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BULLETIN 2

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## Today's Program

Round-Robin (session 5) 21.00-23.50

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## Italy pulls away

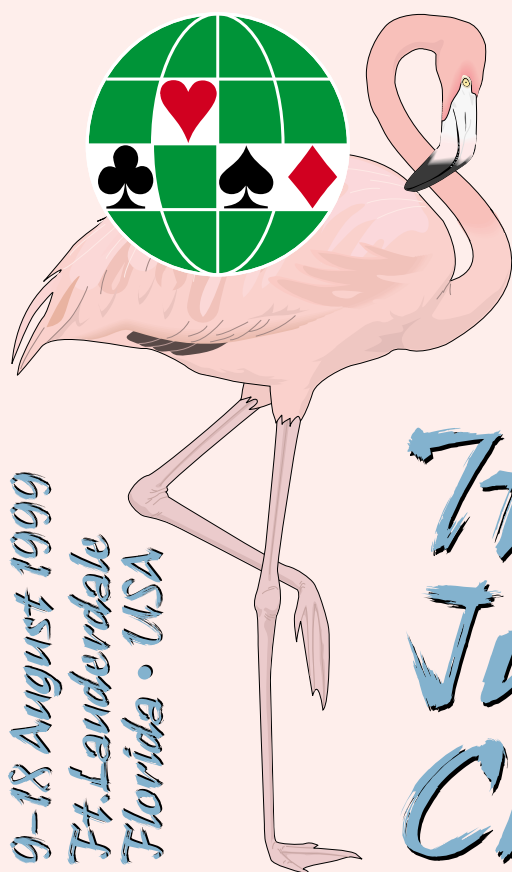
Italy blitzed both **United States** teams yesterday to move into a healthy 15.5-Victory Point lead over the field after four matches in the 15-match round-robin. Sandwiched in between was a surprise loss to **Denmark** - a surprise because Italy pulled away to what looked like an unbeatable lead in the first half of the match. **Denmark** made a remarkable comeback and defeated Italy, 16-14.

Italy started the day by topping USA 1, 25-5. They did even better against USA 2, 25-2. One of the most interesting swings occurred when Italy bid six diamonds on Board 12, got doubled, and then scored it up with an overtrick - plus 1740. A spade opening lead would have defeated the slam. However, the swing was only 12 IMPs because the Americans played five spades doubled at the other table, making six for plus 1050.

**China** climbed into second place with solid victories over **Israel** and **Egypt**, with a 14-16 loss to **USA 2** in between.

**Argentina** climbed into a third-place tie with **Australia** the best way possible - by beating **Australia**. The score was 19-11. **Argentina** also defeated **USA 1**, but suffered a surprise loss to **CAC**, 19-11.

**Australia** surprised **Norway**, 24-6, in the day's first match, but it was all downhill after that - losses to both **Canada 2** and **Argentina**.



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### VUGRAPH MATCH

Australia - China

21.00

# 7th World Junior Teams Championship



# RESULTS



## ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

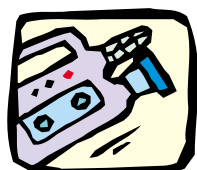
Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	USA 1 ITALY	30	79	5	25
2	BRAZIL DENMARK	66	54	17	13
3	CANADA 2 HONG KONG	25	87	3	25
4	NORWAY AUSTRALIA	23	67	6	24
5	USA 2 CHINESE TAIPEI	46	56	13	17
6	ISRAEL CHINA	32	63	9	21
7	CANADA 1 EGYPT	39	56	11	19
8	ARGENTINA CAC	45	64	11	19

## ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	ARGENTINA USA 1	50	43	16	14
2	CAC CANADA 1	66	38	21	9
3	EGYPT ISRAEL	45	38	16	14
4	CHINA USA 2	38	45	14	16
5	CHINESE TAIPEI NORWAY	32	58	10	20
6	AUSTRALIA CANADA 2	41	64	10	20
7	HONG KONG BRAZIL	28	70	6	24
8	DENMARK ITALY	46	41	16	14

## ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	USA 1 CANADA 2	42	18	20	10
2	NORWAY BRAZIL	77	31	24	6
3	USA 2 ITALY	22	86	2	25
4	ISRAEL DENMARK	34	39	14	16
5	CANADA 1 HONG KONG	59	58	15	15
6	ARGENTINA AUSTRALIA	48	31	19	11
7	CAC CHINESE TAIPEI	37	62	10	20
8	EGYPT CHINA	23	44	11	19



### Special rules for vugraph teams

Special rules covering the starting times for teams playing in vugraph matches have been established. Play in the Closed Room will start 10 minutes prior to the usual starting time, and play in the Open Room will begin 10 minutes after the usual starting time. This means that results will be available from the Closed Room by the time play starts in the Open Room.

