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YOUNG TURKS WIN PAIRS



The new World Junior Pairs champions are Melih Osman Sen and Mehmet Remzi Sakirler from Turkey. The last two boards proved to be decisive since the young Turks were almost equal with Ron Schwarz and Lotan Fisher from Israel. On the penultimate board the Israelis went down in slam while the Turkish pair made 3NT with three overtricks. The last board, however, looked splendid for Ron and Lotan, as they made 6NT with an overtrick, while with good defence only twelve tricks were available. Israel high fived, but the party all of a sudden stopped, when rumours spread that Sen and Remzi bid and made 7NT on the board. And so it proved to be. After winning the European Senior Championships this year in Pau, this meant a second huge success for Turkish bridge.

Vugraph

There will be a vugraph presentation from today's Individual Championship, morning session only.



Today's Schedule

- 10.30 Individual, Session 1
- 15.30 Individual, Session 2





What's your strength and weakness as a bridge player?



Olivier Bessis, France

– This wasn't easy to answer. I think I have the same since my strength is also my weakness. I'm filled with fighting spirit when I play and never give up, but that means that I can get overheated when playing and maybe not so kind to my partner, making him create mistakes.

Sara Kapo, Albania

– My strength is to be able to understand my partner and simply know what's going on. But I'm very emotional and can easily get nervous, which may make me create bad things.



Ricardo Serrano, Spain

– I don't know, hmm, don't write that! I still have a lot to learn about this game but I think declaring is my strength. The weakness is that I get crazy and overbid sometimes. We call it "Avalancha" in Spanish.

Jason Feldman, USA

– I'm good at card reading and bidding judgement. I get very frustrated which can make me make more mistakes when the opponents do bad plays or bids that prove to be a good board for them.



Aniket Sanghvi, India

– I stay cool with my partner whatever happens and I know my system, that's for sure two of my better things. I'm also the aggressive player in the pair so I'm good at creating swings, but this is also the really bad thing because very often I end up losing too much.

MIRZA ASFANDIYAR HUSSAIN



The Youth event has come and gone but one remarkable player of only 15 years came, played and went back without being noticed except by those who played against him. He is Mirza Asfandiyar Hussain from Pakistan who represented Pakistan in the Under 21 Category and first played the youth pairs in Bangkok at the age of 13. Born in a family of bridge players, both his parents have represented Pakistan in World Championships. This remarkable student could not stay on due to his studies, but let us tell you that he has all the makings of another Zia Mahmood style of player. So be warned, bridge world, of this new star. Asfandiyar is passionate about bridge and want to specialize in Biogenetics. He works hard to balance his time between his studies and bridge.

Asfandiyar plays in one Open Team from Lahore and holds his own in this competition against some of the top players from Pakistan. He has been selected for special grooming so as to be the emerging player from our region.

Invitation For Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony for the 1st World Mind Sports Games will be held at 17.00 on Saturday October 18th. The Chinese Organising Committee welcomes captains, coaches and players participating in all the Youth Bridge events: U28, U26 and U21 Teams, Youth Pairs and Youth Individual, the International Federations' officials, and Technical personnel to the ceremony.

Captains of the teams are kindly requested to register on Thursday the 16th (11.00 to 19.30) the number of people wishing to be present at the ceremony and to pick up the invitation letters on Friday the 17th (11.00 to 19.30), at the desk of the Chinese Organising Committee in No.1 Meeting Hall of the BICC.

Individual Championship Systems

Of course, in an Individual competition, it is necessary for everyone to use the system – even if you happen to play a few boards with a regular partner.

It has been decided to use two different systems for the Individual Championship in Beijing, according to which group you are in.

The top group, 'A', will use the same system as was played in the Generali Masters events for the Open and Women earlier in the tournament. It is assumed that those who have qualified for this top section will be familiar with the conventions involved. The other sections will use a more basic system. This is to reflect the fact that we have some very inexperienced players at these championships and we do not wish to see them forced to play methods that are unfamiliar to them.

Copies of the systems will be put out on every table before play this morning.

