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K.O. TIME

It is time for the Knock-outs after a close finish to the qualifying stages yesterday. In the Juniors, Singapore defeated France 18-12 in the morning match to go into the final round 1 VP ahead of their opponents. In the final round, France defeated Japan 21-9 then had to see if it would be sufficient. It was not. Singapore completed a strong day with a 23-7 win over Canada and Italy beat Australia 20-10, to join USA1 and Poland in the last four. That completed a fine comeback from the Italians, after a slow start to the Championship, and there was no place in the KOs for France.

In the Schools Championship, Israel, Latvia and Australia were safe before the last round. USA Red managed a maximum against Indonesia but were overtaken by Norway, who got a 20-10 win against Thailand. Would that be enough? No, Poland had

been fourth going in and their draw with Chinese Taipei took them through to the KOs in fourth place.

Today's semi-finals consist of four 16-board segments, with carry-overs from the round robin matches between the two teams. Good luck to all.



The teams in play

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Semi-final Segment 1 – 10.30
Italy v Poland

Semi-final Segment 2 – 14.00
to be announced

Semi-final Segment 3 – 17.00
to be announced

Semi-final Segment 4 – 21.00
to be announced

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RESULTS



JUNIORS SESSION 16

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	AUSTRALIA JORDAN	61	45	18	12
2	JAPAN ITALY	46	87	7	23
3	SINGAPORE FRANCE	73	57	18	12
4	CHILE CANADA	54	56	15	15
5	POLAND USA 2	62	17	24	6
6	EGYPT USA 1	17	65	5	25
7	THAILAND HUNGARY	28	80	5	25
8	BRAZIL ISRAEL	47	55	14	16
9	CHINA HG KG NORWAY	28	61	8	22

SCHOOLS SESSION 14

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	AUSTRALIA INDONESIA	73	27	24	6
2	USA BLUE ITALY	63	64	15	15
3	CHINA HG KG SWEDEN	20	66	6	24
4	CHINA ISRAEL	30	76	6	24
5	CHINESE TAIPEI LATVIA	31	43	13	17
6	THAILAND POLAND	29	82	5	25
7	CANADA NORWAY	33	88	4	25
8	USA RED PAKISTAN	57	39	19	11

JUNIORS SESSION 17

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	JORDAN CHINA HG KG	39	61	10	20
2	NORWAY BRAZIL	54	54	15	15
3	ISRAEL THAILAND	85	47	23	7
4	HUNGARY EGYPT	73	37	22	8
5	USA 1 POLAND	43	40	16	14
6	USA 2 CHILE	38	46	14	16
7	CANADA SINGAPORE	28	69	7	23
8	FRANCE JAPAN	44	16	21	9
9	ITALY AUSTRALIA	70	47	20	10

SCHOOLS SESSION 15

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	INDONESIA USA RED	42	97	4	25
2	PAKISTAN CANADA	77	55	20	10
3	NORWAY THAILAND	72	49	20	10
4	POLAND CHINESE TAIPEI	51	50	15	15
5	LATVIA CHINA	63	41	20	10
6	ISRAEL CHINA HG KG	84	38	24	6
7	SWEDEN USA BLUE	34	45	13	17
8	ITALY AUSTRALIA	50	87	7	23

JUNIORS FINAL RANKING

1	USA 1	328
2	POLAND	309
3	ITALY	304
4	SINGAPORE	304
5	FRANCE	301
6	ISRAEL	293
7	NORWAY	291
8	EGYPT	263
9	USA 2	261
10	CHINA HONG KONG	251
11	BRAZIL	247
12	HUNGARY	244
13	CANADA	243
14	CHILE	236
15	AUSTRALIA	219
16	JAPAN	188
17	THAILAND	156
18	JORDAN	88

SCHOOLS FINAL RANKING

1	ISRAEL	320
2	AUSTRALIA	285
3	LATVIA	285
4	POLAND	269
5	NORWAY	266
6	USA RED	261
7	SWEDEN	245
8	USA BLUE	243
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	232
10	PAKISTAN	204
11	CHINA HONG KONG	203
12	ITALY	186
13	CANADA	181
14	CHINA	133
15	INDONESIA	114
16	THAILAND	111

SEMI-FINALS

1	USA 1	+15.5	SINGAPORE	0
2	POLAND	+1	ITALY	0

SEMI-FINALS

3	AUSTRALIA	0	ISRAEL	+16
4	LATVIA	0	POLAND	+8

The Only Card

It is well-known to those of us who come from the land of the weak no trump (The True Faith!), that one never goes for a big penalty when one opens INT with a disgusting 11-count with no intermediates and a queen-jack doubleton in some suit. Oh no, it is the 14-point hands with three tens that go for 1100. This is a law of nature.

In the same way, it is the 18-point INT overcalls that go for a number, never the 'good' 14-counts. There was such a hand in the Round 12 Juniors match between France and Poland.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 9 8 5 2 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 7 6 5 4	♠ A J 10 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ J 10 3 ♣ A 10 9 8	♠ K 7 6 ♥ A K 8 3 ♦ K 9 2 ♣ K Q 3	♠ Q ♥ J 7 6 5 4 ♦ A Q 8 7 6 ♣ J 2
West	North	East	South
T. Bessis	Kalita	Gaviard	Kotorowicz
	1♠	INT	Dble

All Pass

Nobody could reasonably criticise the INT bid on a full 18 HCP, but a sharp double from Krzysztof Kotorowicz left the French pair with nowhere to go.

