



# DAILY BULLETIN

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## CHILE TAKES PAIRS

The Swiss Pairs was won by Joaquin Pacareu and Jack Smith of Chile with a score of +134 IMPs. Second and third were two Norwegian pairs, Espen Lindqvist and Joern Ringseth with +130 followed by Erik Berg and Allan Livgard with +111. Congratulations to all

Singapore took the bronze medal in the Junior Championship, defeating Poland over 64 boards by 186-100 IMPs. The bronze medallists are Alex Loh, Choon Chou Loo, Kelvin Ng, Hua Poon, Li Yu Tan, Fabian Tan, and Gang Chua (npc). This is the first medal for a PABF nation in the World Youth Team Championships.

Poland gained some consolation by taking the bronze in the Schools Championship. They defeated Australia by 193-99 IMPs. The bronze medallists are Piotr Butryn,

Bartlomiej Igl, Joanna Krawczyk, Artur Machno, Maciej Sikora, Artur Wasiak, and Leszek Nowak (npc).

Both finals see one team with a big lead and their opponents in need of a very strong performance over today's remaining 32 deals if they are to prevail. In the Junior Championship, USAI leads Italy by 208-108 IMPs, while in the Schools Championship Israel leads Latvia by 201-96 IMPs.

### Victory Banquet

Please ensure that you have your dinner ticket — the normal voucher as for every other meal — to gain entrance to the Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet.

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A view of the famous floating market

### Departure Tax

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

### Airport Transfers

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

### JUNIORS FINAL

TEAMS	USA I	ITALY
Carry-over	5	—
Boards 1—16	31	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>
Boards 17—32	57	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>78</b>
Boards 33—48	67	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>89</b>
Boards 49—64	48	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>108</b>
Boards 65—80	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Boards 81—96	0	0
<b>Final Result</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### SCHOOLS FINAL

TEAMS	ISRAEL	LATVIA
Carry-over	2	—
Boards 1—16	33	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>55</b>
Boards 17—32	48	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>
Boards 33—48	53	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>83</b>
Boards 49—64	65	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>96</b>
Boards 65—80	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Boards 81—96	0	0
<b>Final Result</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### JUNIORS PLAYOFF

TEAMS	POLAND	SINGAPORE
Carry-over	2	—
Boards 1—16	18	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>58</b>
Boards 17—32	29	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>107</b>
Boards 33—48	19	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>131</b>
Boards 49—64	32	55
<b>Final Result</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>186</b>

### SCHOOLS PLAYOFF

TEAMS	AUSTRALIA	POLAND
Carry-over	8	—
Boards 1—16	49	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>29</b>
Boards 17—32	15	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>123</b>
Boards 33—48	27	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>193</b>
Boards 49—64	—	—
<b>Final Result</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>193</b>

### Team Profiles

A large number of Team Profiles have been submitted and published in the Daily Bulletin - thank you to those teams who have provided a profile.

We must make it clear that views expressed within a Team Profile do not necessarily reflect in any way the views of the World Bridge Federation or any of its officials.

### 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

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- Back Packs 200 Baht
- Hats 100 Baht
- Money Belts 100 Baht
- Posters 20 Baht

# WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 10 (2005)

The 2005 Championship was held in the Sydney Olympic Park, Australia and featured a record—equaling 18 teams. Poland, who had finished fourth two years earlier, headed the round robin standings and chose to play France, against whom they would have a 16—IMP carry—over advantage, in the semi—final, leaving USA1 to start the other semi—final against Canada with the same 16—IMP start.

Poland won the first two sets of their match with France to lead by 104—55 at the half, useful but not decisive. Though France pulled back a few IMPs in the third quarter, they never got close enough to really threaten the Poles, who went on to win by 172—116. USA1 also led throughout their semi—final. The gap was only 31 IMPs going into the last set, but USA1 won that comfortably and the match by 181—115.

1. Poland	345
2. France	333
3. USA1	311.8
4. Canada	299
5. Hungary	276
6. Chinese Taipei	272
7. Australia	270
8. Israel	265.7
9. China Hong Kong	259
10. Chile	247
11=Japan	246
11=Norway	246
13. England	245
14. Egypt	226
15. USA2	224
16. Brazil	219
17. New Zealand	167
18. Pakistan	59

Canada won the bronze medal, defeating France by 140—107, aided by a 16—IMP carry—over.

Poland started the final with a 4.5—IMP carry—over and won each of the first three sets to lead by 122.5—77 at half—way. USA2 almost leveled it at 143—148.5 in the next set, but Poland won the penultimate set to lead by 30 IMPs with a set to play. Was it time for another USA2 comeback as in 2003, but with a happier outcome? Yes, it was! USA2 closed to only 11 IMPs behind with nine boards to play then Joe Grue found a great play to level it (we will see that board later). It was still level after 96 boards, because there had been a penalty which had eliminated the half—IMP from the carry—over. For the first time, there would be extra boards to decide the outcome of a World Junior Championship. There was no one dramatic swing in those extra eight deals, but USA2 won them by 15—0 IMPs and were champions of the world, the final score being 209—194 in their favour.

