



Austrian A for Effort

The Austrians are the only national team beginning with A present at these Championship, we believe, so it is only fitting that one of their pairs should be leading the way at the end of the third session.

With 28 boards to go, Andreas Gloyer and Bernd Saurer, who took the lead by a top after the second session, have retained that lead and indeed increased it somewhat.

There is not all that much change at the top in fact, although it is all pretty close. The pairs in second and third places at the halfway mark (Nyström-Strömberg and Drijver-De Wijs) are now fourth and second respectively. The intruders into the top four are Buras-Kapala of Poland, now third after making their way up from 30th position at the start of the session with the help of a 65% game.

Wear your Badge with Pride!

The authorities remind you that the identity badges were not given out for decoration only, please wear your badge; we'd like to know who you are, for many reasons.

Apart from anything else, when you produce that brilliancy, the Bulletin staff would like to know who you are!

BRIDGE LEADERS VISIT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The president of the WBF, Mr. José Damiani, and the president of the EBL, Mr. Gianarrigo Rona, have arrived in Prague and will be visiting the championships today.

The presence of the two presidents is a clear indication of the importance that the World Bridge Federation is attaching to Junior Bridge. This is the first time that both presidents have attended the championships simultaneously,

Both leaders will be present at the prizegiving, and all the players and staff of the tournament thank them for their attendance, and wish them well.

Watch out for the Dutchies!

Kees Tammens is Chef d'Equipe of the juniors from the Netherlands. His troops had a good first day finishing with three pairs in the top ten.

Getting off to a fine start is what every bridge player wants. Marcel Lagas of the Netherlands took a neat extra chance and he was happy that it worked out well for him.

Board 1. Dealer North. Love All

<p>♠ A 8 5 4 2 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ 6 4 3</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center; margin-right: 10px;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>♠ K 7 6 ♥ A K 9 4 ♦ Q 8 6 5 ♣ A 10</p> </div> </div>		<p>♠ Q J 10 9 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 7 4 ♣ Q 7 5 2</p>
	<p>♠ 3 ♥ J 8 7 6 3 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ K J 9 8</p>		

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

East led the ♠Q for the ace and a second spade ruffed in dummy. The ace and king of hearts were cashed, East discarding a club.

Now came three rounds of clubs, the last one ruffed in hand establishing the remaining one as a winner.

Declarer cashed the king of spades and exited with a trump to 'endplay' West. The next card to hit the table was the ♦K so declarer had an important overtrick.

It was only later that Lagas discovered West's distribution had not been 3343!

After this fake endplay comes a real one.

Board 7. Dealer South. Game All

<p>♠ J 10 8 ♥ Q 6 5 3 ♦ K 10 ♣ J 9 7 2</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center; margin-right: 10px;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>♠ A 7 ♥ 9 8 7 2 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ K 8 6 4</p> </div> </div>		<p>♠ K Q 9 6 ♥ A 4 ♦ J 8 6 4 ♣ A Q 5</p>
	<p>♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ K J 10 ♦ A Q 7 2 ♣ 10 3</p>		

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	All Pass

A spade was led to the ace and the spade return was taken in dummy with the jack. Two more rounds of the suit followed a club to the queen, North won with the king and played a diamond. South took the ace and played another diamond to dummy's king. Declarer cashed the ♣9 and kept the ♥A4 and ♦J. When the king and queen of spades were cashed South had to keep three cards - the ♦Q and ♥KJ - so it was a simple matter for declarer to exit with a diamond and score nine tricks. The happy declarer was Krestan Roland of Denmark.

Of course juniors never forget one of their main goals in pairs tournaments, 'the more doubled part scores, the more fun!'

Board 2. Dealer East. North-South Game

<p>♠ 9 6 3 ♥ A 8 7 6 5 2 ♦ 9 4 ♣ 6 5</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center; margin-right: 10px;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>♠ K 10 4 ♥ K 10 9 3 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ A 9 4</p> </div> </div>		<p>♠ A Q J 8 2 ♥ - ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ K J 10 7 2</p>
	<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ A K Q 8 6 ♣ Q 8 3</p>		

West	North	East	South
2♠	3♥	1♠	Dble
Pass	Dble	3♠	Pass
		All Pass	

South started with three rounds of diamonds - a trump lead was perhaps indicated - and declarer ruffed and played a club to the king and a second club.

North won with the ace and switched to a trump. Declarer finessed, ruffed a club, cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart.

All of a sudden declarer saw ghosts and instead of cashing the ace of spades to secure +530 he played the ♣10.