Kotorowicz led a low heart to the queen and ace and Julian Gaviard returned a low heart, Kotorowicz going in with the jack and continuing the suit. Gaviard won in dummy and took the opportunity to lead up to the king of clubs, then cashed the king of hearts. On the hearts, Kalita had thrown one diamond and two spades. This was the position after the last heart:

♠ 9 8 5 2 ♥ - ♦ 5 4 ♣ 7 6	♠ A J 10 ♥ - ♦ J 10 ♣ A 10 9	♠ K 7 6 ♥ - ♦ K 9 2 ♣ Q 3	♠ Q ♥ 7 ♦ A Q 8 7 6 ♣ J
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Gaviard exited with the nine of diamonds, but he did not come to another trick. Kalita won the diamond and returned the suit. By the time Kotorowicz had finished cashing red winners, he had just two cards left to go on North's

PLAY SCHEDULE

10.30-12.50	Semi-finals, Segment 1
11.00-12.00	Swiss Pairs, Round 1
12.15-13.15	Swiss Pairs, Round 2
14.00-16.20	Semi-finals, Segment 2
15.00-16.00	Swiss Pairs, Round 3
16.15-17.15	Swiss Pairs, Round 4
17.00-19.20	Semi-finals, Segment 3
17.30-18.30	Swiss Pairs, Round 5
18.45-19.45	Swiss Pairs, Round 6
21.00-23.20	Semi-finals, Segment 4

The Swiss Pairs

The Swiss Pairs will be held Today and Monday, starting at 11-00 am each day, with six rounds and five on Monday, and ending in time for dinner each day.

It is a Transnational event and is open to anyone playing in the Junior or Schools Championship, plus anyone else who was born on or after January 1st 1981.

Registration is in the playing area 30 minutes before the start of play, i.e. 10-30 this morning.

Victory Banquet

Everyone should have had a form left in their room, asking which main course they would like at Tuesday's Victory Banquet. Could you please hand these in as the hotel requires advance notice to aid the smooth running of the dinner.

black aces; down three for -800.

That was a flat board as, at the other table, the Polish East/West pair wriggled their way into 2♣ doubled, also going for 800.

In the diagrammed position, there is only one card with which declarer can exit and come to another trick to win the board.

A low spade is no good - the queen wins and South cashes the heart, squeezing East in three suits.

A low club is no good - South wins and cashes the heart, crosses to the ♠A and the club winners now squeeze East.

If East exits with the ♣Q, North cashes the clubs then plays a diamond. Declarer can block the diamonds by covering, but he has had to throw a spade on the fourth club and now the long heart squeezes him once again.

The only winning play is the king of diamonds. That leaves the diamonds blocked and there is no way for the defence to unravel them, so declarer must make either the ♠K or ♣Q to get out for two down.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 8 (2001)

Seventeen teams gathered in Mangaratiba, near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the 2001 World Junior Championship. USA1 won the round robin reasonably comfortably, with the shock of the tournament being Thailand, in its first appearance at a World Junior Championship, qualifying in second place.

1.	USA1	324
2.	Thailand	290
3.	Denmark	282.5
4.	Israel	282
5.	China	275
6.	Norway	271
7=.	Canada	270
7=.	Netherlands	270
9.	Argentina	266
10.	France	256.8
11.	Australia	256
12.	Brazil	251.5
13.	USA2	235.2
14.	Egypt	223
15.	Chinese Taipei	208
16.	CAC	190
17.	New Zealand	159

Despite its second-place in the round robin, Thailand found that it was the opponent of choice for USA1 at the semi-final stage, where Thailand had a 2.7-IMP carry-over advantage. That left Denmark to start the other semi-final against Israel with a single-IMP advantage. Neither semi-final was close. Thailand ran out of steam and were crushed by a strong American team, 284-94.7, while Israel also had a comfortable win by 217-108.

Denmark defeated Thailand by 191-123.5 in the bronze-medal play-off while USA1 soon added to their 6-IMP carry-over advantage in the final and won by 262-157. As with Italy two years earlier, USA1 had looked to be the class team all the way through the tournament, and were worthy winners.

Canada's Vincent Demuy found a neat play to earn his side a game swing on this deal against Denmark:

Dealer South.

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

West	North <i>Heller</i>	East	South <i>Demuy</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Danish declarer, also in 3NT, won the spade lead in hand, crossed to dummy with a club, and led a diamond to the jack and queen. West tried a top spade to find how they divided then switched to the king of hearts; down three.

Demuy won the spade lead with his ten and realized that he only needed four diamond tricks for his contract. With entries to hand in short supply, he ducked a diamond and, when the queen appeared, had ten tricks whatever the defence did next.

Had the queen of diamonds not appeared, Demuy expected to have a count on both black suits before he came to the critical decision in diamonds, and some clue about the hearts after seeing what East discarded on the top spades, so had high hopes of 'guessing' correctly whether the suit had started out three-two or four-one.

