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POLAND TAKES LEAD

Pre-tournament favourites Poland took the lead in the Junior Series yesterday thanks to two good wins plus a draw. Poland are on 119 VPs, and are closely followed by Singapore, who achieved the result of the day when they blitzed Israel 25-3. Singapore have 117 VPs and behind them come France 111, Israel 109, USA 106, and Norway 100.

The Polish Schools team had an even better day than their seniors, scoring 49 out of a possible 50 VPs. Having had a poor first day, that was only sufficient to move the Poles up to seventh in the standings, but it is all very tight in the top half of the field. Joint leaders are Norway and Israel on 99 VPs, and they are fol-

lowed by USA Blue 91, Australia 90, Sweden 89, China Hong Kong 87, and Poland 85. Israel scored 46 on the day while USA Blue had a great win, 23-7 over China Hong Kong, and a heavy defeat 6-24 to Poland.

Today is an important day, with everyone wanting to go into Wednesday's Outing Day feeling good about their prospects.



Part of the Royal Palace, where the King and Queen receive foreign dignitaries

Line-Ups

Team Captains are reminded that they must put in their line-ups 15 minutes after the end of the previous match.

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VUGRAPH MATCHES

Schools Series — ROUND 6 — 10.00
Norway v USA Blue

Junior Series — ROUND 8 — 14.00
Italy v China Hong Kong

Junior Series — ROUND 9 — 17.30
Singapore v Norway



TODAY'S PROGRAM



JUNIORS SESSION 7

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

SCHOOLS SESSION 6

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

JUNIORS SESSION 8

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

SCHOOLS SESSION 7

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

JUNIORS SESSION 9

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

SCHOOLS SESSION 8

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

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

Public Computers

The computers which we have made available for the players' use, and also the internet connections, are for emails only. Please respect this. If you use them for other purposes you take up essential bandwidth which is required for the smooth running of the tournament.

There is a Business centre on the 18th floor and several internet cafes nearby for other purposes.

Thank you for your understanding.



RESULTS



JUNIORS SESSION 4

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	ISRAEL JORDAN	66	43	20	10
2	HUNGARY NORWAY	17	57	7	23
3	USA 1 CHINA HG KG	38	48	13	17
4	USA 2 BRAZIL	40	68	9	21
5	CANADA THAILAND	62	49	18	12
6	FRANCE EGYPT	43	22	19	11
7	ITALY POLAND	32	34	15	15
8	AUSTRALIA CHILE	67	24	24	6
9	JAPAN SINGAPORE	51	31	19	11

SCHOOLS SESSION 4

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	NORWAY INDONESIA	52	36	18	12
2	POLAND PAKISTAN	72	6	25	2
3	LATVIA USA RED	17	27	13	17
4	ISRAEL CANADA	52	21	21	9
5	SWEDEN THAILAND	52	21	21	9
6	ITALY CHINESE TAIPEI	40	62	10	20
7	AUSTRALIA CHINA	91	30	25	3
8	USA BLUE CHINA HG KG	69	32	23	7

JUNIORS SESSION 5

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	JORDAN FRANCE	39	52	11	18
2	ITALY CANADA	37	31	16	14
3	AUSTRALIA USA 2	25	69	6	24
4	JAPAN USA 1	49	56	14	16
5	SINGAPORE HUNGARY	22	31	13	17
6	CHILE ISRAEL	44	60	12	18
7	POLAND NORWAY	45	21	20	10
8	EGYPT CHINA HG KG	27	74	6	24
9	THAILAND BRAZIL	21	32	13	17

SCHOOLS SESSION 5

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	INDONESIA SWEDEN	26	48	10	20
2	ITALY ISRAEL	18	71	5	25
3	AUSTRALIA LATVIA	47	37	17	13
4	USA BLUE POLAND	31	77	6	24
5	CHINA HG KG NORWAY	24	51	9	21
6	CHINA PAKISTAN	50	42	16	14
7	CHINESE TAIPEI USA RED	45	65	11	19
8	THAILAND CANADA	25	95	2	25

JUNIORS SESSION 6

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	THAILAND JORDAN	67	38	21	9
2	BRAZIL EGYPT	25	71	6	24
3	CHINA HG KG POLAND	14	53	7	23
4	NORWAY CHILE	39	35	16	14
5	ISRAEL SINGAPORE	19	83	3	25
6	HUNGARY JAPAN	47	57	13	17
7	USA 1 AUSTRALIA	52	23	21	9
8	USA 2 ITALY	39	49	13	17
9	CANADA FRANCE	19	44	10	20

