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One Match to Go



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Pride of place must go to the USA1 Youngsters team, who started the last session of the semifinal against Israel down by 30 IMPs, but took the set by 74-12 to win by 32. In the 80-board final, they will play against Poland, who were easy winners over France by 122 IMPs.



The final of the Juniors event will be the Netherlands against Israel, the pre-tournament favourites. In the semifinals, the Netherlands won easily against Australia by 112 IMPs. China led Israel after the first session, but then it was all Israel as they won by 74 IMPs.

The Girls' final will be the Netherlands versus Poland. The Netherlands led Italy by 41 IMPs at halftime in the semifinal. Italy reduced that to 16 IMPs in the third session. But the Dutch moved ahead again, winning by 45 IMPs. The Poland-France match was close all the way, with the lead changing hands six times. Poland did well toward the end and after the 56th board had been played, Poland had won by 29 IMPs.



The losing semifinalists will battle over 48 boards for the bronze medals.



The Semifinals Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy Juniors

		C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56	Total
	NETHERLANDS	10	36	42	67	68	223
	AUSTRALIA		13	43	7	48	111

		C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56	Total
	ISRAEL	4	21	61	30	65	181
	CHINA		39	27	11	30	107

The Semifinals José Damiani Cup Youngsters



		C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56	Total
	POLAND	10	52	62	38	72	234
	FRANCE		21	20	52	19	112



		C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56	Total
	USA1		14	40	54	74	182
	ISRAEL	10	45	55	28	12	150

The Semifinals

Gianarrigo Rona Trophy

Girls

		C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56	Total
	NETHERLANDS	10	43	45	18	53	169
	ITALY		33	24	43	24	124

		C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	43-56	Total
	POLAND	10	32	33	55	44	174
	FRANCE		47	36	32	30	145

The Transnational Teams

Ranking after Round 4

1	CHINA MIXED	78	16	PEACE	59
2	CHINA GIRLS	77	17	BULGARIA	57
3	SINGAPORE JUNIORS	75		CH. TAIPEI YOUNGST.	57
4	KOELESKAB	73	19	FERNET	56
	ITALY 2	73		SINGAP. YOUNGSTERS	56
	ITALY YOUNGSTERS	73	21	HERMANOS SUD	55
7	ARGENT. 2014	72	22	LATVIA	54
8	CHN RDFZ	71	23	CH. TP. & JAPAN MIX B	52
9	NORWAY	70	24	COSTA RICA	50
10	DOWN UNDER	69	25	JAPAN & CH. TP. MIX A	48
	ENGLAND	69	26	SWEDISH GIRLS	47
12	CANUCKS	64	27	MAPLE LEAFS	46
13	TU MEKE	63	28	JAPAN	44
14	SOUKUP	61	29	ARGENT. 1810	33
	AUSSIE GIRLS	61	30	REDOUBLERS	32

Final Line-Up - Juniors Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy



Final Line-Up - Youngsters José Damiani Cup



Final Line-Up - Girls Gianarrigo Rona Trophy



Matches on BBO

Friday 3 August (all times GMT+8)

10:30

VG	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	J
B2	POLAND	USA1	Y
B3	FRANCE	ISRAEL	Y
B4	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	G
OG	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	J

14:00 & 16:50
TO BE DECIDED

Israel vs Italy

Junior Quarterfinal - Fourth Session

by Phillip Alder

The last 14 boards of this tight match began with Italy enjoying a 25-IMP lead. But Israel started the fight back immediately.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Padon	Di Franco	Meyuchas
–	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Gerstner	Delle Cave	Fisher	Gandoglia
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, Gabriele Zanasi was cautious. Why not make a negative double or respond one notrump? Tell partner you have some goodies.

Against two spades, North led the seven of hearts, South winning and switching to a trump. Declarer took that with dummy's queen and called for a low diamond. South put up his ace and played another trump. West won in the dummy, played a spade to his king and took three diamond tricks, discarding a club from his hand. Dror Padon did not ruff the last diamond to leave declarer end-played in the dummy, forced to cash the ace of clubs and ruff a club in his hand for his contract. The defenders took the rest.



Lotan Fisher

In the Closed Room, the three-club rebid by Lotan Fisher was presumably encouraging but nonforcing; wishing to insist on game, he would have cue-bid two hearts. But Moshe Meyuchas thought he probably had two heart stoppers, so went for the game bonus.

South won the first heart with his king, then returned a low one. West won, played a club to dummy's eight, cashed three spades ending in his hand (South discarded a club), took a second club finesse and had nine tricks: three spades, one heart and five clubs.

That gave Israel a nice 7-IMP start.

The next board was flat, both Easts going four down in one notrump.



Dror Padon

In notrump, you have A-Q-8-6-2 in the dummy opposite 10-7-5 in your hand. What is the best line for four tricks assuming you have no entry problems?