System for Section 'A'

Opening Bids:

Longer minor (1♣ if three-three)

Five-card majors

Two-over-one response promises a rebid, strong jump shifts, splinters

Limit jump raises

1NT response 6-9 NF; 2NT response to 1♥/♠ game-forcing with support; 2NT response to 1♣/♦ natural 10-12 invitational

1NT = 15-17 with Stayman and Jacoby Transfers, 4♣ Gerber

2♣ opening strong, near GF, with 2♦ response neutral

2♦/♥/♠ 6+ cards, 6-10 HCP, new suit response forcing, 2NT asks for high-card feature if maximum

2NT = 20-22 with same responses as to 1NT

3NT opening, gambling with running minor

4♣/♦/♥/♠ natural pre-emptive

Defensive Bidding:

Negative doubles through 3♠

Weak Jump overcalls

Unusual no trump, 2NT overcall for two lowest unbid suits, natural, 19-21 in balancing seat

1NT overcall 16-18 with same responses as to 1NT opening, 10-14 in balancing position

Michaels Cuebids, except 1♣ – (2♣) is both majors

Landy against 1NT, 2♣ shows both majors

Take-out doubles of pre-empts through 4♥

Other Bidding:

Roman Key Card Blackwood: 0/3, 1/4, 2 no trump queen, 2 plus trump queen

Lebensohl after two-level overcall of 1NT

Responsive doubles to 4♥ after opening, to 4♠ after overcall

Fourth-suit GF

Leads: 3rd and 5th against suit contracts, 4th against NT, top of doubleton

AKx(x...) **K**Qx(x...) **Q**Jx(x...)HJ10x(x...)

Signals: Hi/Lo encouraging, Hi/Lo even number of cards, trump Hi/Lo shows ability to ruff, Lavinthal/McKenney discards

Further details can be found on the convention cards that will be distributed to all tables.

System for All Other Sections: 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'E'

The same basic structure will be in use as in Section 'A'. However, the following will not be played:

Michaels Cuebids

Lebensohl

Negative doubles will only be up to 2♠.

Individual

Thursday & Friday 10:30 & 15:30

The field will be divided into sections of 13 tables (52 players) on the following basis:

Section "A" Players who finished in the top 24 positions from the final of the Pairs + players from the top 2 positions of the Consolation of the Pairs. Reserves will come from the next ranked positions from the Final only.

Section "B" Players from the next 24 positions in the final of the Pairs, after the A group is filled + the top 2 positions from the Consolation.

Sections "C, D, E etc" Players ranked from both the Final & Consolation of the Pairs, with "C" as A & B.

Entries are still being received and will close this morning.

The 1st 3 places in the Section A will win the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

The top placed players in all the other sections will be awarded Diplomas.

NOTE:

Once you start in Session 1 you must play all 4 Sessions and may not withdraw.

Pairs Final Session 2

by *Micke Milander*

Welcome to the second session of The World Junior Pairs. A lot of strong pairs were added before the start two days ago, dropping in from the team finals. We decided to follow Nowosadzki/Wiankowski for their first eight boards, as they were top of the table after Session One.

Eide led the queen of clubs and Nowosadzki had a lot to think about. He finally decided to duck the opening lead, which took away communications for the defence. The second trick was won by the ace of clubs. Nowosadzki then finessed successfully in trumps. When the jack of hearts held the trick he could have made the contract if he had pulled trumps and ducked a spade. He played a spade to the ace, took a second heart finesse and ducked a diamond. When North discarded he knew that this wasn't a winning line of play. Nine tricks only gave the leading pair 27%.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K 8 6 5 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 9 8 7 3 ♣ A J	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%; height: 100%; align-items: center;">S</div> </div>	♠ 10 9 7 ♥ Q 9 8 ♦ – ♣ K 10 9 8 6 4 3	♠ 4 3 ♥ A K J 10 6 ♦ K 6 5 4 ♣ 7 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Livgard</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Eide</i>
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 9 8 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ J 10	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W E</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%; height: 100%; align-items: center;">S</div> </div>	♠ K Q 10 5 4 2 ♥ A K ♦ J 6 ♣ A 6 5	♠ 3 ♥ 10 9 7 4 3 ♦ 7 2 ♣ K Q 8 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Livgard</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Eide</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
INT	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		



Michal Nowosadzki – Poland

Livgard inquired about West's strength and learned that he had a strong no trump in front of him. 2♦ was a transfer and 3♣ natural, giving Wiankowski a chance to change his mind regarding which suit to have as trumps. Livgard was on the right track when he led the king of spades. Wiankowski won with the ace and played a low heart, won by Livgard's king. Instead of continuing spades, Livgard now cashed the ace of clubs and then played a low club. Declarer continued with a trump and Livgard continued with another friendly club, not believing that partner held the jack of trumps. Ten tricks to the Polish pair gave them 45% when many of the North/South pairs ended up being doubled for many down in expensive affairs.


Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q J 4 ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ K 9 8 6 5 ♣ 3		♠ 8 3 2 ♥ A 10 9 7 6 ♦ 10 7 4 ♣ 9 4	♠ K 9 5 ♥ 8 ♦ A Q J 2 ♣ A Q 10 6 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Machno</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Igla</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Dbl
6♦	All Pass		

Machno/Igla showed why they also were near the top of the field on the next board. In this Polish battle they had a quite easy route to bid their slam. Two Clubs was gameforcing and showed 5+♦, the jump to 3♦ showed a diamond fit and a hand that he liked. Three Spades was a cuebid, denying such in hearts. Igla didn't mess around, he just jumped to check the aces before placing the contract in 6♦. Wiankowski/Nowosadzki couldn't do anything else than follow suit, score a trick with the ace of hearts and see declarer claim. 77% was the reward for Igla/Machno. Well done!


Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q J 10 9 8 5 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ 5 2 ♣ Q 2		♠ A 2 ♥ A K 10 8 ♦ A J 4 ♣ A 10 7 6	♠ 7 ♥ 9 7 5 4 ♦ 9 8 7 6 ♣ K J 9 8
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Machno</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Igla</i>
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When Machno didn't open 4♠ he gave his opponents the needed space to play in 4♥. This proved to be successful when the field either had paid out 800 in too expensive spade contracts or took 11 tricks in 3NT. 35% was the reward for 11 tricks in hearts.


Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ A J 9 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q J 6 5 4 2		♠ Q 3 ♥ K 10 8 7 4 3 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ 10	♠ A 9 7 5 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ A K 9 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
–	Pass	2♦	2♠
3♥	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Wiankowski probably thought that this bad start had to come to an end somewhere. Bessis hesitated quite some time before passing over 3NT. If that made Wiankowski double or not we don't know. But he could have been affected.

He was right doubling because Grenthe wasn't able to make use of the gift he got from the defence. Nowosadzki naturally led a small heart to dummy's queen. Grenthe tried his best by playing a club to the jack at trick two and that won. The bad news was that he saw the ten arriving from East. He now played a spade to the ten that was ducked and called for the king of spades. Wiankowski won with his ace and returned the six of hearts when the situation was:

♠ 9 7 ♥ 6 ♦ 7 6 2 ♣ A K 9		♠ – ♥ A J 9 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q 6 5 4	♠ – ♥ K 10 8 7 4 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ –
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♠ J 6 4 2	♥ –	♦ A Q 8 3	♣ 8
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Since the defence only had one trick, he could have gone up with the ace of hearts, finessed in diamonds to set up his spades and played on that suit, finally having to lose just four black tricks to West in a ping-pong battle.

Grenthe took the hopeless finesse in hearts, and he now was set to go down. One off scored 79% for the Polish pair.

Bessis as South was due for more problems; what do you lead with:

♠ K J 3
♥ A 6
♦ K J 10 6 3 2
♣ 9 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Dble	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

He opted for the ace of hearts, where partner contributed the eight and declarer the four. What now?

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 2
♥ Q 10 9 8 5 3 2
♦ 4
♣ 10 8 4

♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ K
♦ A 7 5
♣ A K Q 7 3

♠ A 9 8 6
♥ J 7 4
♦ Q 9 8
♣ J 6 5

♠ K J 3
♥ A 6
♦ K J 10 6 3 2
♣ 9 2

Bessis decided to return the king of diamonds! Which was a pure give-away to Nowosadzki, who won with the ace, played a trump to the ace and a low trump. Bessis won with his king but when partner was without trumps to ruff the next diamond East could claim his 11 tricks. That was worth 95%. Leading longest and strongest would have worked much better this time.



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 10
♥ Q 9 8
♦ 6 4 3
♣ J 9 7 4 3

♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ K 10 2
♦ Q 10
♣ K Q 6

♠ K Q 8 6 4 2
♥ J 6
♦ K J 9
♣ A 10

♠ –
♥ A 7 5 4 3
♦ A 8 7 5 2
♣ 8 5 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Wiankowski did the right thing to move from the 3NT that was proposed by partner, since there were 11 tricks in spades and only 10 in a no trump game.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 5 4 3 2
♥ K 10 4
♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ 4

♠ 9
♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 9
♣ K 10 8 7 6 2

♠ J 10 6
♥ Q J 5
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ A Q 3

♠ A Q 8 7
♥ 8 3 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ J 9 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Wiankowski</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Mcintosh</i>
1♣	1♠	2♠	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

One Club was Polish, 2♠ asked for a stopper and double was optional. Wiankowski decided to try for a club game. Myers led a spade to the ace. Declarer ruffed the next spade, played a club to the queen, club to the king and a low heart toward the queen. When South didn't have any heart ruff Wiankowski could claim the contract for another average board.

This wasn't probably the start the Polish pair had wished for.

