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OFF AND RUNNING

It is early days in the two championships but they are off and running, with Israel and Singapore tied for the lead in the Junior Series, ahead of Chile, Poland, USA I and France. The French made an impressive recovery after being heavily beaten on by USA I vugraph in Round 1. They followed that up with two 25s, against Hungary and Thailand. Poland seem to have suffered little ill effect from their transport difficulties which saw them land in Bangkok many hours after their scheduled arrival time, as they racked up three wins.

In the Schools Series, China Hong Kong scored 70 out of 75 on the first day to lead from USA Blue, Norway and Latvia.

We were all very pleased in Sydney last year to see the team from Pakistan, who arranged to come at short notice. They scored badly in Sydney, lacking the experience of the other teams, and it is again pleasing to see that this year the Pakistan Schools team appears to be competitive, being above average at the end of day one.

The highest scoring match of day one saw Thailand

Schools earn a moral victory (75-74 IMPs, 15-15 VPs) against Italy. The lowest scoring match? Norway 42 Japan 11 in the Juniors — how dull!

As always, the first round featured a few major local rivalries. Just for the record, in the Juniors, Chile defeated Brazil 20-10 to earn South American bragging rights, while Egypt defeated Jordan by 25-5. In the Schools, USA Blue beat up on their compatriots, USA Red, winning by 25-3.



Did you take a TUK TUK ride yet?

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Junior Series – ROUND 4 – 10.00
Italy v Poland

Schools Series – ROUND 5 – 14.00
Australia v Latvia

Junior Series – ROUND 6 – 17.30
Norway v Chile

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TODAY'S PROGRAM



JUNIORS SESSION 4

1	ISRAEL	JORDAN
2	HUNGARY	NORWAY
3	USA1	CHINA HONG KONG
4	USA2	BRAZIL
5	CANADA	THAILAND
6	FRANCE	EGYPT
7	ITALY	POLAND
8	AUSTRALIA	CHILE
9	JAPAN	SINGAPORE

SCHOOLS SESSION 4

41	NORWAY	INDONESIA
42	POLAND	PAKISTAN
43	LATVIA	USA RED
44	ISRAEL	CANADA
45	SWEDEN	THAILAND
46	ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI
47	AUSTRALIA	CHINA
48	USA BLUE	CHINA HONG KONG

JUNIORS SESSION 5

1	JORDAN	FRANCE
2	ITALY	CANADA
3	AUSTRALIA	USA2
4	JAPAN	USA1
5	SINGAPORE	HUNGARY
6	CHILE	ISRAEL
7	POLAND	NORWAY
8	EGYPT	CHINA HONG KONG
9	THAILAND	BRAZIL

SCHOOLS SESSION 5

41	INDONESIA	SWEDEN
42	ITALY	ISRAEL
43	AUSTRALIA	LATVIA
44	USA BLUE	POLAND
45	CHINA HONG KONG	NORWAY
46	CHINA	PAKISTAN
47	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA RED
48	THAILAND	CANADA

JUNIORS SESSION 6

1	THAILAND	JORDAN
2	BRAZIL	EGYPT
3	CHINA HONG KONG	POLAND
4	NORWAY	CHILE
5	ISRAEL	SINGAPORE
6	HUNGARY	JAPAN
7	USA1	AUSTRALIA
8	USA2	ITALY
9	CANADA	FRANCE

Team Profiles

We would like to publish team profiles in the Daily Bulletin of all 34 teams at this Championship. This is not only of interest to others present in Bangkok or reading the bulletins on the internet, but is valuable material for bridge journalists around the world. Ideally, we would like to receive the profiles in electronic form, however, handwritten is OK, but only if your handwriting is more legible than mine.

Thank you

Teams and Players' Photos Schedule — Monday July 31st

- 13.00 Canada/Juniors
- 13.00 USA1/Juniors
- 13.45 USA2/Juniors
- 13.45 Brazil/Juniors
- 17.00 Chile/Juniors
- 17.00 Jordan/Juniors
- 17.15 ChinaHgKg/Juniors
- 17.15 Japan/Juniors



All the above teams (including the captain and the coach) are kindly requested to be present at the specific time outside of the building.

Please make sure that you wear your badge and national uniform.

Maria Plubi

WBF Photographer



RESULTS



JUNIORS SESSION 1

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	JORDAN EGYPT	32	80	5	25
2	THAILAND POLAND	21	114	0	25
3	BRAZIL CHILE	44	67	10	20
4	CHINA HG KG SINGAPORE	36	85	5	25
5	NORWAY JAPAN	42	11	21	9
6	ISRAEL AUSTRALIA	62	19	24	6
7	HUNGARY ITALY	37	55	11	19
8	USA 1 FRANCE	71	13	25	4
9	USA 2 CANADA	36	49	12	18

SCHOOLS SESSION 1

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	INDONESIA CHINESE TAIPEI	38	66	9	21
2	THAILAND CHINA	26	92	2	25
3	CANADA CHINA HG KG	30	67	7	23
4	USA RED USA BLUE	28	91	3	25
5	PAKISTAN AUSTRALIA	68	46	20	10
6	NORWAY ITALY	76	69	16	14
7	POLAND SWEDEN	50	69	11	19
8	LATVIA ISRAEL	33	37	14	16

