9 7
 ♥ Q 6 5 4 3
 ♦ 6
 ♣ Q 8

West	North	East	South
Ferro	Drijver	Scanavino	Wackwitz
Pass	1♦	1NT	2♣ (a)
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Stayman

West	North	East	South
Agica	García dR	Nistor	Crusizio
Pass	1♦	1NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble (a)	Pass
2♣ (b)	Dble	All Pass	

(a) One five- (or six-) card suit

(b) Pass or correct

Ernst Wackwitz had no trouble winning nine tricks in two hearts. He lost two hearts, one diamond and one club.

Maximo Crusizio judged well to double one no trump. That would probably have been two down. In two clubs doubled, Marius Agica went two down, losing three spades, one heart and three clubs.

Minus 140 and plus 500 gave Arg-Uru 8 imps.

Even more went the same way on the next deal.

Board 37 ♠ 8 7
 Dealer North ♥ Q J 8 7 3
 N-S Vul ♦ K 3 2
 ♣ 8 6 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
Ferro	Drijver	Scanavino	Wackwitz
	Pass	1NT	Dble (a)
2♦ (b)	Pass	2♥	Dble (c)
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Four-card major and a longer minor

(b) Transfer to hearts

(c) Take-out

West	North	East	South
Agica	García dR	Nistor	Crusizio
	Pass	1NT	Dble (a)
Pass	2♣ (b)	Pass	2♦
2♥	Dble	All Pass	

(a) Four-card major and a longer minor

(b) Pass or correct

When Alejandro Scanavino (East) was the declarer, South led the king of clubs. Declarer won with his ace and returned a club. South took his two tricks in the suit, cashed his ace of diamonds, and played another diamond to his partner's king. A spade through was ducked to South's jack, who was endplayed. He returned a spade to East's queen. Declarer led a heart to dummy's ten. North won and played his last diamond. East ruffed in the dummy and called for a spade. North, down to trumps, ruffed and was endplayed. He had Q-8-7 left, East A-6 and West K-9-5.

That was two down.

Agica judged well on the first round, much less so on the second. And he badly mis-guessed the play.

North led the two of diamonds. South won with his ten and returned a suit-preference jack of diamonds to his partner's king. North now switched to a spade, ducked to South's jack. South led the king of clubs. After taking dummy's ace, West should have given up his club losers, but he played a low heart to his king. When he ran the ten of spades to South's king, North ruffed a spade, South took two club tricks, then led another spade to ensure two more trump tricks for North.

That was four down and 11 imps to Ned-Rum.

On the next deal, Drijver-Wackwitz were happy with two spades, but García da Rosa-Crusizio pushed into four spades. Game was makeable with very good guessing, but García did not get it right and went two down, giving Ned-Rum 6 imps.

The cards were quiet until the two boards described in yesterday's bulletin. On Board 43, Crusizio was able to use Roman Key Card Blackwood to learn that two aces were missing and stop in five hearts. In the Drijver-Wackwitz sequence, by the time hearts were agreed, they were at the five-level. Wackwitz misguessed by pushing on to the slam, giving Arg-Uru 11 imps and cutting the deficit to 4.

On Board 46, three pairs were happy with game in a major. Scanavino and Ferro had an impressive auction to seven spades. A diamond lead would have had declarer feeling very uncomfortable, but he could not have gone down. (You can also read more about this deal on page five.)

That gave Arg-Uru 14 imps and the lead by 12.

Then came ...

Felipe José Ferro



Board 47

Dealer South
N-S Vul

♠ A Q 7
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 8 5
♣ K 8 5 4 2

♠ 10 9 8 3 2
♥ A Q 2
♦ 10 9 4
♣ A J

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

♠ K J 6 5 4
♥ K 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 10 9 7

West	North	East	South
Ferro	Drijver	Scanavino	Wackwitz
			Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT (a)	All Pass
(a) Semi-forcing			

That is an awful opening bid by West! He was happy that one notrump was not forcing.

South led the ten of clubs. Playing safely, East rose with dummy's ace and ran the ten of diamonds. The defenders could have taken six tricks, but after South won with the queen of diamonds and led a second club, North understandably played a third club. Declarer won and took his red-suit winners to end with eight tricks.

This was the auction at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Agica	García dR	Nistor	Crusizio
			Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT (a)	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
(a) Forcing for one round			

That same opening bid!
South led a spade. North won with his ace and switched to a diamond. Declarer got that suit right and ran it to give this position:

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

Which finesse to take?

