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NORWAY U-28 CHAMPIONS



The first winners of the World Mind Sports Games Under 28 Bridge Teams Championship – NORWAY

Norway is the first winner of the World Mind Sports Games Under 28 Bridge Championship, after making a dramatic fight back in the last set of their final against Poland. They take the gold medal, while Poland takes the silver and China, who defeated France in the third place play-off, takes the bronze.

In the Under 26 series, Denmark powered away from Poland in the final set and are the new World Champions and winners of the gold medal and the Ortiz-Patina Trophy. In the third place play-off, Norway defeated Chinese Taipei to take the bronze medal.

The new holder of the Damiani Trophy for the Under 21 World Youth Team Championship is France, who came back from a poor start to overtake England in yesterday's final. France takes the gold medal and England the silver. Meanwhile, China defeated Bulgaria in the third-place match to take its second bronze medal of the day.

Vugraph

There will be a vugraph presentation from both sessions of today's Pairs Championship.



Today's Schedule

10.30 Pairs, Semi Final 3 (Groups A-B)

16.00 Pairs, Final I/Consolation I



RESULTS U-28 TEAMS

FINAL

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	C.O	Total
POLAND - NORWAY	26 - 15	20 - 12	44 - 11	26 - 76	0 - 4.7	116 - 118.7

PLAYOFF

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	C.O	Total
CHINA - FRANCE	60 - 34	17 - 28	30 - 20	0 - 0	107 - 82

RESULTS U-26 TEAMS

FINAL

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	C.O	Total
POLAND - DENMARK	17 - 67	54 - 57	48 - 25	6 - 59	12 - 0	137 - 208

PLAYOFF

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	C.O	Total
CHINESE TAIPEI - NORWAY	37 - 61	31 - 28	27 - 25	0 - 12	95 - 126

RESULTS U-21 TEAMS

FINAL

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	C.O	Total
FRANCE - ENGLAND	23 - 50	33 - 23	57 - 31	31 - 21	5.7 - 0	149.7 - 125

PLAYOFF

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	C.O	Total
BULGARIA - CHINA	40 - 59	23 - 29	54 - 40	0 - 8	117 - 136

Teams Prize Giving

The Teams Prize Giving will be held this evening at 19.30 in the vugraph theatre. It is hoped that all players will attend this first bridge prize-giving of the 1st Mind Sports Games.

IMPORTANT**YOUTH INDIVIDUAL**

Entries are now being taken for the Youth Individual Championship, which is to be played on Thursday and Friday.

For those youth players who have not yet entered, please enter now at the Hospitality/Information Desk located next to the line-up computers.

Entries will close at 8.00 pm on Tuesday. Failure to enter on time will result in non-participation.

Thank you



Which quality do you think is the most important in a partner of yours?

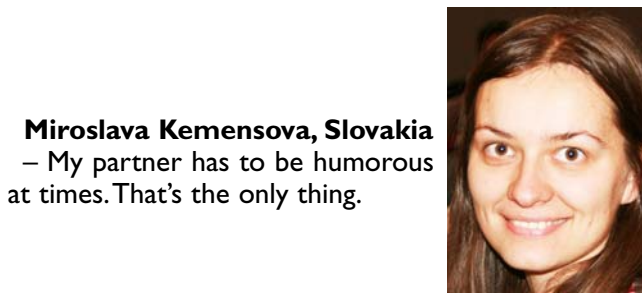


Letsogile Mafa, Botswana
 – He will never shout and he will be friendly at the table.

Katerina Wille, Peru
 – Everything is about trust; my partner has to trust my actions. And I have to do the same of course – I just remember a stupid thing that I did that still keeps me awake when trying to sleep...



Andrew Woodcock, England
 – My partner has to be patient and understanding of my mistakes. I really can't think of anything else at the moment.



Miroslava Kemensova, Slovakia
 – My partner has to be humorous at times. That's the only thing.



Mehmet Sakirler, Turkey
 – A good partner should be polite and not speak too much at the table during play. And the partner has to like to play bridge of course, but we don't necessarily have to be real-life friends. It's not wrong if he can make a couple of double squeezes either.

Classical Bidding

by Jan van Cleeff

Norway v Poland U28 Final, Set 2. On Board 26 I was a little bit surprised by East's bidding with both sides vulnerable:

♠ 6 5 4 3
 ♥ K Q 5 3
 ♦ K 8 7
 ♣ J 9

West	North	East	South
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	?	

In the previous century, no doubt 2♠ would be the text book bid. Nowadays, when you are a coward you would bid 2♥, i.e. a good raise to 2♠. And when you like your hand you could give it a shot with 2NT (or any other conventional bid) showing an invitational raise.