SCHEDULE

10.00—12.50	Juniors, Round 7 Schools, Round 6
14.00—16.50	Juniors, Round 8 Schools, Round 7
17.30—20.20	Juniors, Round 9 Schools, Round 8

JUNIORS RANKING AFTER SESSION 6

1	POLAND	119
2	SINGAPORE	117
3	FRANCE	111
4	ISRAEL	109
5	USA 1	106
6	NORWAY	100
7	USA 2	97
8	CHILE	95
9	EGYPT	92
10	ITALY	90
11	CHINA HONG KONG	89
12	CANADA	88
13	BRAZIL	82
14	JAPAN	76
15	AUSTRALIA	74
16	THAILAND	60
17	HUNGARY	59
18	JORDAN	41

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 3 (1991)

For its third running, the World Junior Championship went to Anna Arbor, Michigan, USA. The field had expanded again, to twelve teams, including three from Europe and three from North America (USA got a second team as hosts, plus Canada). Having won the first two championships, the Europeans were looking to continue their dominance of the event but, at the end of the 11x16-board match round robin, none had made the semi-finals. The final table gives an idea of just how tightly contested the championship was, with eleven of the twelve teams still being in contention almost to the end.

1.	Canada	186
2.	USA1	181
3.	USA2	181
4.	Australia	181
5.	Israel	170
6.	Denmark	169
7.	Chinese Taipei	167.5
8.	Argentina	162
9.	China	162
10.	Norway	159
11.	Brazil	155
12.	Central America Caribbean	101.5

In the 64-board semi-finals, the conditions of contest required the two USA teams to play each other. After only five deals USA2 led by 44-0 and coasted to victory by 211.3-70. The other match was much closer, with Canada ahead of Australia by only 3 IMPs at halfway before going on to win by 144-91. It had been decided that the 64-board final in the previous championship had been, perhaps, a little short, so this time around USA2 and Canada would face off over 96 deals with the Canadians taking a 7-IMP carry-over advantage into the match.

Nothing changed in the first set, which ended with Canada up by 40-33, and USA2 pulled back a single IMP in set two; 62-68. The next two sets saw the Americans gradual-

ly creep ahead, and they led by 139-103 after 64 boards. Back came Canada in the fifth set, and they closed to 151-156 with 16 boards to play. Canada regained the lead on the first board of the set and still led by 173-169 when the first of four crucial slam deals appeared.

Board 85. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 6 5 ♥ 10 6 ♦ — ♣ AKQ876432	♠ J 10 7 4 3 ♥ 9 4 ♦ Q 6 4 2 ♣ 10 9	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; text-align: center;"> <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		♠ AK982 ♥ K73 ♦ 10983 ♣ J
	N											
W		E										
	S											
♠ K9863 ♥ Q86 ♦ 2 ♣ AK92												

West	North	East	South
<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♦
6♣	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Gmach</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Zuckerberg</i>
—	Pass	1♠	2♠
3♣	Pass	3NT	4♥
5♣	All Pass		

Brian Platnick did not open the borderline East hand so Geoff Hampson got to open and John Diamond made the big club pre-empt. When Hampson showed his second suit, Diamond guessed to bid again, breaking the normally sound rule that a pre-emptor should not bid again unless invited to do so by partner. As 5♦ would have made easily enough, Diamond's decision was a winning one. Six Clubs was always destined to fail by a trick so Fred Gitelman's heart lead just speeded up the process; -50.

For Canada, Michael Roberts did open the East hand and Debbie Zuckerberg (now Rosenberg) showed hearts and another. Bronia Gmach bid her clubs and Roberts had to bid 3NT and hope that he had sufficient for it to make. Now Zuckerberg showed the sixth heart and substantial extra values, and Gmach repeated the clubs. Now, Martha Katz should have appreciated that her partner's second suit had to be diamonds and that she should therefore bid 5♦. Perhaps that is easier to say with hindsight than it is to expect a junior to find the bid at the table. Zuckerberg had shown her hand well so passed out 5♣, and that contract proved to be cold; +400 and 10 IMPs to Canada, stretching the lead to 183-169.