After a lot of thought, Radu Nistor played a club to dummy's jack and went one down.

That was 5 imps to Arg-Uru instead of 7 to Ned-Rum, which would have tied the score.

It did not matter, though, because on the last board Agica-Nistor had a disaster, losing 13 imps.

The final score was Arg-Uru 134 Ned-Rum 104.

Opatija 2011: "A Big Bull in an Unknown Rodeo"

by Ana Roth & Fernando Lema from Buenos Aires (Argentina)

In a match that will surely make history in Argentine-Uruguayan youth bridge, four junior masters from South America, showing great courage, overcame a negative result and won the semi final against a very powerful Dutch-Rumanian team.

The last set began with the  ARG-  URU team losing by 25 imps. It produced a lot of swings, but with three boards to play, and with the South American team only 7 imps behind, Felipe Ferro- Alejandro Scanavino bid and made a grand slam that tipped the match in their favour. The other two boards added more imps and the match finished:

 ARG-  URU 134 -  NED-  RUM 104.

"A Big Bull in an unknown Rodeo"

"I am a bull in my rodeo

and a big bull in an unknown rodeo;

I always think of myself as very good

and if you want to try me,

let others sing and we will see who is less"

With this well-known poem called Martin Fierro by the great Argentine poet José Hernandez, we describe the excellent South American performance in the semi final. The last set of the match was not for heart patients and board 46 was a luxury not often seen.

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

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

♠ 6 3
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5
 ♣ K Q 9 4

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Agica	García dR	Nistor	Crusizio
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Agica's sequence showed a game-invitational hand with three spades. Nistor didn't think his hand deserved a slam invitation and closed the bidding in four spades. He made 13 tricks.

Very different was the other room's bidding sequence:

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) Relay

(c) Club shortage, and 10-11 points

(d) Heart control, denies diamond control

(e) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(f) Three key cards

(g) Asks for the queen of trumps

(h) "I have it and the king of hearts"

When Felipe heard four hearts, he knew that his partner didn't have club wastage, that he had the heart control but no diamond control, and slam interest.

Felipe continued by asking for keycards, this bid showing diamond control. The three-key-cards answer was exactly the same as if Alejandro had said in a loud voice: I have the ace-king of spades and the ace of clubs, so West continued asking for the queen of spades, telling his partner they had together the five key cards.

Alejandro confirmed the queen of spades and showed he had the king of hearts. Now Felipe could count to thirteen and declared the grand slam, not even concerned that they had only a combined 25 high card points.

A jewel.

The lead was a trump. Declarer only had to draw trumps and played on hearts, for a well deserved 1510 and the match lead.

This is the same pair who declared another grand slam in the quarter finals, a partnership who don't know the meaning of the word fear when they have to take hard decisions, and that deserves all our admiration.

Time for some B-a-M

by Herman De Wael

After two days of Board-a-Match, no-one had yet submitted any articles on this specific event, so I thought I would give it a go.

I sat down next to the overnight leaders, Australia-1. They were facing USA-U21, overnight in eighth position, which is on the cusp of qualifying. I was watching the closed room, where the lone New Zealander, Liam Milne, and Michael Wibley, were facing Stephen Drodge and Dan Emmons.

Board 6

Dealer East

E-W Vul

♠ Q 7 4 3

♥ Q 8 6 3 2

♦ 7 4

♣ Q 6

♠ K 10 8

♥ 4

♦ A K Q 9

♣ 9 7 4 3 2

♠ 6 5

♥ K J 10 5

♦ J 10 3 2

♣ A 10 8

♠ A J 9 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ 8 6 5

♣ K J 5

West	North	East	South
Drodge	Wibley	Emmons	Milne

Pass

1♣

1♦

Dble (a)

1NT

All Pass

(a) Four or five hearts

Milne started with the five of diamonds, and continued the suit when in with the jack of clubs. The next club brought down the queen and Emmons set up the table's clubs. Milne switched to spades, but more than the queen and his two aces could no longer be made. The overtrick meant 2 vps to USA-U21 when their team-mates went down just one in two hearts.

