



# 4<sup>TH</sup> WORLD YOUTH OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPATIJA CROATIA 20<sup>TH</sup> 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015

## DAILY BULLETIN

Editor: Phillip Alder • Co-Editors: Micke Melander, Ram Soffer, David Stern  
Lay-out Editor: Francesca Canali • Copying & Delivery: Marija Jović, Šime Jović



TUESDAY  
AUGUST 25, 2015  
ISSUE n. 5

### CONTENTS

CLICKABLE ON WEB

**The Girls Pairs winners**  
Phillip Alder, p. 2

**Health & Mind play together**  
WBF Medical Commission, p. 3

**Are you a bridge detective?**  
Micke Melander, p. 3

**Put yourself to the test!**  
p. 5

**Teams round 1**  
David Stern, p. 6

**Italy vs Chile**  
Ram Soffer, p. 10

**Meet I. Oikonomopoulos**  
David Stern, p. 13

**Junior Teams round 2**  
David Stern, p. 14

**Results & Teams rosters**  
p. 17



### VIDEO CORNER

CLICKABLE ON WEB



VIDEOS FROM THE PAIRS FINALS

YOUTUBE CHANNEL: WBOFFICIAL

## From twos to fours



Francisca Villegas and Macarena Palau from Chile playing North-South against Andrija Domitrovic and Matija Halavanja from Croatia

It is early days in the teams qualifying, after only three matches ... In the Girls Teams, SX XNWX has a tiny 0.88 victory point lead over Italia, with SX XHLD half a match adrift in third.

There is a similar story in the Junior Teams, except four teams are within half a match of each other. Zlatan leads by 3.13 victory points from Norway, with Finland and Italia just behind.

The Youngsters Teams is led by China, who are almost half a match ahead of Germany, with Italia another 5 victory points back.

In the Kids Teams, SX XNWX (that name again!) leads by 12.94 victory points from Chinese Taipei Blue, with SX XHEST third.

The picture will be clearer after today, when there are four matches in the Youngsters and Girls and five in the Juniors and Kids.



### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

	JUNIORS	YOUNGSTERS	GIRLS	KIDS
10.00 - 11.30	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4
11.50 - 13.20	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5
15.00 - 16.30	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6
16.50 - 18.20	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7
18.40 - 20.10	Round 8			Round 8





# THE GIRLS PAIRS WINNERS

by PHILLIP ALDER

When the last day started in the Girls Pairs, these were the standings:

1. Michela Salvato and Giulia Scriattoli from Italy 56.82%
2. Susanna Broccolino & Enrica Raffa from Italy 55.24%
3. Ruan Xinyao & Yuan Aijia from China 54.90%

Nine boards later, the Chinese pair had had almost a 70 percent game and had leapt into the lead:

1. Ruan-Yuan 56.21%
2. Salvato-Scriattoli 55.26%
3. Sofia Gerstmann and Diana Molina from Chile 55.15%

Then came a 12-board session, which was a disaster for Ruan-Yuan, who dropped to seventh. The new rankings were:

1. Salvato- Scriattoli 56.08%
2. Selena Pepic-Jovana Zoranovic from Serbia 56.01%
3. Gerstmann-Molina 55.62%

Pepic and Zoranovic? Where did they come from? They had started the day in seventh place, rose the fifth in the first session, then scored 64.17 percent to move into the frame.

The penultimate session was over nine boards. After it, these were the standings:

1. Pepic-Zoranovic 57.06%
2. Salvato-Scriattoli 55.87%
3. Broccolino-Raffa 55.35%

It would have been closer but for this deal.



JOVANA ZORANOVIC &amp; SELENA PEPIC

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Broccolino	Zoranovic	Raffa	Pepic
			2♦ (a)
			4♥
Dble	Redble (b)	Pass	
Pass	Pass	Pass	
(a) Weak, at least 4-4 in the majors			
(b) A good hand, game-invitational			

West led the eight of clubs.

Declarer won with dummy's jack (the king would have been preferable, keeping a hand entry with the queen) and cashed her top trumps, being very happy to see the jack and queen drop.

Now Pepic led her diamond jack, but West went up with the ace and played a second club. Declarer drew the missing trump, discarded a spade on the diamond king, and eventually lost two spades and one diamond.

Plus 420 was worth 15 out of 20 matchpoints.

The Serbians cemented first place over the next three boards, scoring 58 out of 60 matchpoints against one of the Chinese pairs.