Board 86. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 10 9 3
♥ A J 9 3
♦ A Q 6
♣ 9

♠ 8 6 5 4
♥ 10 6 2
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 2
♥ K 8 7 5 4
♦ 4 3 2
♣ K 7 5

♠ A J
♥ Q
♦ J 8 3
♣ A Q J 10 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Gitelman	Platnick	Hampson
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Gmach	Katz	Roberts	Zuckerberg
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

After identical starts, Gitelman chose to bid 4♥, keycard for clubs, at his second turn, then bid 6♣ over the response. Katz preferred to go more slowly, showing her hearts and getting spade preference. Now she used keycard, but for spades, made a grand slam try, then accepted the 6♠ sign-off. Of course, if either North had known about partner's heart queen, they might have chosen to play 6NT instead.

It looks as though 6♣ should be easier than 6♠, but that is not the way things turned out.

Against 6♠, Roberts led the two of diamonds to the eight, nine and queen. Katz led a low heart to the queen and Roberts took his king and switched to a club, which could have done bad things to declarer's communications on a different layout. As it was, Katz won the ♣A, crossed to the ace of diamonds and pitched a diamond on the ace of hearts. She continued with a diamond ruff, a low club ruff, and the heart jack. When that passed off peacefully she could ruff the ♥9 and had four winning trumps in hand for +980.

Against 6♣, Diamond led the ♦9, Rusinow. The simple diamond finesse is quite a bit better than any other chance for the contract — even when it fails there is still the possibility of trumps playing without loss — but Hampson could not bear to go down at trick one so went up with the ace, crossed to the ace of spades and ran the heart queen. When that lost he was two down for —100 and 14 IMPs to USA2. There were ten boards to go and the match was level at 183—183.

Board 87 was flat in 4♠ down one by N/S, then along came a third slam in four boards.

Board 88. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A J 9 6 5 3
♥ A 6 4
♦ K 4
♣ 10 6

♠ 8
♥ K 10
♦ Q 10 9 8 7 6 5
♣ 9 4 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 2
♥ Q 9 5
♦ A J 3 2
♣ Q 5 2

♠ K 7 4
♥ J 8 7 3 2
♦ —
♣ A K J 8 7

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Gitelman	Platnick	Hampson
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Gmach	Katz	Roberts	Zuckerberg
3♦	3♠	5♦	6♠
All Pass			

Platnick judged not to get involved with the East cards, seeing a lot of losers and a couple of defensive cards in the two queens. Hampson made one try then gave Gitelman quite a lot of leeway when he passed the 4♠ sign-off. Fair enough — on a heart lead, you would make 6♠ thanks to the favourable club position, but you would not be so bothered about being in it. Platnick led the ace of diamonds and Gitelman ruffed then cashed the top spades and made ten tricks for +420.

Roberts pre-empted with 5♦, hoping to make Zuckerberg guess. In that he succeeded, but unfortunately the guess was the winning one of jumping to slam. Again the opening lead was the ace of diamonds, which Katz ruffed and had no problems when the clubs behaved; +980 and 11 IMPs to USA2, who had taken the lead at 194—183.



The American lead was up to 206—184, then came the final nail in the Canadian coffin.

Board 92. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 8 7 5 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q J 10 4 3 2 ♣ 8	N W E S	♠ A 6 4 ♥ A 8 7 3 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ K Q 10	♠ K Q 9 3 ♥ J 4 ♦ 5 ♣ J 9 7 6 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Diamond</i>	<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Platnick</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
3♦	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>Gmach</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Zuckerberg</i>
2♦	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Gmach settled for a weak 2♦ opening, giving the Americans room to explore — Zuckerberg forced to game then showed long hearts as a mild slam try. They had something to spare but there was no slam and a painless +650. I have a thing about six—four shapes, which have substantial extra playing potential, and would always open 3♦ rather than two, given that the six—card suit had some internal solidity, as here. And Diamond did indeed open 3♦. When Gitelman overcalled 3NT, Hampson was under pressure. There is no easy way to invite slam while also keeping hearts in the picture, and I have a lot of sympathy with Hampson's decision to just bid 6NT, a contract which would be easy to play because the pre—empt had given declarer a lot of useful information. Alas, it had not given information as to how to make the necessary second spade trick from this combination, and Gitelman had nowhere to go for a twelfth trick; down one for —100 and 13 IMPs to USA2.