That combination cropped up in this deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 8 6 2 ♥ J 10 3 ♦ J 6 ♣ K Q 3</p> <p>♠ K 9 4 3 ♥ Q 9 7 5 ♦ Q 10 8 2 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ J ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ A 10 9 8 7 4</p> <p>♠ 10 7 5 ♥ A K 8 ♦ A 7 5 3 ♣ J 5 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Padon	Di Franco	Meyuchas
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣ (a)	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT (b)	All Pass	

(a) Puppet to two diamonds
(b) Balanced game-force with five spades

West	North	East	South
Gerstner	Delle Cave	Fisher	Gandoglia
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦ (a)	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(a) Game-forcing checkback

Against three notrumps, Zanasi led the five of hearts.

Taken in isolation, the best play for four spade tricks is to lead the five and, assuming West plays the three or four, to call for the two. When it loses to the jack, you return to hand and run the ten. As you can see, that would have worked perfectly. However, here, declarer was in the dummy after trick one. He cashed the ace of spades, then played a spade to his ten. West ducked, took the next spade and switched to a diamond, but declarer carefully ducked two rounds, took the third and played a club. He lost only one spade, two diamonds and one club.

To defeat the contract, West had to find a diamond lead and East put in the nine if declarer played low from the dummy — not easy.

Against four spades, East led the four of hearts. Declarer finessed, so West won and switched to his singleton club. East won with his ace and gave his partner a ruff. West now led a diamond. North could win in the dummy and play a spade to his queen, but he had to lose another spade and a diamond for two down.

Plus 400 and plus 100 gave Israel 11 IMPs, now down by 8.

There were two flat boards, all four pairs going one down in four hearts. Then:

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 10 7 5 4 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ 8 7 6</p> <p>♠ K 3 ♥ 5 2 ♦ K Q J 9 3 ♣ A K 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 6 2 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 ♦ A 5 ♣ 10 9 3 2</p> <p>♠ J 9 8 ♥ A K 9 4 3 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ Q J</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Padon	Di Franco	Meyuchas
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♦ (a)	Dble	3♥ (b)
Pass	3♠	4♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) A six-card or longer major
(b) Pass or correct

West	North	East	South
Gerstner	Delle Cave	Fisher	Gandoglia
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

What a great three-heart bid by Meyuchas! Usually when you make a pass-or-correct bid like that, you have minor length, say three cards, in that suit and extra length in the other suit. And because of that, most people would have bid three spades with his hand. Massimiliano Di Franco, drawing that conclusion, thought he could make an inferential four-heart bid. But he had fallen into Meyuchas' trap.

South led the eight of spades, North taking two tricks in the suit. To get the contract three down, North had to switch to his trump. However, South had played the jack of spades at the second trick. He was just unblocking the suit, but perhaps North thought it might be suit preference, so he led a diamond.

East won in the dummy and played a trump to his queen. South took his king and led the queen of clubs. Declarer won in the dummy and played another trump to the jack and ace. Now South should have led a minor for three down, but he played his last spade. This allowed declarer to reduce his trump length. East ruffed, unblocked the ace of diamonds, crossed to dummy with a club and discarded two clubs on diamonds. South ruffed, but it was trick 12 and he had to lead from the 9-4 of hearts into East's 10-8; two down.

In the Closed Room, Alessandro Gandoglia's light opening resulted in a short auction.

Giuseppe Delle Cave led a heart, South winning and switching to a trump. Gal Gerstner drew trumps and played a second heart. South took his ace and led a spade. North should have taken two tricks in the suit, but he immediately switched to a club. Now the spade trick disappeared and declarer took ten tricks. Not that that made any difference to the IMP score, which was 12 to Israel. We had a new leader in the match.



Gal Gerstner

After a flat board, Italy finally scored some points on this deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Padon	Di Franco	Meyuchas
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Gerstner	Delle Cave	Fisher	Gandoglia
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣ (a)	Dble	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(a) Strong raise

Di Franco stole the pot with his one-spade opening. The subsequent two-spade contract could have been taken three down, but Padon ruffed one of his partner's winners and let declarer escape for two down.

It is embarrassing not to bid when your side can make game, especially when that game is three notrumps. But how could the Israelis have got into the auction?

In the Closed Room, East led the ace of spades, then switched to a diamond. West won and returned the suit, declarer taking his king and running clubs and hearts for an overtrick.

Minus 100 and plus 430 gave Italy 8 IMPs; they were back in front.

That lead did not last, though.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

♠ Q J 9 5 4 2
 ♥ J 6 5 4
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ —

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

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

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Padon	Di Franco	Meyuchas
–	2♦ (a)	Dble	Redble
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(a) Weak two in a major

West	North	East	South
Gerstner	Delle Cave	Fisher	Gandoglia
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	2♠	Dble	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

It was interesting that neither pair even sniffed at the laydown three notrumps.

