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Who's Vicky?



Vicky's Vikings: Kristian Stangeland, Harald Eide, Kristoffer Hegge, Kristian Ellingsen

Congratulations to Vicky's Vikings on winning the Board-a-Match Teams in the most amazing fashion on the final deal.

The full story is on page eleven.

USA came second, 0.8 points behind first.

Third were Netherlands Juniors, winners yesterday, who were another 0.2 points back.

An appeal, if successful, would have leapfrogged Netherlands Juniors from third to first, but it was rejected by the Appeals Committee. (The appeal will be described in tomorrow's bulletin.)

Gold: Vicky's Vikings: Harald Eide, Kristian Ellingsen, Kristoffer Hegge and Kristian Stangeland.

Silver: USA: Kevin Dwyer, Owen Lien, Roger Lee, Daniel Wolkowitz, Jeremy Fournier and Mitch Towner, with Will Ehlers as non-playing captain.

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

The Pairs Championship starts today and runs for three days. At least the Board-a-Match Teams will have got everyone used to worrying about overtricks.

B-a-M Teams – Final Ranking

1	VICKYS VIKINGS	65
2	USA	64.2
3	NED JUNIORS	64
4	AUSTRALIA 1	61
5	GERMANY	59
6	AUSTRALIA 2	55
7	SWEDEN	54
8	CROATIA	51
9	FRANCE	47.8
10	USA U21	47
11	ARG URU	46
12	NED RUM	44

The medallists



Silver: USA, Owen Lien, Kevin Dwyer, Jeremy Fournier, Mitch Towner, Roger Lee, Daniel Wolkowitz and Will Ehlers



Bronze: Netherlands, Berend van den Bos, Kees Tammens, Joris van Lankveld, Aarnout Helmich and Gerbrand Hop

The Third Place Play-Off — Second Session

by Phillip Alder

After 14 of 42 boards in the Knockout Teams battle for the bronze medals, France led Netherlands-Rumania by 2 imps.

This was the first board of the second session:

Board 15 ♠ J 10 4 3
 Dealer South ♥ J 8 7 6 2
 N-S Vul ♦ A
 ♣ 6 4 3

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

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

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

(a) Spade-diamond two-suiter

West	North	East	South
Nistor	Bernard	Agica	Gaydier
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	1NT (a)
2♥	2♠	3♣	3♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) You can guess!

At the first table, it was difficult for Aymeric Lebatteux (East) not to double four spades. But the contract was laydown for an overtrick, declarer setting up diamonds and losing only one spade and one club.

At the second table, Jonathan Bernard (North) did not bid nearly enough. With a known nine-card spade fit and terrific singleton ace of diamonds, bidding four spades looks reasonable. And when Nicolas Gaydier (South) raised to three spades, North definitely should have bid four spades. It might have even been a double-game-swing deal.

True, four hearts could have been defeated by two tricks if South had led a diamond and North had switched to a spade. But — no surprise — South chose a spade. Marius Agica (East) won with his queen, played a heart to dummy's king, and returned a club to the nine and ace. After a diamond to North's ace and a spade to East's ace, declarer played a diamond to dummy's jack. North ruffed and tried a third spade, but East ruffed with dummy's ten of hearts, cashed the queen, drew trumps with a finesse, and claimed.

Plus 990 and plus 420 gave Ned-Rum 16 imps.

Two boards later, though, France got lucky.

Board 17 ♠ J 6
 Dealer North ♥ K Q 9 8
 None Vul ♦ K J 10 9
 ♣ J 7 2

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

♠ K Q 7 4 2
 ♥ A
 ♦ A Q 8 6
 ♣ A 10 6

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Drijver	Lebatteux	Wackwitz
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣ (a)
Pass	2♦ (b)	Pass	3♦ (c)
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥ (d)
Pass	5♣ (e)	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Gazilli: any 5-3-3-2 hand (including a doubleton club), or 5-plus spades and 4-plus clubs with 11-16 points, or any 17-plus pointer

(b) Eight-plus points

(c) Five-plus spades, exactly four diamonds, 17-plus points

(d) Control-bid

(e) Last Train, denying a spade control

West	North	East	South
Nistor	Bernard	Agica	Gaydier
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Three notrumps was safe. East led a low club. Declarer played low from the dummy, won West's club return, unblocked the ace of hearts, and knocked out the ace of spades to take eleven easy tricks.

