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CHAMPIONS STILL ALIVE

USA1, last year's champions, are still alive with a chance to successfully defend their crown after a 186.5-171 IMP semi-final victory over a Singapore team that came back strongly in the final set but had left themselves with just too much to do. But there will be no rematch against Poland, the team who took the Americans to extra boards in the final in Sydney last year. The Poles bowed out to Italy, in a match which was close until near the end, by 154-116 IMPs. USA1 will take a 5 IMP carry-over advantage into the 96-board final from their round robin victory over the Italians. In the bronze medal play-off, Poland will start with a 2 IMP carry-over advantage against Singapore.

Israel continue to look the class act in the Schools Championship. Yesterday, they dominated Australia

throughout and coasted to a 187-89 IMP win with a set to spare. In the final Israel will meet Latvia, who hung on to win a desperately tight match by a single IMP, 135-134, and make it double heartache for Poland. Israel will have a 2 IMP carry-over advantage in the final. Whatever the outcome of that match, we can already congratulate Latvia on a first bridge World Championship medal at any level. In the bronze medal play-off, Poland will start with a 5.33 IMP carry-over advantage against Australia.



A View of Jatujak Weekend Market

Departure Tax

Please be aware that there is a Departure Tax of 500 Baht to be paid at the airport.

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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.

Airport Transfers

Please confirm with the hotel your departure details so that transfers to the airport can be arranged for you.

JUNIORS SEMI-FINAL I

TEAMS	USA I	SINGAPORE
Carry-over	15.5	-
Boards 1-16	53	23
Total	68.5	23
Boards 17-32	56	64
Total	124.5	87
Boards 33-48	52	33
Total	176.5	120
Boards 49-64	10	51
Final Result	186.5	171

JUNIORS SEMI-FINAL I

TEAMS	POLAND	ITALY
Carry-over	1	-
Boards 1-16	26	45
Total	27	45
Boards 17-32	56	32
Total	83	77
Boards 33-48	26	57
Total	109	134
Boards 49-64	7	20
Final Result	116	154

SCHOOLS SEMI-FINAL I

TEAMS	AUSTRALIA	ISRAEL
Carry-over	-	16
Boards 1-16	8	28
Total	8	44
Boards 17-32	38	55
Total	46	99
Boards 33-48	43	88
Total	89	187
Boards 49-64	-	-
Final Result	89	187

SCHOOLS SEMI-FINAL I

TEAMS	LATVIA	POLAND
Carry-over	8	0
Boards 1-16	37	18
Total	45	18
Boards 17-32	30	30
Total	75	48
Boards 33-48	36	67
Total	111	115
Boards 49-64	24	19
Final Result	135	134

SALE!

There are a number of special 2006 World Youth Championships items for sale. Anyone who is interested, please call in the WBF Office, behind the line-up tables, and see either Barbara Nudelman or Charlotte Blaiss

- T-Shirts - Large and Extra Large sizes 250 Baht
- Back Packs 200 Baht
- Hats 100 Baht
- Money Belts 100 Baht
- Posters 20 Baht



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Final Segment 1 - 10.30

Italy v USA I

Final Segment 2 - 14.00

to be announced

Final Segment 3 - 17.00

to be announced

Final Segment 4 - 21.00

to be announced

PLAY SCHEDULE

10.30-12.50	Finals/Play-off, Segment 1
11.00-12.00	Swiss Pairs, Round 7
12.15-13.15	Swiss Pairs, Round 8
14.00-16.20	Finals/Play-off, Segment 2
15.00-16.00	Swiss Pairs, Round 9
16.15-17.15	Swiss Pairs, Round 10
17.00-19.20	Finals/Play-off, Segment 3
17.30-18.30	Swiss Pairs, Round 11
21.00-23.20	Finals/Play-off, Segment 4

Bid Faster, Much Faster

(After you get a crazy partner!)
by Yu–Cheung Ip China Hg Kg

Juniors Round 10. CHK v Brazil
Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ A K Q J 5 4 2 ♦ Q 8 6 5 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		♠ Q 9 7 3 ♥ – ♦ A J 10 7 4 2 ♣ 8 6 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Mo</i>		<i>Ip</i>	
1♥	Dble	2♣(i)	2♠
6♦	All Pass		

(i) Diamonds

My partner, Yee Sum Mo, bid the slam very quickly and, thanks to North's friendly take-out double, he knew to take the trump finesse so soon scored up +920. But what if I had held only ♦KJ instead of ♦AJ?

By the way, my 2♣ bid showed diamonds, a much better bid than 1♠, especially after the take-out double.

Juniors Round 17. CHK v Jordan
Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 7 4 3 2 ♥ – ♦ K Q 8 ♣ K J 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		♠ 5 ♥ 8 7 ♦ J 10 6 4 3 ♣ A Q 10 9 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Mo</i>		<i>Ip</i>	
7♣	1♥	2NT(i)	Dble(ii)
All Pass	Dble	Pass	7♥

(i) Minors

(ii) West considered a 4♣ splinter but changed his

USA Red Schools Team

Jason Chiu, 20, and Meredith Beck, 20

Jason and Meredith form the partnership known as 'Chewbacca'. Jason has graduated from college and is starting the second year of his PhD in mathematics in September. He is the chatty member of the team and will talk to anyone about his new suit, tea, or anything math or bridge related.

This is Meredith's second World Championships as she played in Paris in 2003. While she is the only girl in the USA contingent, she fits in as one of the guys – she also thinks the Swedish girls are hot.