Against four hearts, Padon led the queen of spades. South won with his ace and switched to the king of diamonds. Zanasi took dummy's ace and played three rounds of trumps. Then he moved to clubs. Now Padon defended carefully, not ruffing until the fourth round. He then led a diamond to his partner's queen and got a spade through for the fourth defensive trick. North-South took two spades, one heart and one diamond.

To get home, declarer had to guess the 4-2 heart break (nigh impossible given North's opening bid) and after two trumps, lead a diamond. Then everything would have been under control.

Fisher and Gerstner reached a game that just required careful handling. South led the ace of spades and switched to the king of diamonds. Fisher won, cashed the king of clubs, won the next trick with dummy's six of clubs, then conceded a diamond. He could not be stopped from taking one spade, three hearts, one diamond, five clubs and one diamond ruff in the dummy.

Plus 100 and plus 600 gave Israel 12 IMPs. We had a new leader for the sixth time.

France gained three IMPs, but another big Israeli swing was just around the corner.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 7 2
 ♥ K 9 6
 ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ 9 8 7 6 5

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

♠ Q J 4
 ♥ A J 10 4
 ♦ J
 ♣ A K Q 10 2

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Padon	Di Franco	Meyuchas
–	–	–	1♣
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gerstner	Delle Cave	Fisher	Gandoglia
–	–	–	1♣
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Meyuchas won the king-of-diamonds lead with dummy's ace and immediately played a spade to his queen. West took his ace and switched to a heart, dummy's nine winning. South drew trumps ending in hand and led the jack of hearts, but when West played low, declarer put up the king, crossed to his hand with a heart, ruffed his last heart and played a spade up to make his contract, losing only two spades.

Gandoglia won with his ace of diamonds and drew trumps immediately, West craftily discarding a heart. Now South played a heart to the king and a heart back, losing one heart and two spades.

That gave Israel 10 IMPs and the lead by 19 with three boards to go.

That was effectively the match. Italy could have gained 10 IMPs on the penultimate board if Gandoglia had made five clubs, but that would have only closed the final margin from 23 to 7.

Israel was through to face China.

Netherlands vs Australia

Junior Semifinal - First Session

by Brian Senior

Having qualified first and second, the Netherlands and Australia had both won their quarter-finals fairly comfortably. Now they had to face off in a 56-board semifinal as the Dutch had chosen to play the winners of the Australia v USA1 quarterfinal match. The Netherlands would have a 10 IMP carry-over advantage.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Milne	Helmich	Adam E	Hop
–	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	Hung	v d Bos	Nabil E
–	1♠	Dble	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Netherlands got off to a fast start when Aarnout Helmich and Gerbrand Hop outbid Andy Hung and Nabil Edgtton on the first board of the match. Hop upgraded the South hand to force to game with his initial response and, after a series of relays, settled his partner into the best contract of 4♥.

Played by North, it was not possible to put the contract under any serious pressure. Adam Edgt-

ton led the nine of clubs. Helmich won with the ace and played on trumps, Edgtton holding up until the third round, then cashing the ace of diamonds. Helmich had the rest for plus 450.

At the other table, Berend van den Bos found an aggressive take-out double of the 1♠ opener. Nabil's 1NT was a transfer to clubs and 2♣ the normal action – other bids would have been natural but tended to suggest short clubs. Now 2♠ showed 8-10 with two spades and Hung jumped to the notrump game. Hearts were never mentioned.

Played by North, 3NT would have had a chance, but Joris van Lankveld's lead of the two of diamonds swiftly put paid to its chances when played by South. The defence took the first six tricks for down two; minus 100 and 11 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Milne	Helmich	Adam E	Hop
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	2♠
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	Hung	v d Bos	Nabil E
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

It may seem that whether West opens 1♣ or 1♦ is a matter of personal or partnership style and doesn't really matter on this deal. However, when North overcalled 1♠, Adam had the security of a known diamond fit as East where Van den Bos did not. With only 5 HCP, that was sufficient to persuade Adam that he could afford to make a negative double, while Van den Bos did not. That made it easier for the Australian E/W to compete the partscore but, as it turned out, both pairs bid up to 3♥ and it was the respective Norths' decision whether to compete to 3♠ that actually decided the board.

Nabil led a trump against 3♥. Hung won and switched to a spade to dummy's bare ace. Van den Bos played the jack of hearts to Nabil's king, then won the heart return in hand. The two of diamonds went to the queen, king and ace, and Hung tried underleading the king of spades. Van den Bos put up the queen and could draw the last trump and make the rest, finessing against the nine of diamonds along the way; plus 170.

Three Spades could have been defeated – three rounds of clubs for a ruff and two trump tricks being the simple way to do so. But Adam led the jack of diamonds to the queen, king and ace. Helmich cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a diamond, then took a club pitch on the king of hearts. He continued by crossruffing in the red suits, then played a club. Adam ruffed his partner's second club winner to avoid an endplay at trick twelve, but that merely saved the overtrick; plus 140 and 7 IMPs to Netherlands.