Board 7 ♠ 7 6 4
 Dealer South ♥ A J 6 4 3
 All Vul ♦ Q 6
 ♣ K 9 7

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A Q J 5
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ K 7 5 2
 ♣ 6 4 3

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

West	North	East	South
Drodge	Wibley	Emmons	Milne
			Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♦
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Stephen Drodge did not find the queen of diamonds, so he went two down. The Australians were in two spades, and failed at the same hurdle, but this was only one down. The scores were levelled.

Board 8 ♠ Q 10 6 4 3
 Dealer West ♥ 9
 None Vul ♦ J 3
 ♣ A J 10 5 4

♠ J 9
 ♥ J 10 5 3
 ♦ A 10 6 2
 ♣ 9 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 7 2
 ♥ A Q 8 7 6
 ♦ K 8
 ♣ K 8 6

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ K 4 2
 ♦ Q 9 7 5 4
 ♣ Q 7

West	North	East	South
Drodge	Wibley	Emmons	Milne
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Dan Emmons started with the seven of spades, and Michael Wibley drew trumps, taking the third trick with dummy's five! Next he ran the queen of clubs. West went wrong by returning the clubs and not rising with the ace of hearts. Two overtricks, one more than in the other room, so 2 vps to Australia-1.

Board 9 ♠ J 10 8
 Dealer North ♥ A 8 6 4
 E-W Vul ♦ K 8 3
 ♣ J 9 7

♠ A Q 5 2
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ J 7 6 4
 ♣ K 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 7 6 4
 ♥ 9 7
 ♦ Q 10 2
 ♣ 8 6 5

♠ 3
 ♥ Q J 10 3 2
 ♦ A 9 5
 ♣ A Q 10 2

Both Souths bid their hearts to the three-level and made 11 tricks. A draw.

Board 10 ♠ 7 2
 Dealer East ♥ A 4 2
 All Vul ♦ 10 8 6 4 3 2
 ♣ 10 9

♠ 10 9 5 4
 ♥ J 9 7 6
 ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ J 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A
 ♥ K Q 10 5
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ Q 7 5 3 2

♠ K Q J 8 6 3
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ A K 8 6

West	North	East	South
Drodge	Wibley	Emmons	Milne
		1♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

On seeing the dummy, Milne uttered, "I deserved that." Two down and another lost board when the Australians quietly played three hearts plus two in the other room.

So the match ended 5-5 and both teams remained in contention.

World Famous in the US and Croatia!

The Croatian newspaper Novi List had a full page on these championships yesterday. Also featured was a picture of our chief editor, Phillip Alder. "That's more than I ever get from The New York Times," said Phillip.

All You Need is Bridge

by Željka Grgurić

A view from the hospitality desk

The idea to write this kind of an article came to me while I was photocopying the bulletin, which is a very brain-demanding and absolutely interesting job. While I was running through the catacombs to the photocopy machines, I was trying to catch the radio signal, because I was hoping to listen to the transmission of Dynamo Zagreb, as they were trying to qualify for the Group Stage of the Champions League (they made it!).

As the signal was going on and off, at one station I heard the Beatles song 'All you need is love', and I thought to myself, if Lennon and McCartney were playing bridge, the song would perhaps be titled 'All you need is bridge'. Actually, because I'm working on the hospitality desk for the second time now, I can say that it would definitely be called that.

To me, bridge players are interesting. The younger ones, I mean. I can understand that my dad and older people like him want to play all the time, but when a young person plays, for me it's interesting.

My mum says to me all the time that, if at a dinner or lunch party there's just one bridge player, the talk is all about bridge, even though the others don't understand a single bit. To that I can relate, because as an archaeologist, I'm the same. If I can find someone who knows anything about an archaeological site, he's going down. I talked like that to Doreen, the Director's wife, who's a tourist guide from Israel. For me, it's the perfect match.

I tried to talk to some of the players, but they're not interested, maybe because I do not play. (I do work on the hospitality desk, and you can see how busy I am all the time — just smiling and answering questions of the hotel guests, who somehow get the idea that I am the reception.)



So, while I sit at my work place and read a book, since I have nothing else to do, because the rush hour of my job ended after the first two days, I observe the players. They're interesting. If they're not playing downstairs, or in the other building, they're watching the game online.

Me, after a whole day of digging graves and bathing in the stream if there's no water in the house (yes, that has happened more than once), my friends and colleagues and I would have a drink – beer, wine or something stronger.