David 'Qian' Banh, 18, and Jeremy Fournier, 19

David is the over-achiever on the team, having graduated from college in just one year, and is planning on Law School. He is a very thoughtful partner. Jeremy goes to the University of Tennessee, where he is a business major. He is also a sly member of the 'Mafia'.

Owen Lien and Kevin Dwyer

Owen and Kevin make up the 'Foob' partnership. They are the youngest players on the team, both still being in high school. While this is their first world championship, it should not be their last. Owen takes great pride in the system he created when he plays with Kevin, and Kevin takes pride in being a NASCAR headwear spokes-model.

mind and doubled

Seven Hearts was one down on the lead of the ace of clubs.

Before the opening lead, my screen-mate and I are still in a dream. I lead a 'Fluxx' card, 'Dream!', and then the screen opens. At that time I just know that I am the one who is going to lead a card against 7♥! My partner and screen-mate see the 'Dream' card and laugh and I say, "We are in a dream of bidding?" Then I lead the ace of clubs and we wake from the dream and finish the hand!

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 9

(2003)

The 2003 World Junior Championship was held in the French Bridge Federation headquarters on the banks of the Seine, Paris. Sixteen teams took part, and the Championship was dominated by the European countries, who filled six of the top seven places in the round robin rankings, with only second-placed USA2 breaking their monopoly.

1. Denmark	299
2. USA2	290.5
3. Italy	286
4. Poland	275
5. France	269
6. Norway	264
7. England	241
8. Canada	235
9. China Hong Kong	220
10. Thailand	199
11. Egypt	194
12. Chinese Taipei	187
13. USA1	164.5
14. Australia	159
15. Chile	142.5
16. Uruguay	99.5

Denmark topped the rankings and elected to meet Poland in the semi-final, leaving champions USA2 to face Italy.

Denmark had a 16-IMP carry-over advantage against Poland and, though the half-time score was only 95-88 in the Danes' favour, they won the third set by 51-31 and held on to win by 194-166. Meanwhile, USA2 started with a 4.5-IMP advantage against Italy but the Italians dominated the first 32 deals of the semi-final and led by 142-50.5 at half-way. USA2 pulled back 31 IMPs in the third set but still trailed by 60.5 IMPs with a set to play. It seemed impossible to come back from so far behind but the Americans did not know when they were beaten.

With three boards to play they had pulled back to a mere 6.5 IMPs behind, and we knew that there were a couple of grand slam hands to come. Board 62 seemed to have settled the match, however, when Italy were allowed to make a game defeated at the other table to gain 10 IMPs. Then disaster! Bathurst/Mignocchi bid and made a grand slam on the penultimate board while the di Bello brothers had a misunderstanding and played in partscore to lose 16 IMPs. Bathurst/Mignocchi bid another grand slam on the final deal and it was up to the di Bellos to match them. They showed a lot of character in putting the previous deal behind them and getting to seven to flatten the board and see Italy home but just half-an-IMP, 197-196.5.

Inevitably, after the drama of the semi-final, the final was a slight anti-climax. Italy had a 3.67-IMP carry-over advantage over Denmark and, after winning each of the first three sets, led the final by 143.67-77. Denmark pulled some points back in the fourth set but a big fifth set clinched it for the Italians, who won by 271.67-184.

USA2 put the disappointment of their semi-final loss behind them to beat Poland in the third-place play-off. USA2 started with a 9-IMP carry-over advantage and, in a close match, a 63-30 third quarter proved to be decisive. USA2 won by 203-162.

Poland looked to be a team for the future but were on the wrong end of this deal from their first round match against the host nation.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 6 3 ♥ J 8 7 6 5 3 2 ♦ - ♣ A 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 5 4 ♥ 10 ♦ A K 9 7 6 5 2 ♣ K	♠ 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q J 8 3 ♣ Q 7 6 5 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Lutostanski</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>K.Kotorowicz</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>J.Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
3♥	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Neither West was willing to make an immediate pre-emptive overcall, perhaps because of the four-card spade suit, perhaps because of the weak hearts. However, both pre-empted at their second turn. Should this have alerted North/South to the likely four-one spade split? If the spade side-suit is the most likely explanation for the delayed pre-empt then perhaps so, and that would also suggest the possibility of a bad diamond split.

However, the North hand has huge potential once a fit has been established and it is hard to be too critical of the respective Norths who checked on key cards then bid the spade slam.

Grenthe doubled the final contract, Lightner, hoping for a diamond lead. However, the only suit bid by dummy was clubs and it was impossible for Bessis to appreciate that a

feature of the Polish Club had obliged Buras to respond 1♠ because 1♦ would not have been natural. He led a club to the ace and Grenthe returned a club.

When Buras ruffed and cashed the ace of spades followed by a top diamond, the hand fell apart and he was down three for -800. Had Grenthe received the diamond lead which he sought, the contract would have been only one down.

Played the other way up, Krzysztof Kotorowicz had no reason to double. He led a heart to the king and ace and now Gaviard had to find the best line in a very good but doomed contract. Perhaps best is to throw the club king on the heart queen, then lead a diamond up, planning to cross to the spade king to lead a second diamond towards the dummy. It seems that the defence should still prevail as long as West does not err by ruffing in front of dummy.

In practice, Gaviard played a spade to the ace and back to the king at tricks two and three. Next he took the club pitch on the heart and led a diamond to the ace, Krzysztof correctly discarding a heart, then led a low diamond back. Jakub won that and played a diamond back for his partner to ruff but that was it for the defence; down one for -100, but 12 IMPs to France.