Others may have been more consistent, but in terms of entertainment value and flair, Joe Grue stood out from the

rest of the field. Not all of his efforts were successful but here is a taste of his approach to the game:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Grainger</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lavee</i>
	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

There is an inescapable loser in each suit and so Vincent Demuy's double gained 2 IMPs for his side, right? Wrong! Grainger was given no chance to make his 4♠ contract when Hurd led the ♣J to Wooldridge's ace and back came the ♠9. Grainger won the ♠K, ruffed his club loser and played a second spade to the ace. Seeing that he had a



spade to lose, he tried the diamond finesse and was one down for—50.

Gavin Wolpert led a heart against 4♠ doubled and Demuy ducked it to Joe Grue's nine. To trick two Grue led the jack of spades from hand, trusting that the spade had to be off-side to justify Demuy's double and Wolpert's pass. Had Wolpert gone in with his queen he could then have collected a heart ruff for down two, but he played low, not believing that anyone could play this way from Grue's actual holding. When the ♠J scored and West followed suit, Grue happily cashed the top spades and simply conceded one trick in each side—suit; a wonderful +590 and 12 IMPs to USAI.

Just three boards later:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 10 ♥ A Q 8 7 4 3 2 ♦ 8 4 3 2 ♣ —	N W     E S	♠ A 9 8 4 ♥ K ♦ K 6 5 ♣ A J 10 8 4	♠ Q 6 2 ♥ J 10 6 ♦ Q 10 9 ♣ K Q 5 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Demuy</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Wolpert</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

  

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Grainger</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Lavee</i>
Pass	3♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Grue pre-empted one level higher than did Grainger and, with 4♠ doomed to fail by a trick, that was the right thing to do, wasn't it? Wrong again! Wooldridge managed to bring home 3♠ for +140. Grainger cashed the ♥A and switched to a diamond to the queen and ace. Declarer started normally enough but dangerously as the cards lay when he played a club at trick two. Grainger ruffed and forced dummy with a heart. Wooldridge ruffed with the eight, cashed the ace of spades, then came the key play when he ran the ♠9.

Grue had been brilliant already in the set and now he tried for a second brilliancy by leading the ♥2 in search of his club ruff. Dummy was not what he was hoping for. The ♥K scored and Demuy could draw two rounds of trumps then play on clubs, eventually losing just two clubs and a spade; +620 and 12 IMPs back to Canada.

Grue's two pieces of imagination had given USAI +12 when it might have been —2, and —12 IMPs when it might have been +6—you have to admire his nerve in making the two plays though.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ A J 8 4 ♣ 9	N W     E S	♠ A K ♥ Q 9 ♦ 9 7 5 3 2 ♣ A Q 10 8	♠ Q 9 4 ♥ A 10 4 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ K 6 4 2
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♠ J 10 2 ♥ K J 8 6 ♦ K Q ♣ J 7 5 3
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This one comes from USAI's match with Chile.

West	North	East	South
<i>RoblesGrue</i>	<i>Pacareu</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	
Pass	2♦(i)	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♥

(i) Forcing

The opening lead was the four of clubs to the nine and queen and Grue played the ♦2 to the queen and ace. West shifted to the ♠7 for the king, four and two. Grue led the ♥Q to the ace, six and seven, and East reverted to a low club, won by Grue, who continued with the ♣A and another club. East exited with a diamond to dummy's king, leaving this ending:

♠ 8 ♥ 5 3 ♦ J 8 ♣ —	N W     E S	♠ A ♥ 9 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ —	♠ Q 9 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ — ♣ —
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♠ J 10 ♥ K J 8 ♦ — ♣ —
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Grue produced a very pretty stepping—stone endplay via ♠10 to the ace, ♥9 to the ♥K and the ♠J exit. East won and played the ♥4. Grue finessed the ♥8 to score a well-deserved 400. That was worth 10 IMPs to USAI when 3NT went one down at the other table.



USA1 trailed Poland by 30 IMPs going into the last set of the final but had closed the gap to just 11 with nine boards to play. Then came this great, match-saving play from Joe Grue.

Board 88. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Hurd</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>
INT	Pass	2♠(i)	Pass
2NT(ii)	Pass	3♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

- (i) Clubs
- (ii) Club fit

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♣	Dble	2♣	3♣
Dble	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

At the first table Jacek Kalita won the spade lead and played on diamonds. Joel Wooldridge won the second round and played back the ♠Q. Kalita won and ran the diamonds. Wooldridge was squeezed and threw a heart, so Kalita had four hearts tricks and eleven in all; +460.