Adam Edgton

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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♠ 8 6 3
♥ 10 2
♦ Q J
♣ 10 8 7 5 4 3

♠ A 9 7
♥ K Q
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ A K 9 2

♠ K J 10 2
♥ J 7 5
♦ A 7 6 4
♣ Q J

♠ Q 5 4
♥ A 9 8 6 4 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ 6
  
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West	North	East	South
Milne	Helmich	Adam E	Hop
–	–	–	2♥
Dble	3♥	4♠	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	Hung	v d Bos	Nabil E
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

There was no swing on this deal, but again it was the Dutch who were calling the tune. Nabil did not open the South hand, though it is comfortably in range for their multi-opening, and now there was no pressure at all on the Dutch E-W pair, who bid easily to 3NT. With everything lying kindly for E-W. that was 11 tricks for plus 660.

Hop's weak 2♥ opening might not in itself have caused too much difficulty for Liam Milne and Adam Edgton, but Helmich's well-timed raise with the North cards gave them a real problem. Adam jumped to 4♠ and now Milne thought that he was too good not to make a slam-try, which he did. Adam signed off but was dangerously high on a less benign lay-out. Hop led his singleton club, which Adam won in hand with the queen. He played a spade to the ace and a second round to the jack and queen but, with no entry to the North hand for the club ruff, the best that Hop could do was to play ace and another heart. Adam had the rest for plus 650 and a flat board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Milne	Helmich	Adam E	Hop
–	1♦	Pass	1♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	Hung	v d Bos	Nabil E
–	1♦	Pass	1♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Two identical starts to the auction saw both N-S pairs reach the heart game. Van den Bos now saved in 4♠ with the East hand and was doubled, while Adam did not.

The two side-suit fits meant that not only was 4♥ an easy make but also that 4♠ doubled was very cheap. Milne led his singleton diamond against 4♥, won the first heart and put Adam in to give him his ruff. But that meant that there was a diamond winner on which to pitch South's club loser, so that was all for the defence; plus 620. In the other room, Hung cashed a top diamond, then switched to the queen of hearts. Now the defence had a trick in each suit to beat 4♠ doubled by one; minus 100 but 11 IMPs to the Netherlands.



It had been all the Netherlands up to now, but finally Australia had some good news.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 8 5 4 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ J 2 ♣ 9 6 5</p> <p>♠ J 6 2 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 8 7 4 3 ♣ J 8 7 4</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ K 10 9 7 5 3 ♦ A K Q 10 ♣ K Q 10</p> <p>♠ A Q 9 7 3 ♥ A J ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ A 3 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Milne	Helmich	Adam E	Hop
–	–	1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	Hung	v d Bos	Nabil E
–	–	1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	Dble	Redble
3NT	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Once again there were identical starts to the two auctions. When Adam doubled 3♠, Milne guessed to respond 4♥, a contract with a big upside, rather than pick one of his four-card minors. That proved to be a big winner when Adam turned up with a sixth heart. There was nothing to the play as the cards lay and Adam quickly chalked up 11 tricks for plus 650.

At the other table, Nabil redoubled 3♠ and that gave Van Lankveld an extra option, a scrambling 3NT, showing two places to play. Van den Bos bid his four-card minor and there the matter rested. Repeated spade leads force declarer to ruff twice with diamond honours, establishing a trump trick for South, so 5♦ can be defeated. Four diamonds is secure, however, so Nabil's trump lead merely gave the overtrick; plus 150 to Van den Bos but 11 IMPs to Australia.

That was the last significant swing of the set, which ended with the Netherlands ahead by 46-13 IMPs.

France vs Poland

Girls Semifinal - First Session

by Brian Senior

The Polish Girls team started their semifinal against France with a 10 IMP carry-over. After five deals the overall score had moved on to 17-8, then the fun started.

Dufrat had 11 tricks for plus 600 and 12 IMPs to Poland, who led by 29-8.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
-	-	1♦	1♥
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
-	-	1♦	1♥
1♠	Dble	2♥	Pass
2NT	3♣	3♦	4♣
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Both Easts opened 1♦ and both Souths made a heart overcall. Now Claire Chaugny, for France, bid a simple 1NT as West and Carole Puillet raised her to game. Alas, while there were nine top tricks, the auction had put Danuta Kazmucha on lead and she had the easy and effective choice of the king of clubs. The Poles took the first five tricks for down one; minus 100.

At the other table, Justyna Zmuda bid 1♠, a transfer to notrump. Now the French N-S pair got busy in the auction, but only succeeded in forcing their opponents out of notrump and into diamonds. Five diamonds was just on the heart finesse and after the overcall that was a huge favourite to be successful. Sure enough, Katarzyna

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Both Easts were using transfers after the overcall and both Wests suggested three-card spade support when they completed the transfer. Now Dufrat signed off in 1NT despite the lack of a diamond stopper, which ended the auction. Aurelie Thizy led the eight of diamonds, so the defence took five of those, but then Dufrat had the rest for plus 120.