More From the Pairs Final...

by Brian Senior

We continue our coverage of the second session of the Pairs final with a couple of deals featuring two of the losing finalists in the U28 teams, Lukasz Brede and Jakub Kotorowicz of Poland.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 10 3 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K Q ♣ A J 10 8 7 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		♠ 6 ♥ A 7 6 4 3 ♦ J 10 8 4 2 ♣ 4 2	♠ A Q 7 4 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ 9 6 5 3 ♣ K
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West	North	East	South
Brede	Blanchard	J. Kotorowicz	Fournier
–	–	–	1♠
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When Brede could overcall at the two level, Kotorowicz made the practical response of 3NT, where he played. Jeremy Fournier of USA led the ♠5 and Kotorowicz put up dummy's ten. Now his best shot at making the contract



Jakub Kotorowicz – Poland

was to bring in a lot of club tricks. With only one entry to dummy, he could unblock the king and play for queen-doubleton, or crash the king under the ace and continue with the jack, hoping for either a three-three split or doubleton nine. Naturally enough, he chose the latter line. Fournier won the second club and switched to ace and another diamond. Kotorowicz cashed the ♣10 but, when the nine did not make an appearance, knew he was doomed. He led the ♥9 and Shane Blanchard would have done better to duck this trick but, seeing that he had the contract beaten in his own hand, he rose with the ace and cashed three diamond tricks. He exited with a heart and declarer was sufficiently alert to appreciate that South really needed to hold the queen for his opening bid, so went up with the king, dropping the queen and making seven tricks for –100.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 6 3 ♥ A K 9 ♦ J 9 8 6 ♣ J 9 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		♠ A J 6 3 ♥ 10 6 5 4 ♦ A K 2 ♣ K 5	♠ A J 4 2 ♥ J 10 8 7 4 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 10
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West	North	East	South
Brede	Blanchard	J. Kotorowicz	Fournier
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
Dble	All Pass		

One can well imagine many tables at which fear that partner's third in hand opening might be shaded would scare West away from either a 3♥ bid or double of 4♣. Brede showed due respect for his partner's bidding by trusting him to have the values he had promised. He led a top heart and Fournier ruffed then cashed two top clubs, getting the bad news. With no dummy entry, the convenient way to play spades was to hope that West held the jack, so Fournier continued with a spade to the eight, losing to the jack.

Kotorowicz returned a heart and declarer judged to pitch a spade, allowing Brede to win the king. Brede switched back to spades and was given his ruff. Now there were two ways to get the maximum – lead a diamond to the ace of a fourth spade lead and a trump promotion, or Brede's act-

ual choice, of exiting with the ♣J and forcing declarer to lead away from the ♦K in the ending; down two for -500.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ J 8 5 4 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ Q J 8 6 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		♠ J 9 5 4 ♥ K 9 7 6 2 ♦ A 8 3 ♣ 9	♠ A Q 8 7 3 ♥ 10 ♦ K Q 9 5 4 ♣ 10 5
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West <i>Albrycht</i>	North <i>Volcker</i>	East <i>Tomkani</i>	South <i>De Tessieres</i>
-	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The French pairing of Godefroy De Tessieres and Frederic Volcker were near the top of the standings and they feature on the next two deals. Here, they had a well-controlled auction to 4♠. Slam is not bad looking just at the N/S hands, but the actual layout means that it will always fail in real life.

Volcker opened 1♠ then showed his second suit and De Tessieres set spades as trumps with a jump to 3♠. Now 3NT was a non-serious slam try, just in case partner was very strong and, having shown a sound opening, Volcker could sign off at his next turn quite comfortably. Meanwhile, De Tessieres had made his cuebid and shown a good hand in the process so did not feel the need to risk the five level. There were two tricks to be lost so the French pair scored +650.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ 8 7 4 3 2 ♦ 7 ♣ J 10 6	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K J 5 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 6 5 2 ♣ K Q 8 5	♠ 9 4 3 ♥ A Q J 10 6 ♦ K J ♣ 9 6 2
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West <i>Albrycht</i>	North <i>Volcker</i>	East <i>Tomkani</i>	South <i>De Tessieres</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	Dble	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Slovakia's Mikolaj Albrycht found a hyper-aggressive take-out double but his opponents were not to be dissuaded from reaching game. Three No Trump is the best spot, despite the lack of a spade stopper. Four Hearts is beaten in a variety of ways, while 5♦ has three top spades to lose. Volcker's space-saving 2♠ exploratory bid over 2♦ allowed the French pair to show the extra diamond length, good hearts and single club stopper quite nicely.