With hearts four—one, that looked like a good solid result for Poland, as even if USA1 bid the heart slam it rated to fail. Well, Grue/Kranyak did indeed bid to 6♥. Konrad Araskiewicz led a diamond to the ace and Krzysztof Buras switched to a spade. Grue won the ace of spades and led a low heart to the nine and queen. Then he led the ♥8 off the table and, though Buras played smoothly, ran it! It was plain sailing now; Grue led a third heart to hand, ruffed a club and crossed back to hand with a spade to draw the last trump and claim.

That was a fantastic +980 and 11 IMPs to USA1.

1. USA1 (Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Ari Greenberg, Justin Lall, NPC Bob Rosen)

2. Poland (Konrad Araskiewicz, Krzysztof Buras, Jacek Kalita, Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Piotr Madry, Wojciech Strzemeczki, NPC Marek Markowski, Manager Leszek Nowak)

3. Canada (Tim Capes, Vincent Demuy, David Grainger, Charles Halasi, Daniel Lavee, Gavin Wolpert, NPC Jonathan Steinberg)

## Make Them Guess

Sometimes, when a contract has no legitimate play as the cards lie, declarer's only hope is that he can make a defender misguess the position. Simon Bech, of the Swedish Schools team, did just that to bring home an 'impossible' game in his team's last round match against USA Blue.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>		<i>Bech</i>	
	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♣	Dble	2♥	Pass
4♠	AllPass		

Bech made the normal 1♠ overcall and Cecilia Rimstedt cuebid to show a constructive spade raise and North took the opportunity to show real clubs. Two Hearts was natural and showed something extra, so Cecilia closed proceedings with a jump to game.

Had South led the ♣J, as he might, I suppose, on this auction, there would have been no story, but he led a perfectly reasonable ♣5 to North's king. North exited with a trump to dummy, and Bech tried the effect of a low club away from the queen. North was under pressure and guessed wrong, putting up the ace, and now the contract could no longer be beaten. He exited with a heart, which Bech won in hand. He continued with two more rounds of hearts, ruffing, pitched a diamond on the queen of clubs, and played ace then ruffed a diamond. After ruffing the last heart with dummy's last trump, Bech was down to ♠A86 and South to ♠1095. Bech ruffed a diamond low and was over-ruffed, but South was endplayed to give the tenth trick. Nicely played.





**SCHOOLS**

**SEMI—FINAL 2**



**LATVIA**

**v**

**POLAND**



Latvia led their Schools semi-final against Poland by 45—18 at the end of the first quarter. Early in the second quarter, Poland gradually crept closer. Then, in a generally quite set, came the four consecutive boards on which the bulk of the IMPs were swung.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Wasiak</i>	<i>Bethers</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>
Pass	1♣	2♠	Pass
All Pass			Dble
West	North	East	South
<i>Sikora</i>	<i>Imsa</i>	<i>Butryn</i>	<i>Lorencs</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♣	INT
2♦	Dble	2♥	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Piotr Butryn got to show all three of his suits and ended up declaring in the three-card heart suit. The contract is not an attractive one as, though the trumps divide evenly, both minors are badly placed. Butryn managed six tricks for—100.

In the Open Room, Bethers overcalled 2♠, spades and a minor and Wasiak was happy to pass his partner's negative double.

Perfect defence holds 2♠ to five tricks for—500. Krawczyk cashed the ace of spades but then switched to the ♥8, Polish style. Wasiak won the ace, cashed the king of spades, and exited with a heart. Bethers tried the ♣Q, ducked, then a low club to Krawczyk's nine. She switched to the ♦8 for the jack and queen, ruffed. Now Bethers needed to cash his second heart trick to get out with six tricks, but instead he played the ♣K. Krawczyk won the ace as Wasiak threw his remaining heart away. He threw a diamond when South cashed the ♣J, and now a diamond through forced declarer again so that he could only make his remaining trumps; down three for—500 and 9 IMPs to Poland.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Wasiak</i>	<i>Bethers</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
<i>Sikora</i>	<i>Imsa</i>	<i>Butryn</i>	<i>Lorencs</i>
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

N/S are cold for 5♣ and, indeed, a couple of tables in other matches saw that contract made doubled. Krawczyk's choice over the 4♥ opening was to double keeping both 4♠ and the possibility of defending open. That looks fine to me, but it happened not to achieve anything like the optimum result. There was a trick to be lost in each suit, so Bethers was down one for—100.