It had been close all the way, but USA2 came out on top by 231—191 and kept up the 100% record of the host nations in the World Junior Championship.

1. USA2 (John Diamond, Jeff Ferro, Martha Katz, Brian Platnick, Wayne Stuart, Debbie Zuckerberg, NPC Chip Martel)

2. Canada (Mark Caplan, Fred Gitelman, Bronia Gmach, Geoff Hampson, Michael Roberts, Eric Sutherland, NPC John Carruthers)

3. Australia (Robert Fruewirth, Matthew Mullamphy, Peter Newman, John Spooner, Ben Thompson, Jim Wallis, NPC Andrew Reiner)

Today's Play Problem

By John Carruthers

IMPs. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 6 5 4 3 ♥ A K 8 ♦ Q 5 4 3 2 ♣ —	N W E S	♠ K 2 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ A K 6 ♣ A K Q 4 2
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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♥(i)	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣(ii)	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- (i) Transfer to hearts
- (ii) Transfer to diamonds

Your system worked to perfection on this deal. West leads the jack of diamonds and East follows with the seven. How do you play?

Teams and Players' Photos

Schedule — Tuesday August 1st

- 13.00 Singapore/Juniors
- 13.00 Australia/Juniors
- 13.45 Egypt/Juniors
- 13.45 Thailand/Juniors
- 17.00 Canada/Schools
- 17.00 USA Blue/Schools
- 17.15 USA Red/Schools
- 17.15 Pakistan/Schools



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

JUNIORS

Round 3



ISRAEL

v

HUNGARY



Israel met Hungary in Round 3 of the Junior Series and the match went very much in favour of the Israelis. These three deals contributed to their 58—19 IMP, 23—7VP win.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hoffman	Honyek	Ofir
2♥	Pass	2NT	2♦
3♣	Pass	3♦	Dble
All Pass			Dble

Gilad Ofir's multi caught Csaba Szabo, who bid 2♥ for take-out of that suit. Andres Honyek responded with a Lebensohl 2NT and the doubling started. Three Clubs would have been a lot better than 3♦. But was difficult to



Ron HOFFMAN, Israel

reach after the initial take-out bid — when West was given the option to pass because South doubled 2NT, his 3♣ bid should, perhaps, now show long clubs, but could East play him for six-two in the minors or did 3♦ still rate to be the better spot?

Three Diamonds doubled was more fun to defend than to play. Ofir cashed the king of hearts then switched to the club king. Honyek won the ace, unblocking his queen, then played two more rounds of clubs, throwing a spade from hand as Ofir ruffed. Ofir now played three rounds of spades and declarer threw a heart from hand, cashed the ace of trumps, and played a club to throw his last heart. That permitted Ron Hoffman to make his ♦Q separately from Ofir's two remaining trumps so the contract was three down for —800.

In the other room a natural 2NT opening ended the auction and failed by two tricks when declarer won the club lead and played on hearts; —100 and 14 IMPs to Israel.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hoffman	Honyek	Ofir
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All Pass

The Hungarians got up to the five level under their own steam when Szabo opened with a club pre-empt then showed some spade support and Honyek felt that he had to try for slam. It is very tempting, given that West should have a decent suit for the vulnerable opening, but there are a lot of hands with an ace that still leave slam very poor and maybe it is correct to pass 4♠ — note that at least some of the hands that make slam good are not possible as partner would have bid 4♦ with ♦A, ♣KQ and three trumps (even that risks a club ruff).

Ofir led the ace then two of clubs for Hoffman to ruff and the diamond return ensured one down for —100 and 12 IMPs, as Israel stopped in game at the other table.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 10 7 6 3 ♥ 6 2 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ Q J 10	♠ J 9 5 4 ♥ A J ♦ A J 8 7 ♣ A 7 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 8 2 ♥ Q 10 9 7 3 ♦ Q ♣ 8 4 3	♠ — ♥ K 8 5 4 ♦ 10 9 6 3 2 ♣ K 9 6 2
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West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hoffman	Honyek	Ofir
	INT	2♣	2♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♦
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Honyek showed the majors and Ofir competed in diamonds. Now Szabo, looking at five-card spade support, might have jumped to 3♠ immediately, or followed some other straightforward path. Instead, he bid like a man who wanted to get doubled and Hoffman eventually did just that when Szabo competed for a third time.