In the U28 final between Norway and Poland, however, both East players opted for the classic 2♠. This was the hand:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

The Polish West didn't bother to take any more action and some moments later he wrote +170 (a diamond loser eventually will disappear on a high heart) on his scorecard. The Norwegian West, Jorn Arild Ringseth, still found another bid: 3♦. Whatever it meant, probably natural, it propelled East to the obvious spade game for a 10 IMP gain. Actually, this proved to be the only real swing in this segment.



Jorn Arild Ringseth – Norway

Tight Things and Small Beatings

by Jan van Cleeff

France v England U21 Set 3. A tight thing. The very first hand proved to be all about the lead, though looking at the hand you wouldn't expect that to be the case:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 4 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ J 10 8 2 ♣ Q 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 10 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ J 9 7 4	♠ J 8 5 3 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ A K Q 5 ♣ 8 5
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In the Closed Room nothing special happened. East opened 1♦, whereafter North/South reached 4♥. The defense cashed out in diamonds and eventually got their two trump tricks.



Daniel McIntosh – England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hickman</i>	<i>Canonne</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
–	Pass	1♦	2♦(i)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(i) 5/5 hearts/clubs

For some reason East did not lead a high diamond, but a low trump. He was soon to seriously regret this decision. Declarer won the first trick in her hand, cashed ♠AQ (pitching a diamond from South) and, interestingly enough, finessed in clubs. West won the queen, and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed the next diamond, crossed to her hand with ♣9 and played a heart; N/S 4♥ made and 10 IMPs to France.

A couple of boards later the spotlight was again on Daniel McIntosh:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>	<i>Paske</i>
–	–	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led ♥K, ducked and then switched to ♠10. Declarer was allowed to win his ♠J. When Ed Jones tabled ♣A, much to his relief the king dropped. Soon he claimed nine tricks.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hickman</i>	<i>Canonne</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
–	–	3♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Same bidding and same lead: ♥K, again ducked by declarer.

er. At this point Daniel McIntosh rightly shifted to a diamond. Declarer inserted the king and West ducked. When East won the next trick with ♣K, he continued in diamonds; 3NT-2.

Three boards later more IMPs were exchanged:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ J 10 4 3 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">N</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">S</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 8 7 4 3 ♥ 10 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ K Q 8 6	♠ A J 6 ♥ K Q 8 7 ♦ Q J 7 6 4 ♣ 9
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hickman</i>	<i>Canonne</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
-	Pass	1♠	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♣	All Pass

At this table all four players had tough bidding decisions. First of all East. –should he open or not? Then, of course, South, who launched an ultra light overcall at the two level. And how about West, making a take-out double without length in hearts. North, apparently well aware of his partner’s style of overcalling, didn’t even consider a Rosenkrantz redouble. And then again East, who felt that he rather should repeat his mediocre spade suit instead of bidding clubs. The final contract was just made, which looked okay for East/West as North/South seemed to be talked out of a heart contract. Were they? We will see.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>	<i>Paske</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The heart game looks fair, but can be defeated when East/West get their spade ruff. So only a spade lead defeats 4♥, but when East led his ‘normal’ ♣K, declarer had no trouble making ten tricks.

The very next board the English team suffered a small beating:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 6 5 ♥ Q 7 4 3 ♦ K 9 4 2 ♣ A 10 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">N</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">S</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 ♥ A K J 10 9 8 5 ♦ A ♣ K J 8 2	♠ K J 9 8 3 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 8 5 ♣ Q 9 7
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hickman</i>	<i>Canonne</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
-	-	1♥	1♠
2NT(i)	4♣	4NT(ii)	Pass
5♣(iii)	Pass	6♥	All Pass

(i) Heart fit, invitational
 (ii) RKCB
 (iii) One key card

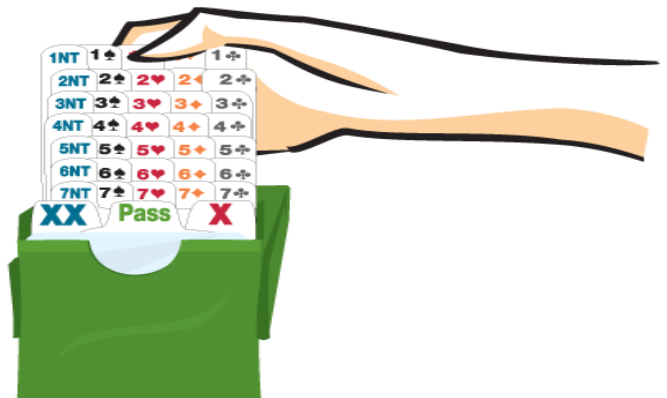
The slam basically came down finding ♣Q. Declarer decided to search for this card in South due to the overcall (a spade was led to the ace), and right he was; East/West +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Kilani</i>	<i>Paske</i>
-	-	2♦(i)	2♠
3♣(ii)	4♣	6♥	Pass
7♥	7♠	Dble	All Pass

(i) Strong hand
 (ii) ♣A

For a minute England was in for a lot of IMPs. However, instead they gave up seven on the board, when North saved against the unmakeable grand; East/West +1700. By the way, the diamond ruff was not found by the defenders.