Once the final 12 boards had been completed, these were the final rankings:

1. Selena Pepic-Jovana Zoranovic 57.08%
2. Michela Salvato and Giulia Scriattoli 56.46%
3. Susanna Broccolino and Enrica Raffa 55.24%

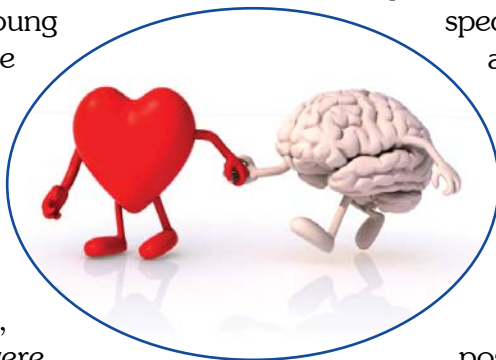
We believe that this is the first time a player from Serbia has won a world championship medal. To start with gold couldn't be better!



# HEALTH AND MIND PLAY TOGETHER

## WBF MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the workshop that took place in the Auditorium yesterday morning, Giovanni Capelli and Bruno Federico, from the WBF Medical Commission, explained to the audience the purposes and methods of the health interview Survey and summarized some of the main results achieved so far for elite and young players. The Survey will continue for athletes playing here in Opatija: it includes a self-administered questionnaire and a brief interview for the players of the Junior, Girls and Youngsters categories. Moreover, during the workshop, Team Captains and Coaches were made aware of the relevance for their players to comply fully with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. In particular, it is essential that during International Competitions, the athletes are able to recall correctly and report each drug and dietary supplement taken before



and during the tournament.

The data collection of the Survey here in Opatija started yesterday in the afternoon in the Auditorium lobby, and it will continue today according to the schedule that is displayed on the board in front of the reception (for athletes not playing during the specific rounds). Players who miss their appointment and players of bye teams can be interviewed at any time. The data collection will close on Wednesday morning.

Finally, as part of the educational effort of the WBF Medical Commission, several posters are displayed on the glass walls in front of the reception. They explain the Survey aims and methods, as well as some results from the data collected last year in Istanbul. You will also find three posters presenting educational material developed by the WADA on antidoping matters. Have a look at them!



## ARE YOU A BRIDGE DETECTIVE?

by MICKE MELANDER

Board 12. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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



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



Sitting South, the bidding goes as follows:

West	North	East	South
Alter	Wang	Hermann	Zhou
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT (a)	3♠	4♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
(a) Minors			

Against your four-spade contract, West leads the two of clubs. East wins with the ace and immediately shifts to the five of diamonds. How would you continue?

[Answer on page 4](#)  
[OR CLICK HERE \(WEB VERSION\)](#)





# ARE YOU A BRIDGE DETECTIVE?

by MICKE MELANDER

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

	♠ K Q 9 6 2		
	♥ Q 7 4		
	♦ 8 2		
	♣ 10 7 3		
♠ J 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">                 N W    E S             </div>	♠ 8	
♥ –		♥ K J 9 5 3	
♦ Q 10 9 7 4 3		♦ A 6 5	
♣ Q 9 8 5 2		♣ A J 6 4	
	♠ A 10 7 5 3		
	♥ A 10 8 6 2		
	♦ K J		
	♣ K		

West	North	East	South
<i>Alter</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Hermann</i>	<i>Zhou</i>
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♠
2NT (a)	3♠	4♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠
(a) Minors			

Zhou put in the jack of diamonds, but it lost to West's queen. Back came a diamond to East's ace, and now it was impossible for declarer to make his contract, because he had to lose a heart trick as well.

One might ask the Bridge Detective: Why would you not finesse?

There was some compelling evidence.

**A.** If West had the ace of diamonds, both minors and, as seemed likely, one of the club honours, he probably would have made a take-out double instead of passing on the first round.

**B.** What cards did East have? She had opened one heart and bid four clubs later on when she had only king-jack to five in hearts? Would East really bid four clubs on something like

♠ x ♥ K J x x x ♦ Q x x ♣ A J x x?

Yes, I do know it's junior bridge, but still, there are limits even in favourable vulnerability.

No – all the clues suggest that East, by underleading her ace of diamonds, was doing her best to defeat you by forcing you to make the right guess early. Therefore, you should jump up with the king and avoid the losing finesse.

Minus 100 for North-South gave them a surprising 44.44% in the youngsters when four clubs proved to be a popular final destination, just making when declarer didn't drop the singleton king of clubs.