## RANKING AFTER SESSION 4

Country	VP's
1 ITALY	87
2 CHINA	71.5
3 ARGENTINA	68
AUSTRALIA	68
5 DENMARK	64
6 NORWAY	62
7 HONG KONG	57.5
8 EGYPT	57
9 USA 2	56
10 BRAZIL	55
CAC	55
ISRAEL	55
13 CHINESE TAIPEI	54
14 CANADA 1	51
15 CANADA 2	47
16 USA 1	43

### Junior puts Hoffman over the top

Anne Hoffman, coach of the United States I team, became a Diamond Life Master (more than 5000 master-points) at the recent ACBL Summer Championships in San Antonio. Naturally she was playing with a Junior - 13-year-old Meredith Beck of Pearland TX.

### E-MAIL SERVICE AVAILABLE



Arrangements have been made for participants of this championship to have E-Mail service. There is one computer in the Press Room (3rd Floor) available

for whoever wishes to use it.

### PLEASE BE BRIEF!

The Press Room Manager will do whatever possible to assist whoever wishes to use this service, but retains the right for the final say in its use. Your cooperation is needed to keep this service open for everyone.

### Egyptian captain

Missing from the team rosters in yesterday's Daily Bulletin is **Maud**, the captain of the Egyptian team. She prefers to be known simply as Maud.



# TODAY'S PROGRAM

## ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

1	USA 1	CHINESE TAIPEI
2	AUSTRALIA	CHINA
3	HONG KONG	EGYPT
4	DENMARK	CAC
5	ITALY	ARGENTINA
6	BRAZIL	CANADA 1
7	CANADA 2	ISRAEL
8	NORWAY	USA 2

## TOMORROW'S PROGRAM

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6

1	NORWAY	USA 1
2	USA 2	CANADA 2
3	ISRAEL	BRAZIL
4	CANADA 1	ITALY
5	ARGENTINA	DENMARK
6	CAC	HONG KONG
7	EGYPT	AUSTRALIA
8	CHINA	CHINESE TAIPEI

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7

1	BRAZIL	USA 1
2	CANADA 2	ITALY
3	NORWAY	DENMARK
4	USA 2	HONG KONG
5	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA
6	CANADA 1	CHINESE TAIPEI
7	ARGENTINA	CHINA
8	CAC	EGYPT

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8

1	USA 1	HONG KONG
2	DENMARK	AUSTRALIA
3	ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI
4	BRAZIL	CHINA
5	CANADA 2	EGYPT
6	NORWAY	CAC
7	USA 2	ARGENTINA
8	ISRAEL	CANADA 1

## Totally different result

If this hand looks familiar, you're right. This deal from the first match was written up in yesterday's Daily Bulletin when USA 1 got in severe trouble at 3♦ doubled. Here with Egypt vs. Denmark match we see a totally different auction and a totally different result.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both vul.

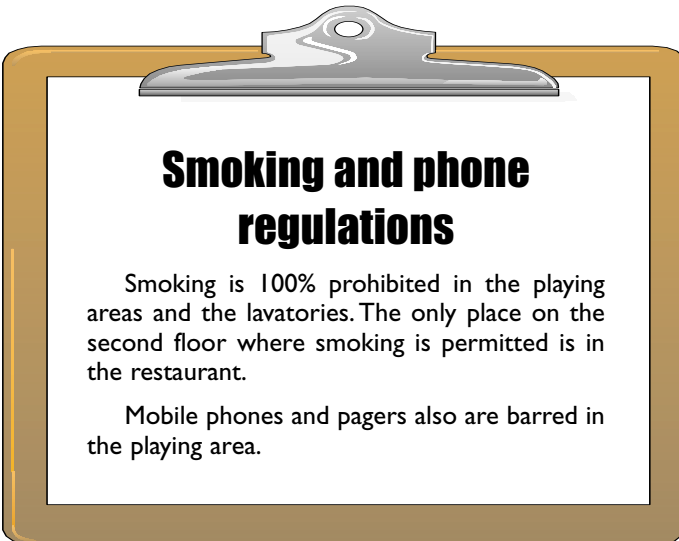
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	♣ J		
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♦ -		♦ K J 9 5 4 3	
♣ A Q 10 7 6 3 2		♣ -	