At the tournament on the day before the opening ceremony I saw a boy wearing a Bazinga T-shirt and then it hit me ... these boys and girls are Sheldons. Sheldons and Leonards and Rajeshes and Leslie Winkles. Of course, I can say that the Japanese guys are similar to Rajesh because they don't want to talk to girls (or is it just me? LOL).

I told Herman that my friend and I could sit at the hospitality desk naked and that nobody would even notice it because they're just tracking the score all the time. He laughed, thought it wasn't true, but said that if we wanted to try it sometime, we should call him, so he'd put us in the Bulletin (nice one, but no way, Herman). He told me a story of two famous bridge players (*). One of them made a bet that the other wouldn't notice if a naked woman crossed the room while they played bridge. It was arranged, the player didn't notice the woman, and the other one got the bet and the money. Herman says that the other knew and they split the money, but I'm not so sure.

My dad told me some woman shot her husband when he pulled the wrong card on the table, went to trial and got acquitted because the other players (witnesses) told the judge it was an idiotic move.

So ... what should I write more but BAZINGA!!

(*) note by Herman: Reese and Shapiro

University Bridge Events for the Future

by Geert Magerman, Chairman Technical Committee Bridge FISU and EUSA

2nd European Universities Bridge Championships

Warsaw, 18 to 23 September 2011

EUSA, the European Universities Sports Association, will organize the 2nd EUSA championships in Warsaw next month. University or high school students can participate and make teams with students from different universities. The number of teams that can enter per university or country is not limited. University students must hold a student card and there is no age limit. The cost is 60 Euro per day per student full board.

At this moment a lot of teams have entered already: 5 Polish university bridge teams, 3 French teams, 2 German teams and teams from Belgium, Latvia, Israel, Croatia and Turkey.

It is not too late to enter. For information: geert.magerman@telenet.be or www.eusa.eu.

3rd Online World University Teams Championships

on Internet (BBO), starts October 2011

At the moment, we are running the second edition of the World University Teams Championships with FISU World University Sports Federation and WBF. The tournament started with 34 university bridge teams, and has reached the semi finals now by knock out. In September 2011, concurrent with the championships in Warsaw, we will play the finals.

In October 2011, we will start the third edition. It is a competition for university or high school students, who must be between 18 and 28 years old and can play only for the country they represent. It is free, but you have to register by e-mail. We will play in a new format and play in different groups by draw. Afterwards, the first two of each group will play quarter finals. This allows all teams to play at least a few matches.

To enter, please go to the Facebook UNI BRIDGE and everything is explained there, or send an email to geert.magerman@telenet.be

6th World University Bridge Championships

Reims, 9 to 15 July 2012

In July 2012, FISU and WBF will organise the university world championships in Reims, France. Each country can send two university bridge teams, and students must be nationals of that country and be between 18 and 28 years old. All information on www.fisu.net.

University Bridge Pairs

on Internet (BBO), every month

Every second Sunday of the month, we organise the University Bridge Pairs on BBO at 7 p.m. Paris time. It is a pairs championship, open for everybody. We invite you to participate and it is free. We have around 250 to 300 pairs each time.

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Geert Magerman

The Knockout Final – First Session

by Phillip Alder

We will concentrate primarily on the final between Argentina-Uruguay and Netherlands Juniors, but cast an occasional eye at the third-place play-off where France was facing Netherlands-Rumania.

After a flat board ...

Board 2 ♠ A K Q 9 8
 Dealer East ♥ K
 N-S Vul ♦ Q J 6 3 2
 ♣ A J

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

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	vLankveld	Ferro
		Pass	Pass
3♥	Dble	4♥	4♠
Pass	4NT	5♥	Pass (a)
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

(a) Zero key cards

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	García dR	Hop
		Pass	Pass
2♥	4♦ (a)	4♥	4♠
5♥	Dble	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Leaping Michaels: at least 5-5 in spades and diamonds

What would you open with that West hand? You could start with two hearts, planning to bid clubs on the next round. Or three hearts, trying to silence the opponents. Or even four hearts, hoping to buy a good dummy.

Over two hearts by Maximo Crusizio (West), Aarnout Helmich (North) could describe his hand in one bid. Now West contravened captaincy by bidding over four spades because he had an unusual hand and there was some chance of each side having a double fit.

(Remember, if it is a double-fit deal, the rule is to declare. If you bid six hearts, they bid six spades, you bid seven hearts, and they bid seven spades, you *must* bid eight hearts!)