Krzysztof Kotorowicz played this next one nicely, later in the same match.

automatic by any means to get to 3NT. With the diamond game doomed to fail, Krzysztof did well to choose 4♠. The singleton diamond lead might have beaten this, but Bessis's actual choice of the nine of clubs gave Krzysztof a chance. He won the ace and drew trumps in four rounds. What was South to discard? Gaviard actually threw a club and a heart, and now declarer played the club queen, ducked, followed by the club ten to the king.

South cannot switch effectively to diamonds as that holds declarer's losers in that suit to two, so Gaviard led the jack of hearts, hoping to find his partner with the ace. Krzysztof won the ace of hearts, cashed the jack of clubs, and had ten tricks for +620 and just a single IMP to France.

If South does not throw a club away, he can win the club queen and lead a heart while the club suit is blocked. But what should his second discard be? If a heart, he is down to a singleton in that suit. Declarer wins the heart ace, unblocks the club, and ducks a diamond. With no heart to lead, South is powerless. If instead South discards a diamond to retain his clubs and two hearts, declarer does not bother to play on clubs. Instead he ducks a diamond. If South switches to a heart, a club goes away and there is just a second diamond and the king of clubs to be lost. Again, South can do nothing.

It was Jakub's turn to show his class on this next deal from Poland's match with England.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 6 ♥ A Q 8 3 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ J 6 4 3	<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	♠ A K Q J 8 ♥ - ♦ A 10 7 6 3 ♣ A Q 10	♠ 7 5 3 2 ♥ K 10 9 7 4 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 9 7 ♠ 9 4 ♥ J 6 5 ♦ K Q J 5 ♣ K 8 5 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>O.Bessis</i>	<i>Lutostanski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>K.Kotorowicz</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>J.Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	2♥	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

A rarity – a hand on which a Frenchman opens a weak two bid while the hand is passed at the other table. Given a free run, Bessis/Grenthe sailed into 3NT and came to eleven tricks in straightforward fashion after a heart lead; plus 660.

Olivier Bessis's weak two bid made life more difficult in the other room. Perhaps you prefer a take-out double to the Leaping Michaels 4♦ chosen by Jakub? It is still not au-

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ 10 4 ♣ 8 7	<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	♠ K J ♥ A 10 6 4 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ K 5 4 2 ♠ Q 9 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ A 9 8 7 2 ♣ A 6 3	♠ 10 5 2 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ Q J 10 9
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Both Wests passed as dealer. The English North/South pair then bid 1♥ – INT, and West overcalled 2♠, where he played for +110 to Poland.

At the other table Jakub Kotorowicz opened the North hand with a Polish Club and East overcalled 1♦, South bid



1♠ and West 2♠, over which Jakub bid 2NT, where he played.

The lead was a low diamond to dummy's jack and Jakub now played on clubs. When East took his ace he led another low diamond and Jakub won on table and led a low spade to his ace. Now he cashed the remaining clubs and exited with the jack of spades. Had West held both the missing spade honours, he would have been forced to win this trick and eventually lead away from the king of hearts to present declarer with his eighth trick. However, it was East who won with the spade queen and cashed his diamonds.

No matter, when he was eventually forced to switch to a heart, the auction made it pretty clear where the king would be and Jakub played low from dummy, and once again had the necessary second heart trick; +120 and 6 IMPs to Poland.

China Hong Kong's Henry Wong was the hero of our final deal. It comes from his team's Round 11 match against Canada, which was won by the Canadians.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 7 5 2 ♥ 8 ♦ A Q 10 7 6 5 ♣ A J 7	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 3 ♥ K 9 5 3 ♦ K 8 3 2 ♣ K 3	♠ K Q 10 8 4 ♥ A Q J 2 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 6 4
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	♠ A J ♥ 10 7 6 4 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q 10 8 5 2					

Both Easts declared 4♠ but the contract failed at the other table.

Wong received a low club lead and ducked it to North's king. Vincent Demuy returned his remaining club to dummy's jack and Wong led a heart to the queen then ruffed a heart before leading a spade to the king and ace. Gavin Wolpert gave his partner a club ruff and Demuy exited safely with his last spade. Wong got that suit right by going up with the queen, being pleased to see the fall of the jack. Now he ran the rest of the trumps and North was squeezed in the red suits. When Demuy bared the king of diamonds, there was a decision to make, but Wong had not come this far to get the ending wrong and, after cashing his ace of hearts, led to the diamond ace to bring home his game.

1. Italy (Furio and Stelio di Bello, Ruggiero Guariglia, Fabio Lo Presti, Francesco Mazzadi, Stefano Uccello, NPC Gianpaolo Rinaldi, Coach Andrea Pagani)

2. Denmark (Kare Gjaldbaek, Boje Henriksen, Bjorg and Jonas Houmoller, Andreas Marquardsen, Martin Schaltz, NPC Jacob Ron, Coach Lars Walter Petersen)

3. USA2 (Kevin Bathurst, Joe Grue, John Hurd, John Kramyak, Kent Mignocchi, Joel Wooldridge, NPC Bob Rosen, Coach Andy O'Grady)

JUNIORS

Round 17



AUSTRALIA v

ITALY



Down To The Wire

Going into the final round of the qualifying stage, the Italian Junior team knew that they would require a win against Australia to make the semi-finals, but could not know precisely how big a win it would have to be. As it turned out, 18–12 would ensure that Italy would be in the knock-outs, but the match went down to the wire before the Italians could be sure they had done enough.

spades so Lo Presti made the same eleven tricks as in the Closed Room, but he of course scored +650; 10 IMPs and a good start for Italy.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A J ♥ Q J 6 ♦ Q J 6 4 2 ♣ J 10 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ 7 3 2 ♥ 10 7 5 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ 8 7 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>
INT	2♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, Mike Doecke and Nye Griffiths for Australia stopped in 3♠ on the North/South cards, scoring +200.