SOPHIE HERMANN, AUSTRIA





# PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST!

## A POTPOURRI OF PROBLEMS



### LEAD

*If you are far from the enemy, make him believe you are near. (Sun Tzu, Art of War)*

1. Both sides vulnerable. You hold:

♠ J 9 6 5 2   ♥ A K 5   ♦ 6 4 3   ♣ K 6

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
You			

Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT (a)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♥
(a) 15-17			

Which card would you choose?

### PLAY

*Invincibility lies in the defence; the possibility of victory in the attack. (Sun Tzu)*

2.

♠ 10 8 2  
♥ 2  
♦ A K J 10 8 6 4  
♣ K J

Lead: ♠Q



♠ A K 2  
♥ A K 7 6 4  
♦ 9  
♣ Q 7 6 2

Sitting South, you are declarer in three notrumps. What is your play?



### LEAD

*Balk the enemy's power; force him to reveal himself. (Sun Tzu, Art of War)*

3. Both sides vulnerable. You hold:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
You			

Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT (a)
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♥
(a) 15-17			

Which card would you choose?

### FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED

Can you spot what happened?



4. During a team match, the Closed Room played in four spades doubled just made, vulnerable. The same contract was bid in the Open Room, but this time the declarer played undoubled. Unbelievably, the board was a tie. How was that possible?

### TRIVIA QUESTION

*How much do you know about bridge?*

5. What do the following have in common?

Deng Xiaoping, Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Telly Savalas.

Answers on page 16  
OR CLICK HERE (WEB VERSION)



# TEAMS ROUND 1

by DAVID STERN

At 15:00 today, Monday, the 2015 World Open Youth Teams commenced in the ballroom of the adjoining hotel, which is affiliated with the venue hotel where the pair events were played.

Four matches will be broadcast during each round, and in general terms the Bulletin Staff will be covering three of these matches.

Pull up a chair and join me for the first-round Juniors (U26) match between Croatia and Serbia.

The teams were:

Croatia: Ivan Brajkovic, Andrea Stankovic, Josko Djilovic, Ante Mijic, Stella Bobrijevic and Borna Cicvaric.

Serbia: Selena Pepic, Jovana Zoranovic, Ognjen Kikic, Vuc Trnavac, Stojan Vazik and Stefan Velja.

You can see a theme here, with 10 out of 11 names ending in a “c” and one in a “k”.

Board one saw a questionable search for game at both tables. South held

♠ K 8 7 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ J 9 5 3 ♣ 9 6 2

and heard partner open one 15-17 notrump. A very friendly defence in the open room allowed two notrumps to make, while the closed room contract drifted two down. Croatia opened the scoring with 5 imps.

Board two saw both tables get to game on questionable values:

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

	♠ A Q 3											
	♥ 10 9 8 3											
	♦ A Q J 8 2											
	♣ 5											
♠ K J 7 6 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <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> </div>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 4	
	N											
W		E										
	S											
♥ A Q 6 5 2		♥ K 7										
♦ 7		♦ K 5 4										
♣ K 7		♣ A 9 8 6 4 2										
	♠ 10 9 5											
	♥ J 4											
	♦ 10 9 6 3											
	♣ Q J 10 3											

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trnavac</i> (SER)	<i>Stankovic</i> (CRO)	<i>Kikic</i> (SER)	<i>Brajkovic</i> (CRO)
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mijic</i> (CRO)	<i>Pepic</i> (SER)	<i>Djilovic</i> (CRO)	<i>Zoranovic</i> (SER)
		Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Open Room, Trnavac, having opened the bidding, shown his 5-5, and “forced” support from partner, should have settled quietly in three spades. He would have gone one down instead of his actual two down. The Closed Room also pushed hard on this misfit to arrive in three notrumps with no play whatsoever. Djilovic was two down as well for a flat board.



VUC TRNAVAC, SERBIA



I think that there is a lesson here about marching to the beat of one's own drum. Bridge is a co-operative game with many red flags and signals. Winning is about recognising them.

Board 3 saw more of the same.

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Trnavac	Stankovic	Kikic	Brajkovic
			Pass
1NT	2♦	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Dble	6♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mijic	Pepic	Djilovic	Zoranovic
			Pass
1♦	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Closed Room, North led a low spade. Declarer won cheaply and played a heart to his queen. That lost, but a moment later he finessed the nine of hearts and ended with 12 tricks after South pitched too many clubs.

I have done a number of simulations involving opening one notrump with a singleton honour, and it is generally a long-term winner provided partner is tuned into the possibility, something that was clearly not the case in the Open Room. Perhaps four clubs was Roman Key Card Blackwood for clubs; otherwise, the four-spade bid doesn't make a lot of sense. In any case, minus 500 gave 15 moreimps to Croatia.