JUNIORS SESSION 2

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	USA 2 JORDAN	92	33	25	4
2	CANADA USA 1	45	49	14	16
3	FRANCE HUNGARY	77	18	25	4
4	ITALY ISRAEL	35	64	9	21
5	AUSTRALIA NORWAY	49	48	15	15
6	JAPAN CHINA HG KG	30	56	10	20
7	SINGAPORE BRAZIL	60	46	18	12
8	CHILE THAILAND	59	36	20	10
9	POLAND EGYPT	52	30	20	10

SCHOOLS SESSION 2

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	LATVIA INDONESIA	68	19	25	5
2	ISRAEL POLAND	39	41	15	15
3	SWEDEN NORWAY	27	74	6	24
4	ITALY PAKISTAN	44	65	11	19
5	AUSTRALIA USA RED	38	20	19	11
6	USA BLUE CANADA	66	30	22	8
7	CHINA HG KG THAILAND	71	31	23	7
8	CHINA CHINESE TAIPEI	41	60	11	19

JUNIORS SESSION 3

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	JORDAN SINGAPORE	23	92	2	25
2	CHILE JAPAN	67	27	23	7
3	POLAND AUSTRALIA	33	27	16	14
4	EGYPT ITALY	42	38	16	14
5	THAILAND FRANCE	17	71	4	25
6	BRAZIL CANADA	62	56	16	14
7	CHINA HG KG USA 2	47	44	16	14
8	NORWAY USA 1	46	46	15	15
9	ISRAEL HUNGARY	58	19	23	7

SCHOOLS SESSION 3

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	INDONESIA CHINA HG KG	39	85	6	24
2	CHINA USA BLUE	41	42	15	15
3	CHINESE TAIPEI AUSTRALIA	27	48	11	19
4	THAILAND ITALY	75	74	15	15
5	CANADA SWEDEN	38	79	7	23
6	USA RED ISRAEL	23	56	8	22
7	PAKISTAN LATVIA	30	43	12	18
8	NORWAY POLAND	48	24	20	10

JUNIORS RANKING AFTER SESSION 3

1	ISRAEL	68
2	SINGAPORE	68
3	CHILE	63
4	POLAND	61
5	USA 1	56
6	FRANCE	54
7	EGYPT	51
8	NORWAY	51
9	USA 2	51
10	CANADA	46
11	ITALY	42
12	CHINA HONG KONG	41
13	BRAZIL	38
14	AUSTRALIA	35
15	JAPAN	26
16	HUNGARY	22
17	THAILAND	14
18	JORDAN	11

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2

(1989)

The second edition of the World Junior Teams Championship was held at Nottingham University, England, August 4–11 1989. The field had expanded to eight teams; six zonal champions — France, USA, Australia, Argentina, India, Indonesia — a combined team representing Central America Caribbean, and hosts Great Britain. They would play a single round robin of 32-board matches to qualify for 64-board semi-finals and a 64-board final, with the added wrinkle that, should both European teams qualify for the knockout stages, they would have to meet in one semi-final, just as in any other world championship.

As had been predicted, the European teams dominated the round robin. Great Britain won all seven matches to top the standings, while the experienced French team, four of who had been in the team in 1987, had a series of big wins to finish just 3 VPs behind but with a substantially better IMP difference.

1.	Great Britain	151
2.	France	148
3.	Australia	120
4.	Argentina	100
5.	Indonesia	99
6.	USA	92
7.	CAC	67
8.	India	39

GB took a 12.5 IMP carry-over into the semi-final. Three of the four sessions were close affairs, but the second session was won by GB by 57–29 and that ensured their place in the final, the overall score being 172.5–128 in their favour. Meanwhile, Australia won the first two sets of the other semi-final but Argentina came through to win by 159–147 and would face GB in the final, the British having a carry-over advantage of the maximum permissible 24 IMPs — a significant edge in a 64-board match.

Alexis Damamme of France made perhaps the best play of the qualifying stage on this deal against Argentina.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 10 8 7 5 4 3 ♥ 2 ♦ K J ♣ 6 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ A Q 7 5 ♣ A J 10 7
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♠ 9 2 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ 10 9 4 2 ♣ K 9 3	♠ J 6 ♥ A J 9 5 ♦ 8 6 3 ♣ Q 8 5 4										

West	North	East	South
<i>Damamme</i>	<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Desrousseau</i>	<i>Quitegui</i>
1♥	4♠	1♦ 5♥	Pass All Pass

There was an identical auction at the other table where the contract failed. Against Damamme, Alejandro Bianchedi led the king of spades to dummy's ace. Damamme led a club to his nine followed by a heart to the queen and ace. He ruffed the spade return in dummy and led the ♥10, running it when it was not covered. Next Damamme ran the jack of clubs, played a club to the king, and continued with the ♦9 for the jack and queen. He threw a diamond on the ♣A then had to decide how to play the diamonds. South had followed with the six on the first round, so one option was to cross to hand with a heart and lead the ♦10 to pin a doubleton eight. But Damamme had not come so far to go wrong at the end. He cashed the ace of diamonds and the fall of the king meant eleven tricks and 13 IMPs to France.