Stelio Di Bello's 2♣ overcall showed the majors and Fabio Lo Presti simply jumped to game, as who would not? With ruffs to be taken, it was convenient to drop the jack of



Francesco FERRARI, Italy

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q ♥ J 10 6 2 ♦ 9 5 4 3 ♣ Q 9 8 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 J 6 4 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ A K 7 2 ♣ 10 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

In the Closed Room, Matteo Sbarigia for Italy played 2♠ doubled as East and went for 1100.

Di Bello/ Lo Presti had an uncontested auction to 3NT, against which Gabby Feiler led the ten of spades to the queen and ace. Di Bello played ♥K then ducked a heart. Feiler switched to a club, ducked to Justin Williams' queen, and he in turn tried a diamond, ducked to Feiler's queen. Declarer had nine winners now but +400 could not cover the disaster from the other room, of course, and Australia had 12 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A K 10 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ A Q 9 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 8 7 6 ♥ A 10 9 4 3 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ 4
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West	North	East	South
♠ –	♠ Q 9 5 4 2	♠ K 10 9 8 7 3	♠ K 10 9 8 7 3
♥ K Q 8 7 2	♥ 6	♥ Q 7	♥ Q 7
♦ A K Q	♦ 9 6 4 2	♦ Q 10	♦ Q 10
♣ 10 8 7 6 5	♣ K J 2	♣ 7 3 2	♣ 7 3 2

West <i>Williams</i>	North <i>Di Bello</i>	East <i>Feiler</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
			1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Sbarigia was allowed to play 4♠, which failed by a trick for -100.

Here, Lo Presti was never going to defend 4♠ after his partner had raised to 4♥. He competed to 5♥ and was probably not at all worried when that attracted a double from Feiler.

Williams led a top spade, ruffed, and Lo Presti gave up a club, won the diamond return, and set about ruffing the clubs. He soon had twelve tricks for the useful score of +1050 and 14 IMPs to Italy.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J 9 7 5 2 ♥ J 9 6 2 ♦ - ♣ A J 6 3	♠ K 10 4 ♥ A Q 8 7 3 ♦ J 6 ♣ Q 10 9 N W E S	♠ A 8 6 3 ♥ 5 ♦ K Q 8 7 5 3 ♣ K 2
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West <i>Williams</i>	North <i>Di Bello</i>	East <i>Feiler</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
Pass	1♥	2♦	3♦
Pass	3♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, Sbarigia's 4♠ failed by a trick; +50 to Australia.

In the Open Room, Di Bello led a club into Williams' tenace and the jack scored. Williams unblocked the ♣K, ruffed a diamond and took a heart discard on the ♣A. He ruffed a heart then led the king of diamonds, covered and ruffed, ruffed another heart, then tried to cash the queen of diamonds, throwing his last club. Di Bello ruffed and exited with a heart, but declarer could ruff that and cash the ace of spades and still had a trump winner to come, his



tenth; +420 and 10 IMPs to Australia.

With two big swings each way, it was only 24-22 in favour of Italy after eight boards, not enough. But then the Italians began to take charge of the match and of their own destiny in the qualification race.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q J 10 7 4 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K 10 9 8 ♣ 10 7	♠ 6 5 ♥ A K J 9 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q J 8 5 2 N W E S	♠ A ♥ Q 10 6 3 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ A K 9 6 4
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West <i>Williams</i>	North <i>Di Bello</i>	East <i>Feiler</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
1♠	Dble	1♣	1♦
2♠	All Pass	2♣	Pass

Despite the favourable diamond position, it seems that 4♠ should be beaten easily enough. However, in the Closed Room Andrea Boldrini was allowed to bring home that contract for a great +620 for Italy.

In the Open Room, Williams stopped safely in 2♠, which is what he made. Di Bello led the ace of hearts and continued with the king, hoping that his partner's even number was a doubleton. Williams ruffed and crossed to the ace of spades then attempted to cash the top clubs. Lo Presti ruffed, cashed the king of spades, and put Williams on play with a spade so that he had to lead diamonds from hand and lost two tricks in that suit; +110 but 11 IMPs to Italy.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 9 8 6 5 3 ♥ Q 8 6 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ 9	♠ A 7 4 ♥ K J 7 4 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ 8 5 3 N W E S	♠ Q J 10 2 ♥ A 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A K 10 7 6
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West <i>Williams</i>	North <i>Di Bello</i>	East <i>Feiler</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
			All Pass

Three Spades might not be to everyone's taste, but it seemed to have got the job done as Feiler raised to game. There were no problems in the play and Williams chalked up +420 and probably thought nothing more about a dull flat board. How wrong can you be? In the other room, the Australian North/South pair committed a bit of an indiscretion and played 5♦ doubled, which proved to be a bloody affair. When the smoke had cleared, Griffiths had made only six tricks for -1100 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

A couple of smaller swings meant that Italy led by 36 with five boards to play, comfortably sufficient, though they could not be sure of that at the time. Then came a result to set Italian nerves on edge:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 4 2 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ K Q J 5 2 ♣ 7 5 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 5 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 9 8 7 6 4 ♣ K Q 6 3	♠ K Q J ♥ A J 9 6 ♦ A 3 ♣ J 10 8 4
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W		E										
	S											
West	North	East	South									
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>									
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♦ (i)									
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠									
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass									

(i) Majors

In the Closed Room, Griffiths managed to bring home 4♣ doubled for +590. Could Di Bello match that?