Board four proved flat when both tables went down in two notrumps. The next deal looked exciting with West holding a 6-6.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Trnavac	Stankovic	Kikic	Brajkovic
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mijic	Pepic	Djilovic	Zoranovic
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass!!	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	5♠	All Pass

There are some serious lessons to be learned here:

- Don't pass over two hearts with a 6-6, as Mijic did in the Closed Room.
- Doubling four hearts, as Trnavac did in the Closed Room, left open the poor possibility that partner would pass and you would have to defend right there.

Five spades in the Closed Room went two down for 300 to North-South, while four hearts doubled made ten tricks when declarer, not unexpectedly, dropped the singleton king of diamonds offside. That was 10 moreimps to Croatia, who led 30-0 after just five boards.

(Editor's note: Surely the answer with the West hand, assuming you do not have an immediate bid to show a black two-suiter, is to overcall two clubs, being prepared to bid whatever number





of spades on the next round. In this way, you do not suffer the fate that befell Mijic.)

Board 6 showed a variation in hand evaluation.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Trnavac</i>	<i>Stankovic</i>	<i>Kikic</i>	<i>Brajkovic</i>
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♥
		Pass	

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mijic</i>	<i>Pepic</i>	<i>Djilovic</i>	<i>Zoranovic</i>
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♥
Pass	4♥	3♠	Pass
		Dble	All Pass

Serbia managed to get onto the scoresheet when rather luckily both the ace of spades and king of clubs were onside. Given the bidding, it would not have been a big surprise to find at least one of them offside. Minus 170 in the Open Room and plus 590 in the Closed Room gave Serbia 9 much needed imps.

The next two boards saw some abatement in the action, but it should be noted that Brajkovic correctly, as it turned out, played a one-notrump opener for ♣ Q-x-x holding a nine-card fit and gained an imp for his inference.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Trnavac</i>	<i>Stankovic</i>	<i>Kikic</i>	<i>Brajkovic</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

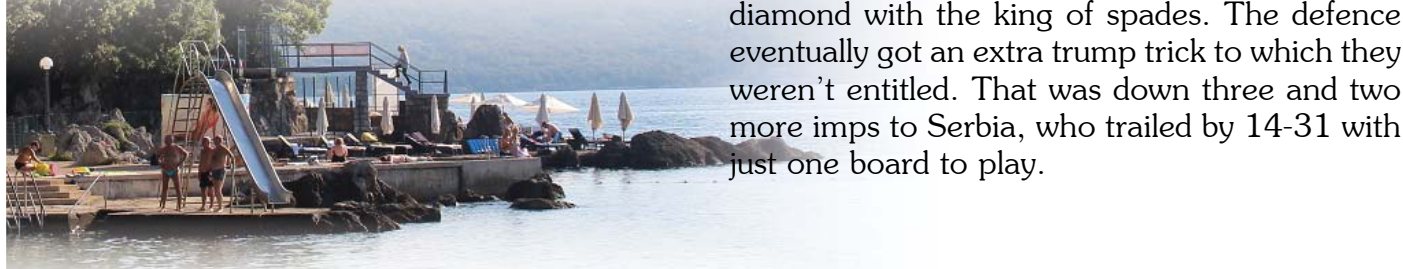
Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mijic</i>	<i>Pepic</i>	<i>Djilovic</i>	<i>Zoranovic</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT !!	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It isn't clear why North in the Open Room opted to rebid one notrump rather than support spades, but the winners of the Girls Pairs arrived in a reasonable contract.

East started with a low club. This was ducked to the queen, and West switched to a heart. East won with his king and persisted with clubs. The defence scored three clubs, two hearts and one diamond for down two.

In the Closed Room, West underled the ace of hearts to partner's king. East, holding a natural trump trick, didn't see any urgency to gain a heart ruff, so switched to a club. Declarer won with his ace, immediately ruffed a club, crossed to the king of diamonds, ruffed another club, cashed the ace of diamonds, and ruffed a diamond with the king of spades. The defence eventually got an extra trump trick to which they weren't entitled. That was down three and two more imps to Serbia, who trailed by 14-31 with just one board to play.







Board 10. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



 IVAN BRAJKOVIC, CROATIA

On this deal, Serbia stole the contract in both rooms, playing in three clubs at one table and in one spade at the other. Both contracts made to give Serbia 5 imps.

At the end of the battle Croatia prevailed by 31 imps to 19 imps – I guess we should all be happy that the hosts started with a victory.