This next deal from the round robin match between GB and CAC featured both very nice play and, until the end, excellent defence.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K J 8 5 4 ♥ 2 ♦ A Q 7 2 ♣ A 9 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 9 7 2 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ K 8 ♣ K 10 5
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	S										
	♠ 10 3 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ J 10 9 6 5 ♣ 6 3 2										
	♠ 6 ♥ K J 10 9 6 4 ♦ 4 3 ♣ Q J 8 7										

West	North	East	South
<i>Villareal</i>	<i>Pottage</i>	<i>Hernandez</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

West led a spade and Andy Robson finessed, being confident that the king would be onside, while the position of the ♦A was less certain. Next, Robson cashed the ace of spades to get rid of a diamond from hand, a play that put his contract in jeopardy. Robson continued with a heart to the jack followed by a low club towards dummy. Had West ducked, a second heart lead would have ensured the contract, but Villareal did well when he went up with the ace and played another spade, allowing Hernandez to throw a club away as Robson ruffed. Now Robson could see the

danger of a club ruff, but what could he do? He crossed to dummy with a club and led a heart, but east went in with the ace and led a diamond to his partner's ace. All was set for the club ruff, but something strange happened to distract West from the winning play. Under the ace of diamonds, Robson called for dummy's king! West should have got it right, of course, but he tried to cash the queen of diamonds and Robson ruffed, drew the last trump, and had the rest for +790 and 12 IMPs to GB, as Robson's tem—mates played 2♠ doubled down one in the other room.

This next deal featured fine play at a number of tables:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K 7 ♥ A 7 ♦ K J 10 9 6 3 ♣ A 7 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 8 4 3 ♥ J 10 6 4 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ Q 4
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W E					
S					
♠ Q 10 9 6 2 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ 2 ♣ K 9 3 2	♠ A 5 ♥ K 9 8 3 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ J 10 8 6				

Several pairs reached 6♦, in Andy Robson's case from the South hand on a safe trump lead.

Robson won the first trick in dummy and embarked upon an elimination. He played three rounds of hearts, ruffing high, led a trump to hand and, when West threw a spade, there could no longer be a full elimination play as declarer would have to draw the last trump so would be out of trumps in his own hand. However, a partial elimination was still possible. Robson continued by ruffing the fourth heart, seeing West throw a club, which convinced him that the clubs were four—two.

Robson cashed the top spades then led a low club off the

table. East played low in tempo and the ten lost to the king. West was forced to return a club as a ruff and discard would have given the contract but, without hesitation, Robson went up with the ace, dropping the queen and making his slam.

Both tables in Indonesia v Argentina bid to 6♦. The Indonesian declarer ran the jack of clubs to the queen and had to lose a second club at the end. Alejandro Bianchedi, playing from the North seat, after drawing trumps decided that East would be short in clubs so led a low club from hand. East hesitated then rose with the queen and the hesitation helped Bianchedi to take the finesse on the second round to earn a slam swing.

The slam was again reached at both tables in USA v France. The American declarer, North, received the lead of the jack of hearts. He won the ace, drew trumps, then played a heart to the eight, hoping that the lead was from ♥J10x — not unreasonable when East had shown up with the longer trump holding — when he would have two heart winners on which to throw his club losers. When that hope failed to materialise, there was no second chance; down one.

Christian Desrousseau, also North, received a spade lead. He won the king, drew two rounds of trumps, West pitching a spade, then played three rounds of hearts, ruffing. He continued by drawing the last trump then ruffing the fourth heart, and cashed the last trump, throwing a club from dummy.

Desrousseau's idea was to find the clubs three—three with east holding H9x. If either defender came down to two clubs, he would have to keep only a doubleton club honour, when declarer could pick them up for one loser with correct play. Alternatively, if both defenders kept three clubs, declarer could cash the ace of spades then run the club jack, endplaying East, who would have to lead from the ♣9 at trick twelve.

In practice, both defenders threw spades and Desrousseau read the ending correctly, leading a low club from hand. The ten lost to the king and Desrousseau went up with the ace to fell the queen on the forced club return.

France had a big first set in the third—place play—off, taking it by 57—4, but Australia came back to lead by 112—102 with a set to go. The French got it back together just in time and came through to take the bronze medal by 135—119.

In the final, GB had a 24—IMP carry—over. They won the first two sets to extend their advantage to 91—42, then Argentina pulled back in the third set to trail by 86—122 with 16 boards to go. The final set was all GB, who pulled away to win by 175—97. As in the first World Junior Championship, the host nation had triumphed.