Feiler led the king of spades. Di Bello won and led his heart up. Feiler grabbed the ace and cashed the ♠Q then switched to the jack of clubs. Di Bello won the ace and



Alberto SANGIORGIO, Italy

played a trump to the jack, and Feiler continued with a second club. That was very nice defence, as without the two club plays declarer can run the trumps and East is squeezed in hearts and clubs. Now the communications were broken before the squeeze could operate; down one for -100 and 12 IMPs to Australia.

Were Italy to be denied at the last moment?

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 7 4 3 2 ♥ - ♦ K Q 8 ♣ K J 8 6 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		♠ 10 ♥ A Q 9 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ 5 3	♠ 5 ♥ 8 7 ♦ J 10 6 4 3 ♣ A Q 10 9 7
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W		E										
	S											
West	North	East	South									
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Feiler</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>									
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦									
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠									
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♥									
All Pass												

Four Clubs was a good 4♥ opening and Lo Presti showed slam interest then, when Di Bello co-operated with his 4NT call, leaped to slam. Feiler cashed the ace of clubs but that was all for the defence; +980.

In the other room, a 1♥ opening allowed the Italians to get into the auction and they saved in 7♣, down just 300, so 12 IMPs to Italy, whose lead was comfortable once again.

Though Australia gained a big swing on the final board of the match, it was too late to affect Italy's qualification for the semi-finals. They won the match by 70-47 IMPs, 20-10 VPs.



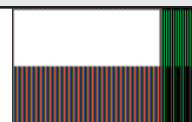
Fabio LO PRESTI, Italy

JUNIORS

SEMI-FINAL I



ITALY v POLAND



by Sandra Kulovic-Probst

With only four teams remaining in the knock-out stage of the Junior Championship, the tension is rising. The first segment on vugraph was Italy v Poland. Poland had only 1 IMP carryover, so it was a close game from the start.

In the Open Room, declarer had to take no views on this hand as South led the \heartsuit K; 13 IMPs to Italy.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

\spadesuit K 6 5 \heartsuit A K 8 6 \diamondsuit 7 5 4 3 \clubsuit Q 9	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		\spadesuit Q 7 \heartsuit J 3 \diamondsuit J 9 6 2 \clubsuit A K 8 5 2	\spadesuit A J 10 9 2 \heartsuit Q 7 4 \diamondsuit A Q 10 \clubsuit 10 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Araszkievicz</i>	<i>Ferrari</i>
1 \clubsuit	Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass
1NT	Pass	2 \diamondsuit	Pass
2 \heartsuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit	Pass
3 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
1 \diamondsuit	Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass
1NT	Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass
2 \diamondsuit	Pass	3NT	Pass
4 \spadesuit	All Pass		

In both rooms the final contract was Four Spades. There are 10 tricks available, if declarer guesses the spade position right.

In the Closed Room, South led the \heartsuit 10. This might not say anything about his hand or it might say a lot. On auctions like this, leading a spade is common so, as South didn't lead one, declarer decided that his spade holding might have prevented him from doing so and therefore finessed him for the \spadesuit Q.



Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

\spadesuit Q 8 \heartsuit A J 10 5 4 \diamondsuit Q J 8 4 \clubsuit 10 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		\spadesuit A 10 4 \heartsuit 9 8 3 2 \diamondsuit K 6 5 3 2 \clubsuit 3	\spadesuit K 6 2 \heartsuit K 7 6 \diamondsuit - \clubsuit A K J 9 7 4 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
2 \diamondsuit	Pass	1 \clubsuit	1 \spadesuit
	2 \spadesuit	4 \heartsuit	All Pass

In the Closed Room Six Clubs was played and went one off doubled for -200. In the Open Room, E/W found their Four Heart game, which is cold. Lo Presti played it on a spade lead, on which he put up the \spadesuit Q for reasons known to him only. When this lost to the \spadesuit A, North switched to a club. Now declarer only needs to draw trumps, ruff a club, come back to hand with a spade and claim. But Lo Presti, probably thought that this play was too boring, so he won the club shift and played the \clubsuit K on which North pitched a diamond. He now played the \clubsuit J, covered with the \clubsuit Q, ruffed and over-ruffed. But even with this play N/S couldn't get more than three tricks in defence so it was another 13 IMPs to Italy.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

\spadesuit 7 5 2 \heartsuit Q 9 7 5 \diamondsuit K 3 \clubsuit A K 10 9	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		\spadesuit A K J 4 \heartsuit A J 8 2 \diamondsuit 8 6 5 2 \clubsuit Q	\spadesuit 9 8 \heartsuit K 10 6 4 3 \diamondsuit A \clubsuit 8 7 6 5 3
	N											
W		E										
	S											

\spadesuit Q 10 6 3 \heartsuit - \diamondsuit Q J 10 9 7 4 \clubsuit J 4 2

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Sangiorgio	Araszkievicz	Ferrari
		2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Di Bello	Kalita	Lo Presti	Kotorowicz
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♦(i)	2♦
2♥	4♦	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, E/W found their heart fit and bid to game without distraction. In the Open Room, South made a good decision to bid Two Diamonds. Maybe the hand doesn't have the required High Card Points, but the diamond suit is good, and the distribution even better. When North jumped to Four Diamonds, which is possibly a bit of an overbid, South had an easy time to bid Four Spades over Four Hearts. Well bid by South for 11 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Sangiorgio	Araszkievicz	Ferrari
			INT
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	3♦	3♥	4♦
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Di Bello	Kalita	Lo Presti	Kotorowicz
			1♣
Dble	INT	Dble	2♣
Pass	3♣	Dble	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Four Spades is a comfortable contract and doesn't really cause any trouble for declarer. In the Open Room, E/W opted for the non-making game and landed in 3NT. South led the ♣Q. Declarer is dependent on the defence not to

find a diamond switch. Declarer played the ♣7 from hand. He can't afford to falsecard with the ♣9, because he only has four spade tricks, one heart and three club tricks, if the defence doesn't return a diamond. His ninth trick can only come from a heart or club switch by South. Luckily for declarer, North played the ♣2 at trick one, which is encouraging in their methods. When South took the ♠A he returned another club for -400, but Poland still gained 7 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