Whatever the merits of Szabo's sequence, it worked badly this time. Hoffman cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a low club. Ofir won the king and returned a club to his partner's ace and now came a switch to ace and jack of hearts. Ofir won and played a third round, which Szabo ruffed high as Hoffman pitched his remaining club. The ten of spades was covered by jack and king and declarer had no way back to hand for a second spade finesse so had to lose another trick for down three; —500.

In the other room, the Hungarian North/South pair was permitted to play 4♦, making an overtrick for +150 but 8 IMPs to Israel.



China Hong Kong Junior Team

Sunny Yee—Sum MO, 26

Always use 'skart' as web-name. Sunny graduated in Mathematics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and is now a mathematics teacher in a secondary school. He has played bridge for seven years. He will be graduated from the Youth series after this event. Though this is his first time to play in the World Juniors, he is confident on the table.

Jacky Yu—Cheung IP, 25

Jacky uses 'SoldatoJ' and 'yc_ip' as BBO login. You are always welcome to play with him. He is just graduated from the Baptist University with a degree in Education. Jacky is interested in playing various board games, like Settlers, Puerto Rico, Caylus, etc..., with the same login in BSW (Brettspiel.de). He also brings a card game called 'Fluxx' to Bangkok. If you are interested to play, you may ask him.

Baron Chi—Cheung NG, 26

Baron graduated from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology with the Bachelor degree of Computer Science. He is now getting involved in the family business of international trading. He has won the Bronze medal in both PABF Congress (2004, in Taipei) and PABF (2005, in Seoul), and also the Silver medal in PABF this year.

Kinman Cheuk—Hin LEUNG, 23

Kinman is now studying Building Survey at the Polytechnic University. He has played the PABF Youth since 2003, and participated in the last World Juniors in Sydney. He claimed himself to be the 'fastest' youth player in Hong Kong.

Wai—Sing YIU, 22

Sing is studying Nursing at the University of Hong Kong. Besides bridge, he likes various kind of sports, e.g. soccer, athletics, table tennis. He has also the fastest typing speed in Chinese (170wpm!!). You are always welcome to challenge him!

Ivan Chung—Man LEUNG, 21

Ivan is now studying Actuarial Science at the University of Hong Kong. He likes playing card games like San Juau, Fluxx etc. He has been a member of the Youth Team since 2004 and played in the last World Juniors in Sydney. Ivan uses 'ivanlcm' login on okbridge, and is willing to make friends on the net.

JUNIORS

Round 4

FRANCE v EGYPT

by Sandra Kulovic—Probst

The fourth match of the Junior Championship promised to be exciting as France were standing sixth, just 3 VPs ahead of their opponents, Egypt.

After seven boards France were leading by just 2 IMPs and Egypt were looking for a game swing in their favour.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammad</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Olivier BESSIS, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>de Tessieres</i>	<i>Abdel Fattah</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣(i)	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠(ii)	All Pass		

(i) Forces 2♦

(ii) Promises five cards in spades plus an unspecified singleton

In the Closed Room, 2♠ was not a challenging contract and made easily on a diamond lead. In the Open Room, Nabil found himself in a game which had very little play. Gaviard led the Jack of hearts which was taken by Nabil's queen. He tried the queen of spades, but Gaviard took the ace and played the ten of hearts. Even with a heart trick set up, declarer didn't find the elusive ninth trick and one off was worth 5 IMPs to France.

The next board seemed to put France under pressure, as they found themselves in the wrong game whilst Egypt played a safe 4♠.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammad</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
	1♠	Dble	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Gaviard thought his contract was doomed after he saw the lead of the four of clubs. He duly played to the trick which East took with the ace! East was obviously trying to fool declarer, who he thought was holding the queen of clubs. When East returned the ♣8 at trick two, his partner could not guess the club position and switched to the ten

of diamonds. 2 IMPs went to Egypt, but France got off lightly on the hand.

Board 12 looked like an unlikely candidate for a swing hand, but sometimes appearance can be deceptive.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammad</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1NT	2♥	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>de Tessieres</i>	<i>Abdel Fattah</i>
1♦	3♣(i)	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

(i) Promises hearts and clubs



Julien GAVIARD, France

The 3♥ contract in the Closed Room was quickly down one. In the Open Room Bessis collected 300 from his double as declarer misgussed the diamond position. In his defence, Bessis/Gaviard play double of INT as showing clubs and hearts, so Hammad didn't expect this distribution; another 9 IMPs to France.