1. Great Britain (John Pottage, Andy Robson, Derek Patterson, John Hobson, Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick, NPC Raymond Brock, Coach Sandra Landy)

2. Argentina (Alejandro Bianchedi, Leonardo Rizzo, Claudio Varela, Marcelo Cloppet, Juan Martin Quitegui, Alexis Pejacevich, NPC Osvaldo D. Merdinger)

3. France (Christian Desrousseau, Alexis Damamme, Franck Multon, Jean—Christophe Quantin, Pierre—Jean



JUNIORS **Round 1**

FRANCE **v** **USA I**



Lively Start

The Championships opened with a bang, with three wild boards in the first four and a host of potential slam deals in Round One. The vugraph match featured the reigning champions, USA I, against another of the well-fancied teams, France. Both put out their front-line foursomes for this important match so some good and lively bridge could be expected.

I heard of tables at which South opened 1♠ and East/West got to slam. Sure, South could miss a slam by opening 4♠, but the big pre-empt has to be the long-term winning action and you just have to pay-off to the occasional missed slam as the price of making life tough for the opposition. In our featured match, both John Kranyak and Thomas Bessis opened 4♠, after which Olivier Bessis and Ari Greenberg overcalled 5♥, ending the auction. The pre-empt had done its work. No swing.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A K Q J 10 2 ♦ A ♣ A J 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 6 4 ♥ 9 4 ♦ J 10 5 3 ♣ 8 7 5 3 2	♠ A 5 ♥ 8 7 6 5 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ Q 10 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Greenberg	Gaviard	Lall	T. Bessis
5♥	Pass All Pass	Pass	4♠

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A K J 8 4 ♥ A K 5 ♦ — ♣ K J 7 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 3 ♥ 6 ♦ A K 9 8 6 4 3 2 ♣ A 9 2	♠ 10 6 5 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ Q J 10 5 ♣ 5 3
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W							
E							
S							

West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♠	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	3♦	Dble	All Pass



Joe Grue, USA I

The west players showed a difference in style with Greenberg opening 1♠ and Bessis 1♣ on the black two-suiter. Personally, I favour 1♠ on this pattern on limited hands but 1♣ on hands that are worth three bids, as the 1♣ opening both improves the chance that partner will scrape up a response, and saves space on a hand which I may wish to describe in detail. However, a lot of players prefer to play that 1♣ followed by bidding and repeating the spades promises 6-5, and maybe they are right?

Justin Lall could have raised to 2♠ over the intervention but his soft values and sure trump tricks made him think of defence rather than offence. He passed and Julian Gaviard repeated the diamonds over Greenberg's reopening dou-

ble. Now Lall took the opportunity to play for a penalty. It looks as though 3♦ should be down two but the defence lost a trick along the way so Gaviard got out for down one; —200.

Olivier Bessis preferred to open 1♣ and the one-level overcall left room for Godefroy De Tessieres to show his hearts. Bessis forced to game and, though De Tessieres suggested a penalty, had not yet completed the description of his hand so pulled the double to 3♠. However, when De Tessieres could only raise quietly to 4♠, the earlier double made it easy for Bessis to stop.

Joe Grue led a top diamond, which Bessis ruffed. He cashed the king of spades then needing to get the side-suit going, advanced the king of clubs. Grue, who might well have made the same play himself, was on the receiving end for once, and ducked. Bessis played a second club to the nine and ten and back came a heart. He won, ruffed a club and played a spade to the jack; eleven tricks for +450 and 6 IMPs to France.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 3 ♥ K J 8 7 ♦ Q 9 8 5 ♣ K 4 3	♠ Q 8 6 4 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 7 6 2 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A J 9 ♥ A 5 4 2 ♦ A J 6 3 ♣ 8 5	♠ 10 7 5 2 ♥ Q ♦ K 10 7 2 ♣ A Q J 9	
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West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	2♣	Dble	INT
Dble	Pass	2♠	2♥
3♣	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
All Pass			2♥

Thomas Bessis's 1♦ opening found the heart fit and Lall, who might have made a balancing double of 2♥, judged to go quietly, maybe not liking his diamond holding. Two Hearts drifted a couple off for —100, fairly painless with East/West cold for 3NT on the lie of the cards.

At the other table, Kranyak was in range to open INT. De Tessieres doubled the Stayman response to show clubs and Kranyak showed his hearts, as requested. Now it looks as though Bessis's double was intended to be for penalties but, whatever the meaning, De Tessieres judged to remove it to 2♠ and Bessis gave preference to clubs. Two No Trump would have worked out better, as it might have attracted a

raise, but just how much strength a 2NT bid would have promised was probably unclear — particularly if the double of 2♥ was penalty, suggesting that East might be quite weak when he removed it.

Grue led his diamond and Kranyak did not read the position, inserting the jack. Bessis won and drew trumps then played the ♥Q, ducked, before switching his attention to diamonds. Kranyak won and switched to ace and another spade and declarer had nine tricks for +110; no swing.