That allowed South to ruff and exit safely after which North scored the fifth defensive trick with the king of trumps.

The first Grand Slam of the tournament came into view just after the second smoking break. Bas Drijver and Simon de Wijs had made a good start to the tournament and they had another chance to shine here.

Board 17. Dealer North. Love All

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

West	North	East	South
Drijver		de Wijs	
	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
??			

Drijver, who had shown four key cards with his response of 5♣, knew his partner was short in spades and envisaged some possible 1633 pattern

that included the queen of hearts and the ace of clubs. The question was where was the king of diamonds?

(Surely with East after the 4NT bid? Editors.)

He decided to go for a prudent small slam only to see his partner claim all the tricks.

Paper Tigers

Did you hear the story about the two International players who were having an off day?

Each board brought about a new disaster and eventually one of them cracked. He handed his partner a tiny scrap of blank paper and asked him to write down everything he knew about bridge!

His partner replied, 'Well, its a bigger piece of paper than I would have given to you!'

Attention! Airport Transfers

Each Country must advise the Hospitality Desk about their return flights before 13.00 today!

It's a long walk to Prague and taxis are expensive!

Make sure you supply the details - remember by Country not as individuals.

JUNIOR PAIRS SESSION I***The end of the beginning***

I had been watching Eliazohn and Wiklund have a solid 60% game, so after stopping off to write up a few hands I came back to see what they could do on the final few deals.

The most interesting of them featured another classic Pairs deal - how to try for the best line for the overtrick?

Board 16. Dealer West. East-West Game

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

Eliazohn reached 3NT as North on the predictable diamond lead. He carefully took this in dummy, and had to decide whether to lead a high or low club, or even a heart.

He made what I am sure is the right technical play of a club to the ten, hoping no doubt that it would lose. But it held the trick, and now he ducked a heart giving up on a few unlikely lies of that suit. This lost to the ♥8, and back came a second diamond.

Now I think the right play is to cash the ♣K, unblocking the jack from dummy. Then you can play the ace of hearts and another heart, or do whatever you want in hearts, and you will get ten tricks. Eliazohn made two slight errors by not unblocking the jack of clubs, and playing the ♥A and a second heart rather than ducking a heart.

When East took the trick he had only to exit with a diamond and declarer would have been locked in dummy. But he played a spade instead and now declarer could pass the ♣J and still had an entry back to hand with the ♦Q for ten tricks and a 75% board.

The final deal where I watched the Swedes saw

them setting a pair of Austrians an almost insoluble problem. After all, one can really sympathize with them both here.

Board 17. Dealer North. Love All

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

When Eliazohn opened a weak 2♠, 0-7 HCP five or more spades, that shut East up for the while. Now what is West supposed to do in the balancing seat?

Personally I think a call of 3NT has a lot to recommend it don't you? That might well end the auction here unless you are playing sophisticated methods. But at least you get to no-trumps.

By contrast, the Austrian West actually reopened with a double - which might well have worked out fine on the deal facing any minimum action from his partner - but instead he naturally heard a jump to 4♥.

With the ♠K apparently offside one can hardly blame West for taking the cautious view and settling for the plus score. Alas, it was +710 and that was another great result for the Swedes, this time 145 out of 180.

When two of the leading pairs met in the very last round it was hardly surprising that a fierce battle took place - on this occasion for the ninth trick in 3NT.

As it happened the defence had already obtained the upper hand by virtue of the contract being played the wrong way up, so declarer had to fight very hard even to obtain an average on the deal.

Dealer West. N/S Vul

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

The field had reached 3NT from the East seat after most Wests had passed in first chair. But Bart Groosman (playing with Nick Brink) was playing a 9-11 no-trump and so declared 3NT from the West seat after a forcing Stayman sequence.

Joel Wooldridge knew enough from the auction to select a spade lead, and declarer was up against it. He took the spade in dummy and led a low heart, and Josh Heller took this perforce to fire a diamond through.

Declarer won this and led a club to dummy, and Heller might have done better to duck this. But he won the ♣A and returned a diamond.

Groosman took this and exited with a third diamond, pitching a club from dummy, and leaving the defence a choice of poisons, depending on who won it.

As it happened, Wooldridge as North took the third diamond and played a spade through

dummy's tenace. Groosman hopped up with the ace and cashed the hearts, triple-squeezing South. If he pitched a diamond declarer could cash his ninth trick in that suit, and a discard of either black suit would give up a trick in the same way.