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Eldessouky</i>		<i>Hishmat</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	DbI
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
3♣	3♦	DbI	3NT
Pass	Pass	DbI	All Pass

The Danish West led a club and Mohamed Hishmat won in dummy with the jack. He passed the ♠9 to the king, and a spade came back, Hishmat overtaking the jack with the queen. He took his other two spade tricks as East discarded a heart and a diamond (he had sluffed a spade on the opening club lead). Next Hishmat took his ♥K and ♥A and gave up the lead with a heart. East was able to cash two hearts but then had to lead a diamond. Hishmat won in dummy and immediately led another diamond, endplaying East once again for the game-going trick --three spades, two hearts, one club and three diamonds. The defense never got their club tricks because of the lack of communication. Well done, Hishmat!



### Smoking and phone regulations

Smoking is 100% prohibited in the playing areas and the lavatories. The only place on the second floor where smoking is permitted is in the restaurant.

Mobile phones and pagers also are barred in the playing area.

**Round 1 DENMARK vs ITALY**

By Barry Rigal

The Denmark-Italy match divided into two totally separate phases – indeed it was hard to believe the same players were playing in both halves. Board 1 for example started a spectacular run by Italy.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

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

After the auction:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Pass	INT	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North passed and led the ♥9. Declarer won and carefully avoided the trap of ruffing a heart to hand to lead a spade toward the king (the only way to go down). Instead he led a low spade from dummy. Kaspar Konow took the ace and cashed the ♣A. Now he had to take the ♦A to hold declarer to 590. He did not.

In the other room (playing weak notrumps), it went 1♣ - 4♥ - 4♠ - P - P - Dbl - P - P back to Mikkel Nohr. Fatally he ran to 4NT. A few rounds of bidding later his side conceded 1100 in 6♣ doubled - 18 IMPs to Italy.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S vul.

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

The Italian surge crested at this board as a result of a 2♦ opening by Rikccardo Intonti (both majors, 5-10 HCP) led to his playing 4♥ and making 620 for a huge result. Meanwhile at the other table Andrea Mallardi opened 1♦ in fourth seat, leading to

this auction:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	INT	3♥
Dbl	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Nice evaluation by Mario d'Avossa for another 14 IMPs.

At this point Italy led 38-0. Board 8 (see page 10) reduced the margin somewhat, and Denmark got firmly back in the match with Board 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S vul.


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

Morten Madsen and Konow had an unopposed sequence when Konow as South treated the hand as a 1♦ opening and INT rebid (15-17). He reached 3NT on a club lead and made 660.

Who was at fault in the other room?

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♦
All Pass			

Should North or South show their half stopper by redoubling to reach 3NT? It is not clear - but 11 IMPs to Denmark closed the gap to manageable proportions.



**It's CAC, not Central America**

The Zone 5 team was referred to as Central America yesterday. The team represents Central America and the Caribbean and should be called the CAC team.

**Round 2** **CANADA 2 vs HONG KONG**

By Barry Rigal

After a quiet first deal Hong Kong exploded into action with three great swings in the next six deals.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S vul.

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

Both tables played 6♣. Ngai Yau, the Hong Kong declarer made 12 tricks easily enough. For Canada Josh Heller got a diamond lead. He won the ace, pitching a club, and played the ♠K. If this is ducked he has a legitimate problem. When West, Chi Keung Poon, won and played back a spade, Josh could have made 12 tricks by ruffing a club at once. When he drew the last trump, the 5-1 club split took him down. He can rescue via a double squeeze though. Since East has to pitch diamonds on the second and third trumps, the double squeeze develops with hearts as the pivot suit.

Another 16 IMPs appeared on the next deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W vul.

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

After Yau had opened a feeble Multi 2♦, E/W stopped to double 2♥ and collected only 800 (1100 is available).

The Hong Kong pair had an Acol 2♦ available, so the bidding went 2♦ - 2♥, 3♣ - 3♦, 4NT - 5♣ (one control), 5♥ (♦Q) - 6♥ (♥K and ♦Q), 6♠ - 6NT, 7♣ - 7♦. On a spade lead 13 tricks were easy, but not all opening leads facilitate declarer's task.