Should South have got the defence right — the contract is two down if he wins the diamond and starts giving his partner ruffs? North rates to be four-four in the majors as he used Stayman on a weak hand. If the double of 2♥ was an attempt to defend then West can hardly have five clubs when his partner has shown club length and strength, so the four of diamonds should be a singleton rather than from length. There are one or two assumptions in there, but maybe South has sufficient information to get it right.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 4 ♥ Q 8 6 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ A Q 6 2	♠ J 7 6 3 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 9 8 7 4 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A K Q 5 2 ♥ — ♦ A K 10 9 8 6 2 ♣ 5	♠ 8 ♥ A K 10 7 4 3 ♦ J 5 ♣ K J 10 3	
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West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥
3♥	3♠	4♥	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥
3♥	3♠	4♣	5♣
6♥	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♥	7♠	All Pass	

The South hand isn't bad, is it? Both Souths showed a two-suiter with spades and both Norths were willing to bid 3♠ freely. Kranyak made a slam try and Grue signed-off, after which Kranyak was content to raise to the small slam for a safe +1430.

Lall showed his clubs to help Greenberg to know how far to compete. When Thomas Bessis made his slam try, Greenberg saw the double fit and jumped to 6♥, putting Gaviard under pressure. Gaviard could also imagine a double fit now, as his opponents appeared to have a club side-suit and his own queen of diamonds was growing in

value. He bid 6♠ over 6♥ and, when Greenberg went on to 7♥, believing his opponent to have guessed right, Gaviard in turn went on to 7♠. The spotlight now turned to Lall. A heart lead would have let the grand slam home, but Lall judged correctly that his opponents had the heart control rather than the club and so led the ♣J — one down for —100 and 17 IMPs to USA1 instead of 13 to France had the heart been led.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 9 ♥ A K J 5 ♦ A ♣ A J 7 5 3 2	♠ J 7 4 2 ♥ Q 10 9 7 6 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ 8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 6 3 ♥ 4 ♦ K 6 3 2 ♣ K Q 6 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	7♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass



Godefroy De Tessieres, France

5♣ Pass 7♣ All Pass

Two different auctions with East taking control at one table and West at the other, but identical results. A nicely bid flat board at +2140.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K Q 10 5 3 ♥ Q 10 7 6 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ 2	♠ J 7 4 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A J 9 7 6 ♣ K J 7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 6 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ 10 8 6 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♠	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Kranyak's 1♣ opening was strong and 2♦ a natural positive. From here the Americans explored carefully, judging that the spade guards might not be adequate for 3NT, making a mild slam try, then settling safely in 4♥. The poor trump position meant only ten tricks for +620.

Thomas opened 2♣ and Gaviard started with a neutral 2♦ response then showed significant values and eventually chose to play 6NT when Thomas accepted his slam try. Greenberg led the king of spades to declarer's ace. With the cards lying as they do, even 7NT is unbeatable if declarer reads the position, but Lall found a way to deflect him from his path.

Bessis cashed some clubs and discovered that West had a singleton. He then led the king of diamonds and Lall dropped the ten. Declarer could have put all his eggs in one basket and taken the diamond finesse, but it seemed that, even if the finesse won, he would have only three diamond winners. Accordingly, he went for the combination play of a diamond to the ace and, when the queen failed to drop, continued with a heart finesse. Of course, when the heart lost, Greenberg could cash both a spade and a diamond winner for two down; —200.

That was 13 IMPs to USA1 instead of 13 to France, a rich reward for a very nice falsecard.

The story gets better, because in the Schools Series the two USA teams were playing each other. When USA Blue played 6NT on the lead of the king of spades, declarer won, discovered the club layout, and played on diamonds to make the slam.

Six No Trump was also played by USA Red at the other table. Here declarer won the spade lead and returned a spade at trick two. West won the queen and played back a third spade to the jack. Now declarer cashed the king and jack of clubs, seeing the five—one split. He too played a diamond next and East played the ten. Sure enough, declarer followed the combination play of a diamond to the ace followed by the heart finesse, and he too was down two for —200 and 17 IMPs to USA Blue. Well defended Daniel Goldfein!

That is a pretty good success rate — three USA defenders held the East hand and two of the three found the falsecard to defeat 6NT. How many more of you found the same play and, did any declarer in 6NT receive this defence but still make the contract?

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

This time it was the turn of the North/South pairs to bid a grand slam. The French auction was essentially natural, the American artificial. Grue's 1♣ was strong and the re-

sponse showed a 4—4—4—1 positive short in a major. 2NT relayed and 3♥ showed 12—13 with 4—1—4—4 shape. Grue's 4♣ was Key Card for clubs and 5♦ checked on the ♣Q. The 5♠ response showed the ♣Q and ♠K and Grue bid the grand.

Seven is OK, but it needs a bit of luck in the red suits as well as an even club split, so is a borderline contract in theory. In practice, everything lay very nicely and neither declarer had any trouble in coming to thirteen tricks for a push at +1440.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>De Tessieres</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Gaviard/Bessis played peacefully in 3NT on the North/South cards, making 12 tricks for +690.

Grue/Kranyak were more optimistic. One Club was strong and 1♠ a natural positive. Grue showed his diamonds then three—card spade support and, upon getting a heart cuebid out of Kranyak, took control then bid the small slam. I think he did a little too much, looking at only three low spades, but, when the opening lead proved to be a club, Kranyak had no trouble in coming to twelve tricks. He won the club and played a spade to his king then crossed to dummy with a club to lead a second spade up; +1430.