But note that if Heller had been able to overtake the third diamond to cash the fourth round of that suit, declarer's spade communications would have remained in place. Declarer can pitch clubs from dummy and then win the club return to take his three heart winners and squeeze South in the black suits.

Young and Restless

By Bogdan Marina (Romania)

Board 25. Dealer North. East-West Game

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

West	North	East	South
2♦	INT	Pass	Pass
All Pass	Pass	2NT	Dble

Looking for a way to get a good result Coldea balanced with Two Diamonds knowing that it was unlikely his partner would lead the suit.

Mister Rotoru looking at his kings raised the ante to 2NT, enough to persuade South, knowing that his cards gave his side at least 21 points, to try a greedy double.

Of course on this lie of the cards nothing could be done and the contract soon rolled home for +690 and a nice top for the young Romanians.



Bart Groosman (The Netherlands)

Tough Problems



Nathalie Frey (France)

There were some difficult decisions to be made during the second session of the Championship.

Board 9. Dealer North. East West Game

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

Four Spades is where you would expect most pairs to end up and that was the final contract at the table where the overnight leaders were defending.

South led the seven of hearts and North won with the ace and switched to a club. Declarer played low and South won with the queen.

The presence of the king of diamonds in your hand ought to make it clear that your best chance is to continue with the ace of clubs and another.

When South switched to a diamond declarer was not hard pressed to take all the remaining tricks. +650 did not give the girls too many points.

This was the auction at another table:

West	North	East	South
Guariglia	Szuminski	Callea	Ciborowski
	Pass	INT	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Scary stuff you will agree! West had missed his chance to be a hero by passing 3NT.

North led the ♣3 and South won with the queen. It would be a mistake now to play the ace of clubs and another as declarer could simply discard his losing heart. South did not err, playing a heart to North's ace and winning the next round of clubs with the ace and playing a third round.

Declarer ruffed high, North discarding a diamond, and played on trumps getting the bad news. He drew three rounds and then played the ♦J covered by the ♦K and ♦A. He managed to sneak the ten of diamonds past North but was still one down.

Board 10. Dealer East. Game All

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



Monica Kümmel (Austria)

Most of the field opened the East hand with a weak 2♠. That's a rather good hand - would their partner's have been bidding on with say:

♠ A5 ♥ 9863 ♦ A82 ♣ A742

South is clearly stuck for a bid so the question is should North balance and if so with what? If North decides to bid 3♣ then it's hard to see South not trying 3NT. That is what happened at one table and West eventually led his partner's suit. Declarer won the second round and tried the diamond finesse. That resulted in a painful three down. Declarer might have tried a couple of clubs before deciding on how to tackle the red suits. When East discards on the second round it looks as if 2♠ is close to making so one down in 3NT will not be a total disaster.

Board 12. Dealer West. North-South Game

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

This is a very tough bidding problem for East-West.

When the auction starts 1♦-1♠-2♠ it is not so clear what the next bid should be.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness

Or; it is time to clean up your act.

Please everyone; when you have finished your meal, please take your tray to the far left corner of the room to help tidy up the cafeteria. **DO NOT** leave your tray on the table.

Of course if you are playing the right system anything is possible!

Take a look at this auction:

East	West
2♥ ¹	2NT ²
3♦ ³	3♠ ⁴
4NT ⁵	5♣ ⁶
5♦ ⁷	6♠

- 1 Three suited always including hearts
- 2 Relay
- 3 Singleton club
- 4 Asking for controls and setting the suit
- 5 Six controls
- 6 Asking for queens
- 7 None

Alas the players concerned no longer use these methods but a full copy of the method can be purchased for a very reasonable price from the office of the Daily Bulletin!

UNDER 20? PRIZES AVAILABLE!

All partnerships where both players are under 20 (that is to say both players were born after 1 January 1979) are eligible for the special under 20 prizes.

If you want to have a chance to win one of these prizes you must contact the scoring room **BEFORE** the fourth session starts.

Sponsors Corner

The Romanian group would like to thank their sponsors CHROME and CEC for their help. It made it possible for their players to compete in this Championship.

In the ...Drijver Seat

by Kees Tammens

Bas Drijver and Simon de Wijs formed their partnership especially for this Championship. For Simon (25) it will be his last junior event but for Bas (19), who was part of the Dutch team that won the silver medal in Vienna last year there will be many more junior events.

Their second session started with two well-played contracts in the popular 3NT.

Board 4. Dealer West. Game All

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

Against 3NT by North, East led the four of clubs, a fortunate start for declarer who won with the ten and played the jack of spades covered by the queen and king.