When West bid five hearts, North doubled to show extra values, and Gerbrand Hop (South) pulled to five spades because of the double fit.

West decided to lead a club, so declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, and conceded two tricks.

At the other table, Berend van den Bos (West) opened three hearts. Now Alejandro Scanavino (North) had to start with a take-out double. When Felipe José Ferro (South) volunteered four spades, North used Roman Key Card Blackwood before signing off in five spades.

West, expecting his partner to have two aces, led his singleton diamond. Joris van Lankveld (East) won with his ace, cashed the ace of hearts, then gave his partner a diamond ruff for one down.

That gave 13imps to Ned-Jun.

What happened in the play-off?

There was an echo. Both Souths were in five spades. Against Ernst Wackwitz, Simon Poulat (West) led the queen of hearts. Aymeric Lebatteux (East) won with his ace, but switched to a club.

At the other table, Radu Nistor (West) led his singleton diamond. Marius Agica (East) won with his ace and cashed the ace of hearts, under which West dropped a suit-preference eight. Getting the message, East went back to diamonds to give Ned-Rum 13imps.



Gerbrand Hop

This was the next deal:

Board 3 ♠ Q 5
 Dealer South ♥ A K J 10 7
 E-W Vul ♦ A 7 5 4
 ♣ A 9

♠ J 10 8 ♥ Q 9 8 5 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ Q J 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 7 4 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ 9 ♣ K 8 7 4 3 2
♠ A K 6 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K Q J 3 2 ♣ 10 5		

As you can see, seven diamonds is excellent. South can draw trumps and establish a long heart, taking three spades, three hearts, five diamonds, one club and a spade ruff in the North hand.

These were the four uncontested auctions:

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

(a) Two key cards and the queen of diamonds (b) Three key cards

In each auction, two clubs was fourth-suit forcing.

Usually, five notrumps says that all key cards are held and asks for side-suit kings. If Ferro had bid six spades, Scanavino would have known what to do.

North	South	North	South
Drijver	Wackwitz	Du Corail	Cailliau
	1♦		1♦
1♥	1♠	1♥	1♠
2♦ (a)	2♠	2♣	2♦
3♦	3♠	3♦	3♠
4♣	4♦	4NT	5♠
4♥	4NT	5NT	6♦
5♦	5♠	7♦	Pass
7♦	Pass		

(a) Artificial game-force

One wonders why Edouard du Corail didn't just bid seven diamonds over five spades, but the deal was a push in both matches.

After three quieter boards came ...

Board 7 ♠ J 7 2
 Dealer South ♥ 7
 All Vul ♦ 6 5 3
 ♣ A K Q J 10 3

♠ A 10 3 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ K 10 9 8 7 ♣ 7 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 ♥ A K 8 6 4 2 ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ 9 2
♠ K Q 8 6 5 4 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ A ♣ 8 5 4		

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	vLankveld	Ferro
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♥ (a)
3♥	4♠	All Pass	
(a) Spades			

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	García dR	Hop
			2♠
Pass	4♠	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Although it could be right, the odds surely favour Crusizio's not raising five hearts to six. However, when they escaped a double and the defenders did not find any diamond ruffs, two down looked like a decent result, four spades apparently being easy to make.

However, Scanavino at the other table had a blind spot.

East led the king of hearts (West played his queen) and continued with a low heart. Surely declarer should have ruffed that, played a diamond to dummy's ace, ruffed the last heart, and led his spade jack. Assuming it wins, he ruffs a diamond and continues with the king of spades. That route leads to eleven tricks.

However, after ruffing the second heart, North led his jack of spades, which West correctly ducked. Declarer could still have ruffed dummy's last heart, but he played another trump -- disaster! West took dummy's queen with his ace and led his third heart to

partner's ace. Then another heart promoted West's ten of spades as the setting trick.

Instead of 9 or 10 imps to Arg-Uru, it was 7 to Ned-Jun, making the score 21-0.

In the third-place play-off, both tables played in four spades after two spades-four spades, and the declarers played correctly to make with an overtrick. That match was 18-0 to Ned-Rum.

Arg-Uru got on the scoreboard when Ferro made two clubs on a deal passed out at the other table.

Then Arg-Uru benefited from system.