Peteris BETHERS, Latvia

In the other room, Maciej Sikora could open 2♠ to show a weak hand with spades and a minor. Butryn was not going to bid over that and at his next turn his opponents had reached 3NT. It is easy to say that Butryn should have saved in 4♥ with his solid suit and at favourable vulnerability, and perhaps he should? But, despite the 3♣ bid on his left, there was still the possibility that partner had the black suits, when declarer would have no good source of tricks in 3NT and the side-suit misfit would make 4♥ significantly more expensive. Butryn passed, and it would have been inconsistent to then find the killing diamond lead. He led a heart and Adrians Imsa made ten tricks for +630 and 11 IMPs to Latvia.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Wasiak</i>	<i>Bethers</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	



Maciej SIKORA, Poland

West	North	East	South
<i>Sikora</i>	<i>Imsa</i>	<i>Butryn</i>	<i>Lorencs</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

Slam is not secure — obviously — but it is good, and Poland could feel unlucky that it failed and they lost 13 IMPs instead of gaining the same number (doubly unlucky, as their junior team suffered the same fate).

After identical starts to the two auctions, Martins Lorencs contented himself with a raise to 4♠, while Krawczyk splintered. Looking at a sound hand with three low diamonds, Wasiak was always going to slam now. It can be made double dummy, of course, but not in real life unless your opponent kindly shows you his hand.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Balasovs</i>	<i>Wasiak</i>	<i>Bethers</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>
2♣	All Pass	INT	Dble

In the Closed Room, the Polish East/West pair got to 2♥, making exactly for +110. Here, Janis Bethers' weak no trump was doubled and Jurijs Balasovs removed to 2♣, either natural or diamonds plus a major. No doubt this method would look a lot better on a different deal. Joanna Krawczyk judged well to settle for a few 50s on defence to 2♣ — on another day her side might have had the values for game. Of course, she knew which alternative west actually held.

Given that one would expect that N/S would normally play an opposing run—out to 2♣ as setting up a force, perhaps North should suspect that his partner is looking at a real trump stack when he passes out 2♣. In that case, a trump lead becomes an attractive option. If North leads trumps whenever he gains the lead, the contract can be held to just three tricks. In practice, Artur Wasiak led a spade. That left him an entry short to pick up the clubs but Balasovs could still only come to two clubs, one heart and one diamond; down four for —200 and 7 IMPs to Poland.

The set ended in a 30—30 tie, leaving Latvia with the same lead they had going in; 75—48.

# JUNIORS

# SEMI-FINAL 3



## SINGAPORE v

## USAI



by Sue Grenside

There were swings both ways and several interesting boards, but not enough for the Singaporeans.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>Donn</i>	<i>Loo</i>	<i>Feldman</i>
1♣	1♠	2♥	4♠
5NT	Pass	7♣	7♦
7♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
7NT	Dble	All Pass	

Lead: ♥A



Joshua DONN, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>L.Tan</i>
1♣	1♠	2♥	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Lead: ♥2

A lot happened at both tables and it sounded as though there were 60 HCP in the pack. In the Closed Room every grand slam except spades was bid and Hua Poon finally settled in 7NT, doubled by North.

As expected, the ♥A was led and declarer claimed for one down and 200 to the USA.

The Open Room bidding was just a little different and they stopped in 6♥ for down two and a flat board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>Donn</i>	<i>Loo</i>	<i>Feldman</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
2♣	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♣A

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>L.Tan</i>
Pass	2♣	Dble	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Lead: ♥7

In the Closed Room, Choon Chou Loo liked all his good cards and doubled for penalty. He led the ♣A to the five, ten and three. Next came the ♦K, won with the ace in dummy and he exited with the ♥3, losing to Loo's ace. Loo returned the four of diamonds and declarer ruffed with the



two of hearts and claimed for +790.

The Open Room had E/W in a 5♣ contract which went one down for a big swing to USA1 of 12 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West <i>Poon</i>	North <i>Donn</i>	East <i>Loo</i>	South <i>Feldman</i>
	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Lead: ♥A

Open Room

West <i>Kranyak</i>	North <i>Ng</i>	East <i>Grue</i>	South <i>L.Tan</i>
	1♠	Dble	INT
2♣	2♠	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Lead: ♠K

In the Closed Room, at East's first chance to call be doubled and West bid 2♣, which was passed around to South who doubled. West redoubled and explained this as a good hand. Perhaps his partner thought it couldn't be that good and passed. South tried 2♥ and North converted to 2♠ and there they played. The ♥A was led to the three, six and North played the jack. East now played the ♦A, ♦K, ♥K and partner threw a diamond. East gave partner his ruff for down two.

In the Open Room, the Americans didn't allow N/S to keep them out of their Five Club contract and another 5 IMPs went to USA1.



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West <i>Poon</i>	North <i>Donn</i>	East <i>Loo</i>	South <i>Feldman</i>
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Open Room

West <i>Kranyak</i>	North <i>Ng</i>	East <i>Grue</i>	South <i>L.Tan</i>
Pass	3♥(i)	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(i) Transfer pre-empt

The bidding in the Closed Room made North the declarer. The ♦A was led and all followed. Loo switched to a club which declarer won in dummy. He next played the ♥2 to his queen and then played the ♠2. East hopped with the queen and exited with the ♦2 to the king, five and seven. Declarer played the ace and king of hearts, the king being ruffed by East's remaining spade. E/W now had the ♦A and three spade tricks for one down and +100 to Singapore.