Junior Bridge at top level

by Micke Melander

The Polish U26 team probably thought they were going to have an easy first segment in their final match against Denmark. When the smoke had cleared on the first board they had managed to drive the Danes into a 4-3 fit game in spades, when they had nine top tricks in 3NT; 10 fast IMPs to the Poles.

However, the Danes weren't sleeping at all, just careful.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 7 6 ♥ K 7 4 2 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ J 10 3 2	♠ K J 9 8 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 7 6 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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 3 ♥ Q 10 9 ♦ A K 8 ♣ A K Q 6 4
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Jan Sikora – Poland

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Sikora</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Three Clubs asked for majors, and the game looked a little bit shaky when Sikora found the only lead that could bring declarer down, a small spade. Schaltz didn't have many options to play on but he made up his mind quickly and played ace of clubs, club to the jack, jack of diamonds!, intending to run it. But when the diamond was covered he could relax for the moment. Schaltz continued his plan and played another low club to dummy and called for the seven of diamonds. He quickly claimed the contract when he won his ninth trick. That was 12 IMPs to Denmark when the Polish declarer went down at the other table.

It didn't take long until the next interesting hand showed up. You might very well use it to solve partnership agreements. Question is, how do you reach the grand slam in clubs or hearts with confidence?

Board 6. Declarer East. All Vul.

♠ A Q J 8 4 ♥ 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 8 5 ♣ 5	♠ – ♥ J 8 5 ♦ A K 7 2 ♣ A K Q J 8 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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		♠ 9 6 5 2 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ 6 3 ♣ 9 7 4
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They didn't manage the task in the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Houmoller</i>	<i>Nawrocki</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Sikora</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♥(i)	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The Closed Room tried another auction, with the same result.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♥	Dble	2♠	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

(i) Spades and a minor

The first double was to tell partner it was their board, showing at least opening values, the second was for business. Four Clubs set trumps, then came three cuebids. 5NT was an invitational call for the grand slam but Jepsen didn't think he had that much control of the hand.

Jepsen should probably work out that partner has to have a running club suit, with first-round control in spades and diamonds, to be able to bid like that. And with that knowledge he should have bid their grand slam.

In a bidding contest, you should be able to get the declarer to be South to avoid ruffs on the lead, which probably would create even more problems. We had twelve tables in action; the funny thing was that it only was in this particular match that someone played in 6♣. At the other ten tables, six were in 6♥, one in 7♣ and three in 7♥. It's noteworthy that it was



Emil Jepsen – Denmark

the Bulgarian and both the Norwegian teams, that are still playing in the competition, who succeeded in bidding 7♥.

Checking the convention card of Bilde/Jepsen, you find that they play with weak twos. How weak was the question? – They might be very weak was the answer, smiling.

Bilde made a demonstration what that kind of opening looks like. Non-vulnerable against vulnerable he held the following in first seat:

♠ 10 7 4
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ K 9 7 5 4
 ♣ 7 6 3

2♦ was on the tray. Welcome to junior bridge at the top level.

Board 11. Declarer South. None Vul.

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

N	
W	E
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♠ Q 9 7
♥ A 7 3 2
♦ Q
♣ K J 7 4 2

Jonas Houmoller was put in 6♠ by Martin Schaltz. Nawrocki led his middle heart and declarer was put in deep thought for a long moment before doing anything. Houmoller eventually opted for a line, realizing that he had to play regardless if he wanted to or not, and called for the ace of hearts. Queen of diamonds, small and ace. Diamond ruff, club to the ace, diamond ruff followed. He still had to solve the trumps and/or find a place to park his losing heart somewhere. Houmoller therefore called for the queen of spades, covered with the king and ace. Jack of spades and a spade made sure of putting South on play, combining the play with some squeeze possibilities. In the end he had to finesse in clubs to make the contract.

That was another swing to Denmark who won the first segment by 67-17 and certainly were not sleeping.



U-21 TEAMS

Semi-Final 3



ENGLAND

V

CHINA



by Brian Senior

The tightest match in the semi-finals was that between England and China in the U21 series. After two of the three sets the match was a tie, at 93-93.