Six diamonds, though, is a good contract — until you look at the 5-1 spade break.

East led a club. Bob Drijver (North) won with dummy's ace, unblocked the ace of hearts, drew two rounds of trumps, discarded dummy's club losers on the king-queen of hearts, and played the jack of spades.

West took his ace and led the king of clubs, ruffed in the dummy. Now came the king of spades, which East ruffed, much to North's disappointment — one down.

Plus 460 and plus 50 gave France 11 imps, down by 1.

There were three flat boards, then France gained 7 imps when Drijver went one down in four hearts after Poulat found the killing opening lead (a low club from jack-fifth, not a fatal spade from king-fifth), the defenders were careful thereafter, and the cards were again unfriendly.

At the other table, Bernard-Gaydier stopped in three hearts and made four when the lead was a spade.



Jonathan Bernard

The next board, mentioned in yesterday's bulletin, was nearly a mirror image. Drijver-Wackwitz stopped in three hearts, just made. Bernard was in four hearts and had to guess A-J-4 of diamonds opposite Q-9-6-5-2. He played low to the jack and cashed the ace to go one down, ten-doubleton being offside. That gave Ned-Rum 5 imps and the lead by 1.

Then:

Board 23

Dealer South
All Vul

♠ K J 8 3

♥ 2

♦ A 8 6 3 2

♣ 9 7 4

♠ Q 7 6 2

♥ Q J 10 9 7

♦ 5

♣ Q 8 3

♠ 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
Poulat	Drijver	Lebatteux	Wackwitz
			1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Nistor	Bernard	Agica	Gaydier
			1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Four hearts was aggressive, but understandable, especially vulnerable at imps.

Two hearts was a big underbid, but it was very well-timed! Eight tricks were the limit, so France gained 9 imps.

But that was the end of their scoring in the set.

Next was this deal:

Board 24 ♠ 9 4
 Dealer West ♥ K Q J 5
 None Vul ♦ 9 8 7 3
 ♣ J 10 8

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

♠ A 7 6
 ♥ A 3 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ A Q 9 7 6 2

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

West	North	East	South
Nistor	Bernard	Agica	Gaydier
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT (a)
Pass	5♣ (a)	Pass	5♦ (b)
Dble	6♥ (c)	All Pass	

- (a) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (b) One key card
- (c) "Do you have the queen of hearts?"
- (d) "Yes, but no side-suit king."

That was a very good auction by Drijver and Wackwitz.

East led the king of spades and continued with the queen when declarer ducked. North played a heart to his jack, then ran the ten of clubs. West won and played his last spade. Declarer ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, and ran clubs. West could only get his long trump — contract made.

The auction was not so smooth at the other table. South's second-round cue-bid typically indicates three-card support for partner's major. North did not mind the idea of a 4-3 fit with such strong trumps, but now South thought he had five.

If West had not doubled, East would have led the king of spades, killing the contract for sure. Now East started with a low diamond,

giving declarer a chance. How can North make his contract?

North won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, and ran the jack of clubs. West won and the defenders took three diamond tricks for three down.

That was slightly unlucky with a finesse through the opening bidder, but Ned-Rum gained 11imps.

North could have got home by leading a low club from the dummy at trick two (or after cashing the ace of hearts). He goes for these twelve tricks: one spade, four hearts, one diamond, five clubs and one diamond ruff in the South hand.

At first glance this line looks silly, but it is not so crazy. Of course, it works spectacularly badly if East started with king-third of clubs, or if East has a singleton king of clubs and four trumps. But it gives you other chances. Did you even think of it?

Board 26 ♠ Q 9 3 2
 Dealer East ♥ 9 4 3
 All Vul ♦ J 9 7 6
 ♣ J 4

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

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

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Drijver	Lebatteux	Wackwitz
Nistor	Bernard	Agica	Gaydier
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Gaydier guessed to lead the jack of spades. Agica won with dummy's king, led a low spade to his ten (North ducking), and played four rounds of clubs, North discarding a diamond and a heart, and dummy a heart.

South, with no winning defence, cashed the ace of hearts and continued with a low heart.

Now East cashed out, taking three spades, one heart, two diamonds and three clubs.

At the other table, Wackwitz tried the two of diamonds. Lebatteux took North's jack with his ace, played the eight of spades to dummy's ace, crossed back to his hand with a club, and led the ten of spades. When South covered with the jack, declarer played low from the dummy. North overtook with his queen and returned a diamond.