Li Yu TAN, Singapore

The Open Room saw South as the declarer after the transfer pre—empt. In this room the ♥10 was led, won by the queen in dummy. Declarer played a small spade toward the jack, East ducking. He now had 10 tricks for +420 to Singapore and a 10 IMP pick—up

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

  

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Poon</i>	<i>Donn</i>	<i>Loo</i>	<i>Feldman</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♣9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Ng</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>L.Tan</i>
2♣	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Dble	All Pass

Lead: ♣9

In the Closed Room, North appeared to think that the 3♠ bid by partner after interference was strong and perhaps upgraded his minimum hand. N/S eventually went down two doubled for Minus 300.

In the Open Room, West opened a weak 2♣ and, after Kelvin Ng's 2♠ overcall, Li Yu Tan was now able to show his three—card spade suit and invitational values, passed around to East who, with his five—card trump suit, doubled. North made his doubled contract for +530 for a huge pick—up to Singapore.

Singapore tried hard to come back in this segment but to no avail and USA1 increased their lead, winning the set by 52—33 to lead by 176.5—120 overall.



## Avoiding A Guess

There was an interesting 3NT contract way back in Round 7 of the qualifying stage in the Junior Championship. The action comes from the match between USA1 and USA2

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

  

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Shore</i>
	Pass	3♣	3NT

All Pass

In the other room, N/S for USA1 had a bidding mix—up and played 4♠, which was not a success, so there was an opportunity for Noble Shore to earn a game swing for USA2 if he could bring home his no trump game.

Ari Greenberg led his club to the eight, ten and ace, and Shore set about the diamonds, Greenberg winning the second round. He switched to the king of hearts but Shore was able to blur Lall's signal so that Greenberg did not know to continue the suit. Instead, he switched back to diamonds, Shore pitching a heart from dummy and Lall a club.

Rather than have to guess the spade position himself, Shore preferred to enlist the help of his opponents so he now cashed the ace of hearts, knowing that West could not possibly have ♥KQJ10 for his defence to date. When Greenberg retained the queen of hearts, Shore cashed his remaining diamond winner then exited with a heart and, after cashing the fifth diamond, West had to lead a spade, giving four tricks in that suit and the contract.

Had West unblocked the ♥Q, declarer could have played the same way but endplayed East with the jack. If East exits with a spade he gives the contract, while if he plays king and another club he establishes the queen, but declarer still needs a winning spade play to provide his ninth trick, so may well fail. However, just because the endplay is not a sure thing does not mean that it was not a substantial improvement on declarer's trying to guess the spades himself.

**JUNIORS** **SEMI—FINAL 4**



**POLAND**

**v**

**ITALY**



Italy went into the fourth quarter of their semi-final match against Poland with a lead of 25 IMPs. While there was excitement in two of the other matches, Italy stayed in control throughout a tight low-scoring set which was just what they would have hoped for. There was only one major swing, to which we will come shortly. This early board offered an opportunity, but it was too difficult and the board was a push.

In the other two matches, the results were 5♣+1, 5♦+1 twice, and 4♥ doubled down two. Nobody could get close to 6♣.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 7 6 3 ♥ K Q J 9 8 6 3 ♦ 6 2 ♣ —	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 5 2 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ 5 4 2	♠ Q 10 4 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 9 4 3 ♣ A J 10 8
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W		E										
	S											
<b>West</b> <i>Di Bello</i> 4♥ Pass All Pass	<b>North</b> <i>Kalita</i> Pass 4NT	<b>East</b> <i>Lo Presti</i> Pass Pass	<b>South</b> <i>Kotorowicz</i> Dble 5♣									

Six Clubs is, of course cold, but there seems to be no sensible way to get there as the hand with the extra values has two heart losers and the hand with the heart control is well short of what is required to bid a slam.

In response to the take-out double, Jacek Kalita showed two places to play and the correct trump suit was reached but that was all that could be done; +620 and a flat board as the contract was the same at the other table.



Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A J 9 8 2 ♥ A Q J 7 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 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		♠ 6 ♥ 8 5 4 3 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K J 10 6 4 3	♠ K 4 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ J 10 8 4 2 ♣ 8 7 2
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<b>West</b> <i>Di Bello</i> 2♣ 2♥ 2NT 3♠ 4♥ Rdbl 5♣ 6♠	<b>North</b> <i>Kalita</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass Dble Pass Pass All Pass	<b>East</b> <i>Lo Presti</i> 1♠ 2♦ 2♠ 3♥ 4♦ 4♠ 5♦	<b>South</b> <i>Kotorowicz</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass									

Two Clubs set up a game—force, after which Fabio Lo Presti described his hand in response to a series of questions then the cuebidding began. It looks entirely reasonable for Kalita to double 4♥ for the lead, but it was to cost his side dearly.