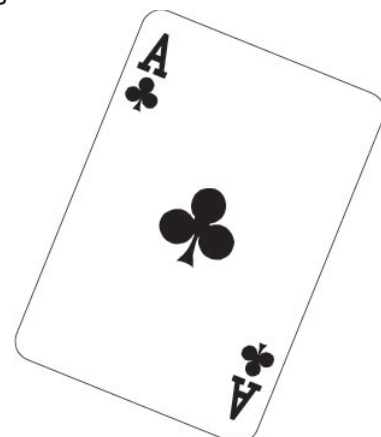
West	North	East	South
Buras	Sangiorgio	Araszkievicz	Ferrari
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Di Bello	Kalita	Lo Presti	Kotorowicz
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Two Hearts is an easy partscore and West overcalled in spades only once in the Closed Room. In the Open Room, West was braver and competed over Two Hearts. North got seduced and bid Three Hearts when he would have done much better to bid with his partner rather than by himself. Three Hearts went one light for another 5 IMPs to Italy.

The first segment finished 45-26 IMPs to Italy.



SCHOOLS

SEMI-FINAL I



ISRAEL

v

AUSTRALIA



by Sue Grenside

The first 16-board segment of the Schools semi-final between Israel and Australia was a close affair.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Livera</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Argelazi</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	3♦	3♥
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>
	1♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



Bar TARNOVSKI, Israel

In the Closed Room, Israel stopped in 3♥. Justin Howard led the ♠5 to the two, queen and ace. Alon Birman played the ♥3 to the ace in dummy and called for a small diamond to the three and ten, losing to the ♦J. The four of spades was returned and West ruffed with the six of hearts then exited with the ♥J to the two, two of clubs and king of hearts. Next came the ♦9 to the queen, ace and four. Now the eight of diamonds, six of diamonds, ruffed with the nine of hearts, followed by the spade seven to the king. The five of hearts back, lost to the queen of hearts but making his contract for +140.

The Edgtton brothers were more ambitious when Nabil jumped to 3NT over Adam's 1♥ opening, ending the auction in 4♥, going down one for 6 IMPs to Israel.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Livera</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Argelazi</i>
	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>
	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Neither side found their way to 3NT. In the Closed Room should the question of a spade stopper be asked or should West just bid 3NT on his own? If West asks the question, is ♠J102, enough for 3NT, hoping partner has a partial stopper as opposed to nothing? As it was, they both bid 4♦ for a flat board which could have been a good pick up for someone.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 9 8 7 3
♥
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ K 7 5

♠ 5
♥ 10 9 6 3 2
♦ A 10 9
♣ Q 9 3 2

♠ J 6 2
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ 6 5 3
♣ A 8

♠ K Q 10 4
♥ J 7 4
♦ K 7
♣ J 10 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Livera</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Argelazi</i>
Pass	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>
Pass	1♠	2♥	2NT
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room, North/South reached 4♠. North seemed to have a difficult time in determining how he wanted to play the hand but finally managed to make his contract.

The ♥A was led to the four ten and ruffed with the three of spades. Declarer then played the ♦2 to the three, king and ace. West returned another heart, which declarer ruffed, and played the queen of diamonds, all following. He now played the diamond four, ruffed in dummy with the ten of spades, and played king of spades, then the four of spades to the ace and played another diamond which won. The jack of diamonds was played next and East ruffed with the jack of spades, over-ruffed with the queen of spades and claimed his ten tricks.

In the Open Room, N/S were pushed to the five level and doubled by East. The double obviously gave declarer the in-



formation he needed to make his contract; 6 IMPs to Australia.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 4
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ K 6 5 3 2
♣ 3

♠ Q 8
♥ A J 10 5 4
♦ Q J 8 4
♣ 10 6

♠ K 6 2
♥ K 7 6
♦
♣ A K J 9 7 4 2

♠ J 9 7 5 3
♥ Q
♦ A 10 9 7
♣ Q 8 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Livera</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Argelazi</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>A. Edgtton</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>N. Edgtton</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This was a difficult hand for the Australians. De Livera received the ♥2 lead to the six, queen and ace. Declarer now played the ♥4, North played the three, dummy won with the king and South threw the seven of spades. This ♠7 should have given declarer lots of clues. Why didn't his partner lead a spade? The discard of the ♠7 suggested he did not have the ace, reinforcing the clues to declarer. Declarer now played the ♠2 to the queen and losing to North's ace. If instead, declarer played a top club at trick three, hoping for a club split or ♠A outside he could have made his contract. This board was a big swing of 14 IMPs to Israel.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 9 7 2
♥ K 4 3
♦ K 6 4
♣ J 5

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 2
♦ 9 8 5
♣ A 7

♠ Q 8
♥ A 7 6 5
♦ A 3
♣ Q 9 8 6 4

♠ J 6 3
♥ J
♦ Q J 10 7 2
♣ K 10 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Livera	Birman	Howard	Argelazi
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tarnovski	A. Edgtton	Padon	N. Edgtton
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

This hand was a tussle between E/W and N/S. The Australian came out on top on the board. In the Closed Room they played in 3♥ by East. The queen of diamonds was led to the five, six and ace. Next Howard played the ♣4 to the two and ace. He now played the ♥Q, four, five and jack from South. He ran the ten of hearts and when this won played the seven of clubs to the jack, queen and king. Back came the ♠6, won in declarer's hand with the ace. After a heart to the king and ace, declarer claimed 10 tricks. In the Open Room, Australia played in Three Spades for one light and a 2-IMP pick-up.