China scored first with 3 IMPs for an extra undertrick in game on Board 2 of the set, but England responded with 5 IMPs for 2♥ making against 4♥ down two on the next board. Then came a potential swing deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 10 8 6 ♥ 10 5 ♦ J 10 6 4 ♣ 8 7 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 7 ♥ A 9 7 6 4 3 ♦ A K 9 7 5 ♣ –	♠ Q J 9 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q 8 3 ♣ A K Q 10
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hickman</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>	<i>Hu</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Jiang</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Dong</i>	<i>T. Paske</i>
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Slam is a little sub-par but one can understand getting there with that East hand facing a strong no trump opening. It is always going to be tough to discover that there is quite so much club strength in the West hand. Both Easts duly drove to slam, Daniel Mcintosh via a transfer sequence, Chunhui Dong after starting with Forcing Stayman.

Junjie Hu led a spade to the queen, king and ace. Mcintosh played ace of diamonds, a diamond to the queen and a third round to his king, then tried a spade to the nine. When that lost to the ten he was down, of course. Yichao Chen switched to his low heart, ducked to the queen, and Hu was endplayed. He returned a club and Mcintosh had four black winners to take care of his hearts; down two for -200.

Tom Paske also led a spade to the queen, king and ace. Dong drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy, threw three hearts on the club winners, then led a heart to his ace and took the spade finesse. This time the defence could take both heart winners for down three; -300 and 3 IMPs to England, leading by 101-96.

England picked up an overtrick IMP on Board 6, then two swings in quick succession stretched the lead to something more comfortable.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A K Q 10 7 ♥ 9 6 5 4 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ 3	<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		♠ 8 6 5 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ A 10 6 5 ♣ Q J 6	♠ J 4 ♥ 7 3 ♦ K Q 7 4 ♣ A 8 7 6 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hickman</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>	<i>Hu</i>
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
<i>Jiang</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Dong</i>	<i>T. Paske</i>
–	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			


It is not compulsory to open the North hand with only 10 HCP but that suit is awfully tempting, don't you think? Ed Jones duly did so and Tom Paske raised to 2♠. With two balanced hands, neither Chinese player felt like getting involved.

Dong led the queen of clubs to the king and ace and Yujie Jiang switched to a trump. Declarer gave up a diamond, back came a trump, and he played another diamond, but the defence played a third trump. There was no diamond ruff to be had, but the ♥Q was onside so Jones had eight tricks for +110.

Chen did not open the North hand so Mcintosh was able to open 1♦ and Adam Hickman made an inverted raise then bid a third diamond over Chen's 2♠ intervention, ending the auction.

The defence took its two spade winners then switched to a heart for the queen and king. Hu returned the ♠J to declarer's ace and McIntosh played a diamond to the king, back to the ace, then a third round to the queen to play a club to the queen and king. A heart back would have left declarer a trick short, but Hu actually returned the ten of clubs and now there were no problems; +110 and 6 IMPs to England.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West <i>Hickman</i>	North <i>Chen</i>	East <i>Mcintosh</i>	South <i>Hu</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

West <i>Jiang</i>	North <i>Jones</i>	East <i>Dong</i>	South <i>T. Paske</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	3♥	Dble
All Pass			


Chen bid and rebid his spades and was left to play in 2♠ on a diamond lead. Hickman took two diamonds then switched to a low spade. Chen put in the jack and continued with ♠A then ♠Q. Hickman cashed the ace of diamonds then led a heart to make sure that his partner would not make an expensive duck when declarer played the suit. McIntosh won the ♥A and the ♠9 was the setting trick; –100.

The auction in the other room was identical up to 2♠. Now Dong's youthful exuberance got the better of him and he came into his opponents' potential misfit auction and got what his action deserved when Tom Paske made a confident double.

Paske led his spade to the jack and Jones switched to the jack of clubs. Paske won and played two more rounds of clubs, Dong ruffing with dummy's eight. He now played a heart to the ace and a heart back. Paske won the king and played back the ♥J to dummy's queen. Dong played the diamond winners now. Paske let the third one hold the trick, so Dong now had to play a spade off the dummy and the defence had the rest of the tricks for down three; –800 and 14 IMPs to England.

The English lead was up to 122-96 with ten deals to play. China pulled closer at 107-123 when there last chance hit the table.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West <i>Hickman</i>	North <i>Chen</i>	East <i>Mcintosh</i>	South <i>Hu</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

West <i>Jiang</i>	North <i>Jones</i>	East <i>Dong</i>	South <i>T. Paske</i>
–	2♦	Dble	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

You might make 6♠ after a heart lead if you chose to win in dummy and lead a spade towards your hand, but it is still a guess even after that favourable lead. Indeed, you might even prefer NOT to get a heart lead as then you have no decision to make. Both declarers received a diamond lead so both went one down very quickly for a flat board.