Now East made a fatal error — he let South take the trick. If declarer had won with dummy's king and read the endgame correctly, he could have got home.

Now, though, South led his last diamond. East played a club to his king, led his remaining spade to dummy's king to get that bad news, and exited with the seven of spades. North took that trick, cashed the last diamond, and played a heart to his partner's ace for one down.

That gave 13 imps to Ned-Rum and the lead by 27.

Ned-Rum gained 3 undertrick imps, and then came the final board of the session:

With the friendly diamond situation, Wackwitz took eleven tricks.

If only South's two of hearts had been the two of spades, six diamonds would have been making. But after the queen-of-hearts lead, the contract had to go one down.

This was another 13 imps to Ned-Rum and the lead by 33.

In the last session, the boards were very quiet, Ned-Rum gaining three more imps to win the bronze medals by 125-89.



Nicolas Gaydier

Board 28 ♠ K J 9 5 4
 Dealer West ♥ A 10 5 3
 N-S Vul ♦ 9 8
 ♣ Q 7

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

 ♠ Q
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ A K Q 7 6
 ♣ A K 5 4 3

West	North	East	South
Poulat	Drijver	Lebatteux	Wackwitz
Pass	Pass	1♥	2NT (a)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(a) Minors

West	North	East	South
Nistor	Bernard	Agica	Gaydier
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

At the vulnerability, Drijver and Wackwitz play the Unusual Notrump as constructive; hence North's "raise" to three notrump.

Spare a thought for the German team.

Originally, they were supposed to leave on Friday evening. But then they made it to the B-a-M final, and they wanted to play that. Plans were changed and they were allowed to stay an extra night in the hotel, but now they had to leave three minutes after the end of play in order to get a train. Except if they were to receive a medal, in which case plans would be changed yet again, and they would be allowed to stay till the ceremony on Tuesday. In that case, the President of the German Bridge Federation would drive down to fetch them. How's that for an incentive? Well, it surely helped them, and they led the field after two and after three sessions of the final.



The Knockout Final — Third Session

by Phillip Alder

After 28 of the 56 boards in the Knockout Teams final, Netherlands Juniors were leading Argentina-Uruguay by 60 imps. It was time for the South Americans to start a recovery. And the first board of the third session was a good omen. Below, the boards have been renumbered 29-56 from their original 1-28, so the vulnerability will not conform to the official one.

Board 29 ♠ 8 4 2
 Dealer North ♥ K 9 7 4
 None Vul ♦ A 6 2
 ♣ 10 8 5

♠ Q 9	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 6 5
♥ Q 10 8 6 3 2		♥ A
♦ K 7		♦ Q 9 8
♣ K 7 4		♣ A Q J 9 6 3

♠ K J 10 7 3
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ J 10 5 4 3
 ♣ 2

	West	North	East	South
	vd Bos	García dR	v Lankveld	Crusizio
		Pass	1♣	1♠
	2♦ (a)	2♠	Dble	Pass
	4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
	(a) Hearts			

That contract was one level too high, declarer losing one spade, two hearts and one diamond.

Maybe East should have settled for a three-club rebid. Yes, it is a bit of an underbid, but the singleton ace of hearts is a red flag. Or perhaps East should have dived into three notrumps. Or even bid three spades if partner would convert to three notrumps with something like queen-doubleton (which is definitely not clear, because if that is the case, how do you ask for a full stopper?).

This was the auction at the other table:

	West	North	East	South
	Ferro	Hemlich	Scanavino	Hop
		Pass	1♣	1♠
	2♦ (a)	Pass	3NT (b)	All Pass
	(a) Hearts			
	(b) Ah ha!			

South led the jack of spades. Declarer won with dummy's queen, played a club to his hand, and led a diamond to dummy's king. North took the trick and returned a spade. East now took his ten tricks.

Plus 50 and plus 430 gave Arg-Uru 10 imps.

That, though, was the end of the good news for Arg-Uru. The score on 11 of the other 13 boards was 12-6 to Ned-Jun. And on the last deal, García da Rosa doubled four hearts holding the spade ace, heart ace, club ace-king and diamond queen, but could not beat it.

His team-mates reached three spades, which was defeated when Hop got his two diamond ruffs.

That gave Ned-Jun 13 imps.