The next few boards were flat and France were now looking to extend their lead. Board 16 gave them a chance.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hammad</i>	<i>T. Bessis</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O. Bessis</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>de Tessieres</i>	<i>Abdel Fattah</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT(i)	Pass
3♣(ii)	Pass	3♥(iii)	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT(iv)	Pass
4♣(v)	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT(vi)	Pass
5♣(vii)	Pass	5♥(viii)	Pass
5♠(ix)	Pass	5NT(x)	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- (i) Relay
- (ii) Forced
- (iii) Three spades, four diamonds and slam try
- (iv) Relay
- (v) Singleton club
- (vi) RKCB
- (vii) 1 or 3 key cards
- (viii) Asking for the queen of trumps
- (ix) No queen of trumps
- (x) Grand slam try

France showed the better judgment on this hand and bidding the slam earned 13 IMPs.

France led by 19 IMPs and showed no intention of giving anything back. However, the last two boards gave a chance to Egypt to bank a few IMPs themselves.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 3 ♥ 7 2 ♦ A 9 4 3 2 ♣ 8 7 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 7 6 5 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ J 5 ♣ A K 10 3	♠ A Q ♥ A Q 10 9 3 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ Q 9 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hammad	T. Bessis	Nabil	Gaviard
Pass	INT	All Pass	1♥

Closed room

West	North	East	South
O. Bessis	Mehilba	de Tessieres	Abdel Fattah
Pass	INT(i)	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	2♣

(i) Forcing

The 2♥ contract in the Closed Room was made without special efforts. Thomas Bessis played his INT contract in the Open Room and received a spade lead. He took the queen and led a diamond up, which lost to Nabil's jack. Nabil now tried a low club to mislead declarer and indeed Bessis played low so West's jack took the trick. West played back a club and East cashed all three of his club winners. On the last club his partner discarded the jack of spades. East tried to exit with a diamond but this was ducked by North. West was now on lead and could play nothing but a diamond. This was taken by the ace and a nice show-up squeeze ensured the contract and only a small gain for Egypt.

France went on to win the match by 43:22 IMPs, 19—11 VPs.

On a completely different matter, I was asked to apologise to Williams from the Australian junior team. I reported yesterday about a hand in the Israel v Australia match. The contract was 6♠ redoubled making and Williams got the blame for the bad double. Williams noticed this mistake and his partner Gaby Feiler asked me to set the record straight. I just hope I don't have to return him the money he paid me for framing his partner.

China Hong Kong Schools Team

Charlie Hing—Lung LEE, 18

Charlie is now studying in the Lui Cheung Kwong Lutheran College. He is the leader of the team and he is able to take care of his team—mates. He is taking the Director's course in Hong Kong. He hopes he can be a world class Director in the future. Moreover, though he always feels hot in Bangkok, he loves spicy Thai food very much.

Ben Chun—Pong LAI, 18

Ben has a keen mind in Bridge. He is a logical person and interested in challenging difficult declarer play quizzes. Ben is also a cautious and concentrated person. Though he is quiet in the team, his calmness is often a blessing to the team. Ben will be studying Actuarial Science next year at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Adam Tsz—Nam FOK, 19

Adam is now studying Physics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. His analytical mind often works perfectly with his partner, Himmy. His perseverance is also encouraging to the team. He gained a lot of experience in the PABF and he's well prepared for WJ.

Himmy Pak—Him NG, 19

Himmy is a very friendly and cheerful person. He has just completed his high school study and is going to pick the business course at University. His passion for bridge is undoubtedly a turbo to the team. He is aggressive and energetic. Feel free to make friends with him.

Aaron Ching—Hin POON, 17

Aaron is the youngest player in the team. He is studying in Raimondi College. He is very anxious about his HK Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) result right now, which will be announced on Aug 9. You are welcome to give him a blessing when you meet him. This is his first time at a world—class tournament. He is shy at the table, so please be nice to him. He loves playing TV games very much.

Ricky Tsang—Tat KOO, 21

Ricky is now studying Mathematics at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. This is also his first time participating in a world—class tournament. Though he looks shy and quiet, he is active and is addicted to TV games.