A spade went to the ten and then a heart to the queen was followed by a heart finesse that lost to the jack.



Bas Drijver (The Netherlands)

East cashed the ace of hearts and played back a third spade (a diamond would have been better) and declarer won with the ace, crossed to the ace of diamonds and cashed the last spade giving East no winning option.

The next exhibit is a simple matter of counting.

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South Game

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Drijver</i>		<i>De Wijs</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣
2♠	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The seven of spades was led to the jack and declarer won the next spade with the ace. The jack of hearts was covered by the queen and ace and followed by a successful diamond finesse.

The ace of diamonds brought down the queen and declarer took the ten and king of hearts, East discarding a club, and now declarer had a fair idea of the distribution.

He crossed to the ♣A and cashed the king and 10 of diamonds. Now came a small club and Ari Greenberg (USA) tested declarer by playing the nine.

Bas was not to be fooled and he inserted the ten to collect a second very useful overtrick.

If East had produced an honour declarer would have ducked.

JUNIOR EUROPEANS 1998

(Continued from Bulletin No. 2)

We were notified that in round eleven the Norwegian pair in the Open Room had a major accident in their match against Yugoslavia. Turning to the records we discovered that details of the hand in question were missing! Now we knew we were onto something! It was only a matter of time before we found an informant.

Dealer South. EW Game

♠ A 8 4 3 2	♠ K J 7	♠ 10 5
♥ 8 7 6 5 2	♥ A Q J 3	♥ K 9
♦ 9 3	♦ K Q J 6	♦ 10 8 7 4
♣ 3	♣ A J	♣ K 9 8 7 4
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> </div>	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ Q 9 6	
	♥ 10 4	
	♦ A 5 2	
	♣ Q 10 6 5 2	

In the other room a sensible sequence led to a final contract of 4NT and declarer had no difficulty in arriving at eleven tricks.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kristoffersen</i>	<i>Baba</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Poljacki</i>
2♦	Dble	Rdble	Pass
			All Pass



Thomas Charlsen (Norway)

East thought he was asking West to bid his better major but he is still waiting for a reply! The defenders showed no mercy, putting the contract five down, a small matter of -2800.

The Yugoslavs demonstrated an intelligent defence here, featuring a neat combination, of a deceptive duck and an unblock.

Juniors Round 13

Finland - Yugoslavia

Board 14. Dealer East. Love All

♠ A 8 7	♠ A 8 7	♠ Q 6 4
♥ A K 9	♥ A K 9	♥ J 8 3
♦ A 10 8 5	♦ A 10 8 5	♦ K 9 3
♣ K J 2	♣ K J 2	♣ A 10 9 6
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> </div>	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
♠ J 10 5	♠ K 9 3 2	
♥ 10 7 6 4	♥ Q 5 2	
♦ Q 2	♦ J 7 6 4	
♣ Q 7 5 3	♣ 8 4	

West	North	East	South
<i>Baba</i>	<i>Heikkinen</i>	<i>Poljacki</i>	<i>Kilska</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♠
All Pass			3NT

Poljacki (East) made an old fashioned fourth highest lead when he selected the ♣6, a card which worked very well. Declarer took the ♣Q with the king, crossed to dummy via the ♥Q and played the ♦4 to the ♦10.

Poljacki imperturbably played small, and after considerable thought declarer played the ♦A. He then stopped playing diamonds placing the ♦K with West and not wanting to lose perhaps four club tricks. Declarer now took the ♥A and ♥K, then the ♠K and ♠A.

East unblocked by throwing his ♠Q and when West came in with the ♠J at the next trick and returned a small club, Poljacki claimed all the re-

maining tricks for one down.

Dealer West. Love All

♠ A Q 8 2	♠ 9	♠ K 7 6
♥ J 9 7 3	♥ 6 5 2	♥ A K Q 4
♦ K 10 2	♦ Q 8 4 3	♦ J
♣ A 8	♣ J 9 6 4 3	♣ K Q 10 7 2
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> N W S E </div> </div>	
	♠ J 10 5 4 3	
	♥ 10 8	
	♦ A 9 7 6 5	
	♣ 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Budd	Cullin	Wade	Karlsson
INT	Pass	2♣	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West might well have doubled South's impudent 2♠ bid - the penalty would probably be 1100. Of course there is no guarantee that would have been the final contract! As it was the British pair reached the wrong slam, East being keen to protect her king of spades. Six Clubs failed by one trick, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sivellind	Hydes	Berg	Teltscher
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

East forced to game and West described the nature of his hand, balanced with poor trumps. North led the nine of spades that declarer ran to his queen.