Board 9 ♠ Q 10 5 3
 Dealer North ♥ J 9 6 3
 E-W Vul ♦ 10 7
 ♣ Q 9 3

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

 ♠ A 2
 ♥ K 5 4 2
 ♦ A Q J 9
 ♣ A J 4

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	vLankveld	Ferro
	Pass	Pass	2♦ (a)
Pass	2♠ (b)	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Balanced 18-19
 (b) Transfer to two notrumps

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	García dR	Hop
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠ (a)	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) 4-4 in the majors

Two notrumps played fine, declarer taking two spades, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs. (Double-dummy, you can even win nine tricks.)

Four hearts played very badly, declarer losing one spade, three hearts and one diamond.

Plus 120 and plus 100 gave Arg-Uru 6 imps. Ned-Rum scored 6 imps in the same

way (except Wackwitz was in one notrump and did win nine tricks).

After an overtrick imp to Arg-Uru (and 10 imps to Ned-Rum when Poulat was extremely cautious in the bidding) came ...

Board 11 ♠ A K 9
 Dealer South ♥ A Q 8 3
 None Vul ♦ 9 8 7
 ♣ 5 4 3

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

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

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	vLankveld	Ferro
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Dble	4♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	García dR	Hop
			3♣
Pass	3NT	Dble	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

If Crusizio had been happy with three notrumps doubled, it would probably have gone three down. In four hearts doubled, he lost two spades, a spade ruff and two trumps for two down.

Scanavino, in four clubs, lost the first five tricks in the minors. But that was 9 imps to Ned-Rum.



Joris van Lankveld

Then there were back-to-back big swings in both matches.

Board 12

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



West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	vLankveld	Ferro
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣ (a)	Pass	5♦ (b)
Pass	5♥ (c)	Pass	6♥ (d)
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- (a) One key card
- (b) "Do you have the queen of hearts?"
- (c) "No."
- (d) "I don't care!"

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	García dR	Hop
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣ (a)	Pass	5♦ (b)
Pass	5♥ (c)	Pass	Pass (d)
Pass			

- (a) One key card
- (b) "Do you have the queen of hearts?"
- (c) "No."
- (d) "I do care."

Both declarers took two hearts finesses to win 12 tricks. 13 valuable imps to Arg-Uru.

In the play-off, Drijver-Wackwitz stopped in five hearts after learning the queen of hearts was missing. Declarer Wackwitz led his ten of hearts and put up dummy's ace, dropping the king and ending with 12 tricks.

At the other table, Cailliau (South) bid four notrumps and du Corail (North) replied five diamonds to show one key card. With no space to ask about the queen of hearts, South jumped to six hearts, giving 13 useful imps to France.

I hope Eddie Kantar is reading this. He advocated 14-30 Roman Key Card Blackwood responses for this exact reason and would have lost 13 imps!

Board 13

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



West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	vLankveld	Ferro
3NT	3♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	García dR	Hop
3NT	3♦	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
		6♣	All Pass

Neither pair shined in the auction, but one was much luckier in the play.

Against six clubs, North led his trump. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the top hearts to discard one diamond, and ruffed a heart to get the bad news. Now West, needing luck in spades to get away his other two diamond losers before South ruffed in.

Since North was likely to have started with 3=2=7=1 distribution, but maybe 4=2=6=1, things were not looking so good. West bravely ran the ten of spades. (Yes, if North had had J-x-x without the eight, he surely would have covered. This is why West should have led the nine, not the ten. Lead low when you don't want a cover, high when you do.) South took that trick and switched to a diamond for two down.

Against three notrumps, one would have expected North to lead the queen of diamonds. If he had and declarer took the club finesse, the contract would have gone three down. If declarer cashed out, he would have

been two down. But nervous that the king of diamonds might be West's ninth trick, North led the five of spades.

Van den Bos won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of clubs, and played another club. South switched to the six of diamonds, but West covered with his nine. North took the trick and went back to spades, so West claimed the balance.

Plus 200 and plus 660 gave Ned-Jun 13 imps and the lead by 20.

These were the auctions in the other match:

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Drijver	Lebatteux	Wackwitz
	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Nistor	du Corail	Agica	Cailliau
	3♦	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

What a sensible sequence at the first table! West was asked to bid his longest suit outside diamonds, and having seven, showed them. He also knew his partner would assume he had six or seven high-card points. Yes, he had more shape than partner would expect, but partner could also see they were vulnerable at imp scoring.

The drawback of jumping to five clubs, as highlighted by the other table, is that partner might take you too seriously.