Pablo Ravenna of Argentina was partnering Agustin Madala in his team's match against the Netherlands. Ravenna played this next one nicely to bring home his game.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q 9 3 ♥ K J 6 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ K 10 9 8	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: black; color: white; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 8 5 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ Q 7 3 2
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W		E									
	S										
♠ 10 4 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ K Q 10 5 4 2 ♣ J 4	♠ A 7 6 2 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ A J 8 ♣ A 6 5										

West	North <i>Madala</i>	East	South <i>Ravenna</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
2♣(i)	3♦(ii)	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- (i) Diamonds or both majors
- (ii) Hearts

Ravenna liked his diamond holding so judged to play 3NT rather than the doomed heart game. The Dutch West led the king of diamonds, catching a discouraging nine from East, and Ravenna ducked. West now tried the ♥10, imagining that declarer would be weak in the suit because he had chosen to play 3NT rather than 4♥. Dummy's king won the heart and second round went to the queen and

ace. Now West found the spade switch, the ten being covered by the queen and king. Ravenna did well by ducking and East switched to a diamond to the jack and queen. With no entry, West switched back to spades, the eight forcing the ace. But Ravenna had lost his four tricks, rectifying the count for a squeeze against East. He crossed to the king of clubs and cashed the heart winners, and East had to concede the ninth trick.

The surprise team of the tournament was Thailand. Near the end of their Round 7 match with Norway they appeared to be on their way to a heavy defeat, but this next deal pulled them back into the match.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 5 ♥ K J 2 ♦ A K 10 5 2 ♣ J 9 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; 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	♠ 6 4 ♥ Q 10 9 8 6 3 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ 10 5
N					
W E					
S					
♠ Q 10 8 3 ♥ 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A K Q 6 4 3		♠ A K J 9 2 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ 8 7			

West	North	East	South
<i>Chitngamkusol</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Trimankha</i>	<i>Harr</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The Norwegians did well to reach a game that had at least some play on the two hands, but he needed a friendly lie and one was not forthcoming. In the circumstances, two down was no great disaster; -200.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ellestad</i>	<i>Sasibut</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Limsinsopon</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2♣	Dble	All Pass	

Olav Ellestad was desperately unlucky to find himself conceding a penalty in his very sound overcall. Jaturong Sasibut's had a penalty double available and chose to use it — to do so on a hand of this type being an old-fashioned style that used to be promoted by such players as the late Terence Reese.

Sasibut led the ace of diamonds and, though at first glance it appears that declarer will come to seven tricks, the defence was spot on and left Ellestad with only six. Sasibut and Kirawat Limsinsopon simply cashed their three top red tricks and one spade, then exited with a trump, and Ellestad had to lose three more spade tricks for down two and 500 to Thailand, who picked up 12 IMPs from nowhere.

The first board of the final produced a big swing to USA but Israel had an opportunity to win the board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ Q J 7 6 5 ♣ Q 8 5 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; 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	♠ J 10 8 ♥ A K 10 6 2 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ J 2
N					
W E					
S					
		♠ K Q 9 7 4 ♥ — ♦ A 2 ♣ A K 10 9 6 3			

West	North	East	South
<i>Amit</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Vax</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

I am not sure if North/South were entirely on the same wavelength regarding the 5NT bid, as it looks as though South might have been willing to shoot out the grand if facing the ace of trumps, while North clearly did not believe that he had what was required. Anyway, John Kranyak wasted no time on the play, winning the diamond lead with the king, playing ace then ruffing a club, drawing trumps and conceding a club for a quick +980.

West	North	East	South
<i>Cambell</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Schneider</i>
—	2♦(i)	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

(i) Both majors, 5-10 HCP

When Yossi Roll showed a weak hand with both majors, Ranny Schneider made a couple of enquiries then asked about trump honours and, on discovering that the ace was present, bid the grand.

Joel Wooldridge led the ace of hearts and Roll ruffed. Of course, the club suit is the key to the fate of the grand slam. Declarer should cash the ace of trumps at trick two, just in case East has all the missing cards. When both defenders follow, the decision is whether to draw a second trump or to set about the clubs immediately. It looks correct to cash a second trump as the contract will be almost home if the suit splits evenly. On the actual lay-out, declarer next cashes the top clubs and, when an honour falls from East, it is with the odds to draw a third round of trumps then follow the theory of restricted choice and take the ruffing club finesse, making the slam. If no club honour appears, declarer will have to ruff a club without drawing the third trump and hope that East has three or four cards in the suit, when he can still succeed. It follows that East should drop a club honour on the second round

when holding ♣QJxx, encouraging declarer to draw the third trump and go down in a contract that he would make by playing to take two ruffs in the North hand.

Well, Roll ruffed a small club at trick three, cashed two rounds of trumps and tried to ruff another club. When that was over-ruffed he was one down and USA1 had picked up 14 IMPs when it could have been 11 to Israel.