A heart lead defeats the slam despite the favourable trump position. Declarer is obliged to win, unblock the clubs and cross to the jack of diamonds to take a heart pitch on the ♣Q. Whatever he does from here, he can be cut off from dummy's diamonds and forced to lose a second trick.

USA1 ran out winners by 71—13 IMPs, converting to 25—4 VPs. Not only was this a great result in itself but, if these two teams meet in the knockout stages, the Americans will have a very useful carryover advantage.

SCHOOLS Round 1



CANADA

v

CHINA HG KG



by Sue Greside

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A K Q J 10 2 ♦ A ♣ A J 6 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 5 ♥ 8 7 6 5 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ Q 10 9
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K Q J 8 7 3 2 ♥ ♦ K 9 6 4 2 ♣ K										

West	North	East	South
<i>Lai</i>	<i>Blagov</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>McColl</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	3♠
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Lead: ♠K

The first board of these championships found E/W, China Hong Kong, sailing into slam to pick up 11 IMPs. If South had chosen the bid of 4♠ rather than 1♠, this could have been a flat board and a more relaxed start for Canada.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 6 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ A Q 9 8 6 ♣ A K 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 4 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ K J 7 5 4 3 ♣ 10 8 5
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ Q 10 7 ♥ Q 9 5 2 ♦ 10 ♣ Q 9 7 5 4										

West	North	East	South
<i>Lai</i>	<i>Blagov</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>McColl</i>
		2♦	Pass
3NT	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Lead: ♥A

East started with 2♦, a weak hand with diamonds. West

had a nice hand and liked his chances in 3NT. North didn't want to give E/W an easy run and tried 4♠, passed around to West who now liked his hand better and bid 5♦. Two passes to South who perhaps thought 5♦ would make and went on to 5♠. West was now happy to double 5♠. At the other table E/W were allowed to play in 4♦ so this was another bad board for Canada.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 ♥ J 4 2 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ K 8 6 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 2 ♥ A Q ♦ K 9 8 5 4 ♣ A 7 5 3
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W		E									
	S										
	♠ A 3 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ J 10 9										
	♠ K Q J 10 5 4 ♥ 9 8 7 6 ♦ J ♣ Q 4										

West	North	East	South
<i>Lai</i>	<i>Blagov</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>McColl</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣(i)
Pass	2♦(ii)	Pass	2♠(iii)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

- (i) Forces 2♦
- (ii) Forced bid
- (iii) 5+♠ invitational



Lead: ♥3

North's rebid of INT showed a minimum balanced hand. South appears to have thought his hand was worth more than a 2♠ bid and moved forward with his 2♣ bid. The final contract of 3NT was doomed and went two down. The other table stopped in 2♠ and another pick up, of 5 IMPs, for China Hong Kong.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lai</i>	<i>Blagov</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>McColl</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♦4

East got off to the ♦4 lead. If he continues with diamonds, North has a difficult time. However, he switched to the ♠A, all following. Then came the ♥7 to the jack and queen. West returns the ♥A. Too late, for now declarer claims his nine



Chun Pong Ben LAI, China Hong Kong

tricks for + 730. The other table saw E/W in 2NT down three for Minus 150 but + 11 IMPs. Finally a serious pick—up for Canada.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lai</i>	<i>Blagov</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>McColl</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Lead: ♥2

Six Hearts went down two for + 100 to N/S. The other room saw E/W stopping in 4♥ for Canada to gain another 11 IMPs.

Perhaps East was a bit ambitious with his 3♥ bid. Lai looked at his powerhouse and just bid 6♥ when his partner decided to jump to 3♥.

Despite Canada's strong comeback, China Hong Kong started the championships with a comfortable win, 67—30 IMPs, converting to 23—7 VPs.



Malcolm McCOLL, Canada

TRIUMPH AND DISASTER

The first ever Schools match to feature on vugraph at a world championship saw the host nation, Thailand, take on China Hong Kong in Round Two. The Thai East/West pairing of P. Lerdmaha and S. Siriwatt knew triumph and disaster as their team started well but fell away later in the match to lose by 31—59 IMPs, 9—21 VPs.

The match could hardly have begun better for Thailand:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 10 9 6 ♥ K J 7 6 4 ♦ J ♣ Q 3 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ 10 9 7 5 4 ♣ K 8 6 4
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W		E									
	S										
♠ A K 5 4 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ Q ♣ A J 9 5											
	♠ 8 7 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ A K 8 6 3 2 ♣ 10 7										

West	North	East	South
Siriwatt	Lee	Lerdmaha	Lai
Dble	Pass All Pass	Pass	3♦

In the other room, the China Hong Kong East/West pair reached 2♣, making five for +150.

I hardly think that a 3♦ opening in third seat is criminal, but Ben Lai paid a high price for what we would be calling his enterprise, had it been successful. Lerdmaha passed his partner's take-out double and, even after the opening lead of a top spades had crashed the queen, costing a trump trick, the contract was still four down for —800 and a 12-IMP swing to Thailand.