Both declarers took eleven tricks (North led the ace of diamonds against six clubs) to give France 12 imps, now down by only 7.

There was also action on the final deal:

Board 14 ♠ A J 6 4
 Dealer East ♥ K 7 6 3 2
 None Vul ♦ 10
 ♣ A 8 4

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

♠ K
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ A J 9 8 5
 ♣ Q 7 6 5 2

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	vLankveld	Ferro
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	García dR	Hop
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Both Souths intervened on the second round to show a limited hand with at least 5-5 in the minors.

East led his singleton heart against three clubs. West won with the ace and switched to his singleton spade. Declarer took that with dummy's king, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond (dropping the queen), cashed his ace of clubs, and played another club. East returned a spade, West overruffing the dummy. North took the next trick with his king of hearts, cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a heart, and ran the nine of diamonds.

North lost only one heart, one diamond and two clubs.

García da Rosa (East) went to the well once too often, as I believe the expression goes. Helmich (North) happily doubled.



Aarnout Helmich

South led a low club, North winning and switching to his singleton diamond. South took dummy's king with his ace and led the eight of hearts. Declarer took dummy's ace and ran the seven of spades. Now North got his diamond ruff, and South had to get two more trump tricks for two down.

Minus 110 and plus 300 gave Ned-Jun 5 imps and the lead by 48 imps to 23.

These were the auctions in the bronze medal match:

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Drijver	Lebatteux	Wackwitz
		1♠	Pass
1NT	2♥	2♠	Dble (a)
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) The unbid suits with, typically, a doubleton heart

West	North	East	South
Nistor	du Corail	Agica	Cailliau
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

After the “normal” auction to three clubs, East led his heart, West winning with his ace and switching to his spade around to dummy's king. Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, and discarded dummy's remaining heart on the ace of spades. West ruffed and led the queen of hearts, East ruffing declarer's king with his king of clubs. Another spade was ruffed with West's nine of clubs, but declarer had the rest for his contract.

Bob Drijver (North) nearly got a great result for his frisky two-heart overcall. If he had stood his ground in three notrumps, he could have won an overtrick! The defenders have no communications and the diamond situation is wonderful for North. But Poulat's double worked when North ran to four clubs, which West doubled as well.

East led a low spade to dummy's king. North played a heart from the dummy, West winning with his ace and returning the queen. After ruffing North's king, East led another low spade. When North discarded a diamond from the dummy, West ruffed with his three of clubs. The jack of hearts ruffed by the king of clubs and a third spade lead guaranteed West one more trump trick for two down.

Plus 110 and plus 300 gave France 9 imps and the lead by 2.

More Three Notrump, Fewer High Cards – Solution(s)

By PO Sundelin

We believe that with fewer than six points you cannot make three notrump. But with six:

Dealer North	♠ 8 7 6 5 4 3
None Vul	♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
	♦ —
	♣ —

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

♠ 2
♥ —
♦ A Q 10
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

Declarer has time to establish the club suit. If West doesn't cash his black high cards initially, declarer actually makes an overtrick, enjoying three diamond tricks and his clubs.

Here is another one where the play shouldn't be too difficult.

Dealer North	♠ —
None Vul	♥ —
	♦ 7 6 5 4 3 2
	♣ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

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

♠ Q 10 9 8 7
♥ K J 10 9 8 7 6
♦ 8
♣ —

In both cases East-West don't seem to have been overly aggressive, but they did well not to double!

More Points, Fewer Three Notrump

Once you have convinced yourself how few high cards you really need to make three notrump, it is time to explore the maximum points you can hold with no chance to make nine tricks.

Solution in tomorrow's bulletin

The Knockout Final – Second Session

by Kees Tammens

There were 42 boards left to be played, and for sure lots of imps at stake.

Argentina-Uruguay, down by 25 imps, recovered two on the first deal. But then their North-South pair got too high.

Board 16 ♠ K 7
 Dealer West ♥ —
 E-W Vul ♦ A K J 10 9 8 4 3
 ♣ K 7 4

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

♠ A 9 6
 ♥ A Q 10 9 5 3
 ♦ 2
 ♣ J 9 6

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	v Lankveld	Ferro
2♦ (a)	Dble	2♥ (b)	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Multi: weak two in a major, or 25-plus balanced, or a game-force with long diamonds

(b) Pass or correct

With the Dutch in three notrumps, made with two overtricks, this was an opportunity for Arg-Uru to gain 10 imps by making six diamonds.