Albrycht led the jack of clubs. De Tessiere won immediately, of course, and unblocked the ♥K then crossed to the ♦K to run the hearts. Jan Tomkani made things very clear for his partner by pitching the king then jack of spades on the third and fourth hearts. Declarer next overtook the ♠J but the four-one split meant that he had only three diamond tricks and nine in all; +400.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 9 7 5 2 ♥ A J 8 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 10 9	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 8 4 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ J 10 9 6 ♣ A 8 2	♠ A J 6 3 ♥ 10 6 5 4 ♦ A K 2 ♣ K 5
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West <i>Verbeek</i>	North <i>Sorensen</i>	East <i>Molenaar</i>	South <i>Pedersen</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Danish pair, Lars Moller Sorensen and Lea Troels Moller Pedersen bid to a poor contract on this deal. Whatever one's methods facing a non-passed partner, surely once partner has passed the 2NT rebid should be non-forcing, 15-16, in a weak no trump structure. After all, if opener wants to insist on game facing a two-level response, he can just jump to 3NT. So, for me, South's options over 2NT should have been to pass or bid 3♣.

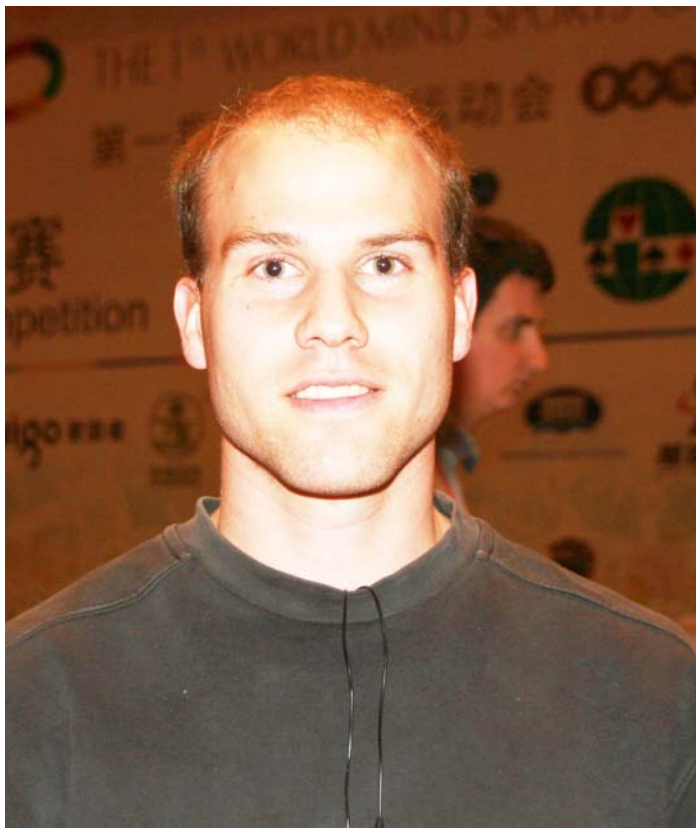
Anyway, 3NT it was and, when Netherlands' Danny Molenaar led the ♥3 to the king and ace, Sorensen was doomed.

Tim Verbeek returned a heart to the nine and Molenaar cashed the ♠Q then switched to the eight of spades, taking the entry out of the dummy. Declarer played a club to the king then a second club and, not quite sure of the club position, Molenaar ducked. Dummy won the club and exited with a third round. Molenaar won and switched to the jack of diamonds. Three rounds of that suit left him in to lead a spade into the ace-jack at trick 12. That gave the sixth trick for down three; -300.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 7 ♥ K J 6 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ J 7 6 5 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 10 3 ♥ 10 9 4 2 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A K 8	♠ K 9 8 5 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ 9 2
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West <i>Verbeek</i>	North <i>Sorensen</i>	East <i>Molenaar</i>	South <i>Pedersen</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Danny Molenaar – Netherlands

This time there were plenty of points for the no trump game, but all the key cards were badly placed.

Molenaar led the ♥5, ducked to the jack, and Verbeek switched to the nine of diamonds, ducked to the queen. A second heart lost to the king and back came the ♦8. Sorensen thought a while and went up with the ace of diamonds. Now he could make by cashing his hearts and clubs then exiting with the ♦J and forcing a lead away from the ♠K. But that line is only correct when East holds the ♠Q and at most three clubs. In practice, Sorensen cleared the diamonds and relied on the spade finesse; down one for -50.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West <i>Mayefsky</i>	North <i>Manno</i>	East <i>Chubukov</i>	South <i>Boldrini</i>
–	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

USA's Eric Mayefsky bid to 3NT via a transfer advance of 2♣. The lead of a club honpours would have held the contract to nine tricks but, as expected, Italy's Andrea Manno actually led a low spade to the ten and ace.

Mayefsky played the ♥J then the ten, overtaking and continuing with a third round. When the hearts divided evenly, he had 12 tricks for +490.

While playing this way succeeded, Mayefsky was going all out for the maximum – perfectly fine at matchpoints. But perhaps this was not the best way to go about it. If declarer cashes the diamonds immediately, North will often come under pressure, or sometimes err because he thinks he is under pressure when South actually has a crucial stopper to help him out. The heart position may therefore sometimes be more favourable after six rounds of diamonds than at trick two. And if diamonds prove to be four-one declarer can still switch to hearts when he discovers the bad split.