**OFFER TO ALL THE BRIDGE JUNIORS IN THE WORLD!**

Come to Sweden and participate in the Swedish Bridge Festival 2016 (see the ad below). We will offer all International Junior Teams a free entry for the Chairman’s Cup. We have also negotiated prices so it will be possible for you to book accommodation for only €45/room/night. You may have one, two or three persons in a room and the rate includes breakfast.

If you have questions, want to book, or anything; contact Micke Melander. [mme@svenskbri.de](mailto:mme@svenskbri.de).



**22<sup>nd</sup> SWEDISH BRIDGEFESTIVAL ÖREBRO, July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**

*Come, Enjoy and have Fun participating in:*

- The Chairman’s Cup • 6 National Championships
- 30 Bronze Tournaments • 8 Silver Tournaments
- The Gold Mine • 5 Seminars for Beginners • Vugraph
- Daily Bulletin • Master Points and Cash Prizes in all Tournaments

*8359 pairs in 2015. Take part in one of the Worlds largest and best Bridgefestivals!*

All information to be found at [www.svenskbri.de/festival-2016](http://www.svenskbri.de/festival-2016)






## ITALY VS CHILE

by RAM SOFFER

## Girls Teams RR 1st round

Having won silver and bronze in the Girls Pairs, Italy was the clear favourite in this match, but the first board didn't go well.

Board 1. Dealer North. Vul None

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Lutio</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Broccolino</i>	<i>Nacrur</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Gerstmann</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Molina</i>	<i>Sciattoli</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Being non-vulnerable, I would have been tempted to pass South's featureless eight-count, even at teams, but both Souths decided it was worth an invitation. The Italian North was the only one who accepted it.

Actually even two notrumps was too high. After a heart lead, South would have eventually won with his ace and given up a diamond. Then East-West should have arranged to win the last heart trick in the West hand, so that a club could have been led through declarer's king. That would have made it six easy tricks for the defence.


The Chilean East-West pair did just this in the Open Room to beat three notrumps by two tricks. But in the Closed Room it was East who won the fourth heart trick. A spade continuation

would have been fine, but Broccolino continued clubs, allowing two notrumps to make.

So Chile took the first 6 imps. However, the rest of the match was all Italy.

When the most spectacular deal of the set arrived, Italy was already in the lead by 12 imps to 6.

Board 5. Dealer North. Vul N/S

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gerstmann</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Molina</i>	<i>Sciattoli</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
3♣	4♥	All Pass	2♥

West was dealt 12 black cards. Personally, with such a hand and favourable vulnerability, I would prefer to be minus 1100 than to let my opponents play in four hearts, but Gerstmann judged otherwise and led the ace of clubs. At this point, there was only one winning defence: a low spade to East's ace, the jack of spades to West's king, and a third spade, with East overruffing the dummy. But West misread the club suit and at trick two played a low club. Sciattoli discarded a spade from hand, drew trumps in three rounds, and exited with a spade. Eventually she guessed diamonds correctly, dropping West's stiff king for the tenth trick.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Lutio</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Broccolino</i>	<i>Nacrur</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♦
4♣	Pass	1NT	2♥
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

De Lutio did bid 4♠ after an encouraging one-



notrump call from her partner. Roman found the only lead to set the contract, the three of diamonds. Nacrur won with the ace and returned the two of diamonds. Declarer had to ruff with the ten of spades to ensure one down, but she ruffed low. Then, after a second mistake, the contract was defeated by three tricks, undoubled. It didn't matter so much, since Italy was booked for a big gain anyway, namely 10 IMPs.

In the next board, De Lutio again went down three in four spades, but winning 3 IMPs because her Chilean counterpart went down four in three spades. Neither result was disastrous, since North-South could make four hearts.

In the following deal, Broccolino drew the right inference from the bidding and made a contract that failed by two tricks in the other room.

reasoning that her partner could bid four spades on her own with a better hand.

South led the ace of diamonds, after which a discard on the jack of diamonds became inevitable. Had she led something else, North would have led the king of diamonds after winning with his ace of spades, and dummy's jack of diamonds would have been ruffed away, leaving declarer with five losers even after a good guess in trumps.

Broccolino took the second trick with dummy's ace of hearts and led a spade, inserting the seven when North played low. From this point, it was always going to be nine tricks.

That was 8 imps more to Italy, extending its lead to 33-6. However, there was more to come.