The Danish declarer in another match got a trump lead. He made the slight mistake of drawing two rounds, unblocking clubs, then had to cross over to the ♥A. One down!

Three boards later Heller was faced with this problem as South:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Dble	4♥	Pass
		Pass	?

This was the hand:

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

He ran to 5♦, expecting short hearts and extras, not a semi-balanced hand. That's not what he found, so he went for 1100. Meanwhile in the other room 4♥ by East lost the ♠A, a spade ruff, a club to the ace and a spade ruff with the ♥9 for one down. Essentially that was the match. Hong Kong already had nearly enough for a maximum win, and the bridge after that got rather sloppy from Canada. The exchanges slightly favored Hong Kong, and it was only an unlucky slam by Hong Kong (two finesses wrong and a 4-1 trump break) that enabled Canada 2 to recover for a 25-4 loss.

### The tournament plan

The **World Junior Team Championship** consists of a qualifying stage, semifinals, a final and a playoff for third place.

The **qualifier** is a round-robin where each of the 16 teams will meet all other competing teams in 20-board matches.

The four top teams will advance to the 64-board **semifinals**. The two semifinal winners will play in the 96-board **final** from which the new World Junior Champions will emerge. The losers will participate in a 64-board **playoff** to determine third place.

A special **Swiss Pairs** tournament will be arranged for those failing to qualify. Any other Junior player may also participate in this event. No nationality restrictions will be imposed on the composition of the competing pairs.

The qualifying stage will continue until Sunday 15 August, with free times for sightseeing, etc.

The semifinals will be played on Monday 16 August, the day the Swiss Pairs begin. The final will start on Tuesday, together with the playoff for third place. The Swiss Pairs and the playoff will be concluded on this day, while the final will continue until Wednesday afternoon.

The Championship will end with the **Victory Banquet** on the evening of Wednesday 18 August 1999.

**Round 2 AUSTRALIA vs NORWAY**

Australia got off to a fast start against Norway and never were caught. It started on Board 1 when Norway found their 4-4 spade fit, then had to deal with a 5-0 trump split.

Australia increased their lead to 28 on the next deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q J 5
♥ A Q 6
♦ 10 5 3
♣ Q J 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Saur	Robb	Brogeland
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Kylie Robb of Australia underled her ♣A, and Oyvind Saur started trumps by winning the king. After getting the bad news, he led a diamond to the queen and ace. Robb cashed her ♣A and got out with a club. The defense came to two diamonds, a trump and two clubs when declarer played four rounds of spades. Robb ruffed the second heart and cashed her ♠8 for down two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Matthews	Kvangraven	Croft
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dbl <sup>(1)</sup>
All Pass	INT	Pass	3NT

<sup>(1)</sup> Four hearts and clubs or strong.

N.K. Kvangraven decided to lead a spade despite the opposition bidding. Luke Matthews led a club to the queen and a diamond to the king, ducked. A second club went to the jack, but East took the ♦K at the next trick. He cashed his two clubs and led a diamond to partner's jack for the fourth defensive trick. But Matthews had the rest for his game and an 11-IMP pickup.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S vul.

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

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

♠ Q 9 8 6 4
♥ A 6
♦ -
♣ A K Q 10 9 5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Saur	Robb	Brogeland
Pass	1♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	1♣ <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	2♠	Pass	5♦ <sup>(3)</sup>
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Game force or weak diamonds.

<sup>(2)</sup> At least four spades and at least five clubs.

<sup>(3)</sup> Exclusion Key Card Blackwood.


The opening heart lead went to the jack and ace and Boye Brogeland led a trump to the jack. He ruffed a diamond and led a second trump, taken by Leigh Gold. After considerable thought Gold led another heart - and it was Brogeland's turn to go into the tank. Finally he rose with the king and led a club to his ace. When he tried to cash the ♣K, West ruffed with the 10 and Brogeland overruffed. He cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond, but in the end game he had to lose a club to the jack for down one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Matthews	Kvangraven	Croft
2♥	Dbl	Pass	1♣
Pass	6♠	3♥	5♠ <sup>(1)</sup>
		All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> Asks about trump quality.