The French pair had a misunderstanding at the other table and it worked out very well for them. After the same start, Puillet bid 2♣, intending it to be natural, but Chaugny thought it was a relay to 2♦ to start an invitational sequence, hence her 2♠ call. For Puillet, of course, 2♦ showed a good hand, so she jumped to 3♠, safe in the knowledge

that she had already denied a fifth spade in her version of reality, and Chaugny went on to game.

Kazmucha cashed the ace of diamonds, then switched to the jack of hearts. Chaugny won with the king, played a spade to the ace, then led a second spade to the ten and king. Natalia Sakowska played queen and another diamond, but Cahugny could ruff the third diamond and, when the trumps split evenly, had the rest for plus 620 and 11 rather fortunate IMPs to France; 19-29.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 10 6 4
♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ —
♣ A Q 9 6 3 2

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

♠ 8
♥ K 5 4 3
♦ A Q J 7 5 2
♣ 7 5

West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
2♠	Pass	4♠	5♦
Dble	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Both West players opened 2♠, weak with five spades and a four-card or longer minor, and both Easts raised to game. Sakowska went quietly on the South cards, so 4♠ ended the auction. Kazmucha led a trump. Chaugny won with the king and played a second trump to hand, then ran the queen of hearts. That lost to the king and back came a club. Kazmucha won with her ace and played a third trump, so Chaugny won in hand and cashed the jack of hearts before leading a diamond up. She knew she was down as soon as Kazmucha discarded, of course. Sakowska took two diamond tricks and Chaugny had the rest, a heart, a club and a ruff to go with two trumps in hand; down one for minus 50.

Thizy bid 5♦ over 4♠, thinking it very likely that West's minor was clubs and that there might



Natalia Sakowska

be a big double fit. Zmuda's prompt double told her that she was mistaken regarding the minor suits. Marion Canonne knew that 5♦ doubled would be a terrible spot (Deep Finesse says that East can make 1♦) and feared that a redouble would be to play, so from somewhere found the nerve to run to 5♥ on her four-to-the-ten! Had East doubled quickly, Canonne might have run to 6♣, but this double was slow, so she stuck it out in 5♥ doubled.

Dufrat led a spade. Zmuda won with the ace and switched to her club, Canonne winning with the ace. She led a low club and Dufrat won with the eight and returned the club jack, ruffed by Zmuda with the jack. Canonne ruffed the spade return and cashed the ace of diamonds, throwing her remaining spade, then led the queen of diamonds. When Zmuda played low, Canonne ruffed, led a heart to the king, then threw a club on the jack of diamonds. Dufrat discarded a spade but, when Canonne next ruffed a diamond, overruffed with the nine and cashed the heart ace. Declarer had to lose one more trick at the end for down four; minus 800 and 13 IMPs to Poland. The lead was back up to 42-19.

Team Profiles Wanted

Two teams brought us team profiles today, which brings the total to 10, just 38 to go! Please captains, players, coaches or whoever, write us a few words about the players in your team. We'll add the photographs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
–	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
–	1♣	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Kazmucha opened 2NT, weak with both minors, and Sakowska raised her to 3NT. Puillet led a low heart and Kazmucha ran it to her bare queen and tried to split the clubs. When they failed to oblige, she turned her attention to spades and had ten tricks for plus 430.

Canonne opened the North hand with 1♣ and repeated the clubs twice before introducing the diamonds. Thizy, however, looks to have taken 4♦ as showing a control, because she now asked for key cards, then bid the club slam. Six clubs looks hopeless, does it not, with two top diamonds to be lost as well as a trump trick? But Dufrat had overcalled 1♥ and now led a low heart. Canonne could have gone up with the ace and had 12 tricks if both black suits behaved, but that was no certainty and the heart king rated to be on her left. She took a second brave action on consecutive deals when she ran the heart to her queen. Next she cashed three rounds of clubs. The four-one trump break meant that Canonne needed a bit of luck elsewhere, namely that West would hold exactly four spades. She crossed to the ace of spades and took

a diamond discard on the ace of hearts, then rattled off the spades. Sure enough, the spades were as they had to be and Canonne's last diamond went away as Zmuda ruffed the last spade; a miraculous plus 920 and 10 IMPs to France.

France gained more IMPs over the later boards in the set to lead by 47-42 after 14 boards.

Partial Elimination

by Brian Senior

The Polish Girls team picked up a game swing on this deal from the second quarter of its semifinal against France. System played a part, but it also took beautiful play from Danuta Kazmucha to bring home her contract.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
–	–	–	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

For France, Aurelie Thizy opened with a natural weak two-bid and Marion Canonne raised her to game. Justyna Zmuda's opening lead of the jack of diamonds swiftly doomed Thizy to defeat; down one for minus 50.