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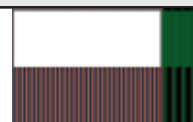
Round 4



ITALY

v

POLAND



by Sue Grenside

Round 4 of the Junior Championship saw an important match between two of the heavyweights of European bridge, Italy and Poland. The Poles drew first blood.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sbarigia</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
3♠	Dble	1♠	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4♥
Lead: ♠A			



Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ, Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>
3♠	3NT	1♠	2♣
All Pass		Pass	4♣

In the Closed Room, Andrea Boldrini led the ace of spades to the ♠6, ♠9, and ♠5. Next came the ♦8, to the nine, ace and queen. Matteo Sbarigia returned the ♦2 to declarer's king. Kotorowicz played a small club to the king won by Sbarigia's ace. Sbarigia returned another diamond which declarer ruffed high with the ♥J. He now played the ♣Q, throwing the ♠J from dummy. The ♥6 was led to dummy's ace, followed by the ♦6 to the jack, ruffed with the queen, after which declarer drew trumps and claimed for +620 and 13 IMPs to Poland.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sbarigia</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	4NT
All Pass			
Lead: ♠2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The Closed Room stayed in 4NT and made 12 tricks for +690. Italy, in the Open Room, had an artificial auction to reach a good slam. However, they got lost somewhere in the play and were down one for another 13 IMPs to Poland.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sbarigia</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣(i)	Pass	2♥(ii)	Pass
2♠(iii)	Pass	2NT(iv)	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT(v)	Pass
5♦(vi)	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

- (i) Forcing
 - (ii) Four hearts
 - (iii) 5♠ + 4♥, 15—17
 - (iv) 1, 3 or 5 aces
 - (v) Exclusion Key Card
 - (vi) Two aces without ♠Q
- Lead: ♦6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>
1♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Boldrini and Sbarigia had a controlled bidding sequence to reach the slam. Kotorowicz took his time in deciding on a lead and finally came out with the ♠6, to the two, four and seven. Sbarigia now played the jack of diamonds to the five,



♠K, and two. He then played ♠8 to the ten, then the ♦K covered by the ♦A and ruffed with the ♠Q. Next, the ♣Q was won with South's ace. Sbarigia now claimed his 12 tricks for +980 and a further 11 IMPs to Italy.

Board 9. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sbarigia</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
	1♠	2♣	Dble
4♣	4♠	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	2♣
2♠	3♣	3♠	All Pass

Poland picked up 6 IMPs on Board 9, helped by their confident bidding sequence. Both sides made 11 tricks. However, not bidding the game was costly to Italy.



Jacek KALITA, Poland

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Sbarigia</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠(i)	Pass	2NT(ii)	Pass
3♣(iii)	Pass	3♦(iv)	Pass
3♠(v)	Pass	4NT(vi)	Pass
5♥(vii)	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- (i) 5♠ + 4♦, 15—21
- (ii) Asking
- (iii) 15—17
- (iv) Asking
- (v) 5-3-4-1
- (vi) Ace asking
- (vii) Two

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The pair of Boldrini and Sbarigia had an excellent system to find the distribution to get to this slam. The ♣4 was led, won by declarer with the ace. He then played the ♥A and lost the next trick to the ♥K. Di Bello returned a club, ruffed by Boldrini, who now cleared trumps, played the ♦A and claimed; 13 IMPs to Italy.

A close match ended 34 to Poland, 32 to Italy, for a 15—15 draw.



SCHOOLS RANKING AFTER SESSION 5

1 NORWAY	99
2 ISRAEL	99
3 USA BLUE	91
4 AUSTRALIA	90
5 SWEDEN	89
6 CHINA HONG KONG	87
7 POLAND	85
8 LATVIA	83
9 CHINESE TAIPEI	82
10 CHINA	70
11 PAKISTAN	67
12 USA RED	58
13 CANADA	56
14 ITALY	55
15 INDONESIA	41
16 THAILAND	35

Solution to Today's Play Problem

By John Carruthers

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

This is a truly simple yet elegant deal. You have many chances to make 3NT.

Diamonds are 3—2

Clubs are 4—4

Spade king is inside

Maybe residual squeeze chances

Unfortunately, as you can see, none of these chances pans out. Nevertheless, there is a solution: duck the opening diamond lead in both hands! Now you can win the continuation, cash all your minor-suit winners in hand, cross to a heart and take the remaining red-suit winners.

Ron Sukoneck, of North Carolina, USA, found the winning play at the table