The opening lead was the same - a heart to the jack and ace. Nicholas Croft led a spade to the king and a second spade to West's ace. But Gunnar Harr switched to a diamond instead of trying a second heart. Declarer won the ace, drew the last trump and cashed three top clubs. He ruffed a club and then ruffed a diamond. When he took his last trump he was down to a club and a heart and dummy had the ♥K-10. Croft had no choice - he had to take the finesse. When it worked his side was 17 IMPs richer. Harr could have made it much tougher for declarer if he had returned a heart instead of a diamond - as in the Open Room, de-



## Coffee service

In response to many requests, coffee will be available during game periods for only 50 cents a cup. In the evening, coffee service will be available only until 10:30.

clarer would have had to make his decision long before he was able to test the situation in clubs.

Norway got to a grand slam on the next board - a slam that could have made, but . . .

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W vul.

♠ K 7 2 ♥ A ♦ A K J 10 6 ♣ A K 5 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: black;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ Q 9 5 4 3 ♥ - ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ J 8 6 4 2	♠ A J 10 ♥ K 8 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ Q
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**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Saur</i>	<i>Robb</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
3NT	All Pass		3♥

The auction was short and sweet - well, maybe not so sweet - in the Open Room. Gold took a conservative view and bid only 3NT over the heart preempt. He had no problem taking 12 tricks.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Harr</i>	<i>Matthews</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Croft</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass
6♣ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	7♦ <sup>(5)</sup>	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Asks for stopper and is a slam try.

<sup>(2)</sup> Queen ask.

<sup>(3)</sup> ♦Q but no kings.

<sup>(4)</sup> Do you have the ♣Q?

<sup>(5)</sup> I sure do!

Looking at all four hands, it's easy to see how to take all 13 tricks, but Harr could see only two hands. He won the opening



**Bring your meal tickets!**

The hotel staff has been very friendly and liberal about meal tickets until now - but not any more. They'll still be friendly, but you won't be admitted into the dining area without a ticket.

club lead with the queen and tried to cross to his singleton ♥A. What a shock when Matthews ruffed! Later on there was a spade overruff for the defense, so the good grand slam actually was set two tricks - another 13 IMPs for Australia, now ahead 41-0 after only three deals.

Norway got a big hunk back on Board 6.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W vul.

♠ 9 5 3 2 ♥ A K J 2 ♦ A K 8 2 ♣ 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: black;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ A Q J 10 6 4 ♥ Q 10 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A Q J	♠ K 7 ♥ 8 7 5 4 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K 10 6 4 2
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	♠ 8 ♥ 9 6 ♦ J 7 6 5 4 3 ♣ 8 7 5 3								

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Gold</i>	<i>Saur</i>	<i>Robb</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
1♦	Dbl	1♥	Pass
3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Splinter

Robb led her singleton diamond, and Gold won the ♦K and continued with the ace as Robb discarded the ♣2, using upside down signals. Gold then led the TWO of diamonds, asking for a club return. Robb ruffed as declarer sluffed a heart. She was surprised by the ♦2, but after a little thought she returned a club. Now declarer was able to draw the trumps and lose just a club and a heart for down two - minus 300.

What difference did Gold's lead of the ♦2 make? Watch what happened at the other table.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Harr</i>	<i>Matthews</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Croft</i>
1♦	Dbl	1♥	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

Kvangraven also led his singleton diamond, and Harr took his king and cashed two hearts. Then he took his other high diamond as partner discarded the ♣2. He shifted to a club and the finesse lost to the king. Harr was able to ruff the club return, and only now did he lead a third diamond. Declarer ruffed, but Kvangraven was able to overruff and give his partner another club ruff. Declarer had to be satisfied with five tricks for an 1100-point defeat. That translated to 13 IMPs for Norway.

Norway found a good defense against a partscore on Board 14, but they lost 3 IMPs because of arriving in a bad contract at the other table.

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

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

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♠ A J 6 5 4 3
♥ 5
♦ 7
♣ K J 6 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Saur	Robb	Brogeland
		Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	2NT	3♣
All Pass			

After cashing the ♦A on opening lead, Gold switched to a trump. Robb won and led a second trump, ducked to the queen. A third trump put declarer on lead, and he took a heart finesse, losing to the queen. Declarer took the spade return with the ace and got out of his hand with a spade to West's king. Gold switched to a heart to dummy's ace, but all declarer could take from this point on were his ♥K and two good trumps in his hand. He took only three clubs, two hearts and a spade for down three.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Matthews	Kvangraven	Croft
		Pass	1♠
2♦	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Croft decided to rebid his six-card spade suit instead of his clubs, and that's where he played it. Harr switched to a heart after winning the ♦A. Croft won this with the ace and lost a club finesse to the queen. He ruffed the diamond return and passed a club to East's 10. He pitched a club on the heart return as he won the jack. He got rid of another club on the ♥K, then ruffed a diamond as East pitched the ♣A. He ruffed a club with the deuce, but East overruffed of course. Kvangraven led the ♥Q, ruffed and overruffed. Herr led back the ♦K, and Kvangraven trumped in with the queen, overruffed by declarer with the ace. Declarer still had to give up a trick to the ♠K - down one for a 3-IMP gain.