Natalia Sakowska opened with a multi 2♦ and, in response to two relays, showed a weak two in hearts, so that Danuta Kazmucha could declare

from the slightly safer North seat, protecting the diamond position.

Carole Puillet led the queen of clubs, as who would not, and Kazmucha won with the ace, crossed to dummy with a spade to the ace and led the ten of hearts off the table. Claire Chaugny played low, so the heart held the trick and the contract could no longer be defeated!

Kazmucha continued with a spade to the king and a spade ruff, then a club to the king followed by the ten of clubs. Puillet, of course, played the club jack, and Kazmucha discarded a diamond from the dummy. Puillet was endplayed, forced either to allow the king of diamonds to win a trick or to give a ruff and discard. She actually chose to play a spade, so Kazmucha threw a second diamond from dummy and ruffed in hand, after which there were just the red aces to be lost. That was very well played for plus 420 and 10 IMPs to Poland.



Danuta Kazmucha



Olympic Update

On Wednesday, there were 20 medal events.

China was once again top of the medal table with another four golds. They completed a clean sweep of synchronized diving titles when Luo Yutong and Qin Kai won the men's synchronized springboard. For the latter, it was a repeat of Beijing. Li Xiaoxia won the all-Chinese final of the women's table tennis, Lu Xiaojun won in weightlifting (the silver medal also went to a Chinese called Lu), and Jiao Liuyang took the women's 200 meters butterfly. Spain's Mireia Belmonte won her country's first medal, a silver, in that event. After five days of competition, China's gold medal tally is already up to 17.

The USA had three gold medals, won by the 4x200 meters freestyle team, by Nathan Adrian in the 100 meters freestyle, and by Kristin Armstrong, who won the cycling time trial, which she had also won in Beijing. The USA now have 12 gold medals, but their total medal tally, 29, is only one behind China's 30.

South Korea also won three gold medals, by Kim Jangmi (women's pistol), Song Dae-Nam (men's judo) and Kim Jiyeon (women's sabre). In the sabre, Mariel Zagunis (USA), winner of the gold in the last two Olympics, finished only fourth.

Great Britain took two golds. Helen Glover and Heather Stanning won the host nation's first Olympic title, in pairs rowing. Fifth in this event was Georgeta Andrunache (ROU), who had previously won five gold medals. She moved up to 24th on Herman's list.

The second medal for Great Britain was won by Bradley Wiggins. This cyclist had previously won six medals on the track, but in the last four years he has turned to road racing. He won this year's Tour de France and now the Olympic time trial.

Ruben Limardo of Venezuela won the men's épée. He beat Norway's Bartosz Piasecki in the final.

The other titles went to Rim Jong Sim (PRK, women's weightlifting), Ukraine (women's quadruple scull), Germany (men's eights rowing), Daniele Molmenti (ITA, canoe slalom K1), Lucie Decosse (FRA, judo), Kohei Uchimura (JPN, men's individual gymnastics) and Daniel Gyurta (HUN, breaststroke).

In men's football, the first round has finished. Only Brazil managed to win all three matches. The quarterfinal line-up is Great Britain – South Korea, Brazil – Honduras, Mexico – Senegal and Japan – Egypt.

The second round of the men's tennis competition saw the demise of seeds Juan Monaco, Marin Cilic and Richard Gasquet. In the third round, which was also completed, the remaining seeds met one another, and of the top eight, David Ferrer and Janko Tipsarevic got knocked out. In the women's competition, six of the top eight seeds are in the quarters; Kim Clijsters and Maria Kirilenko complete the line-up. The quarterfinals are played on Thursday.

France vs Poland

Girls Semifinal - Second Session

by Phillip Alder

The second of four 14-board sets started with France ahead by 5 IMPs.

Not much happened over the first three boards. Then, with both sides vulnerable, South picked up:

♠ 10 ♥ A 10 6 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ A Q 9 8 6 5

It went (1♣)-1♠-(Pass) at both tables. What would you have bid?

We'll come back to that after looking at this deal:

Board 9. Dealer North E-W Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ K Q J 10 8 7 2 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ A 10</p> <p>♠ A ♥ A 9 6 5 3 ♦ 9 8 5 4 3 ♣ Q 3</p>	<p>♠ K 7 6 4 3 ♥ — ♦ A K 7 ♣ K J 9 8 5</p> <p>♠ Q 10 9 8 5 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 10 6 ♣ 7 6 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
–	1♥	2♥ (a)	Pass
3♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

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

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
–	1♥	1♠	Pass
1NT	3♥	4♣	All Pass

It is the policy of many pairs that a Michaels Cue-Bid shows either a relatively weak hand (7-11 points) or a very strong one (17-plus). When in the middle, you overcall in your higher-ranking suit and hope to show the other one on the next round. This deal highlights the problem with that approach. In the Closed Room, Katarzyna Dufrat

felt that she had to introduce her club suit over three hearts. Whereas Carole Puillet had already described her hand. Yes, she had more strength than she might, but they were at unfavorable vulnerability. Claire Chaugny was delighted to double three hearts.