1. USA1 (Brad Campbell, Joe Grue, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Kent Mignocchi, Joel Wooldridge, NPC Bob Rosen, Coach Dennis McGarry)

2. Israel (Asaf Amit, Yaniv Vax, Aran Warzawsky, Inon Liran, Ranny Schneider, Yossi Roll, NPC Michael Barel)

3. Denmark (Martin Schaltz, Andreas Marquardsen, Gregers Bjarnarson, Michael Askgaard, Kare Gjaldbaek, Jonas Houmoller, NPC Hans Kristian Sorensen, Coach Bettina Kalkerup)

USA2 Junior Team

Noble Shore

Noble is a 25-year old software developer from the Washington DC area. He would like to say 'Hi' to his fiancée, Sarah, and their dog, Charlie. Sarah and Noble will be married next August.

Mike Gill

Mike is a 24-year old grad. student in astronomy at the University of Maryland. He feels honoured and lucky to be here in Thailand, and says that he is happy to have accomplished his primary goal of not having caused any international incidents (so far).

Michael and Jon Rice

The Rice brothers are both 24-years old. Michael graduated from Georgia Tech. with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering, while Jon is at N. C. State. The Rice brothers in Thailand means Twin Towers, they love bridge and little else, but have said that the hospitality here is excellent.

Mike Develin and John Barth

Mike and John both hail from the great state of California. John, the wild one, works as a product analyst and, if you know what his job description is, he would love to hear it. He is greatly enjoying the hospitality of the Thai people, and leads all teams in late registration fees. Mike, the straight man, doubles as a mathematician and pretentious indie hipster. He is also a resident blogger for www.bridgeiscool.com. Astonishingly, Mike and John have only played in one three-three fit so far this tournament.

Elimination and Endplay

by Sandra Kulovic-Probst

Noble Shore of USA2 Juniors found a nice play to make this slam from Round 15.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♣(i)
2♣(ii)	Dble(iii)	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣(iv)	Dble	6♠

All Pass

- (i) Strong
- (ii) Minors
- (iii) GF
- (iv) One key card

West duly led a club to dummy's ace. Shore ruffed a club, crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed the last club, cashed the ace of spades and led his heart. West had to take the ace of hearts but was now endplayed. He could not lead a minor, for obvious reasons but, equally, either heart return would also be fatal to the defence.

West actually chose to return the ♥4. Shore put in the eight, ruffing out East's jack, crossed to dummy with a trump and cashed the ♥K, throwing a diamond. When the ♥Q fell, he had a second discard for the jack of diamonds and twelve tricks. Nicely played.

Had West exited with the ♥Q, declarer would have won the king and had a guess on the next round of hearts — which he would almost certainly have got right.



JUNIORS

Round 15



USA I

v

ISRAEL



Going into their Round 15 encounter in the Junior Championship, USA I were in the lead and, while not yet secure, looking good for a place in the semi-finals, while Israel were in the thick of the battle for one of the remaining qualification spots.

nine of diamonds and the defence took its tricks; +790. At the other table, Ron Hoffman did not find the double, but neither did Gilad Ofir find the diamond switch, so there were twelve tricks for +680 but 3 IMPs to Israel.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	Dble	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

What is the weakest hand with which you have ever seen a 4♥ opening doubled for take-out? This example must be pretty close, I would have thought. No doubt John Kranyak was delighted to hear the double and envisaged collecting a substantial penalty. It was not to be. Kranyak led a top club, ruffed, and Eldad Ginossar played the ♥Q, ducked, then the ♥K, also ducked, and a third heart, which Kranyak won. Joe Grue had pitched two low clubs, but the switch was clear without any help from partner. Kranyak led the

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1♦	INT	2♣
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

At the other table Ari Greenberg and Justin Lall played 2♠ on the East/West cards, making ten tricks for +170 to USA I. I include this deal because it was the subject of an appeal and thought that it might be of interest to see how an appeals committee might think. Of course, you may not agree with the decision, and a different committee might even come to a different conclusion though, of course, we hope not.

One Diamond was Precision and 2♣ was described at both sides of the screen as being a negative double. Both East and West asked for further clarification.

East was told by North that 2♣ would usually deliver at least four-three in the majors with a four-card or longer minor. With South only promising four-three in the majors, East was confident that his partnership agreement was that the double of 2♣ was Stayman, and that the 3♦ continuation was natural and game-forcing. This was supported by the partnership's system file.

West was told by South, both majors. For him, his double now showed an interest in penalising his opponents in a major. This also was supported by the system file, so East and West were playing two different systems due to the slightly different secondary explanations given by North and South.

While East was in a game-forcing auction the moment



Eldad GINOSSAR, Israel

that his partner bid 3♦, West was not. He interpreted 2♠ as showing a maximum with spade values, i.e. stopper showing, and bid 3♦ as an attempt to play in the only suit not shown by his opponents — North's pass of the double showed clubs, of course. West interpreted 3♥ as a half-stopper and attempted again to sign-off in diamonds but, of course, East went on to game. The contract was down two doubled for -300.

The TD ruled that the result should stand as the two explanations were basically identical. East/West appealed.

The appeals committee decided that the two explanations were not identical. Indeed, the fact that East and West could be on different pages systemically, having received the two explanations, strongly suggests that for some people there was a difference. Accordingly, there was misinformation, although both North and South were doing their best to give a proper explanation.