DeepFinesse assures us that either 6NT or 6♣ can be made. That is correct. Those contracts make if declarer plays for the actual spade position, unblocking the diamond then playing ♠K from hand and, if that holds the trick, ducking the next spade to North's ace. Not very likely.

What would concern me would be that both pairs played in 6♠ rather than 6♣ or 6NT. Surely there are many layouts where one of those contracts will be hugely superior to 6♠ from East's point of view. The English auction got hooked into what level of spades to play, with McIntosh unwilling to give up on seven, hence the 5♥ bid when 6♣ would have at least reached the right trump suit. Dong did not even introduce the club suit until the six level, and there was no chance that he would be allowed to play there.

Anyway, England came through by 125-108 and were in the final, where they would meet old rivals, France.

Every Trick Counts

by Jan van Cleeff

Youth section. Semi final Pairs A. Session I. The players are in full contention to reach the finals. Only 51 pairs will qualify. Every trick counts. I Kibitzed a Canadian-Dutch confrontation.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 9 ♥ J 2 ♦ K J 4 3 ♣ A 8 6	♠ Q 7 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ K Q 10 7 4	♠ 8 4 3 2 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ J 9 5	♠ A 6 5 ♥ Q 9 7 6 4 ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ 3 2
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West	North	East	North
Dalmage	Drijver	Robson	Michielsen
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dble 2♠	Rdbl(i) ?	1♠	2♥

(i) Three-card heart support (unlimited)



Scott Robson – Canada

Bob Drijver had a bit of a problem. He could compete with 3♥ or bid 3♣. It was not quite clear whether that meant to play or a game trial. Or he could double, showing extras. The latter would have been lucrative if South passed; 2♠ doubled would lead to 500.

Drijver decided to bid 3♣, corrected by Marion Michielsen to 3♥, where it rested.

West led ♠J for the queen, followed by ♠A, spade ruff, ♥A and heart. Declarer scored the queen when East didn't insert his king. Next came a club to the king, followed by ♣Q. West won the ace, persisted in spades, ruffed by declarer, who played a trump for East's king, who returned of course a diamond. North/South +140.

Hindsight: had declarer played clubs in a timely fashion ten tricks could be taken in a heart contract.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q 10 8 ♥ 7 2 ♦ Q J 7 6 4 2 ♣ K Q	♠ K 9 4 3 ♥ K J 4 ♦ 10 3 ♣ 7 6 5 2	♠ A 6 2 ♥ 6 3 ♦ A K 9 5 ♣ 10 9 8 3	♠ J 7 5 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 5 ♦ 8 ♣ A J 4
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West	North	East	North
Dalmage	Drijver	Robson	Michielsen
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♦	All Pass

South won the heart lead with her ace, tabled ♥Q (jack by North) and switched to a low spade. Declarer did well to play the ten. He had figured ♠K was likely to be with North. Otherwise, North probably would win the second heart in order to shift to spades. Anyhow, North covered ♠10 with the king and dummy's ace won the trick. Declarer drew trumps and developed his two natural club tricks. Of course he scored the last trick with the beer card; N/S +130.

Hindsight: had South not switched to a spade, but continued a minor suit, defenders would always score a spade. It was very difficult to see from South's position.