Final Session

by Jan van Cleeff

Going into the last session of the Youth final A, Frederic Volcker and Godefroy de Tessieres from France were on top of the field, followed by China's Whang/Zhang from China and Birman/Argelazi from Israel.

After the lead of $\diamond A$ Frederic Volcker had no trouble to take nine tricks.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 10 6 2 \heartsuit J 9 7 4 2 \diamond 9 \clubsuit Q J 4 2</p>	<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		<p>\spadesuit Q J 7 5 \heartsuit 5 3 \diamond K 10 2 \clubsuit 7 6 5 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit K 9 \heartsuit A K Q \diamond A Q J 7 6 \clubsuit K 9 8</p>
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Chang Wang and Alon Birman both declared $4\heartsuit$ from South. The play was similar. A diamond for the king and ace, two rounds of hearts, then a low diamond ruffed with the jack. Another heart and three spade discards on the rest of the diamonds, a club for the ten and queen then a club for king and ace followed by the spade ace; 12 tricks.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit Q 9 4 \heartsuit Q 10 9 7 3 \diamond K J \clubsuit J 8 4</p>	<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		<p>\spadesuit 8 6 2 \heartsuit A 6 \diamond 10 9 3 \clubsuit A K 10 6 5</p>	<p>\spadesuit J 5 3 \heartsuit K J 8 5 4 \diamond A 5 2 \clubsuit 7 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

Another disaster for Birman and Argelazi. Against INT they did well to lead a diamond, but somehow or other they refused to take seven tricks in defence. A top score changed into a bottom. Meanwhile the French did good business on the deal:

West	North	East	South
Volcker		De Tessieres	
–	–	–	$1\diamond$
$1\heartsuit$	INT	Dble(i)	Pass
$2\clubsuit$	Pass	$3\clubsuit$	All Pass

(i) Take-out

Board 8. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 6 5 4 \heartsuit 10 8 7 3 \diamond 10 8 7 2 \clubsuit 9 6</p>	<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		<p>\spadesuit A Q J 9 3 \heartsuit 5 \diamond A Q J 9 6 \clubsuit A 8</p>	<p>\spadesuit K 10 5 \heartsuit K 6 4 2 \diamond 3 \clubsuit J 10 5 4 2</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
	Birman		Argelazi
–	$1\spadesuit$	Pass	$2\clubsuit$
Pass	$2\diamond$	Pass	$2\heartsuit$
Pass	$3\diamond$	Pass	3NT
Pass	$4\clubsuit$	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West led $\heartsuit 3$. After a long pause, East inserted his king. At this point declarer already had 12 certain tricks. He played them all. Though East smoothly bared $\spadesuit K$, declarer cashed $\spadesuit A$ and scored another spade honour as his thirteenth trick.