Daniel Sivelind drew trumps in three rounds and then went after the clubs. When he got the bad news on the second round he advanced the jack of diamond. South played low smoothly and declarer let it run to North's queen. With only minor suit cards left North had to return a diamond. Sivelind gave this a look, but eventually he ruffed, ruffed a club and came back to hand with the king of spades. These cards were left:

♠ A 8	♠ —	♠ 6
♥ —	♥ —	♥ 4
♦ K	♦ 8	♦ —
♣ —	♣ J 9	♣ Q
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> N W S E </div> </div>	
	♠ J 10	
	♥ —	
	♦ A	
	♣ —	

When the last trump was played South had no answer.

Martin Jones of the Great Britain Junior team demonstrated a way to take advantage of the blocked diamond suit on this deal from his country's round 14 battle with Norway.

Dealer East. Game All

♠ Q 7	♠ 9 8 6 3
♥ K 7 4 3	♥ J 8 2
♦ 10 9	♦ K Q J
♣ A J 6 4	♣ Q 10 8
♠ 10 4 2	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> N W S E </div> </div>
♥ A 9 6	♠ A K J 5
♦ 8 7 6 5 2	♥ Q 10 5
♣ 9 5	♦ A 4 3
	♣ K 7 2

West	North	East	South
Kristoffersen	Bakshi	Charlsen	Jones
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♠
		All Pass	

He received the lead of the ♦8. He ducked the king of diamonds but accurately went up with the ace when East continued with the queen, leaving the suit blocked. He played the queen of hearts from his hand and West took the ace and played a third diamond, but the defence was helpless. Jones won the spade switch and took the club finesse. Even though it lost he was now safe for nine tricks. If West had ducked the queen of hearts without a flicker declarer would have had a decision to make, but he might well have been influenced by the lack of an opening bid from East to make the right play.

The next deal gave North a chance to shine in defence and Ricco van Prooijen rose to the occasion. As Thomas Charlson of Norway found the identical defence in the match against Hungary, and the bidding was the same at all three tables, we give you the players at every table:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Game

		<p>♠ A 5 3 ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ K Q J 9 ♣ A 9</p>	
<p>♠ 4 ♥ A K 9 5 4 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ Q J 8 7</p>	<div><div>N</div><div>W</div><div>E</div><div>S</div></div>	<p>♠ 10 8 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ 10 8 7 3 ♣ K 6 5 3</p>	
		<p>♠ K Q J 9 7 6 ♥ 3 ♦ 5 4 2 ♣ 10 4 2</p>	
West	North	East	South
<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Madsen</i>	<i>Zwerver</i>	<i>Brondum</i>
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>v. Prooijen</i>	<i>Nohr</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>
<i>Trenka</i>	<i>Charlson</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Kristoffersen</i>
			3♠
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

All three Norths led ♦K against Four Hearts doubled. West won and led a low heart. All three Norths rose with ♥Q. Madsen then erred by switching to spades. Declarer was able to draw trumps, using a spade ruff to return, and concede only one off.

At the other two tables we describe, van Prooijen and Charlson both saw the advantage of playing ace and another club without cashing any of their side winners. Declarer won the second club and could cross to the jack of hearts, but he had no quick way back to hand to draw North's trumps. Whatever declarer plays next the defence can obtain a club ruff.

For Hungary, Trenka anticipated the ruff, and, instead of going over to ♥J, simply played top trumps from hand, conceding a second trump when they did not break. After winning the second club, Kristensen crossed to ♥J and then played a third club, suffering the ruff at once. Better perhaps, is to play ♦10. Then North has to win and must underlead his ♠A to get the ruff. Netherlands and Norway therefore both recorded a 7 IMP gain against Four

Hearts doubled only one off at the other table.

The next deal supported the old adages that 'silence is golden' and 'careless talk cost lives':

Board 4. Dealer West. Game All

	♠ 10 9 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A 7 6 5 ♣ Q 9 6 5 3	
♠ A 8 3 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ K Q 8 3 2 ♣ A 8	<div>W<div>NSE</div>S</div>	♠ K Q 7 6 5 ♥ A 9 6 ♦ 9 ♣ K 10 7 2
	♠ J ♥ Q J 10 7 5 3 2 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ 1 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wijma</i>	<i>Madsen</i>	<i>Zwerver</i>	<i>Brondum</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>v. Prooijen</i>	<i>Nohr</i>	<i>de Wijs</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	3♥
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Both tables reached Six Spades by East, the key difference being that at one South had made a weak jump overcall of Three Hearts. Both Souths led ♥Q. At the table where there had been no interference Zwerver won the ace, and led a diamond to the king and ace.