PAIRS SEMI-FINAL A

	Name	1 st	2 nd	Total					
1	JASSEM - ZATORSKI (POL)	62,82	62,22	125,04	61	GRANSTROM - PATANA (FIN)	56,11	43,08	99,19
2	GRUE - LALL (USA)	57,15	64,05	121,20	62	MURNIATI - SOEBROTO (INA)	52,00	47,14	99,14
3	FISHER - SCHWARTZ (ISR)	65,03	54,41	119,44	63	FAGERLUND - FAGERLUND (FIN)	41,38	57,66	99,04
4	DOECKE - O'SHEA (AUS)	60,97	57,77	118,74	64	GRAINGER - SABOURIN (CAN)	52,56	46,29	98,85
5	BLANCHARD - FOURNIER (USA)	50,27	65,47	115,74	65	NAB - NAB (NED)	51,22	47,60	98,82
6	BELGU - YILMAZBAYHAN (TUR)	59,28	56,14	115,43	66	FRYKLUND - THALEN (SWE)	49,51	48,87	98,38
7	GREENBERG - FELDMAN (USA)	56,65	58,33	114,98	67	KOPPLINGER - JEROLITCH (AUT)	51,95	46,33	98,27
8	EDGTTON - HUNG (AUS)	48,73	64,83	113,56	68	MONTES DE OCA - SCANAVINO (ARG)	47,34	50,71	98,04
9	FRANCHI - MONTANARI (ITA)	63,26	50,28	113,54	69	ANDHANI - ARIYANI (INA)	48,96	48,83	97,79
10	MOLENAAR - VERBEEK (NED)	51,22	62,11	113,33	70	BARONAITE - BIELSKIS (LTU)	51,42	46,12	97,54
11	NISTOR - VULCAN (ROM)	53,23	58,44	111,67	71	LAU - FUNG (HKG)	49,69	47,81	97,50
12	MADALA - SMITH (CHI)	52,05	59,00	111,05	72	SINCLAIR - WILKINSON (SCO)	49,02	48,20	97,22
13	GUTHI - SRIRAM (IND)	51,88	59,04	110,92	73	DRIJVER - MICHELSEN (NED)	47,57	49,54	97,11
14	STUURMAN - VISSER (NED)	51,89	58,93	110,83	74	JOHANSSON - MALMSTROM (SWE)	40,92	55,83	96,75
15	JOHANSEN - BOGEN (NOR)	61,69	48,52	110,21	75	DOBRIN - OSIPOV (RUS)	48,21	48,20	96,41
16	RODWELL - HOWARD (AUS)	55,48	54,38	109,86	76	SORENSEN - PEDERSEN (DEN)	49,29	47,10	96,40
17	ALBRYCHT - TOMCANI (SVK)	57,13	52,65	109,78	77	DORAS - MINDRUTA (ROM)	51,56	44,81	96,37
18	KARHULAHTI - SAUVOLA (FIN)	59,03	50,49	109,53	78	SALOMONSSON - SIVELIND (SWE)	45,35	50,99	96,34
19	HELMICH - HOP (NED)	60,85	48,09	108,94	79	BETHERS - LORENCIS (LAT)	53,62	42,55	96,17
20	LIN - LIU (TPE)	56,43	52,44	108,87	80	DAVID - ROSSI (BRA)	53,56	42,44	96,00
21	KROCHMALIK - WARE (AUS)	57,67	50,95	108,63	81	SORENSEN - MORTENSEN (DEN)	46,53	49,40	95,93
22	IGLA - MACHNO (POL)	52,48	56,07	108,55	82	EIDE - SKJETNE (NOR)	45,90	49,65	95,54
23	SPANGENBERG - SPANGENBERG (NED)	54,79	53,67	108,46	83	BRAGA - BRAGA (POR)	49,33	46,12	95,44
24	MOHARAM - SAWIRES (EGY)	59,90	48,52	108,42	84	KANDIJO - MOGOT (INA)	46,16	49,19	95,35
25	BIGLIERI - CRUSIZIO (ARG)	53,83	54,52	108,35	85	SERRANO - SERRANO (ECU)	46,46	48,80	95,26
26	BARONI - SANGIORGIO (ITA)	48,91	59,36	108,27	86	OFIR - TARNOVSKI (ISR)	44,97	50,14	95,11
27	WHIBLEY - MILNE (NZL)	60,09	47,51	107,60	87	GISLASON - SIGURDARSON (ISL)	48,57	46,47	95,04
28	LU - CHUNG (TPE)	51,43	55,93	107,36	88	SOLOVYEV - VESELOV (RUS)	53,79	41,17	94,97
29	SANGHVI - DATTA (IND)	57,28	50,04	107,31	89	MO - IP (HKG)	43,94	50,60	94,54
30	ELLISON - ELLISON (SCO)	56,16	50,88	107,04	90	DE GUZMAN - ENCONTRO (PHI)	48,86	45,37	94,23