Eliran Argelazi – Israel

PAIRS FINAL – FINAL RANKING

Name	2 nd	3 rd	Total		Name	2 nd	3 rd	Total
1 SAKIRLER - SEN (TUR)	56,24	69,17	179,43	49	LIVGARD - EIDE (NOR)	48,30	58,12	149,91
2 FISHER - SCHWARTZ (ISR)	62,76	61,72	178,94	50	DE DONDER - DE ROOS (BEL)	51,42	49,95	149,33
3 KRAWCZYK - TUCZYNSKI (POL)	51,73	63,07	176,45	51	BRAGA - BRAGA (POR)	46,93	53,26	149,28
4 FRANCHI - MONTANARI (ITA)	55,07	58,35	174,07	52	FRANCESCHETTI - KILANI (FRA)	47,66	46,86	149,09
5 NOWOSADZKI - WIANKOWSKI (POL)	52,30	56,86	173,56	53	SANGHVI - DATTA (IND)	46,64	46,46	148,91
6 VOLCKER - DE TESSIERES (FRA)	56,67	53,45	173,01	54	BARONI - SANGIORGIO (ITA)	42,11	53,58	148,57
7 BIRMAN - ARGELAZI (ISR)	60,10	54,77	171,84	55	GRUE - LALL (USA)	51,86	43,52	148,36
8 IGLA - MACHNO (POL)	54,77	54,78	170,65	56	SYUSYUKIN - VASILEV (BUL)	50,92	41,77	148,00
9 LU - CHUNG (TPE)	53,32	61,22	169,17	57	LAI - YEO (SIN)	43,80	46,72	147,98
10 ARASZKIEWICZ - BURAS (POL)	58,53	63,91	168,78	58	GRAINGER - SABOURIN (CAN)	48,65	52,53	147,69
11 LIU - ZHANG (CHN)	57,60	58,70	167,58	59	BREDE - KOTOROWICZ (POL)	46,13	56,96	147,63
12 WANG - ZHANG (CHN)	61,89	48,97	166,49	60	LHUISSIER - LEBATTEUX (FRA)	50,00	49,05	147,24
13 GREENBERG - FELDMAN (USA)	44,91	63,35	165,97	61	DELLE CAVE - DI BELLO (ITA)	46,15	40,56	146,20
14 MOLENAAR - VERBEEK (NED)	61,26	48,37	164,61	62	CANONNE - LORENZINI (FRA)	49,35	47,09	145,47
15 NISTOR - VULCAN (ROM)	58,44	50,45	163,66	63	SEGUINEAU - VINAY (FRA)	49,20	49,79	145,33
16 DRIJVER - MICHIELSEN (NED)	54,49	53,37	163,29	64	BINA - SCHULZ (AUT)	50,76	42,71	145,17
17 ANTER - KIZILOK (TUR)	61,22	47,80	162,32	65	GROENENBOOM - WORTEL (NED)	46,32	48,04	144,61
18 STUURMAN - VISSER (NED)	56,05	49,56	162,26	66	DOBRIN - OSIPOV (RUS)	46,91	42,59	143,94
19 WHIBLEY - MILNE (NZL)	53,03	55,74	161,63	67	DONG - SONG (CHN)	42,82	50,51	143,93
20 CHEN - HU (CHN)	58,96	56,72	161,59	68	ELLISON - ELLISON (SCO)	47,14	47,98	143,91
21 BELGU - YILMAZBAYHAN (TUR)	43,34	60,36	160,71	69	FRYKLUND - THALEN (SWE)	46,97	55,14	143,32
22 PIOTROWSKI - WASIAK (POL)	54,99	49,50	160,27	70	BERG - REISTAD (NOR)	50,49	45,35	142,62
23 EDGTON - HUNG (AUS)	56,84	55,69	159,78	71	GOGOMAN - ISLAM (AUT)	48,04	46,45	142,22
24 BILDE - HOULBERG (DEN)	52,59	47,35	158,95	72	LI - SHENG (CHN)	49,23	46,81	142,08
25 NAWROCKI - SIKORA (POL)	50,64	53,12	158,79	73	CHUBUKOV - MAYEFKY (USA)	43,76	48,52	141,83
26 SIDEROV - SPASOV (BUL)	57,09	48,14	158,62	74	SORENSEN - PEDERSEN (DEN)	47,03	45,21	141,03
27 SCHALTZ - GJALDBAEK (DEN)	54,15	49,73	158,53	75	BLAGOV - NYSTROM (CAN)	51,41	41,08	139,15
28 CHEN - JIANG (CHN)	65,50	41,59	158,35	76	KROCHMALIK - WARE (AUS)	52,74	46,35	138,87
29 LINDQVIST - BERG (NOR)	50,31	54,31	158,22	77	MCINTOSH - MYERS (ENG)	37,01	54,07	138,57
30 KATERBAU - REHDER (GER)	55,39	55,25	157,16	78	RODWELL - HOWARD (AUS)	44,38	51,46	138,46
31 EIDE - SIMONSEN (NOR)	51,17	52,12	156,93	79	BALASOV - BETHERS (LAT)	39,78	50,17	138,37
32 KALITA - KOTOROWICZ (POL)	55,51	54,62	156,80	80	DE GUZMAN - ENCONTRO (PHI)	36,22	52,34	137,60
33 IGNATOV - SKORCHEV (BUL)	49,43	54,36	156,61	81	MOHARAM - SAWIRES (EGY)	49,03	46,12	136,78
34 BESSIS - GRENTHE (FRA)	49,87	44,83	156,51	82	CEREK - KAYA (TUR)	48,90	45,80	136,07
35 DE PAGTER - HOP (NED)	44,88	57,80	156,41	83	WU - LIU (CHN)	41,18	40,70	135,80
36 MADALA - SMITH (CHI)	50,90	53,18	156,19	84	KOPECKY - MACURA (CZE)	47,21	38,99	135,37
37 AAL - RINGSETH (NOR)	45,52	55,75	155,96	85	ALBRYCHT - TOMCANI (SVK)	49,09	42,98	134,18
38 KARHULAHTI - SAUVOLA (FIN)	55,37	56,30	155,66	86	HELMICH - HOP (NED)	44,67	44,50	133,92
39 JOHANSEN - BOGEN (NOR)	50,82	55,82	154,61	87	VAN MECHELEN - FASTENAKELS (BEL)	43,56	43,30	131,70
40 FELLUS - FELLUS (ITA)	55,62	52,73	154,19	88	BLANCHARD - FOURNIER (USA)	42,77	44,35	129,48
41 WU - TSAI (TPE)	49,32	50,91	154,08	89	EGGELING - MATTHIAS (GER)	38,92	48,26	129,26
42 DOECKE - O'SHEA (AUS)	52,02	48,57	153,76	90	STOCKDALE - PASKE (ENG)	44,82	43,05	128,27
43 BURGESS - WOODCOCK (ENG)	57,73	51,41	152,30	91	GONCALVES C. - GOMEZ H. (ESP)	47,23	38,19	125,07
44 GOTARD - ZIMMERMANN (GER)	50,69	49,18	151,78	92	GUTHI - SRIRAM (IND)	37,38	44,87	124,00
45 GRANSTROM - PATANA (FIN)	56,99	46,19	151,73	93	KULL - EWALD (SWI)	39,80	41,82	121,55
46 MANNO - BOLDRINI (ITA)	54,53	48,24	151,60	94	SPANGENBERG - SPANGENBERG (NED)	49,32	34,11	116,87
47 JASSEM - ZATORSKI (POL)	52,52	48,19	150,14	95	SIAREBRANY - HAPONAVA (BLR)	39,30	39,26	112,43
48 DOXIADIS - KONTOMITROS (GRE)	54,79	45,84	150,10	96	CHABCHOUB - MEDDEB (TUN)	28,84	42,13	112,03