Did the misinformation contribute to the table result? The committee believed that it did, as had East and West received identical information they would presumably have then been playing the same methods and would not have had the misunderstanding. It followed that an adjusted score had to be considered.

Were the different explanations the sole cause of the bad East/West result, or did they contribute to their own downfall? The committee could not see how East could have avoided the result as his methods forced him to game. However, the committee felt that West might have bid differently and that his actions had contributed to the result.

East's removal of the double of 2♣ denied a penalty double of that contract. West believed that East had a maximum with spade strength, but it followed that East lacked a heart stopper, and there was no guarantee that he would have a diamond suit. Accordingly, he would usually hold three or more spades and a pass of 2♠ was a sensible option — indeed, one committee member was confident that he would have passed 2♠ had he held the hand. West might also have tried 3♠ over 3♥, and would then have been able to pass a 4♦ rebid by East.

The committee decided that there had been damage but that East/West had also contributed to their bad result. Accordingly, the result was adjusted to 50% of the time 5♦ doubled -300 and 50% of the time 2♠ making +170. Effectively, the 10-IMP swing to USA1 was halved to 5 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J 4 3 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 5 4 ♣ J 10 7 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 5 ♥ Q 5 ♦ K Q 10 3 2 ♣ Q 9
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	S										
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West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Three Clubs started a Puppet Stayman sequence. Though dummy had shown four hearts, Kranyak judged that his best chance was to find partner with some help in that suit — with two aces, he might even be able to afford giving declarer a trick on the lead. The low heart lead ran around to Ginossar's queen and he attacked diamonds. Kranyak cleared the hearts but Ginossar had nine tricks for +600.

In the other room, a different auction saw Ofir lead a low club to defeat the same contract; -100 and 12 IMPs to Israel.

The Israelis led by 20-7 at this point, but now came a major shift in the momentum of the match.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ Q 7 6 2 ♣ Q 7 6 5 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 4 ♥ K 10 8 2 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ A 9 2	♠ 5 2 ♥ J 7 6 5 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K J 10 8
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W		E										
	S											
		♠ A K Q 9 8 7 6 ♥ 9 ♦ A K J 3 ♣ 3										

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The modified Precision auction saw the Americans get to the reasonable small slam and Ophir Reshef led a low club to the ace and jack. Kranyak crossed to hand with a trump and led a heart up. When Reshef played low, Kranyak put up the king and had twelve tricks for +1430.

On a similar line, Ari Greenberg took his ace to defeat the slam at the other table so USA1 gained a massive 17 IMPs to take the lead in the match.



There was no helpful East/West bidding here, but read a separate article in this issue to see how the slam can be made legitimately.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl(i)	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

(i) First-round control

Facing a simple but sound raise, Ginossar tried and tried again for slam but eventually had to call it a day. As the cards lie, this was the correct thing to do, because after a trump lead there were two tricks to be lost; +650.

Alas for Israel Lall/Greenberg bid the slam at the other table and Ofir cashed the ace of diamonds at trick one, after which Lall had no problem in coming to twelve tricks for +1430 and 13 IMPs to USA1.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
			INT
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Having opened INT with a singleton club, Kranyak was not inclined to play 3NT after Ginossar had doubled to show clubs. He raised to the four-three fit spade game and Ginossar led the king of clubs to the ten and ace. Grue led the ♦4 at trick two, the king losing to the ace. Back came a club to the jack, queen and ruff, and now Grue played ace and another trump, misguessing by putting up the queen and losing to the king. It didn't matter, as there was no effective defence open to Ginossar. In practice, he tried a heart, but Grue finessed the queen and crossed to the jack of diamonds to play a trump; +620.

The same contract failed by a trick at the other table so that was another 12 IMPs to USA1. They ran out winners by 67-26 IMPs, 23-7 VPs, and had all but ensured their place in the semi-finals. Meanwhile, Israel had some serious work to do in their last two matches if they were to join them.

China Schools Team

The China school team comes from the North-west Sci-tech University of Agriculture and Forestry. This is the first international bridge match they have played.

Wei YUAN & Siao-Kun WU

Both partners are students, majoring in Enology. Wu began to play bridge from middle school. They use a quite complicated bidding system with many conventions. The only problem for them is that often one partner forgets their convention though the other partner still remembers while bidding.

Kai CAO & Hui WANG

Cao is also studying Enology, and Wang majors at Forestry. Their partnership is quite short, just starting before this championship. Their bidding is often quite brave. The only problem for them is that it is often hard for them to find the proper way to go home.

Bao-zhen HUA, npc

He is a professor of Entomology, teaching bridge for 20 years. His colleague found that in his students, the declarer did not allow the defenders to see the dummy's cards.

An-lao HU, coach

He is the head of the Department of Physical Education. He knows that 3NT needs 9 tricks, and grand slam can win the highest score.

JUNIORS

Round 16



USA1 v EGYPT



by **Sandra Kulovic—Probst**

Round 16 was going to be exciting in the Junior championship. USA1 (leaders with 288 VPs) played Egypt, who were eighth, but only 13 VPs short of a qualifying spot.