Krzysztof Kotorowicz led a heart against 6♠ and, having been warned that the king should be offside, Lo Presti went up with the ace, cashed the ace of spades and, after checking that ♦J10x would not fall, finessed the queen of clubs. His heart loser went away on the ♣A and that meant twelve tricks and the end of Poland's hopes of saving the match.

Six Spades went down at the other table so Italy gained 17 IMPs, more IMPs than were swung on all the other 15 deals put together as Italy won the set by 20—7 and took the match by 154—116.

This deal was flat in 6♠ down one in the Poland v Latvia Schools match, but Singapore also gained 17 IMPs when the USAI North also doubled a heart bid and the Singapore declarer duly relied on the club rather than the heart finesse for his contract, while the slam went down at the other table.

# JUNIORS

# FINAL I



**USA I**

**v**

**ITALY**



The Junior final got under way with USA I having a small carry-over advantage of 5 IMPs. The last time that these two teams met was in the semi-final in Paris in 2003, where the Americans came back from the dead in the last set to lose by a heartbreaking 0.5 IMP. Of course, there have been personnel changes since then, but both teams include players who were involved in that match, so maybe this would be an opportunity for a little revenge for the Americans.

When the 1♥ opening was doubled, Stelio Di Bello raised directly to 4♥, while Ari Greenberg preferred to make a fit-jump of 2♠. Both Norths bid 5♦. Fabio Lo Presti judged to double that on his all-round strength, while Justin Lall liked his spade holding sufficiently to go on to 5♥, doubled by Alberto Sangiorgio in pass-out seat.

Joe Grue's 5♦ doubled was quickly defeated as LoPresti led three rounds of clubs for Di Bello to ruff; down one for -100.

Francesco Ferrari started with the ace of diamonds against 5♥ doubled, which restricted the defence to one spade ruff; still two down for -300 and 9 IMPs to Italy—a nice start to the match for them.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Di Bello</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Grue</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Lo Presti</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Kranyak</i>
4♥	Pass 5♦	1♥ Dble	Dble All Pass
<b>West</b> <i>Greenberg</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Sangiorgio</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Lall</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Ferrari</i>
2♠ Pass	Pass 5♦ Dble	1♥ 5♥ All Pass	Dble Pass

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Di Bello</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Grue</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Lo Presti</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	5♥



Joe GRUE, USA

The Closed Room auction started the same way but Justin Lall doubled the 1♥ response. Whether that made it more or less difficult to get the play right is unclear. What is known is that Sangiorgio did pick up the trumps successfully to make his slam; +980.

Kranyak rebid 3♥, giving greater weight to his singleton club than to his high-card minimum, after which there was never a doubt that slam would be reached again. Lo Presti led the jack of clubs which Grue won with the ace. He took a first-round finesse of the jack of hearts and was well-placed when it held the trick. Grue continued by pitching two clubs on the top spades, crossing to hand with a diamond and ruffing his last club. He drew trumps and gave up a diamond; twelve tricks for +980 and a flat board.



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♦	Dble	INT(i)	2♥
2♠	3♥	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

(i) Clubs

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Ferrari</i>
1♦	Dble	2♣	2♥
2♠	2NT	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥

All Pass

The Italian E/W pair bid to the thin diamond game while their American counterparts permitted their opponents to play 3♥.

Trump leads prevented Ferrari from ruffing a diamond in dummy and he was one trick light in 3♥ for -100.

In 5♦, Di Bello won the trump lead in hand, crossed to the king of diamonds, and ran the ten of spades. When Grue won the ace, Di Bello had no further problems; +600 and 11 IMPs to Italy.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			3NT

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Ferrari</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	All Pass	Dble

I think that Ferrari got very lucky when he reopened with double then passed the 2♣ response. Of course, he would have done better on defence against 1♠, but if I had followed his auction, partner would have held ♣10xxxx, rather than ♣KJ10643. Despite the five-one trump split, 2♣ was a comfortable make, Sangiorgio emerging with an overtrick for +110.

In the other room, John Kranyak found himself in an unattractive 3NT contract. However, prospects improved when Di Bello led the king of diamonds and Lo Presti signalled with the eight then, when Di Bello continued with the ♦Q, signalled again with the nine. Kranyak won the ace of diamonds and played the ♣Q to the king and ace and back came a diamond to Di Bello's ten. A low spade switch presented Kranyak with a dummy entry to cash the two club winners, and he continued with the queen of hearts to the king and ace. Kranyak cashed his two diamond winners and ♥J and had nine tricks for +400 and 7 IMPs to USAI — not a defence for the Italians' scrapbooks.