Board 7 Dealer South Vul All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gerstmann</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Molina</i>	<i>Sciattoli</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led the jack of clubs. With no opponents' bidding to guide her, Gerstmann played for trumps to be 2-2, eventually losing two spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Lutio</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Broccolino</i>	<i>Nacrur</i>
Dble	3♦	Pass	2♦
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass

The contract was the same despite North-South's disruptive bidding. De Lutio judged well not to raise to game with her flat 18-count,

Board 9 Dealer North Vul E-W

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Lutio</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Broccolino</i>	<i>Nacrur</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

A longer bidding sequence does not always mean a better one. The upshot was that North-South reached three notrumps with inadequate values.

Broccolino led the seven of clubs. De Lutio won with her queen and switched to a low heart. East took her king and played another club through. Then declarer could not avoid losing two hearts and three clubs.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gerstmann</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Molina</i>	<i>Sciattoli</i>
Dble	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Gerstmann may have forgotten to look at the





vulnerability when she doubled. Despite having the right distribution, her values were insufficient. Scriattoli quietly passed over two clubs, waiting for her partner's reopening double.

South led a low spade, and the contract was always going to be at least one down. After three rounds of spades by the defence, Molina played three rounds of hearts, ruffing the last in her hand. Then the defence won two rounds of diamonds, ending in the North hand. Salvato led the queen of hearts at trick nine, and declarer erred by ruffing low. Scriattoli overruffed and played the thirteenth spade. Dummy had to ruff high and give up two of the last three tricks.


This deal, well-played at both tables, extended Italy's lead by 11 IMPs.

On the final board, the Chilean competitive bidding left something to be desired at both tables.



 VALENTINA ROMAN, CHILE

Board 10 Dealer East Vul All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Lutio</i>	<i>Roman</i>	<i>Broccolino</i>	<i>Nacrur</i>
1♥	2♦	1♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	3♦

This time the North hand was a worthy takeout double, vulnerable, after both opponents had bid, but Roman elected to overcall two diamonds. As a result, the Chilean pair had to play at the three-level with five sure losers, even allowing for the lucky trump distribution. When declarer mistakenly led the jack of diamonds from dummy, she was booked for a two-trick set. Plus 200 to Italy.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gerstmann</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Molina</i>	<i>Scriattoli</i>
1♥	Dble	1♣	Pass
2♣	2♠	Redble	1♠
		All Pass	

The Italian North did double, and they reached the proper contract of two spades, but where was West? With 9 HCP and five clubs, it was pretty standard to compete to three clubs once the opponents had shown an eight-card major-suit fit. Three clubs was making due to the fall of the queen of hearts on the second round. Bidding it might have cut the loss to 3 IMPs, but the Italians were allowed to play in and make two spades, finishing the set with a 7-IMP gain and a total score of 53-6.



 SUSANNA BROCCOLINO, ITALY



# MEET IOANNIS OIKONOMOPOULOS

by DAVID STERN

Continuing our series about the players, we move from Chile to the other side of the world to meet 21-year-old Ioannis Oikonomopoulos from Greece – wow that is six ‘o’s in a 14-letter name.

Born and living in Thessaloniki, Ioannis is studying Environmental Engineering Technology and Antipollution at university. (Ed: Compliments to him on such a worthy pursuit.)

Ladies, he is – single!

Like most of you here, he is passionate about bridge, saying that he would like extra days in the year to allow him to play more bridge.

He has been fortunate that the game has taken him to Europe and Turkey, and he hopes to expand that list going forward. Although he has had offers of other partnerships, his main partner is still his father. He has been very lucky in terms of partners in as much as he has played with very experienced players, all of whom have helped to raise his game. The exception, however, has been his playing with his junior partner and close friend Kostas Vovos, who is in the navy and unable to be here.

On the subject of partners, he would have loved to play a session with the great Giorgio Belladonna, who he has heard was really good with the young players and always taught them something. Now, however, he would love to play with one of the greats like Lorenzo Lauria or Alfredo Versace.

When asked about his first major bridge success, he said, “The meaning of success is different from person to person, but my first major victory was this year, when I won the Masters Greek Championship.”

Ioannis is comfortable with complex systems, but preferably with less-complex bases, and only when there

is a comfort level with the system. Both partners must know exactly what every bid means. Having said that, he studies the bidding of Fantoni-Nunes and Bocchi-Madala, who use natural bases but with complicated later auctions.

Outside of system, he says that if you are about to overbid, it is very important to take a ten-second pause and rethink it.

To improve his game he does what I think works best – he reads many bridge magazines and books. His favourite authors include Kelsey and Martens. In particular, he said that he is fascinated by the really difficult but helpful ideas, especially on defence, from Martens.