After four boards USA1 were leading by 1 IMP. On Board 5, Joe Grue gave an example of his excellent bidding judgment to extend the lead.

about saving now and passed. Grue claimed his 2140 after the lead. In the Open Room N/S doubled Five Spades only and lost 16 IMPs.

Board 6 was also a test of high-level bidding as E/W can make Six Clubs or Six Hearts, but N/S can save in spades.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abdel Fattah</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	1♦(i)	2♦(ii)	3♥(iii)
4♠	5♠(iv)	Pass	6♦
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♦

All Pass

- (i) Two plus diamonds
- (ii) Majors, 6-10 or 14+ HCP
- (iii) Splinter
- (iv) First-round control

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Donn</i>	<i>Hammad</i>
	1♦	2♦(i)	3♥(ii)
3♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

All Pass

- (i) Majors
- (ii) Splinter

After John Kranyak's splinter, Grue wanted to bid towards grand slam. Most juniors would have been more than happy to bid their grand, but Grue saw another problem — vulnerability. E/W could save in Seven Spades, as they are not vulnerable, and all the good judgment in the world would not get him many IMPs on the board. To avoid this happening, he bid Six Diamonds first and, after West saved as expected, he bid Seven Diamonds. E/W weren't so sure

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abdel Fattah</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
		1♣	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



Joe GRUE, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Nabil	Donn	Hammad
		1♣	3♠
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT(i)	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dble	All Pass

(i) Pick a slam

Again Egypt didn't judge the hand right and Five Spades made eight tricks. In the Open Room, E/W found their slam and N/S made the higher sacrifice and found only seven tricks for 1100; another 12 IMPs to the leaders.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abdel Fattah	Grue	Mehilba	Kranyak
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



John KRANYAK, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Nabil	Donn	Hammad
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	2♣	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Grue led the ♣Q against 3NT. Mahmoud Abdel Fattah took the ♣A and played a diamond to the ♦A. Next he played another diamond, on which Kranyak played the ten, and declarer the queen, dropping the jack. The ♦9 was led to the king, Grue discarding the ♥9. Kranyak now returned the ♠Q and declarer took it and played a club. After Grue cashed the ♣J he played the ♠10. Declarer took the ♠K, but ended up with only seven tricks to lose 7 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abdel Fattah	Grue	Mehilba	Kranyak
	Pass	Pass	1♣(i)
1♦(ii)	Dble	1♠	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

(i) 16+ HCP

(ii) Two-suiter, red suits or black suits

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Feldman	Nabil	Donn	Hammad
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

In the Open Room the auction went nicely for the Egyptian pair as they found the cold club game. In the Closed Room, the auction went differently after West decided to describe his hand as a red or black two-suiter. 3-4-4-2 is probably not the shape he should have for this bid, but on this auction it worked very well. N/S have difficulties finding Five Clubs as they are expecting suits to break badly and 3NT should make only eight tricks.

East led the ♥5. Grue enquired about the One Spade bid and was told it was not pass or correct, but simply natur-

al. He now knew West held the red suits and probably Q10xx in hearts. The contract has a legitimate play if West holds 5-4-3-1, as declarer can afford to lose three spade tricks but not four, meaning West becomes the dangerous hand which should not be allowed into the lead. Grue took the ♥Q with the ♥A and played a small club. When East played small he put up the ace expecting to drop an honour. When he saw West play small, he suspected the 3-4-4-2 shape. If this is the case, 3NT is just one light, but Grue wasn't going to give up that easily. He quickly played a diamond from dummy and West won his ♦10. If West now plays a spade the contract is one off, but West could not see what was happening and passively returned a diamond. Declarer now cashed his diamonds and finessed in hearts for nine tricks and an exciting push.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A 3 ♥ 9 5 4 3 ♦ K Q 7 3 2 ♣ A 8	<table border="1" 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		♠ 6 5 2 ♥ K 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ K 9 7 6 5 3	
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abdel Fattah</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Donn</i>	<i>Hammad</i>
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♥	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Neither N/S pair had any problem finding Four Hearts. In the Closed Room E/W found their spade fit and the vulnerability seduced them into saving. Grue led ♦Q. Declarer didn't read the hands well and made only six tricks for -800 and 4 IMPs to USA1.

USA1 won the match by 65-17 IMPs, 25-5 VPs.

Nice Lead

The France v Poland match in the Junior Championship has proved to be a rich source of interesting hands, and here is one more, which salvaged valuable VPs for Poland at the end of the match.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 4 2 ♥ Q 9 4 ♦ A 2 ♣ K 10 9 3 2	<table border="1" 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 9 8 3 ♥ A K J 8 ♦ K 3 ♣ A J	
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♠ A 5 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ 7 6 5 4												
	♠ K 7 6 ♥ 6 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 7 4 ♣ Q 8											

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Bessis</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

A diamond is the easy lead from the South hand but Krzysztof Kotorowicz was concerned that everything appeared to be breaking well for declarer and that most of his finesses would be working. It followed that a more dynamic approach was required, so Kotorowicz tried the effect of leading the queen of clubs.

Julian Gaviard did the best he could when he ducked the opening lead but, of course, Kotorowicz continued with a second club to the ace. Gaviard played a spade to the ace and a spade back, misguessing by putting up the queen, though that in itself was not fatal.