The match was close up to half-way but this disaster showed Siriwatt/Lerdmaha the other side of the game and helped China Hong Kong to their win.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ Q 10 9 8 7 4 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ 8 7 4	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q J 7 ♥ J 6 ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ J 9 6
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K 10 9 8 6 4 ♥ A 5 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 5 2										

West	North	East	South
Siriwatt	Lee	Lerdmaha	Lai
3♥ Pass	Pass Dble	INT 3NT All Pass	2♠ Pass

Obviously, there was a misunderstanding here about the forcing nature of the 3♥ bid. When Lerdmaha converted to 3NT, Charlie Lee was delighted to double, ending the auction. Lerdmaha came to just three tricks for —1400. As the Thai North/South pair played in 3♠, making an overtrick, that gave China Hong Kong 15 IMPs.

Maybe West should convert to 4♥, knowing that there has been a misunderstanding. That would have held the loss to 8 IMPs but, had team-mates managed to get to game, would have held it to —2 IMPs, against the —14 IMPs for the actual result.

The most interesting technical hand in the match was the following, which found both declarers wanting.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 6 5 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ K 8 ♣ 10 7 6 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q J 8 4 3 ♥ A K ♦ A J 7 6 ♣ A 8
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ A 9 ♥ 8 7 5 2 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ K Q 4 3	♠ 7 ♥ Q J 10 4 3 ♦ Q 10 9 4 ♣ J 9 5									

South plays in 3NT on a club lead and it is simply a matter of counting to nine and not wasting your valuable spot cards. Declarer has six tricks outside spades so only needs to win three spade tricks. With only the king and ten missing, three winners can be guaranteed if declarer uses the ♠8 and ♠9 wisely. He has a five-card suit in dummy and must simply play only one of his five high cards to each round of the suit.

The correct play is to win the ace of clubs and lead low to the ace of spades then return the ♠9. When West plays low, declarer does likewise. He does not care if this loses to the ten, as he has double stoppers in every suit and plenty of entries to establish two more spade tricks.

In practice, both declarers went up with the spade queen on the second round and now, while there is a possible endplay against West, it is difficult and neither declarer could find it.

JUNIORS

Round 1



ISRAEL

v

AUSTRALIA



by Sandra Kulovic-Probst

In the first match Israel played Australia, which proved to be a real test for high level bidding. The first board was also the first slam of the match:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A K Q J 10 2 ♦ A ♣ A J 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ A 5 ♥ 8 7 6 5 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ Q 10 9	♠ 6 4 ♥ 9 4 ♦ J 10 5 3 ♣ 8 7 5 3 2 ♠ K Q J 8 7 3 2 ♥ — ♦ K 9 6 4 2 ♣ K
N		E							
W		S							

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Doecke</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Griffiths</i>
	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	All Pass		



Mike DOECKE, Australia

North led the six of spades and, with the king of clubs on-side, the contract made with an overtrick.

In the Open Room a different opening bid led to an early swing for Israel.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Ofir</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	3♦
3♠	4♦	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

East decided to double rather than to bid, which proved to be the wrong decision as the contract went two down and 12 IMPs to Israel.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 4 ♥ Q 8 6 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ A Q 6 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ 8 ♥ A K 10 7 4 3 ♦ J 5 ♣ K J 10 3	♠ J 7 6 3 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A 9 2 ♠ A K Q 5 2 ♥ — ♦ A K 10 9 8 6 2 ♣ 5
N		E							
W		S							

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Doecke</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Griffiths</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥
3♥	3♠	4♥	6♠

All Pass
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Ofir</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦
3♣	Pass	4♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
Pass	6♠	Dble	Rdbl

All Pass
The opening lead of the ace of hearts was ruffed and declarer could claim 13 tricks, pitching a club on the diamonds. In the Open Room N/S reached the slam, but their opponents got suspicious and Feiler doubled. Being a true

junior at heart, Ophir pulled out the blue card and banked the second big swing for Israel. +2470 was worth 11 IMPs. Board 7 offered the next opportunity to reach a slam.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A9 ♥ A K J 5 ♦ A ♣ A J 7 5 3 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 6 3 ♥ 4 ♦ K 6 3 2 ♣ K Q 6 4
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W E					
S					
	♠ 10 8 5 ♥ 8 3 2 ♦ J 10 8 7 5 ♣ 10 9				

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Doecke</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Griffiths</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦(i)	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦(ii)	Pass	4♥(iii)	Pass
4♠(iv)	Pass	5♥(v)	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

(i) Transfer to hearts
 (ii) RKCB
 (iii) 1 or 4 keycards
 (iv) Asking for the queen of clubs
 (v) Queen of clubs plus either the king of hearts or



Eldad GINOSSAR, Israel

the kings of spades and diamonds

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Ofir</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠(i)	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣(ii)	Pass	4♥(iii)	Pass
4♠(iv)	Pass	5♣(v)	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

- (i) Fourth suit forcing
 (ii) RKCB
 (iii) 1 or 4
 (iv) Asking for the queen of clubs
 (v) Showing the queen of clubs

Both sides confidently reached their grand slam in clubs and avoided another slam swing.