Sometimes it doesn't pay to find your 4-4 major suit fit after opening with INT.

## Thank you, Arlette

Arlette Schutte of Daytona Beach provided the 30 dozen tasty home-made cookies that were available after Monday's opening ceremony. Thank you very much, Arlette!

Board 17. Dealer North. None vul.

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

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♠ K 10 6 5 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 8 6
♣ K 10 7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Saur	Robb	Brogeland
		Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

East led a heart to partner's ace, and Gold continued the suit, the king winning. A finesse to the ♣10 lost to the jack, and Gold continued the attack on hearts. Declarer played the ♣K and another to East's ace. She was out of hearts and tried the ♦4, but this ran to the 7. Declarer cashed some tricks at this point - one club and two spades. When East failed to unblock in spades, she was thrown in with the queen and was forced to concede another diamond - declarer's eighth trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Matthews	Kvangraven	Croft
	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

After cashing the ♥A on opening lead, Harr switched to a diamond. Matthews put up the king, losing to the ace. Kvangraven cashed the ♦Q and gave partner a diamond ruff. Correctly reading the ♦4 as a call for a club, Harr returned a club to Kvangraven's ace and scored a second ruff. Later the defense came to another trump trick, setting the contract two tricks for a 6-IMP pickup for Norway.

The last board was another catastrophe for Norway.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both vul.

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

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♠ 9
♥ J 10 8
♦ K J 9 8 6 5 2
♣ 7 3



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Saur	Robb	Brogeland
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Gold made an easy 11 tricks. Losing just a trump and a club. The excitement was in the Closed Room.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Matthews	Kvangraven	Croft
1♥	Pass	2♣	3♦
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♠	All Pass

Harr rose with the ace on the lead of the ♦7. After cashing the ace of trumps, he led a heart to the king and cashed the ♥A, Croft dropping the jack. When he cashed the ♠Q, he got the news about the bad break. Next he pitched the ♦Q on the ♥Q. However, he still had to lose the same two tricks as at the other table - the ♣K and the ♠J for down two. So Australia closed the set as they began with a big gain, this time 13 IMPs.

Australia won the match 24-6, and was in second place, one Victory Point behind Italy, after Match 2 of the round-robin.

## USA 1 vs USA 2

By Barry Rigal

Board 17. Dealer North. None vul.

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

Both tables started this way:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbl	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Michael Kitces sold out for 2♦. Tom Carmichael reopened with 2♥ and John Hurd/Brian Meyer corrected to 3♦. In 2♦ the defense have four top black suit winners and the ♥A. Declarer appears to need to guess hearts and to get a club ruff. Chris Willenken did all that for plus 90. Carmichael and Wooldridge defeated 3♦ two tricks a different way after the ♠Q lead. Declarer won and played a club. Carmichael played the jack, winning the trick. Then he led a low club to Wooldridge, who cashed two spades, allowing Carmichael to pitch his last two clubs. A third club enabled Carmichael to score the ♦9 for two down.

## The numbers game

By Barry Rigal

One match into the World Junior Teams and already the field is trying to set records for penalties taken - and given!

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W vul.

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

When East opens INT, a discreet South would pass - but not everyone was so self-controlled. In the match between Chinese Taipei and Australia, the INT bid attracted a double. West passed (conventionally), North ran to 2♣ and redoubled for rescue when West doubled. He is still waiting 2200 points later ...

In Norway-Israel the Norwegian North ran to 2♣ when his partner doubled INT. He redoubled for rescue as well. His partner obediently pulled to 2♦ - this cost a mere 800.

As if that was not enough, we had more carnage a few deals later.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both vul.

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

This is the third time this hand has been featured - clearly it was the most interesting of the first match.

The West hand looks as if it should play well in a black suit. Opposite the strawberry jam (nasty red mess) which comprises the East hand, West is due to go for a large number unless South responds 2♣ at his first turn (as I think he should). Such a bid would warn West off.