John KRANYAK, USA



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

♠ 7 3  
♥ A 2  
♦ A K J 8 3  
♣ A 10 7 3

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♠ K 5 4  
♥ 9 5  
♦ Q 10 5 2  
♣ 8 6 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦	Dble
Rdbl	2♥	3♦	3♥
4♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Ferrari</i>
1♦	Pass	INT	2♣
Dble	3♦	Dble	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The natural auction saw Di Bello able to redouble to show his strength and Grue/Kranyak, for once, missed a good game. Four Diamonds was two down for —100 but a good result for Di Bello/Lo Presti.

At the other table, Lall did not raise diamonds immediately and Ferrari bid 2♣ for the majors over his INT response. Ari Greenberg doubled that and Sangiorgio's jump cuebid showed good support for both majors but, presumably, not that great a hand. Ferrari jumped to game and, when Greenberg saved in 5♦, doubled to end the auction.



Stelio Di BELLO, Italy

There were two clubs, two spades and a heart to be lost for —500 and 9 IMPs to Italy.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

♠ 5  
♥ A K J 8 7  
♦ 10 4  
♣ A K 10 7 2

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

♠ Q J 10 8  
♥ 5 4 3 2  
♦ J 9  
♣ J 5 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Ferrari</i>
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The two auctions were identical up to West's third call. Where Di Bello bid out his shape and was left to play 4♣, Greenberg preferred the greater flexibility offered by a double, and Lall judged that, with no known eight-card fit and plenty of values, it would be best to defend.

Well, E/W can make 6♣, never mind game, so perhaps the Americans were wrong in theory, but they had six top tricks against 3♠ doubled and +500 proved to be worth 8 IMPs as Di Bello made only +150 in 4♣.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Greenberg</i>	<i>Sangiorgio</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Ferrari</i>
2♣	1♦	Pass	1♠
2NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On vugraph, the Italian E/W pair stopped in 3♣, making an overtrick for +130. The Americans were more optimistic in the Closed Room.

In the Closed Room, Greenberg overcalled 2♣ and Lall showed a constructive raise. Now, with six running clubs, Greenberg was close to punting 3NT but contented himself with a constructive 2NT, which Lall raised to game. There were, of course, nine top tricks so Greenberg scored +600 for another 10 IMPs to USA1.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 7 5 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ A K 8 5 ♣ J 10 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ 9 8 6 2 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ K Q 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠

All Pass

Sangiorgio/Ferrari reached 6♠ but failed by a trick, so there was an opportunity for USA1 to end the set with a large gain.

Grue's 1NT opening was 13—16 and Kranyak's sequence showed five spades and four hearts, GF. When Grue gave preference to 3♠, he left room for further exploration, so showed a good hand, and Kranyak was happy to cuebid a couple of times then, when Grue used RKCB, jumped to 6♦ to show his three key cards plus a diamond void. The void was not good news for Grue, but he showed the ♥K on the way to 6♠, just in case.

Lo Presti led a trump so Grue took four rounds of those, throwing a diamond from hand as Di Bello pitched two diamonds and a club. There were indications that West might have the diamond length, but the only concrete evidence was that East had four spades to West's one. Grue played a heart to the ten and was one down for —50 and a flat board.

And the set was flat also, at 31—31, leaving USA1 still in the lead by their 5—IMP carry-over from the qualifying stage.