When he started playing, he thought that declarer play was the hardest aspect of the game and worked on it for two years, after which he was able to understand a bit more about the game. Then he thought that bidding was the toughest part, so he worked really hard on that, and after two more years, he realised that defence and leads are the hardest part – so he has worked on those too.

Now he thinks that the most difficult part is to find a partner who shares the same mental approach to the game. He says that you always have to be on the same wavelength with your partner on defence and bidding. “But who knows ... maybe I’ll change my mind after two years and come up with a new answer.”

Outside of bridge, his hobbies include watching sports, listening to music, and going to the gym. Secretly, though, all of these take a back seat to his love of bridge.

On the future of bridge, he said that the last few decades have seen major advancements in bidding, and he expects that this will continue. New machines will emerge, perhaps to reduce the



reliance on physical boards. He also sees much more development in bridge professionalism.

To grow the game, his solution is simple – “put bridge in schools”!!

“Children will learn to play with their friends, and then their parents will become curious and start to play. We bridge players all know that once you play the game, you can’t stop loving it.”

He goes on to say that “in my country, bridge is not a popular sport, but strangely enough, the number of new players is increasing. When I started in 2005, there were 6,500 registered players, and now in 2015, there are 13,000 players. So if we keep going like this, I think it’s going to be something really good.”

Regarding youth bridge, he went on to say, “When youth players come to a bridge class, they see maybe 10-15 people who are more than 50 years old, so after two or three lessons they leave because they don’t feel comfortable there. I think that learning with friends is key, thereby creating special classes for the youth with people of their own age.”

Finally, “I love this game! By going all over the world, I’m making so many good and new friends. Play Bridge!”





# JUNIOR TEAMS ROUND 2

by DAVID STERN

In the second qualifying match, Italia faced Zlatan. These were the teams:

## Italia:

Margherita Chavarria, Giacomo Percario, Gianluca Bergami, Alessandro Calmanovici, Giovanni Donati and Alessandro Gandoglia

## Zlatan:

Giuseppe Delle Cave, Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa, Simon Ekenberg, Simon Hult, Daniel Gullberg and Johan Karlsson

The match started very quietly. Italia gained an overtrick imp in four hearts on Board 11, Board 12 was flat, and Italia received another overtrick imp in one notrump on Board 13.

What is your style on this hand

♠ A 9 7 2 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ A K 10 7 ♣ 9 3? What would you rebid after you open one diamond and partner responds one heart? Your choices are one spade (if your agreement is that you bid four-card suits up the line), one notrump and two hearts.



SIMON EKENBERG, SWEDEN

I am not a fan of bidding one notrump with a low doubleton and three-card support for partner. Agreed, it is a matter of style, but it is certainly something to discuss with your partner.

Board 14 saw only another overtrick imp, this time to Zlatan in four spades. Then, at last, came an interesting deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.

	♠ 7		
	♥ J 6 5		
	♦ K Q 10 9 5 3 2		
	♣ 7 5		
♠ A Q J 10	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">                 N W E S             </div>	♠ K 8 3	
♥ 10 8 2		♥ A K 3	
♦ A 7		♦ J 8	
♣ A Q 10 8		♣ K 6 4 3 2	
	♠ 9 6 5 4 2		
	♥ Q 9 7 4		
	♦ 6 4		
	♣ J 9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Gandoglia	Hult	Donati
1♣	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chavarria	Delle Cave	Percario	Da Rosa
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I question why West elected to bid four diamonds over his partner's takeout double, thus bypassing what could have been the best spot of three notrumps. However, who am I to question a pair who bid sensibly and reached a great slam to pick up 10 imps? Zlatan took the lead by 11-2.

In the Closed Room, it was somewhat surprising that North didn't take action over one notrump. Perhaps he was influenced by the vulnerability, or had no easy way to show his suit, or both.





GIACOMO PERCARIO, ITALY

The next deal saw Zlatan in the Open Room compete to three hearts and Italia in the Closed Room bid freely to four hearts, both failing by one trick.

The yawns returned when both tables bid and made four hearts on Board 17.

This match had turned over just 13 imps, so I decided to look at the other three Vu-Graph matches to see what the turnover there had been. The answers were 29, 38 and 3 – so I could have been watching a lower-scoring match.

There were three boards to play. In the first two, Zlatan gained three overtrick imps. The final deal looked promising, though.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Gandoglia	Hult	Donati
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chavarría	Delle Cave	Percario	Da Rosa
1♦	1♥	2♣	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Realistically, one can hardly blame East for investigating slam when holding a 5=6 and a partner who has reversed into his second suit. Had the spades broken differently, there would have been no discussion of the deal, but playing at the five-level is always fraught with danger, and declarer lost the obvious three tricks for down one. Despite the opponents competing in the Closed Room, East again investigated slam and finished overboard.