The difference was caused by East's opening bid holding:

♠ K J 10 5 4 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ A K ♣ J 7 4

Van Lankveld started with one notrump, so his partner, with a 3=6=3=1 eight-count, transferred into hearts and rebid three hearts to invite game.

Scanavino opened one spade and was raised to two spades, hearts now being lost.

At the end of the session, Netherlands Juniors led by 71 imps. The match was effectively over.



Two hours later, the match was completely over

Your Secret Questions Answered

by Ljerka Kukurin

The Hospitality Desk



Grazia Coppola (24)

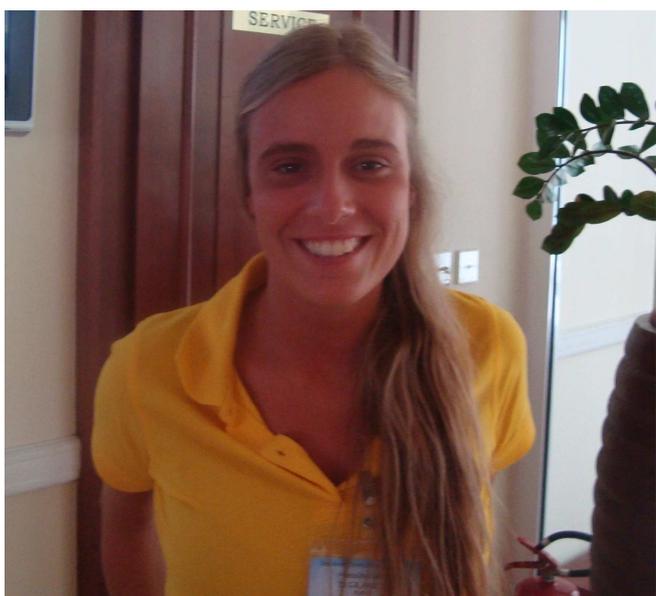
As much as we all secretly hoped and guessed it to be so, Grazia is not related to the famous Francis Ford Coppola. At the moment she lives in Milan and studies international relations there. Grazia loves foreign languages and describes herself as very ambitious. She speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese and French. We have no doubt that one day her last name will become recognised in the international relations world much like the one earlier mentioned is in the film industry.

Her field of studies is also international relations. She would spend her last penny on travelling, she says. Right now she lives in Milan. She lived in France and Belgium – eating cheese and enjoying top wines and Belgian cherry beer. Let's not forget about learning languages, of course. Often people say Italians are no good with any other language but Italian. These two beauties prove them wrong, wouldn't you agree?



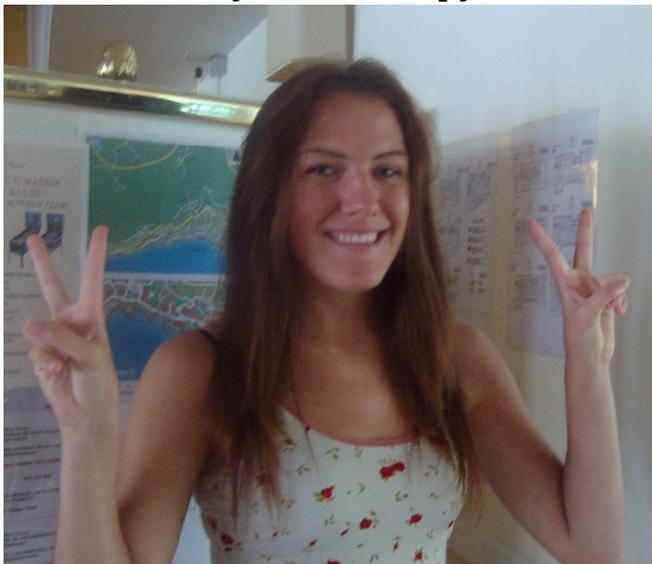
Željka Grgurić (26)

After almost becoming a doctor, Željka left medicine and decided to pursue her real passion – archaeology. She hopes to dig out some (or maybe all?) of the many secrets that old Romans and Greeks left for us to find. Her other passion is baking. Although she is famous for her excellent baking skills, she never eats her own cakes. If you want to be noticed by Željka or maybe even get something sweet from her, wear something green!



Carlotta Venier (25)

The Daily Bulletin Copy Staff



Marija Jović (19)

Marija lives in Opatija. She does Maritime Studies, but you are very wrong if you think that's all there is to her. Since she was little she attended musical school. You see, besides her sweet and kind nature, our Marija has an angelic voice too. Therefore don't be surprised if one day while visiting the opera house, you recognise this daily bulletin girl as the lead singer.