Israel was the winner of this segment by 28 to 8.

USA Blue Schools Team

Sam Katz will be starting university this Fall and is planning to major in mathematics. His hobbies include sports, sports, baseball and, did we mention, sports.

Dan Goldfein attends Cornell University and is majoring in mathematics. His hobbies include watching his home team (Chicago), sports, and sleeping, at which he has become a master. Dan's words of wisdom, "Bidding slam off two aces generally doesn't work out well."

Matt 'Mini-Meck' Meckstroth studies Spanish at the University of Florida and also attends the JJ Meck Bidding Academy. He also has his own website featuring information about other members of the Schools teams, a bridge column, and a monthly music contest which usually features a song from a video game (another one of Mini-Meck's obsessions).

Robert Glickman attends the University of California at Berkeley, where he is double majoring in computer science and beer. When he is not studying, you can usually find him in front of the TV watching American Football with his brothers or outside playing sport himself.

Elimination and Endplay Revisited

Yesterday, we published a very well played hand from Round 15 by Noble Shore of USA2 Juniors. Dana Tal, of the Israeli Schools team, also reached the slam with her partner, Ron Segev, but did not have the same information from the auction. Given what she knew about the hand, perhaps her line was even better?

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Segev		Tal
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦ (i)	Pass	3♠ (ii)
Pass	4♣ (iii)	Dble	4♦ (iii)
Pass	4♥ (iii)	Pass	4NT (iv)
Pass	5♦ (v)	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- (i) Positive
- (ii) Sets suit and asks for cuebid of ace
- (iii) Cuebid
- (iv) RKCB
- (v) One key card

All that Dana knew was that East had doubled for a club lead. She won the ace of clubs at trick one and ruffed a club, crossed to the jack of spades, then ruffed the last club. Now she led her heart without drawing the last trump, only playing a partial elimination. West went in with the ace and, not holding the last trump, was endplayed. He exited with the heart four and the play went as we saw yesterday – ♥8 and jack, ruffed, spade to dummy, cash two hearts for diamond discards.

The point of only playing the partial elimination is that Dana did not have the information that West had minor-suit length. Suppose that she plays the full elimination then finds the ace of hearts offside. She will have to use dummy's last trump as the entry to take the diamond finesse, but will then have no trump left to ruff should East have begun with queen to four diamonds. Her actual line preserves the third trump in case a ruff is required.

SCHOOLS BUTLER RANKING

Rank	Pair	Team	Boards	IMPs/Board	
1	LORENCS Martins	IMSA Adrians	LAT	119	1.50
2	ARGELAZI Eliran	BIRMAN Alon	ISR	200	1.49
3	RIMSTEDT Sandra	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	SWE	120	0.99
4	DWYER Kevin	LIEN Owen	USA	260	0.93
5	TAL Dana	SEGEV Ron	ISR	200	0.93
6	SIMONSEN Fredrik	SKJETNE Erlend	NOR	118	0.86
7	PADON Dror	TARNOVSKI Bar	ISR	200	0.78
8	EDGTTON Nabil	EDGTTON Adam	AUS	220	0.75
9	SIKORA Maciej	BUTRYN Piotr	POL	180	0.71
10	DE LIVERA Michael	HOWARD Justin	AUS	160	0.69
11	BOGEN Haakon	JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	NOR	158	0.68
12	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	BECH Simon	SWE	120	0.67
13	EIDE Harald	SKJETNE Erlend	NOR	120	0.58
14	FOURNIER Jeremy	BANH David	USA	240	0.51
15	KRAWCZYK Joanna	WASIAK Artur	POL	220	0.50
16	BETHERS Janis	BALASOVS Jurijs	LAT	300	0.46
17	KATZ Sam	GOLDFEIN Daniel	USA	299	0.43
18	HUNG Andy	HOLLANDS Peter	AUS	180	0.42
19	LEE Hing Lung Charlie	LAI Chun Pong Ben	CHK	200	0.27
20	IGLA Bartlomiej	MACHNO Artur	POL	200	0.25
21	CHENG Yu–Shiang	WANG Kun–Chieh	CTP	200	0.22
22	LIN Chih–Hung	OU–YANG Yi	CTP	220	0.12
23	BECH Simon	FRYKLUND Erik	SWE	140	0.11
24	DELLE CAVE Giuseppe	FELLUS Robin	ITA	300	–0.04
25	BASHIR Oosman	KHAN Zain	PAK	239	–0.06
26	KOO Tsang Tat Ricky	POON Ching Hin Aaron	CHK	179	–0.08
27	MALIK Haider Ali	SAEED Hassan Ijaz	PAK	160	–0.10
28	GLICKMAN Robert	MECKSTROTH Matthew	USA	299	–0.13
29	SIMONSEN Fredrik	BOGEN Haakon	NOR	119	–0.14
30	SIRIWATTHANSEST Sornprom	LERDMAHARIT Phongthep	THA	180	–0.24
31	KUO Li–Hsiang	SO Ho–Yee	CTP	180	–0.25
32	BLAGOV Anton	McCOLL Malcolm	CAN	277	–0.36
33	BUTT Shahzeb Nasir	MALIK Haider Ali	PAK	140	–0.43
34	CAO Kai	WANG Hui	CHI	300	–0.50
35	NG Pak Him Himmy	FOK Tsz Nam Adam	CHK	200	–0.51
36	PRESTI Matteo	CATTABIANI Alessandro	ITA	160	–0.52
37	TIRAYOH Christy	MASLOMAN Fikri	INA	259	–0.58
38	TRIMARCHI Giancarlo	FRUSCOLONI Leonardo	ITA	140	–0.90
39	IABONI Aled	MACAULAY Ethan	CAN	120	–1.07
40	WU Xiao Kun	YUAN Wei	CHI	300	–1.18
41	UDOMWATWONG Boonchai	RAWEEJARUSROUNG Trairat	THA	200	–1.42
42	JUNTHIANG Niti	SANSUWAN Surat	THA	220	–1.45
43	LASUT Gerald	POLLY Arthur Franke	INA	280	–1.63