Kotorowicz switched to a diamond to Kalita's ace and back came a club. Gaviard could have survived by ruffing with the eight, but that required two cards aside, whereas his actual choice of ruffing with the jack just required queen doubleton in the North hand, surely more likely.

The contract was one down, all due to the attacking opening lead which put declarer under pressure. In the other room 4♥ made after a diamond lead.

A Helping Hand

It is nice that we help each other in this beautiful game of ours. After watching his team play against Australia in the Schools competition, the Israeli captain pointed out that one of the Australian players exposed his hand to his screen-mate far too much and should be more careful in future.

Is a good lesson for a young player to learn.

JUNIORS

Round 16



SINGAPORE v FRANCE



by Sue Grenside

France was just ahead of Singapore going into this match so both teams were fighting for a place in the next phase.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ A Q J 8 6 4 ♣ J 7 5	<table border="1" 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		♠ 5 4 3 ♥ K 9 5 4 2 ♦ 10 ♣ K Q 10 2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♠ A Q 10 9 7 ♥ Q ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 8 6 4 3											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Loo</i>	<i>de Tessieres</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dble	1♠
All Pass			4♠

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>L.Tan</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♠



Godefroy De TESSIERES, France

This hand was interesting because of the different bidding styles in the Open and Closed Rooms. In the Closed Room, Choon Chou.Loo was able to give partner a lead by showing his two-suiter. Poon led the ♣5 and Tessieres hopped up with the ace and played the ♠2 from dummy to his ace. Next came the ♥Q, ducked around to East's king. East then cashed the ♣K and played the ♦10 for two down.

The Open Room didn't have the critical information and started with the ♦A lead which now gave declarer the tempo to make his contract; 11 IMPs to Singapore

Board 5. Dealer North. Vul.N/S.

♠ K Q J 7 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ 5 4 ♣ J 9 3 2	<table border="1" 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 K J 9 ♦ K 10 7 3 2 ♣ K 8 6 5
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W		E									
	S										
♠ A 10 9 8 3 ♥ Q 8 5 4 2 ♦ 9 ♣ 10 7											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Loo</i>	<i>de Tessieres</i>
4♠	1♦	2♦(i)	2♠(ii)
Pass	5♥(iii)	Pass	5NT(iv)
All Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦

- (i) Majors, 5-5
- (ii) Diamond fit, forcing, 3♦ would have been NF
- (iii) Cuebid
- (iv) Explained as no special agreement

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>L.Tan</i>
3♠	1♦	1♠	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦
All Pass	Pass	7♠	Dble

In the Closed Room, Godefroy de Tessieres took a long time deliberating over the Seven Diamond bid and Poon also took his time to pass. The ♠A was led and Olivier Bessis trumped in hand, drew trumps and claimed for

+2140 to France.

The sacrifice of 7♠ doubled in the Open Room only cost 1400, a substantial save that was worth 12 IMPs to France

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West <i>Poon</i>	North <i>O.Bessis</i>	East <i>Loo</i>	South <i>de Tessieres</i>
1♥	Pass	2NT(i)	Pass
3♣(ii)	Pass	3♦(iii)	Pass
3♥(iv)	Pass	3NT(v)	Pass
4NT(vi)	Pass	5♦(vii)	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- (i) 4+ hearts, GF
- (ii) Slam try
- (iii) Slam interest
- (iv) No singleton
- (v) Spade singleton
- (vi) Key Card
- (vii) 1 or 4 key cards



Olivier BESSIS, France

Open Room

West <i>T.Bessis</i>	North <i>Ng</i>	East <i>Gaviard</i>	South <i>L.Tan</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In the Closed Room, after Poon opened One Heart, Loo showed his game-going hand and they followed a good auction to easily find the slam. The ♣Q was led to the king, five and two. Poon now started on trumps by playing the ♥5, South discarding the four of spades, to the ace and two. Next came the ♥K to the five and eight, South throwing a small diamond. The ♥3 was led to the jack and queen, South throwing another diamond. Poon played a small diamond from dummy to his ace, then the ♦K, ♦Q and claimed for +1460.

The French East/West never got excited about their hands and settled in Four Hearts for 13 IMPs to Singapore.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West <i>Poon</i>	North <i>O.Bessis</i>	East <i>Loo</i>	South <i>de Tessieres</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦(i)	Pass	2NT(ii)
Pass	3♣(iii)	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- (i) Weak, at least five-five in the majors
- (ii) Relay
- (iii) Minimum or semi-natural

Open Room

West <i>T.Bessis</i>	North <i>Ng</i>	East <i>Gaviard</i>	South <i>L.Tan</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, the ♥4 was led to the six, five and won in hand with the eight. Declarer led a small diamond toward the nine in dummy and West won with the ten of diamonds. West led another heart and now Tessieres had his nine tricks: four hearts, four diamonds and the ace of clubs. The Closed Room played 3NT from the North hand on the ♠8 lead and eventually went down two for 13 IMPs to France.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Loo</i>	<i>de Tessieres</i>
1♠	INT	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>L.Tan</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	



Julien GAVIARD, France

The French pair never looked like being interested in slam. West led the ♠A to the four, ten and ruffed by de Tessieres. Declarer played the ace of clubs, king of clubs, then six of hearts to the queen and the ace in dummy. Declarer called for the seven of hearts from dummy then thought for a while, finessed the jack and claimed 11 tricks for +450.