31	DELLE CAVE - DI BELLO (ITA)	49,90	57,06	106,96	91	CHEN - PENG (TPE)	44,00	49,93	93,93
32	BALASOVS - BETHERS (LAT)	55,52	51,41	106,93	92	HORNIBROOK - WU (AUS)	48,07	45,83	93,90
33	BURGESS - WOODCOCK (ENG)	60,90	45,66	106,56	93	HODEROVA - JANKOVA (CZE)	42,97	50,64	93,61
34	BIRMAN - ARGELAZI (ISR)	52,41	54,13	106,55	94	SUMARAUW - TANGKUMAN (INA)	42,50	50,99	93,49
35	BLAGOV - NYSTROM (CAN)	49,76	56,21	105,97	95	VROUSTIS - KARAMANLIS (GRE)	44,25	48,87	93,12
36	KOPECKY - MACURA (CZE)	56,34	49,47	105,81	96	HAQUE - HOSSAIN (BAN)	48,81	44,00	92,81
37	CEREK - KAYA (TUR)	58,59	46,75	105,34	97	BAILEY - COUTTS (NZL)	51,00	41,56	92,56
38	DE PAGTER - HOP (NED)	49,32	55,40	104,73	98	BARENDREGT - WORTEL (NED)	49,25	43,29	92,54
39	CHAYEUSKI - MIKHAILAU (BLR)	48,70	55,79	104,49	99	COLLURA - CORY (USA)	46,48	45,80	92,28
40	BINA - SCHULZ (AUT)	50,12	54,31	104,43	100	FACHREZA - HUTAHAEAN (INA)	46,46	45,44	91,91
41	LIANG - QIN (CHN)	56,34	47,92	104,25	101	MOHOTA - DAS (IND)	45,10	46,79	91,89
42	GOTARD - ZIMMERMANN (GER)	58,39	45,55	103,94	102	ALONSO - FERRO (ARG)	51,38	40,47	91,85
43	DE DONDER - DE ROOS (BEL)	52,43	51,17	103,60	103	IABONI - ZIND (CAN)	41,90	49,68	91,58
44	FAY - LEE (USA)	53,76	49,54	103,30	104	ABDELFAHATTAH - ELSHAZLY (EGY)	37,89	53,35	91,25
45	GROENENBOOM - WORTEL (NED)	50,16	52,97	103,13	105	BARBOSA - BRUM (BRA)	47,58	43,01	90,59
46	MANNO - BOLDRINI (ITA)	55,20	47,88	103,08	106	PLATONENKO - PAVLUSHKO (UKR)	42,06	47,49	89,56
47	ANTER - KIZILOK (TUR)	47,53	55,26	102,80	107	LUKOTKA - MIKLIK (SVK)	47,10	42,27	89,37
48	KATERBAU - REHDER (GER)	52,49	50,00	102,49	108	DWYER - KATZ (USA)	39,68	49,68	89,36
49	GONCALVES C. - GOMEZ H. (ESP)	52,66	49,47	102,13	109	STEPHENS - NAGEL (RSA)	37,17	50,67	87,85
50	VAN MECHELEN - FASTENAKELS (BEL)	52,28	49,82	102,11	110	GONCALVES - SILVA (POR)	41,92	45,76	87,68
51	CHUBUKOV - MAYEFKY (USA)	45,34	56,29	101,63	111	DESAI - KASHELKAR (IND)	49,79	37,57	87,36
52	CHABCHOUB - MEDDEB (TUN)	47,52	53,81	101,33	112	DULMAGE - ROSOM (CAN)	43,98	42,51	86,49
53	OH - THAM (SIN)	50,39	50,85	101,24	113	FERRARI - SBARIGIA (ITA)	48,19	38,28	86,47
54	NG - ZHANG (SIN)	48,70	52,51	101,20	114	YOU - TAN (SIN)	44,49	39,83	84,32
55	WANG - ZHANG (CHN)	49,91	50,95	100,87	115	GOSNEY - GRIFFITHS (AUS)	35,33	48,59	83,92
56	GOGOMAN - ISLAM (AUT)	42,20	58,33	100,53	116	BRESCOLL - LIEN (USA)	36,49	44,39	80,88
57	SHEDID - ZAYTOUN (EGY)	46,73	53,46	100,19	117	JONES - DUNN (WAL)	43,54	35,45	78,99
58	DOXIADIS - KONTOMITROS (GRE)	44,87	54,63	99,49	118	CHOWDHURY - RAHMAN (BAN)	36,25	42,62	78,87
59	KRAWCZYK - TUCZYNSKI (POL)	43,25	56,00	99,26	119	HUMPHRIES - JACOB (NZL)	42,50	33,65	76,15
60	GRUDE - HEGGE (NOR)	55,49	43,75	99,24	120	RUMBEA - PINOARGOTE (ECU)	33,29	42,13	75,42