North switched to a low club, giving declarer the chance to pick up three tricks in the suit. But unaware of the danger in hearts, declarer planned to ruff a heart and club in dummy. He won the club with the king, and crossed to the heart king. North ruffed to defeat the slam.

Where South had warned of North's singleton heart, declarer, Mikkel Nohr, won the heart lead, drew trumps, and led a diamond to the king and ace. North won, and with only minor - suit cards

remaining, returned a low club to the jack and ace. Now Nohr tested diamonds by ruffing one and returning to ♥K to cash ♦Q. When South's ♦J10x fell he was able to claim without risking the club finesse. This was 17 IMPs to Denmark. This board saw a nice defence by the Danish pair on VuGraph:

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Game

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wijma	Madsen	Zwerver	Brondum
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	All Pass		Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kristensen	v. Prooijen	Nohr	de Wijs
Pass	3♥	All Pass	2♦

The Norwegian Two Diamonds has obviously spread contagiously to the Netherlands. It led to a successful Three Hearts by North, declarer losing only three trumps and the ace of diamonds.

On VuGraph, against West's INT, North led the six of hearts. Declarer won and played a club to the queen which North ducked. A second club went to South's king and he switched to the six of diamonds. West tried the queen, but Morten Lund Madsen won and continued with the ten of diamonds. Schelte Wijma took the ace and cleared his club trick. Freddie Brondum wisely contributed the ten of hearts to this trick and a few seconds later the jack of spades settled on the table. Now the defenders had four spade tricks, two diamonds and two clubs. Well done.

Setting a Target

Junior competitions frequently feature large penalties - after all that is what Junior Bridge is all about. The first session of the Junior pairs featured an insignificant penalty of 3400 - I am sure all of you out there will have done better at some point in your life. All it took was one tiny mistake by East (a failure to notice an alert) and his fate was sealed. That seems a rather harsh punishment does it not? Well, it is on a board where we have already seen some significant large numbers and penalties in yesterday's bulletin.

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West Game

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



When Sven Krupp and Martin Möller were South and North respectively, East dealt and passed, and Sven opened 2NT, showing the majors, alerted by North but not registered by East. Unlucky; for when North responded 3♥, passed round to West, he doubled for take-out (for the minors) but East assumed it was a three-suiter.

Why anyone should back in over a strong 2NT is another question - one for which the world is not yet ready for an answer I think. But anyway East bid 3♠, and South thought he should suggest good spades by doubling. West redoubled for rescue.... and is still awaiting any further action.

3♠ redoubled was not a thing of beauty. Declarer should have been able to scramble three heart tricks and perhaps one in the wash. But when he tried a club to dummy after cashing two hearts it let South pitch his diamond losers, and a slight slip by declarer allowed the defence to collect six down, and 3400.

But I am sure you can all do better than that...