Three hearts doubled can be beaten by two tricks if the defenders take their side-suit winners, then strand declarer in her hand to lose two hearts.

Puillet led the ace of diamonds and shifted accurately to a low club. Danuta Kazmucha won with her ace and led the jack of diamonds. East won with her king and shifted to a spade. Now a club from West and another club from East (or the king of spades or king of diamonds) does the necessary. However, West, when in with the ace of spades, led a trump. If declarer had finessed the eight, she would have escaped for one down. But she played her king and went two down.

Four clubs was actually not such a bad spot. Aurélie Thizy led her heart, the best start. East discarded a diamond under dummy's ace of hearts, cashed the ace of spades, played a diamond to her ace and ruffed a spade in the dummy. After North overruffed, she led the ten of hearts. East ruffed with the eight of clubs (South threw her last diamond) and trumped another spade. Again, North overruffed and played a high heart. East trumped with the king of clubs, cashed the jack of clubs and tried the king of diamonds, but South ruffed and returned a spade to East's king. East cashed her nine of clubs, but South had the last two tricks with the queen of spades and seven of clubs for two down.

Plus 300 and plus 200 gave 11 IMPs to France.



Katarzyna Dufrat



Justyna Zmuda

This deal had some unusual features. See if you can spot them.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A 10 2
 ♥ K 7
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ A K J 7 4

♠ J 5 4 3
 ♥ J 9 4
 ♦ 10 5 2
 ♣ 9 8 2

♠ K 8 6
 ♥ A Q 5 3
 ♦ A K 3
 ♣ Q 6 5

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

West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
-	-	1♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	1NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
-	-	1♣ (a)	Pass
1♦ (b)	1NT	All Pass	

(a) Polish Club: usually a balanced 11-14, but perhaps 4=4=1=4 and 11-14, or natural with 15-plus points, or any 18-plus

(b) 0-6 points

In the Open Room, Sakowska led the eight of hearts to the nine, king and ace. Puillet played a spade to dummy's jack, which North erred by ducking. Now a spade to the king and another spade caused some embarrassment for North. She switched to the seven of clubs, declarer putting up her queen successfully. A heart to the jack, the five of spades, a heart to the queen and two top diamonds brought home the contract with two overtricks.

At the other table, I thought Dufrat was going to double one notrump. But as she does not have a good lead, I can understand her cautious approach.

East led the ace of diamonds, her partner signalled discouragement by throwing the ten, and declarer unblocked the eight. East shifted to the three of hearts, North taking West's nine with her king. Now North led the four of diamonds to the three, seven and five. Declarer ran the ten of clubs

Now back to the bidding problem set at the start. This was the full deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ K 9 8 5 4 2
 ♥ K 9 8
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ 7 2

♠ A Q 3
 ♥ Q J 7 2
 ♦ 10 6 4
 ♣ K J 4

♠ J 7 6
 ♥ 5 4 3
 ♦ Q J 5 3 2
 ♣ 10 3

♠ 10
 ♥ A 10 6
 ♦ A 8 7
 ♣ A Q 9 8 6 5

West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
1♣	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
1♣	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Thizy contravened the basic tenet of never playing in two notrumps with a long suit. Either bid three notrumps or make your suit trumps. Here, three notrumps looks a sensible gamble to me, despite West's opening bid.

At both tables, declarer won the first trick with dummy's eight of heart, then played on clubs.

Natalia Sakowska was held to nine tricks, but Thizy took ten when the defenders discarded too many diamonds on the run of the clubs. However, plus 600 and minus 180 was still 9 IMPs to Poland.

to East's queen. East continued with the five of hearts and when dummy played the six, West did not think it could gain to play her jack. When she put on the four, North won with her seven and cashed four clubs to bring this end-position:

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

Now a diamond apparently endplayed East to lead away from her king of spades at the end. However, on the ace of hearts, declarer incorrectly discarded the nine of spades from the dummy. So West took the last trick with the jack of spades. The contract had made with one overtrick, giving France 7 IMPs.

What were the oddities? It isn't often that both pairs on a team play in one notrump. It is less common that J-5-4-3 opposite K-8-6 plays for one loser. But the rarest feat of all was that Marion Canonne won two tricks with a seven with every one following suit. Also, we nearly had both declarers winning nine tricks!

France had gone 22 IMPs ahead, but Poland had two big gains to come. The first, on Board 11, is described by Brian Senior on page 14.