In the match between CAC and Italy, the CAC West went for 1700 in 5♣ - elsewhere 800 was the norm.

## Round 4

## NORWAY vs BRAZIL

By Barry Rigal

The Norwegian aggressiveness in preempting and opening the bidding stood them in good stead in this match. The first board was an omen of things to come.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

<p>♠ –</p> <p>♥ A Q 9 7 5 3</p> <p>♦ J 10 9 4</p> <p>♣ A 10 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	<p>♠ 9 8 4</p> <p>♥ K 4</p> <p>♦ A K Q 8 7 6</p> <p>♣ 6 2</p>	<p>♠ A K 10</p> <p>♥ 10 8 6</p> <p>♦ 5 2</p> <p>♣ Q J 8 5 3</p>
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When Pedro Barros opened 2♠, Thomas Charlson overcalled 3♦, and now E/W might have reached 7♦ (though 7♠ is a cheap save). However, they scored 940 for bidding to 6♦ as follows:

West	North	East	South
	2♠	3♦	3♠
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

This meshed favorably with the performance in the Open Room. After 3♠ - Pass - 4♠, Pedro Ceglia stayed silent - plus 50 certainly was a poor return!

Board 5 showed Boye Brogeland at his best.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S vul.

<p>♠ Q J 9 8 5</p> <p>♥ 9 2</p> <p>♦ 7 5</p> <p>♣ Q 10 6 5</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	<p>♠ K 7 2</p> <p>♥ A 7 5 3</p> <p>♦ A Q</p> <p>♣ A J 7 2</p>	<p>♠ A 6 4 3</p> <p>♥ K 8 6</p> <p>♦ K 10 9 6 3</p> <p>♣ 4</p>
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		<p>♠ 10</p> <p>♥ Q J 10 4</p> <p>♦ J 8 4 2</p> <p>♣ K 9 8 3</p>				

In the Closed Room C. Kristoffersen-Charlson had sacrificed in 4♠ doubled for minus 100. Brogeland played 4♥ as South after East had doubled 1♣. On the ♦7 lead to the queen and king and a diamond back, Brogeland led a heart to the queen. Now the ♠10, ducking the jack, makes life easy. Brogeland actually played a heart to the ace and a heart back. He won the ♦10 and saw that

East was likely to be 4-3-5-1. So he cashed the ♣K and finessed the ♣7! That was plus 620 and 11 IMPs.

The Norwegian lead, up briefly to 40 or so, shrank when Kristoffersen had to find an opening lead against a slam. After South had shown long clubs and a moderate opener, North used Blackwood and settled in 6♣.

Board 14. Dealer East. None vul.

<p>♠ A 3 2</p> <p>♥ Q 5 3 2</p> <p>♦ 8 4 3 2</p> <p>♣ Q 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	<p>♠ K 10 9</p> <p>♥ A K J 9</p> <p>♦ K J</p> <p>♣ J 9 6 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 4</p> <p>♥ 10 7 6 4</p> <p>♦ 10 9 7 6</p> <p>♣ 10</p>
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		<p>♠ J 6 5</p> <p>♥ 8</p> <p>♦ A Q 5</p> <p>♣ A K 8 7 5 4</p>				

The lead of the ♠A made things easy for declarer - a low spade and declarer might still be thinking.

(More on this match tomorrow.)

## Suit preference

Board 8 in the Denmark-Italy match was a textbook hand in suit preference signaling.

Board 8. Dealer West. None vul.

<p>♠ K 10 9</p> <p>♥ 10 9 8 3</p> <p>♦ K 10 2</p> <p>♣ A 7 5</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	<p>♠ A 8</p> <p>♥ K 7 2</p> <p>♦ Q 9 6 4</p> <p>♣ 10 9 8 2</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 4</p> <p>♥ A Q J 4</p> <p>♦ J 8 3</p> <p>♣ K Q 6</p>
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		<p>♠ Q J 6 3 2</p> <p>♥ 6 5</p> <p>♦ A 7 5</p> <p>♣ J 4 3</p>				

Morten Madsen of Denmark thought long and hard before giving the push, and rightfully so. The defense had seven tricks but decided against taking the penalty.

The ♠Q opening lead held the trick. Kaspar Konow deliberately set up the ♠10 by leading a suit-preference ♠J. Madsen won his ace force and duly led a diamond for his ruff. There was still the ♦Q coming for the setting trick.