PAIRS SEMI-FINAL B

Name	1 st	2 nd	Total						
				35	GU - LI (CHN)	47,20	53,72	100,93	
1	SAKIRLER - SEN (TUR)	66,24	58,52	124,76	36	VOLOZHENIN - NEKRASOVA (RUS)	53,56	46,53	100,08
2	LAI - YEO (SIN)	55,74	65,53	121,27	37	CHEN - YEO (SIN)	50,29	49,49	99,79
3	SIAREBRANY - HAPONAVA (BLR)	59,74	60,23	119,97	38	LIIVAK - VIILUP (EST)	46,13	53,47	99,60
4	MAMBU - MARAMIS (INA)	56,80	58,46	115,26	39	MARGOT - AMIGUET (SUI)	44,59	54,73	99,33
5	EGGELING - MATTHIAS (GER)	50,78	64,46	115,24	40	VEKSA - BRIKMANE (LAT)	50,00	49,05	99,05
6	GIAMPIETRO - WUERMSEER (GER)	57,06	57,45	114,51	41	KUNKONGMEE - BOONMARK (THA)	52,38	46,21	98,59
7	KOO - POON (HKG)	56,75	57,26	114,01	42	KEMENOVA - SIDOR (SVK)	43,33	55,24	98,57
8	FELLUS - FELLUS (ITA)	58,77	54,73	113,51	43	AMPUERO - WRIGHT (ECU)	47,96	49,87	97,83
9	BOYD - DAVIS (IRL)	57,98	55,37	113,34	44	SAR-SHALOM - LEANEZ (VEN)	47,95	48,86	96,82
10	SIKIOTI - DARKADAKIS (GRE)	59,96	53,35	113,30	45	MOEDI - MAFA (BOT)	50,96	44,38	95,34
11	KULL - EWALD (SUI)	55,83	57,45	113,27	46	SINLOYMA - PANTHALOET (THA)	41,36	53,79	95,14
12	SKIPPER - SKIPPER (NZL)	56,90	54,99	111,89	47	KGOSIDIALWA - RAMARIBANA (BOT)	50,93	43,81	94,74
13	GODED M. - TKATCH V. (ESP)	57,17	53,28	110,46	48	HEIM - ROWOLD (GER)	46,86	47,85	94,71
14	BLAZEVICIUS - KORKEVICIUS (LTU)	63,37	46,59	109,96	49	DAS - HAZRA (IND)	50,80	43,88	94,68
15	KUTSUK - KLEBANOVICH (BLR)	60,29	49,49	109,78	50	MANURUNG - YARHAM (INA)	49,60	44,70	94,30
16	EGE - ROHRBERG (DEN)	61,26	48,04	109,30	51	BRUNET - LASSERRE (GLP)	41,58	51,77	93,35
17	SAFTA - STAFIE (ROM)	48,44	60,23	108,66	52	LO - YEUNG (HKG)	54,65	36,81	91,46
18	EVANS - HATFIELD (WAL)	52,67	55,56	108,22	53	CULVERWELL - GRYZAGORIDIS (RSA)	51,85	39,46	91,30
19	RALIVOLONOVA - RAMASINDRAIBE (MAD)	52,98	55,05	108,03	54	AKSUEYEK - WUITSCHIK (SUI)	42,87	44,07	86,94
20	GRIJALVA - GRIJALVA (ECU)	63,56	44,26	107,82	55	TARRE - MILANO (VEN)	40,55	46,21	86,76
21	KYRANIDES - TRIGEORGIS (CYP)	52,64	55,18	107,81	56	KIM - KO (KOR)	36,82	49,37	86,19
22	RAMPEN - KOROMPIS (INA)	55,47	52,34	107,80	57	PERSIVALE DENEGRI - WILLEVALLE (PER)	47,24	38,70	85,94
23	ORTEGA - HANTOS (VEN)	53,28	53,41	106,69	58	BENSON - MOLLOY (NZL)	45,22	40,28	85,50
24	CEPONKUS - GRIGORAITIS (LTU)	53,36	52,46	105,82	59	BULLARD E. - ROSELL M. (PER)	39,85	45,20	85,05
25	TEICHMANN - ZYLKA (CZE)	60,44	45,08	105,51	60	ROSEL - DARSIE (ARU)	33,73	51,26	84,99
26	RAGHAVAN - SHARMA (IND)	52,77	52,59	105,36	61	ENKHAMGALAN - ELBEG (MGL)	40,64	44,07	84,70
27	EWINGTON - OWEN (WAL)	53,13	51,77	104,90	62	ABEYEWARDENE - WICKRAMASINGHE (SRI)	44,17	39,90	84,07
28	ELLERBECK - GRUENKE (GER)	50,78	53,85	104,63	63	KRAFT DEVLADAR - CUEVA CARO (PER)	39,50	44,13	83,63
29	LA ROVERE - CAMARGO (BRA)	54,34	49,24	103,58	64	PAIRMAN - ROBINSON (JAM)	39,65	43,81	83,46
30	COOPER - HOWARD (AUS)	52,44	51,07	103,51	65	KIM - MOON (KOR)	37,19	45,90	83,08
31	KHARANFIL - KOLENCHENKO (UKR)	46,70	55,11	101,81	66	KOORENG - SEKGOMA (BOT)	44,23	37,88	82,11
32	MARTIN - SYNNOTT (IRL)	52,79	48,86	101,66	67	MARSHALL - ROBINSON (JAM)	40,57	38,32	78,90
33	SMYSHLIAIEV - TRUBA (UKR)	45,29	55,87	101,16	68	KATSHENE - KGOSIETSILE (BOT)	26,86	33,21	60,07
34	BJORNSDOTTIR - KRISTINSSON (ISL)	44,05	56,94	100,99					