Swiss Pairs

Ranking after round 6

Rank	Pair	Country	IMPs
1	Simon BECH - Cecilia RIMSTEDT	SWE	92
2	Espen LINDQVIST - Joern Arild RINGSETH	NOR	79
3	Joaquin PACAREU - Jack SMITH	CHI	78
4	Fredrik SIMONSEN - Erlend SKJETNE	NOR	78
5	Chi-Cheung NG - Cheuk-Hin LEUNG	CHK	75
6	Erik BERG - Allan LIVGARD	NOR	54
7	Daniel KORBEL - Susan KORBEL	CAN	50
8	Mike RICE - Jeremy FOURNIER	USA	49
9	Li-Hsiang KUO - Ho-Yee GO	CTP	48
10	Sandra RIMSTEDT - Emma SJOBERG	SWE	39
11	Griffith WARE - Nye GRIFFITHS	AUS	31
12	Ben LAI - Adam FOK	CHK	29
13	Petter EIDE - Erik A EIDE	NOR	26
14	Yi OU-YANG - Chih-Hung LIN	CTP	25
15	Sakher MELKAWI - Jawan HALLASSA	JOR	25
16	Hassan Ijaz SAEED - Haider Ali MALIK	PAK	25
17	Hing Lung LEE - Pak Him NG	CHK	16
18	Yee Sum MO - Yu-Cheung IP	CHK	14
19	Wai-Sing YIU - Chung-Man LEUNG	CHK	13
20	Justin WILLIAMS - Gabby FEILER	AUS	12
21	Satoshi IMAI - Hiroaki MIURA	JPN	12
22	Mike GILL - Noble SHORE	USA	12
23	Rawit SOOKASEM - C.THATONGKAM	THA	7
24	Zain KHAN - Asfandiyas HUSSAIN	PAK	1
25	S. SIRIWATTHANASUT - P. LERDMAHARIT	THA	-1
26	Washiragon HEMSO - Pittawat KAKKAE0	THA	-6
27	T.RAWEEJARUSROUNG - B.UDOMWATWONGTHA	THA	-7
28	Eadi SWEIDAN - Raed HADDADIN	JOR	-10
29	Mike DEVELIN - John BARTH	USA	-10
30	Wei YUAN - Xiaokun WU	CHI	-13
31	Alessandro CATTABIANI - L. FRUSCOLONI	ITA	-13
32	Lars Arthur JOHANSEN - Haakon BOGEN	NOR	-13
33	Aled IABONI - Ethan MACAULAY	CAN	-16
34	Sunisa CHODCHOY - P. KITCHAKARN	THA	-16
35	Virginia CHEDIAK - Harald EIDE	NOR	-18
36	Giancarlo TRIMARCHI - Matteo PRESTI	ITA	-19
37	T. KRUSREESAWAT - W. CHANNARONG	THA	-20
38	Yu-Shiang CHENG - Kun-Chieh WANG	CTP	-24
39	N. TUNYASET - P. ANUGOONPRASERT	THA	-25
40	Tsang Tat KOO - Ching Hin POON	CHK	-34
41	Kai CAO - Hui WANG	CHI	-39
42	Hershel MACAULAY - R. BORGONO	CAN/CHL	-52
43	N. NIYOMCHOKE - W. KUNKONOME	THA	-77
44	Surat SANSUWAN - Niti JUNTHIANG	THA	-79
45	Sornborrom KULLWAWAN - Y. PHETDEE	THA	-85
46	Yuichi IKEMOTO - Hiroki YOKOI	JPN	-94
47	R. SOOKASEM - W. TANAKORNCHAIMONGKOL	THA	-95
48	T. TUNYASET - K. PANICHKRAJANG	THA	-118

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Board 5. Dealer North. N/S vul.

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West	North	East	South
A. Edgtton	Segev	N Edgtton	Tal
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
	Pass	5♥	All Pass

The auction on this hand from the second segment of the Schools semi-final between Israel and Australia is not very pretty, as West decided to make a rather suspicious Four Heart bid.

Ron Segev led the ♣2. Declarer put in the ♣J in hope of making his contract easily, and ruffed with the ♥5 when it got covered by the ♣Q. Ruffing with the ♥5 is important to keep an additional entry to dummy. Declarer now tried a heart to the king, which lost to Dana Tal's ace. South now has a real problem in finding the switch, as the bidding is very obscure on the hand and it is not clear just what declarer might have. It is clear to either return diamonds or spades, but either could be right. As partner has led a club and neither a spade nor diamond, one might reason that he doesn't have very attractive holdings in either of those suits. Tal thought for a long time, trying to work out declarer's hand. Finally, she opted for the right card when she played the ♠K for a nice and successful defence.