This was the second:



Marion Canonne

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

	♠ A		
	♥ K Q J		
	♦ A 9 7 3 2		
	♣ 9 7 5 3		
West	North	East	South
Chaugny	Kazmucha	Puillet	Sakowska
–	2♣ (a)	Pass	2♦ (b)
3♠	Pass	4♠	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) 10-14 points, six-plus clubs, or five clubs and a four-card major

(b) Relay

West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Canonne	Dufrat	Thizy
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, it was hard for the French pair to find their five-diamond sacrifice or five-club sacrifice ... or make (see below). Their actions look normal, if unsuccessful. Justyna Zmuda had no trouble making four spades doubled.

At the other table, Sakowska jumped to six clubs, no doubt hoping that her partner had a fitting diamond honor.

North took the first trick with dummy's ace of spades and played a trump. West hopped up with her ace and switched to her singleton. Declarer took that in the dummy, drew trumps, played off South's other heart winners, cashed the ace of diamonds and played another diamond. West was endplayed. When, perforce, she led a spade, Kazmucha discarded her last diamond and ruffed in the dummy to escape for one down.

Who would lead a diamond from East at trick one to stop this? No-one.

Plus 790 and minus 100 gave Poland 12 IMPs and tied up the match at 73-73.

Poland then gained 2 IMPs on the last board to take a small lead into the second half of an interesting match.

Team Profile: China Juniors

HU Junjie

Hu Junjie is 25 years old. He is an assistant engineer of an acreage estate company. He graduated from Peking University and majored in city planning. He learned bridge when he was in the first grade in junior middle school. He and his teammates were third in the Youngsters

at the 1st World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008. Besides bridge, he likes sports and music.

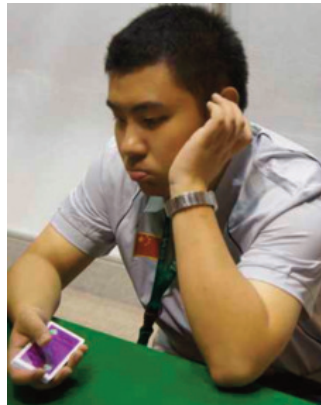


SHAO Yinpei

Shao Yinpei is 25 and works in the Shanghai Infrastructure Construction & Development Corporation. He started playing bridge in a bridge interest class at school. He is from the team that won the third place in the Juniors at the 13th World Youth Team Championships in Philadelphia. In addition, he likes football.

JIANG Yujie

Jiang Yujie, who is 23 years old, is studying at Fudan University, majoring in mathematics and applied mathematics. He began to play bridge in 2001 when he was 12 years old. He is also from the team that won third place in the Youngsters at the 1st World Mind Sports Games. He is interested in football.



SHEN Jianqiu

His interests are manifold. He likes Weiqi, Esports, and to travel and meet various kinds of people. He took part in the summer camp of bridge and was obsessed by the game from a very young age. He came in third place in the Youngsters in 2009 in the Asia Pacific Bridge Championships and third in the Juniors in 2011. Now he works in a security company.



LU Kai

Lu Kai is still a student at Shanghai University. His major is mechatronic engineering and automation. He began his bridge life by taking the elective courses in school at 2005. He is an introvert boy and likes reading in his spare time.



CHEN Yichao

Chen Yichao is a computer engineer. He is from the team that won third place in the Juniors at the World Youth Team Championships in 2010. He can play the accordion very well, likes ping-pong and badminton, and has an affinity for fine food.

England Youngsters - What's in a Name?

What's in a name? A lot of letters as it happens. And those letters can tell us about the people whose names they make up. But what do they say about the England team?



Alex Roberts – **Bloaters Rex**. King of the tubbies. Appropriate for the teams' chunky monkey.



Shivam Shah – **Shah Has Vim**. An energetic performer.



Toby Nonnenmacher – **Bonny Teen Monarch**. Our delightful young champion (well, hopefully soon).

Michael Byrne (Captain) – **Ably Enrich Me**. A man able to pass on all his immense wisdom to those around him.

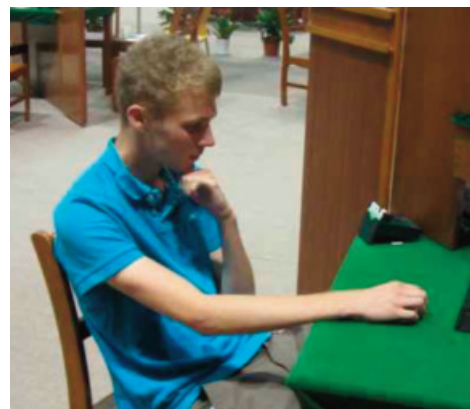
Alan Shillitoe (Coach) – **Lethal Liaison**. Someone not to be messed with.



Michael Alishaw – **Alas Which Email?** Needs to work on the personal organization.



Freddie Illingworth – **Ordered With Filling**. That explains his two main courses the other night.



Christopher Huber – **Her Port, His Cherub**. I think it is best we leave it there ...