Results after Third Session

Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%	Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%
1	Gloyer	- Saurer	AUT	61.47	46	Dubinski	- Plat	ISR	53.40
2	Drijver	- De Wijs	NTH	59.27	47	Bruggeman	- Hoekstra	NTH	53.39
3	Buras	- Kapala	POL	58.99	48	Bessis	- Courrias	FRA	53.35
4	Nyström	- Strömberg	SWE	58.49	49	Bessis	- Gaviard	FRA	53.17
5	Kucharski	- Lutostanski	POL	58.28	50	Lindermann	- Schifco	AUT	53.09
6	Daux	- Geitner	FRA	58.25	51	Grümm	- Kriftner	AUT	53.08
7	Biondo	- Mazzadi	ITA	58.22	52	Bianchi	- Medusei	ITA	52.93
8	Burghout	- Hasper	NTH	57.81	53	Galek	- Konieczny	POL	52.81
9	Coldea	- Rótaru	ROM	57.79	54	Balasy	- Hegedus	HUN	52.75
10	Konow	- Madsen	DEN	57.70	55	Bergson	- Cockburn	GBR	52.75
11	Piasecki	- Piontke	POL	57.61	—	Madry	- Strzemecki	Pol	52.75
12	Ferrando	- Rombaut	FRA	57.43	57	Linerudt	- Sivelind	SWE	52.59
13	Green	- Hazel	GBR	57.10	58	Wade	- Zivan	GBR	52.57
14	Halldorsson	- Haraldsson	ICE	57.08	59	Van Dijk	- Keller	NTH	52.50
15	Greenberg	- Kitces	USA	56.40	60	Stefansson	- Thornsson	ICE	52.50
16	Ginda	- Pilch	POL	56.39	61	Berg	- Berg	SWE	52.49
17	Heller	- Wooldridge	CAN/USA	56.36	62	Krupp	- Möller	GER	52.41
18	Askgaard	- Bjarnarson	DEN	56.34	63	Michaux	- Oldenhove	BEL	52.22
19	Freij	- Kümmel	FRA/AUT	56.16	64	Di Bello	- Di Bello	ITA	52.16
20	Albertsson	- Cohen	SWE/GBR	56.06	65	Hegedus	- Tichy	HUN	52.10
21	Brink	- Groosman	NTH	55.94	66	De Groot	- De Groot	NTH	51.99
22	Lagås	- Schollaardt	NTH	55.69	67	Arason	- Jonsson	ICE	51.86
23	Eliazohn	- Wiklund	SWE	55.56	68	Callea	- Guariglia	ITA	51.86
24	Tessières	- Tessières	MTQ	55.40	69	Araszkiewicz	- Dajnowicz	POL	51.82
25	Marciniak	- Skalski	POL	55.14	70	Kalita	- Kossut	POL	51.77
26	Cullin	- Jansson	SWE	55.12	71	Maripuu	- Tihane	EST	51.62
27	Hoffman	- Lalouche	ISR	55.09	72	Katz	- Varshavski	ISR	51.54
28	Clarson	- McCormac	IRE	54.92	73	Luks	- Naber	EST	51.53
29	Brink	- Vreeswijk	NTH	54.88	74	Blachnio	- Szczepanski	POL	51.48
30	Lo Presti	- Magrini	ITA	54.87	75	Jonsson	- Tryggvason	ICE	51.40
31	Iavicoli	- Uccello	ITA	54.77	76	Ciborowski	- Szuminski	POL	51.38
32	D'Avossa	- Mallardi	ITA	54.48	77	Brede	- Rejniak	POL	51.06
33	Mortensen	- Tylvad	DEN	54.34	78	Swiatec	- Witkowski	POL	50.97
34	Karamanlis	- Karamanlis	GRE	54.30	79	Szafarewicz	- Włodarczyk	POL	50.96
35	Gunnarsson	- Olgeirsson	ICE	54.23	80	Fung	- Greig	GBR	50.82
36	Filipowicz	- Koluda	POL	54.19	81	Dzierzawski	- Karpala	POL	50.65
37	Balschun	- Linde	GER	53.98	82	Gogoman	- Gogoman	AUT	50.58
38	Roland	- Thomsen	DEN	53.93	83	Lasota	- Wantke	POL	50.49
39	Baranowski	- Rozkrut	POL	53.89	84	Pinsky	- Wolford	USA	50.47
40	Caplain	- Gleyze	FRA	53.63	85	Bloch	- Golabek	POL	50.44
41	Czeczko	- Wittenbeck	POL	53.62	86	Berthold	- Pürstl	AUT	50.28
42	Kotorowicz	- Kotorowicz	POL	53.61	87	Ortmann-Nielsen	- Schaltz	DEN	50.28
43	Fonteneau	- Willard	FRA	53.51	88	Raudsepp	- Tärkla	EST	50.22
44	Piasini	- Sbariglia	ITA	53.51	89	Bimblis	- Charonitis	GRE	50.13
45	Henriksen	- Marquardsen	DEN	53.50	90	Goded	- Ivanov	SPA	50.12

Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%	Rnk	Player 1	- Player 2	Nat.	%
91	Cornelis	- Louveaux	BEL	49.95	139	Gruca	- Kufłowski	POL	47.38
92	Gustavsson	- Linder	SWE	49.87	140	Kraemer	- Smirnoff	GER	47.14
93	Genosar	- Reshef	ISR	49.75	141	Barton	- Nolan	IRE	47.13
94	Roll	- Schnieder	ISR	49.74	142	Weiler	- Westman	SWE	47.11
95	Staszczuk	- Wojeczko	POL	49.72	143	Bozinakis	- Konidaris	GRE	47.04
96	Baldi	- Torielli	ITA	49.62	144	Allik	- Lokk	EST	46.99
97	De Roos	- De Roos	BEL	49.53	145	Sigurdsson	- Sigurjonsson	ICE	46.92
98	Jonsson	- Ohlsson	SWE	49.51	146	Karapanagiotis	- Koussis	GRE	46.80
99	Kowalczyk	- Piepiora	POL	49.50	147	Andersson	- Andersson	SWE	46.67
100	Andersson	- Sivelind	SWE	49.50	148	Janssons	- Klidzeza	LIT	46.60
101	Müller	- Ritmeijer	NTH	49.48	149	Keil	- Szabo	HUN	46.55
102	Cassar	- Garrigou	FRA	49.48	150	Pulkráb	- Vozábal	CZE	46.42
103	Egle	- Matisons	LIT	49.40	151	Bathurst	- Epley	USA	46.31
104	Ericsson	- Lindholm	SWE	49.36	152	Eitler	- Jerolitsch	AUT	46.27
105	Erdogan	- Sermen	TUR	49.27	153	Kozicki	- Ochocinski	POL	46.25
106	Slodki	- Rudnicki	POL	49.19	154	De Roos	- Toutenel	BEL	46.22
107	Kreglewska	- Postupalski	POL	49.15	155	Van de Veire	- Van de Veire	NTH	46.14
108	Meurs	- Termaat	NTH	49.10	156	Jelínek	- Martynek	CZE	46.05
109	Duy	- Gruber	AUT	49.04	157	Nyaradi	- Zalai	HUN	45.99
110	Stensrud	- Upmark	NOR/SWE	49.03	158	Konopko	- Matusik	POL	45.85
111	Grandemagne	- Lechenne	FRA	49.00	159	Preiss	- Ulenicki	POL	45.81
112	Gaigals	- Germanis	LIT	48.97	160	Flanek	- Kielichowski	POL	45.79
113	Marjai	- Minarik	HUN	48.93	161	Grzejdzia	- Warzocha	POL	45.71
114	Pancel	- Szikszay	HUN	48.89	162	Blundell	- Elstein	GBR	45.67
115	Karłowicz	- Zielinski	POL	48.83	163	Ewald	- Stoszek	GER	45.41
116	Noberius	- Thörnqvist	SWE	48.81	164	Shah	- Shillitoe	GBR	45.17
117	Gjalbæk	- Sivholm	DEN	48.78	165	Flirski	- Potz	POL	44.93
118	Kotanyi	- Marjai	HUN	48.61	166	Carr	- Marshall	GBR	44.54
119	Arutiunianc	- Baczek	POL	48.60	167	Brikmane	- Straume	LIT	44.53
120	Fabijan	- Kubicki	POL	48.56	168	Ergen	- Soyuer	TUR	44.48
121	Phillips	- Stanghelle	USA/NOR	48.55	169	Kuzselka	- Pahl	GER	43.77
122	Tejada	- Yanes	SPA	48.54	170	Galazka	- Lula	POL	43.46
123	Desset	- Piret	BEL	48.49	171	Hlavac	- Vrkoc	CZE	42.79
124	Birdsall	- Jones	GBR	48.48	172	Comajnan	- Masia	SPA	42.57
125	Langeveld	- Vunderink	NTH	48.39	173	Lindmaa	- Proosa	EST	42.45
126	Dybicz	- Holowacz	POL	48.26	174	Danhøj	- Knappe	DEN	42.36
127	Amstrup	- Hansen	DEN	48.25	175	Hêche	- La Spada	SWI	42.00
128	Malla	- Villalonga	SPA	48.19	176	Hegener	- Morton	SWI	41.89
129	Gold	- Probst	GBR	48.18	177	Cizkova	- Petrova	CZE	41.46
130	Van Parijs	- Van Parijs	BEL	48.03	178	Lewinson	- Wickham	USA	40.92
131	Przyjemski	- Zaremba	POL	47.95	179	Maurins	- Stamere	LIT	40.71
132	Crank	- Feldman	USA	47.90	180	Baldwin	- Schonfeldt	USA/DEN	40.67
133	Olofsson	- Olofsson	SWE	47.81	181	Fox	- Mitchell	IRE	39.70
134	Charletout	- Girault	FRA	47.77	182	Liskova	- Pekny	CZE	39.16
135	Baranowska	- Sokorowska	POL	47.59	183	Donovan	- Wilson	CAN	39.07
136	Anzengruber	- Eglseer	AUT	47.58	184	Andersen	- Schaltz	DEN	38.98
137	Pilipovic	- Sasek	CRO	47.58	185	Levell	- Warren	USA	36.79
138	Becker	- Poslednik	USA/CZE	47.51	186	Rosenfeld	- Jackson	USA	29.05