In slam, Kelvin Ng received the ♠2 lead to the four, three and ruffed with the ♥3. He played the six of hearts to the ace and a heart back to his king, dropping West's queen of hearts. He now played the ♣A, ♣K, ♣Q, East ruffing with the last trump, and declarer claimed 12 tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs to Singapore.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Loo</i>	<i>de Tessieres</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
			All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>	<i>L.Tan</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣(i)
		All pass	

(i) Multi

In the Closed Room, Poon led the ♠2 to the four, queen and ace. Declarer laid down the ♥A, all following and then led the ♥2 to the jack, nine and queen. Loo returned the ♠7 to his partner's king and Poon put declarer in dummy with the ♠J. De Tessieres played the ♣2 to the four, queen and ace and had to concede down two.

In the Open Room, Li Yu Tan started with a multi, Ng bid Two Hearts and all passed. Thomas Bessis started with the ♣5 to the queen, ace and two. West now played the ♦K and Julien Gaviard overtook with the ace and returned the ♦Q. East switched to the ♠7 to declarer's ace and now declarer played on clubs and claimed eight tricks for another 7 IMPs to Singapore.

Singapore came out on top by 73-57 IMPs for an 18-12 VP win.

JUNIOR BUTLER RANKING

Rank	Pair	Team	Boards	IMPs/Board	
	LOO Choon Chou	POON Hua	SIN	320	1.14
1	SANGIORGIO Alberto	FERRARI Francesco	ITA	180	1.04
2	GRUE Joe	KRANYAK John	USA	339	0.87
3	CHAUVELOT Nicolas	MALARME Thibault	FRA	140	0.87
4	RINGSETH Joern Arild	BERG Erik	NOR	237	0.60
5	BARBOSA Roberto Oliveira	LA ROVERE Marcello	BRA	140	0.56
6	KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof	KALITA Jacek	POL	280	0.51
7	BESSIS Thomas	GAVIARD Julien	FRA	300	0.50
8	HAMMAD Mohamed	NABIL Karim	EGY	239	0.49
9	ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad	BURAS Krzysztof	POL	280	0.43
10	GINOSSAR Eldad	RESHEF Ophir	ISR	317	0.42
11	LO PRESTI Fabio	DI BELLO Stelio	ITA	320	0.38
12	HOFFMAN Ron	OFIR Gilad	ISR	319	0.38
13	GREENBERG Ari	LALL Justin	USA	220	0.36
14	YOUSRY Ahmed	LEWIS Michel Mounir	EGY	237	0.33
15	EIDE Petter	LIVGARD Allan	NOR	198	0.27
16	MINARIK Gabor	MARJAI Peter	HUN	258	0.25
17	KORBEL Susan	KORBEL Daniel	CAN	300	0.20
18	SBARIGIA Matteo	BOLDRINI Andrea	ITA	180	0.19
19	SHORE Noble	GILL Michael	USA	200	0.15
20	IP Yu-Cheung	MO Yee Sum	CHK	220	0.14
21	NG Chi-Cheung	LEUNG Cheuk-Hin	CHK	240	0.12
22	BRUM Jose Roberto Barros	ROSSI Eduardo	BRA	320	0.12
23	BESSIS Olivier	TESSIERES Godefroy De	FRA	240	0.12
24	RICE Jon	RICE Mike	USA	260	0.10
25	BARTH John	DEVELIN Mike	USA	220	0.08
26	ROBLES Benjamin	PACAREU Joaquin	CHL	340	0.08
27	EIDE Erik A	LINDQVIST Espen	NOR	239	0.02
28	ANDERSON Erin	HALASI Charles	CAN	220	-0.09
29	NYSTROM Samantha	MASON Matthew	CAN	160	-0.15
30	SZABO Csaba	HONYEK Andres	HUN	278	-0.25
31	IKEMOTO Yuichi	YOKOI Hiroki	JAP	300	-0.28
32	NG Kelvin	TAN Li Yu	SIN	300	-0.33
33	SMITH Jack	BORGONO Rodrigo	CHL	340	-0.39
34	NYARADI Gabriella	NYARADI Zsolt	HUN	140	-0.41
35	YIU Wai-Sing	LEUNG Chung-Man	CHK	219	-0.42
36	FEILER Gabby	WILLIAMS Justin	AUS	260	-0.47
37	BARBOSA Roberto Oliveira	DAVID Paula	BRA	199	-0.51
38	DOECKE Mike	GRIFFITHS Nye	AUS	200	-0.66
39	THOTONGKAM Chirawut	SOOKASEM Rawit	THA	238	-0.77
40	TUNYASET Tanaporn	PANICHKAJANG Kasamon	THA	240	-0.94
41	TUNYASET Nuttakul	ANUGOONPRASERT Prateep	THA	178	-1.12
42	HADDADIN Raed	SWEIDAN Fadi	JOR	220	-1.21
43	HALLASA Jawan	MALKAWI Sakher	JOR	220	-1.36