Ljerka Kukurin (23)

After quitting her law studies in Vienna, Ljerka decided to try her luck at studying Japanese. She's very fond of Asian culture and history. She believes that one should always find joy in what one does. Ljerka loves science fiction, her favorite movie being Blade Runner. She loves eating meat, but absolutely hates liver.

I see them Differently

by Carlotta Venier

I have been in the bridge world since I was eight years old; my father is a tournament director, my step father is the president of the WBF. I write "step" just to let you know that he is like a real father to me and the best person I've ever met. My mum used to work for the Italian federation.

And, yes, I know it sounds weird but ... I still don't play bridge. I do agree that you might not get the bridge philosophy at first, but after a while you realize that bridge players are not only nerds playing cards, or crazy scientists. Behind their tough shield they are sweet, clever, communicative people with a whole world to discover and from whom you can learn a lot ... or at least, if you try to understand their way of life, they can be very good friends.

I have also worked at the hospitality desk, for years, with my best friend and our boss Silvia. Every day we get thousands of smiles, hugs, kisses; some coaches bring us candies; people tell us funny stories about themselves. And I can assure you that if we were naked they would notice — maybe not appreciate — but for sure notice. ☺

Moreover, it's not just a matter of friendship and fun. In every championship there are players from all over the world; there is no better way to learn something from different cultures, religions and habits. If you give them a chance, you'll discover a bunch of great things and you'll be able to say "I love you" in 15 different languages. Ok, I might be a little bit too romantic but still, every time I meet these guys, I spend ten wonderful days having fun, laughing and from time to time even falling in love.

Bridge players are not just friends, they are a huge great family even to those who don't play bridge ... just give them a chance.

Player Profiles

On Wednesday, we handed a questionnaire to the players in the Semi Final. Below is a selection of the answers we received:

How did you learn to play bridge?

As these are all junior players of substantial level, you'd imagine they came to the game quite early, and yes, one learnt it from his grandmother at age 7. One player emanates from the French school system, which offers the game at the age of 12, while the others mostly have families to blame for taking up the game. BBO also gets a mention.

What made you stick with bridge?

Many facets are mentioned: the thinking, the excitement of competition, the meeting of new people, the chances to play abroad. Some simply mention the fun they get from it, and Joris van Lankveld sums it up: Bridge is by far the best card game there is.

What are your ambitions in the game?

These range wildly, from none at all, to simply having fun, to representing ones country with three players even aiming to play in the Bermuda Bowl some day, two of whom even plan to win it. Only one player mentioned that his ambition was to win this particular tournament.

Who is your favourite player?

Meckstroth, Rodwell, Lauria, Versace, Fantoni, Zia and Helgemo would not be surprised to hear that they are mentioned. Eduardo Scanavino is world famous in Argentina, and (still a junior!) Agustin Madala even gets two votes. Also named is Yves Aubry (not even by a French player, but it's still the wrong answer, as this is a World Congress and Giannarigo is the one you need to please).

What is your favourite bidding convention?

Gazzilli, Stayman and Smolen are those mentioned by name only. There are fans of a Weak-two in Diamonds, but also of playing two diamonds showing a balanced 18-19. One player likes to play two hearts as a very weak

six-card major (please be informed that this is a brown-sticker convention). Then there is one vote for a convention called Van Lankveld (yes, it was mentioned by Joris himself).

Have you invented a convention? If so, please describe it.

We have received a full explanation of the above-mentioned Van Lankveld, which consists of three-level answers to one notrump to indicate either slam interest or weakness.

Aarnout Helmich (together with Jacco Hop, the older brother of his partner here) has even invented a complete system called RKC Fredwood.

What interests do you have apart from bridge?

Television, games, reading, music (both listening and playing) and going out are among the favourites, but we also find more sporting activities like table tennis, tennis, paddle tennis, basketball and football. One player (Simon Poulat, if the girls are interested) likes cooking.

Who is your favourite musician?

We oldies must confess to never having heard of some of the artists that are mentioned. Exceptions to that rule are Bach, Beethoven, Led Zeppelin and the Eagles.

Alejandro Scanavino adds that he has studied for nine years at the Buenos Aires Music Conservatory and that he plays classical guitar. While Felip José Ferro used to live in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.