Unfortunately for Australia this only lasted to Board 10, when another slam hand took them even further from winning their first match in Thailand.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 7 4 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A J 9 7 6 ♣ K J 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 6 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ 10 8 6 5 4
N					
W E					
S					
♠ K Q 10 5 3 ♥ Q 10 7 6 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ 2		♠ A8 ♥ A K J 5 2 ♦ K 2 ♣ A Q 9 3			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Doecke</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Griffiths</i>
1♠	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠(i)
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♣(ii)
Dble	4♦(iv)	Pass	4♣(iii)
Dble	4NT(vi)	Pass	4♠(v)
Pass	5♥(viii)	Pass	5♣(vii)
			6♥

All Pass

- (i) Forcing
 (ii) First-round control or asking for stopper
 (iii) First-round control of clubs and spades
 (iv) After the double, shows king or queen in clubs and usually a diamond control
 (v) RKCB
 (vi) 1 or 4
 (vii) Asking for the queen of hearts
 (viii) No queen of hearts
- Declarer took the club lead in dummy and tried a heart

to the jack, which lost. After a spade was returned, he discovered the bad heart position and conceded two undertricks. Israel stayed safely 4♥ in the Open Room, which gained them another 13 IMPs. It is interesting that on this board 6♣, 7NT and 7♦ all make.

Board 16 offered the last chance for a big slam swing in Australia's favour:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J 4 2 ♥ J 9 2 ♦ 10 8 4 2 ♣ 10 9 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 6 5 3 ♥ Q 10 4 3 ♦ Q 7 3 ♣ J 8	♠ 8 7 ♥ A K 8 7 5 ♦ A K ♣ A K 7 2 ♠ A K Q 9 ♥ 6 ♦ J 9 6 5 ♣ Q 6 4 3
N						
W E						
S						

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Doecke</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Griffiths</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦(i)	Pass	4♠(ii)
Pass	4NT(iii)	Pass	5♣(iv)
Pass	5♦(v)	Pass	5♠(vi)
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

- (i) Cuebid
- (ii) Cuebid
- (iii) RKCB
- (iv) 1 or 3 key cards
- (v) Asking for the queen of clubs
- (vi) Showing the queen of clubs and the king of spades

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Hoffman</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Ofir</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦(i)
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦(ii)	Pass	4♠(iii)
Pass	4NT(iv)	Pass	5♣(v)
Pass	5♦(vi)	Pass	5♠(vii)
7♣	All Pass		

- (i) Fourth suit forcing
- (ii) Cuebid
- (iii) Cuebid
- (iv) RKCB
- (v) 1 or 4 key cards
- (vi) Asking for the queen of trumps
- (vii) Showing the queen of trumps and the king of spades

Both sides bid the grand slam very accurately in nice and sensible auctions. Seven Clubs made with minimum play and the first slam match of the tournament finished 62—19 IMPs for Israel, 24—6 VPs and proved that bridge is really a bidder's game.



Nye GRIFFITHS, Australia



Ophir RESHEF, Israel

Match—winner

by Barry Rigal

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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Going into the final deal, the Round One Schools match between Sweden and Poland was heading for a draw. However, on Board 20 both North/South pairs bid to the very poor spade slam (note that 6♦ is much better in theory and cold on the actual layout) so maybe there would be a swing to decide the match.

It didn't appear so when both declarers received a heart lead, which should doom the slam. And sure enough, Sweden duly defeated the slam to score +100.

Cecilia Rimstedt, partnering sister, Sandra, won the heart lead and cashed the ace and king of clubs, crossed to the jack of diamonds and pitched dummy's heart loser on the queen of clubs. Then she ruffed a heart and led a spade to the jack and king.

Cecilia was almost certain that the hearts were five-three and that her right-hand opponent was 2-5-2-4 with the ace of spades, in which case there was no legitimate play for the contract. But she was not prepared to give up without at least trying to make her slam. She cashed the ace of diamonds and continued with the ♦9. Of course, East should have spotted that this was a winner, but he failed to do so and discarded rather than ruff with his ace. So Cecilia threw her last heart away, led a spade up, and claimed twelve tricks for +1430 and 17 IMPs for Sweden and a win.

SCHOOLS RANKING AFTER SESSION 3

1 CHINA HONG KONG	70
2 USA BLUE	62
3 NORWAY	60
4 LATVIA	57
5 ISRAEL	53
6 CHINESE TAIPEI	51
7 CHINA	51
8 PAKISTAN	51
9 SWEDEN	48
10 AUSTRALIA	48
11 ITALY	40
12 POLAND	36
13 THAILAND	24
14 USA RED	22
15 CANADA	22
16 INDONESIA	20



SCHEDULE

10.00—12.50	Juniors/Schools, Round 4
14.00—16.50	Juniors/Schools, Round 5
17.30—20.20	Juniors, Round 6

Backpacks

Any player who wishes to exchange their backpack for one with longer straps, please take it to the hospitality desk today (Sunday). It will take one week for you to receive your new backpack.