PAIRS CONSOLATION – FINAL RANKING

Name	2 nd	3 rd	Total		Name	2 nd	3 rd	Total
1 SOLOVYEV - VESELOV (RUS)	63,32	65,89	183,26	20	PLATONENKO - PAVLUSHKO (UKR)	48,12	46,88	152,48
2 SINCLAIR - WILKINSON (SCO)	61,26	57,75	178,99	21	HYDER - RAHIM (PAK)	45,37	65,08	152,46
3 OFIR - TARNOVSKI (ISR)	62,27	58,04	176,23	22	CEPONKUS - GRIGORAITIS (LTU)	44,80	42,44	142,65
4 SHUANG - FENG (CHN)	72,51	52,02	175,01	23	MARGOT - WUITSCHIK (SUI)	45,02	47,85	141,68
5 HEIM - ROWOLD (GER)	60,71	64,59	170,85	24	ORTEGA - HANTOS (VEN)	51,51	41,32	141,60
6 JANKOVA - ZYLKA (CZE)	57,48	54,37	170,67	25	RALIVOLOLONA - RAMASINDRAIBE (MAD)	56,72	43,43	141,56
7 BAILEY - COUTTS (NZL)	62,17	53,81	170,08	26	AKSUEYEK - AMIGUET (SUI)	48,68	46,02	139,53
8 VOLOZHENIN - NEKRASOVA (RUS)	51,32	49,55	167,73	27	LA ROVERE - CAMARGO (BRA)	50,20	42,34	138,89
9 GODED - TKATCH (ESP)	56,42	56,15	165,74	28	GIAMPIETRO - WUERMSEER (GER)	41,75	49,78	137,94
10 JONES - DUNN (WAL)	54,81	54,04	163,41	29	DULMAGE - ROSOM (CAN)	42,20	53,35	135,87
11 BARBOSA - BRUM (BRA)	60,83	48,62	163,35	30	SERRANO - SERRANO (ECU)	45,59	39,91	130,45
12 BIGLIERI - CRUSIZIO (ARG)	54,05	56,45	163,04	31	EWINGTON - OWEN (WAL)	33,77	45,59	129,48
13 HORNIBROOK - WU (AUS)	61,15	49,13	162,69	32	KUMAR - SHARMA (IND)	43,06	46,25	127,33
14 GU - LI (CHN)	48,54	58,81	162,27	33	EVANS - HATFIELD (WAL)	38,99	35,60	126,84
15 DAS - DAS (IND)	58,26	43,79	162,16	34	MAFA - RAMARIBANA (BOT)	38,68	38,69	124,64
16 BOYD - DAVIS (IRL)	50,82	49,41	161,01	35	TARRE - MILANO (VEN)	46,20	38,49	115,97
17 MOHOTA - DESAI (IND)	52,33	54,91	159,46	36	CHOWDHURY - RAHMAN (BAN)	42,64	0,00	80,01
18 GRUDE - HEGGE (NOR)	58,74	48,14	157,13	37	SAR-SHALOM - LEANEZ (VEN)	35,92	0,00	79,11
19 ELLERBECK - GRUENKE (GER)	53,78	51,52	156,05	38	HAZRA (IND) - HOSSAIN (BAN)	0,00	0,00	48,62
				39	AMPUERO - WRIGHT (ECU)	0,00	0,00	41,11



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