**EBL President Yves Aubry,
Aernout's favourite player**

The Board That Settled the Board-a-Match Teams

by Phillip Alder

Fifty-four boards had been played, there was one to go. This was the leader board:

1. USA	63.2
2. Vicky's Vikings	63
3. Netherlands Juniors	62

This was the last board:

Board 12 ♠ A 4
 Dealer West ♥ K J 5 2
 N-S Vul ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ J 9 7 2

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

♠ 6 2
 ♥ A Q 9 8 7
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A K 8 5 4

As you can see, six hearts and six clubs are, in theory at least, laydown.

Let's look at the six auctions of these three teams.

Starting with third, Netherlands:

West	North	East	South
	Helmich		Hop
1♠	Dble	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This did not look good for the Dutch. How could they possibly get two points for a winning board?

Well ...

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld		vd Bos	
Pass	1NT	2♦ (a)	Dble (b)
Redble (c)	2♥	Pass	3♦
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Diamonds and a major

(b) Take-out

(c) Asking for partner's major

Even though North should not have passed, why did South never show clubs?

So that was 2 points to Netherlands Juniors after all, giving them 64 points.

The leaders were USA. These were their auctions:

West	North	East	South
Lee		Wolkowitz	
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦ (a)
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Transfer

Maybe South should have bid five hearts, asking partner to go six with a spade control. And maybe North should have continued with four spades because four clubs was a slam-try. He knew of a double fit, although jack-fourth was a worrying club holding. Also, maybe we are influenced by knowing the full deal. (Assuming you will cash the ace and king, even if the ten drops from West, you are just over 53 percent to have no losers, a priori.)

Declarer took twelve tricks; USA minus 680.

West	North	East	South
	Dwyer		Lien
1♠	Dble	3♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♣
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

It was nice of East to give his opponents a second chance, but they did not take it.

USA plus 680 and 1 point, going to 64.2.

This meant that Vicky's Vikings needed a win on this board for victory.

West	North	East	South
	Eide		Ellingsen
Pass	1♣	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

That was surely it. How could plus 680 win the board? We have seen it once, but surely lightning couldn't strike twice.

West	North	East	South
Stangeland			Hegge
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

That seemed to be that. Minus 1430 to Vicky's Vikings would give the title to USA.

East led a low spade. Declarer (North) won with his ace, drew only two rounds of trumps ending in his hand, and then made an amazing play: He ran the jack of clubs!

West won with his queen and cashed the ace of diamonds and king of spades for two down!!

So Vicky's Vikings had won the gold medal.

More Points but no Three Notrump - Solution

We believe that 37 points is always enough to make three notrump. But 36 isn't safe, as will be shown. South would be disappointed if suddenly he had to go down, so we'll let West play a hand for once; even if he will suffer defeat in the end, at least he'll be happy for a moment. You aren't dealt 27 hcp every day.

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

Whatever the lead from North, declarer must give South five club tricks.

The Worst Tricktaker

How bad a hand can South hold and still make 7NT winning all 13 tricks in his own hand? Here is one:

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

West leads ninth-highest, South cashes four hearts while North gets rid of his diamonds and East throws four spades. Four diamond tricks follow, West and North abandoning their clubs. South now runs his clubs, and North and East give up all of their high spades, East after following once. South wins the last trick with the three of spades when North follows suit with the two.

Some years ago there was a competition where the aim was to find the worst hand that declarer could have, and still be able to take thirteen tricks. "Badness" is measured by the pip total. South's hand above has 93 pips (3+3 times 9+8+7+6). What is the best you can devise? Our answer will be in tomorrow's bulletin.

Problem 6 - game, partscore, and slam

This time your life will be easier (well, perhaps not..). Your task is just to place the rest of the cards, two hands only, in such a way that East-West can make exactly three notrumps, four clubs, and six diamonds. All players are experts, and will make no mistakes. They look over shoulders and peek.

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

You may need two days for this.

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Time Table

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

Day 8 – Monday August 29th

10.00-11.30	Pairs	-	Semi Final A & B	-	1st session
11.45-13.15	Pairs	-	Semi Final A & B	-	2nd session
14.00-15.30	Pairs	-	Semi Final A & B	-	3rd session
15.45-17.15	Pairs	-	Semi Final A & B	-	4th session
17.30-19.00	Pairs	-	Semi Final A & B	-	5th session