It seems that North bid too much when partner showed values in hearts.

Seven diamonds went two down, giving Ned-Jun 11 imps. Their lead was now 34.



Maximo Crusizio

Board 17 was a nice six diamonds, failing because of a 5-1 spade break. But both teams stopped in game.

On Board 18 Arg-Uru struck back.

Board 18 ♠ A Q 10 9 8 6
 Dealer East ♥ A K J 2
 N-S Vul ♦ A 5
 ♣ Q

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

♠ J 4 3
 ♥ 10 8
 ♦ Q 8 6 4
 ♣ 7 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	v Lankveld	Ferro
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	Garcia dR	Hop
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

I like the bidding by Scanavino, who did not allow his partner to pass out two spades.

The vulnerable game tightened the gap to 25 imps.

Board 19 was well bid at both tables, a push in seven notrumps with 13 top tricks.

After an overtrick imp to Ned-Jun, the next deal was interesting.

Board 21 ♠ J 8 3
 Dealer North ♥ K 9 7
 N-S Vul ♦ A K 9 8 2
 ♣ 5 3

♠ K 9 7 5 4
 ♥ Q
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ J 9 7 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ A Q 2
 ♥ A J 8 6 4
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♣ 10 6

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	v Lankveld	Ferro
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♠ (a)	3♣	Pass
4♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Maximum pass with heart support

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	Garcia dR	Hop
	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♥ (a)	Pass	4♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) At least 5-5 in the black suits

At the first table, West bid far too much and was punished severely, going down 300.

To add to the problem, four hearts was unmakeable, declarer losing one spade, one diamond and two clubs. That gave 9 imps to Arg-Uru, now down by 17.

On Board 22 Scanavino-Ferro bid to four hearts. This required guessing both red suits. The trumps were K-8-6-2 opposite A-J-10-9-4, which Ferro got right (they were 2-2). The diamonds were A-J-4 opposite Q-9-6-5-2. What is your play for no losers?

There are two sensible choices, mathematically identical: low to dummy's jack and cash the ace; or low to the jack, return to hand, and lead the queen. The first works when declarer has king-doubleton, the second when East has ten-doubleton.

Ferro (South) tried for king-doubleton and went one down, East having ten-doubleton.

That was 5 imps to Ned-Jun instead of 6 to Arg-Uru.

Board 23 ♠ K J 8 3
 Dealer South ♥ 2
 All Vul ♦ A 8 6 3 2
 ♣ 9 7 4

♠ Q 7 6 2
 ♥ Q J 10 9 7
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q 8 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 9 4
 ♥ A K 8 6 4 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A K J 6

West	North	East	South
vd Bos	Scanavino	v Lankveld	Ferro
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	3♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Crusizio	Helmich	Garcia dR	Hop
			1♥
Pass	1♠	3♦	4♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Ferro had the mechanism to show a strong hand with a take-out double of three diamonds, which was much better than the four-heart bid chosen by the Dutch South.

Four hearts went two down and three diamonds doubled looked like it might suffer a similar fate, giving Arg-Uru 12 imps and nearly tying the match.

South led the ace of clubs. To get 500, he had to cash a high heart and continue with his other high heart, North discarding a club. That would have been tough to find.

Instead, South switched to the nine of spades: two, jack, ace. East led his king of diamonds, North winning and leading his singleton heart. South won with his king and cashed the king of clubs. Now, though, he had an accident, leading the ace of hearts. Declarer gratefully ruffed, drew trumps, crossed to the queen of clubs, and ran the hearts.

Minus 500 and plus 670 gave Ned-Jun 5 imps.

This seemed to affect the South Americans. In the last five boards of the set, they conceded swings of 10, 12 and 11 imps. Suddenly at the end of the second session, the Europeans led by 104 imps to 44.

The Largest Delegation



Time Table

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
15.30-17.15 (*)	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	4th session
17.30-19.15 (*)	BAM Teams	-	Final	-	5th session

(*) change from previously published times

Day 7 – Sunday August 28th

10.00-11.30	Pairs	-	Qualification	-	1st session
11.45-13.15	Pairs	-	Qualification	-	2nd session
14.00-15.30	Pairs	-	Qualification	-	3rd session
15.45-17.15	Pairs	-	Qualification	-	4th session
17.30-19.00	Pairs	-	Qualification	-	5th session