## Swiss Pairs Final Ranking

Rank	Pair	Country	IMPs
1	Joaquin PACAREU - Jack SMITH	CHI	134
2	Espen LINDQVIST - Joern RINGSETH	NOR	130
3	Erik BERG - Allan LIVGARD	NOR	111
4	Li-Hsiang KUO - Ho-Yee SO	CTP	102
5	Petter EIDE - Erik EIDE	NOR	100
6	Griffith WARE - Nye GRIFFITHS	AUS	63
7	Lars JOHANSEN - Haakon BOGEN	NOR	59
8	Satoshi IMAI - Hiroaki MIURA	JPN	58
9	Mike GILL - Noble SHORE	USA	51
10	Justin WILLIAMS - Gabby FEILER	AUS	47
11	Giancarlo TRIMARCHI - Matteo PRESTI	ITA	46
12	Simon BECH - Cecilia RIMSTEDT	SWE	45
13	A. CATTABIANI - Leonardo FRUSCOLONI	ITA	39
14	Ben LAI - Adam FOK	CHK	35
15	Daniel KORBEL - Susan KORBEL	CAN	30
16	Yee Sum MO - Yu-Cheung IP	CHK	29
17	Hing Lung LEE - Pak Him NG	CHK	29
18	Sandra RIMSTEDT - Emma SJOBERG	SWE	24
19	Chi-Cheung NG - Cheuk-Hin LEUNG	CHK	21
20	Hassan Ijaz SAEED - Haider Ali MALIK	PAK	14
21	S. SIRIWATTHANASUT - P. LERDMAHARIT	THA	12
22	Wai-Sing YIU - Chung-Man LEUNG	CHK	7
23	Tsang Tat KOO - Ching Hin POON	CHK	5
24	N. TUNYASET - P. ANUGOONPRASERT	THA	4
25	Virginia CHEDIAK - Harald EIDE	NOR	1
26	Fredrik SIMONSEN - Erlend SKJETNE	NOR	0
27	Yu-Shiang CHENG - Kun-Chieh WANG	CTP	0
28	Mike RICE - Jeremy FOURNIER	USA	-4
29	Yi OU-YANG - Chih-Hung LIN	CTP	-6
30	Mike DEVELIN - John BARTH	USA	-9
31	Aled IABONI - Ethan MACAULAY	CAN	-19
32	Hershel MACAULAY - R. BORGONO	CAN/CHL	-27
33	Yuichi IKEMOTO - Hiroki YOKOI	JPN	-28
34	T. RAWEEJARUSROUNG - B. UDOMWATWONGTHA		-32
35	Wei YUAN - Xiaokun WU	CHI	-35
36	Kai CAO - Hui WANG	CHI	-36
37	Washiragon HEMSO - Pittawat KAKKAE0	THA	-38
38	Sakher MELKAWI - Jawan HALLASSA	JOR	-42
39	Eadi SWEIDAN - Raed HADDADIN	JOR	-42
40	Sunisa CHODCHOY - P. KITCHAKARN	THA	-48
41	Zain KHAN - Asfandiyas HUSSAIN	PAK	-56
42	Rawit SOOKASEM - C. THATONGKAM	THA	-58
43	N. NIYOMCHOKE - W. KUNKONOME	THA	-78
44	Surat SANSUWAN - Niti JUNTHIANG	THA	-83
45	T. KRUSREESAWAT - W. CHANNARONG	THA	-111
46	T. TUNYASET - K. PANICHKRAJANG	THA	-118
47	Sornborrom KULLWAWAN - Y. PHETDEE	THA	-150
48	R. SOOKASEM - W. TANAKORNCHAIMONGKOLTHA		-170

# Normal Play is Sometimes Best

By Sven Hoyland (Norway npc)

There was an instructive deal in the Swiss Pairs yesterday, showing that it doesn't always pay to falsecard in what might appear to be a situation where you could play cards at random.

Board 54. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

East/West followed a Puppet Stayman sequence which left Norwegian star, Joern Ringseth declarer in the normal heart game.

Had South led a safe heart, there would have been no story, as declarer would have got the trumps right without difficulty. However, South actually led a diamond to the king and ace. Ringseth led the ace of hearts, South following with the ten, then a low heart, South playing the jack.

Remember that the Swiss Pairs was scored at Butler IMPs, not matchpoints, so Ringseth's concern was to find the best way to make his contract, not to worry about overtricks. He decided that he could afford to lose two trump tricks, as long as North did not win this trick and push a spade through. So, being willing to pay off to South holding ♥KJ10, Ringseth ducked, and up popped the king. It was true that North was on lead, but declarer had only lost one trump trick so was in control. He could draw the last trump at his first opportunity and give up a club to make ten tricks.

I am sure that South did not realise that he had contributed to declarer's 'lucky guess' in the trump suit. However, had South followed with the normal nine followed by ten, declarer would have had to be guessing very well to duck in dummy. Now there would have been two ways in which ducking could be very wrong. Firstly, South might hold ♥KJ109 and be able to draw all the remaining trumps. But, also, South might have ♥K109 and ducking would permit North to win the doubleton jack. Not only would declarer lose two heart tricks instead of one, but he would also have allowed the dangerous opponent on lead unnecessarily.

It follows, of course, that if South really did have ♥KJ109, that is when he should falsecard with the ten and jack, tempting declarer to duck in a situation when this would be good for the defence.

# Nice Bidding

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
<i>Boldrini</i>	<i>Donn</i>	<i>Sbarigia</i>	<i>Feldman</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

System caused problems for the Italians on this deal from the second set of the Junior final. They play a complex set of transfer responses to the 1♥ opening bid and this required a 2♠ bid to show diamonds on this particular South hand, cramping the auction uncomfortably. Lo Presti showed the nature of his hand with the 4♠ rebid, but it left Di Bello with a guess and, with no spade honour, it was very hard for him to consider slam.

The Americans were able to develop the hand slowly and benefited from the extra space available to them. When Jason Feldman showed his six-five shape, Joshua Donn showed good appreciation of his two aces and ♦Q by choosing 4♦ rather than the easy 3NT with his double club stopper. Now Feldman offered spades as an alternative trump suit and Donn cuebid the ♣A before Feldman signed off in 6♦. Very well judged by both players.

Both declarers made twelve tricks; +420 for Di Bello but +920 for Feldman and 11 IMPs to USA 1.

## SCHEDULE

10.30—12.50	Finals, Segment 5
14.00—16.20	Finals, Segment 6
20.00—23.00	Prize Giving Ceremony & Victory Banquet