So after a docile set of boards with a reasonable quality of bridge, Zlatan emerged winners by 13-3.



SIMON HULT, SWEDEN



# SOLUTIONS

## TO THE TEST ON PAGE 5

1. You hold:


♠ J 9 6 5 2   ♥ A K 5   ♦ 6 4 3   ♣ K 6

West	North	East	South
You			
	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What would you lead?

Typically, you would choose the five of spades, but in this case, when South is presumably planning on running dummy's diamond suit, you should start with a high heart.

This might be the full deal:


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

Yes, East might have acted, but that is not the point!

2.

Dlr: West	North
Vul: Both	♠ 10 8 2
	♥ 2
	♦ A K J 10 8 6 4
	♣ K J

3NT by South  
Lead: ♠Q

	
♠	A K 2
♥	A K 7 6 4
♦	9
♣	Q 7 6 2

You only have six top tricks, so you really need to develop your diamonds. But if you play the

nine of diamonds to the ten and East holds the queen, he will win the trick and now a spade return would be fatal: West may have the ace of clubs and be able to cash his good spades. On the other hand, ducking the lead or leading clubs first would lose your club entry to dummy.

So you need to cash the ace and king of diamonds. Then you play the jack of diamonds. If East wins with the queen of diamonds, you discard the king of spades! You will be able to play clubs in order to remove the ace of clubs (to reach the diamonds), because dummy's ten of spades stops that suit.

4. During a team match, the Closed Room played in four spades doubled just made, vulnerable. The same contract was bid in the Open Room, but this time the declarer played undoubled. Unbelievably, the board was a tie. How was that possible?

Four spades doubled and made, vulnerable, is 790. In the other room, four spades was played the other way, going down 8, minus 800. The difference is 10, which is not worth an imp in a team match.

5. What do the following have in common?  
Deng Xiaoping, Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Telly Savalas.  
They all played bridge.





# JUNIOR KO TEAMS

## ROUND 1

1	GRESWE AXON	COOKIE POTTER	26	29	8.86	11.14
2	CROATIA	SRBIJA	31	19	14.00	6.00
3	FRANCE	JAPAN	11	43	1.85	18.15
4	ZLATAN	AUSTRALIA	34	10	16.78	3.22
5	NONAME	NETHERLANDS RED	19	21	9.23	10.77
6	ITALIA	SUDAMERICA	65	10	20.00	0.00
7	---	NORWAY	0	0	0.00	12.00
8	FINLAND	NETHERLANDS BLUE	18	16	10.77	9.23
9	ZHIHAOLE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## ROUND 2

1	ITALIA	ZLATAN	3	13	6.57	13.43
2	JAPAN	CROATIA	1	16	5.20	14.80
3	NORWAY	ZHIHAOLE	28	11	15.29	4.71
4	COOKIE POTTER	NETHERLANDS RED	15	44	2.32	17.68
5	FINLAND	NONAME	8	2	12.18	7.82
6	NETHERLANDS BLUE	GRESWE AXON	12	30	4.48	15.52
7	SRBIJA	FRANCE	23	29	5.82	12.18
8	AUSTRALIA	SUDAMERICA	22	15	12.51	7.49

## ROUND 3

1	ZLATAN	CROATIA	35	14	16.18	3.82
2	NETHERLANDS RED	NORWAY	0	20	4.03	15.97
3	ITALIA	GRESWE AXON	26	27	9.61	8.39
4	JAPAN	FINLAND	8	19	6.28	13.72
5	NONAME	ZHIHAOLE	17	24	7.49	12.51
6	AUSTRALIA	FRANCE	36	5	18.00	2.00
7	NETHERLANDS BLUE	COOKIE POTTER	19	32	5.72	14.28
8	SRBIJA	SUDAMERICA	24	38	5.46	14.54

## RANKING AFTER QUALIFICATION ROUND 3/8

<b>1</b>	<b>ZLATAN</b>	<b>46.39</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>43.26</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>FINLAND</b>	<b>36.67</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>ITALIA</b>	<b>36.18</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>33.73</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>GRESWE AXON</b>	<b>32.77</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>32.62</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>NETHERLANDS RED</b>	<b>32.48</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>JAPAN</b>	<b>29.63</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>ZHIHAOLE</b>	<b>29.22</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>COOKIE POTTER</b>	<b>27.74</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>NONAME</b>	<b>24.54</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>SUDAMERICA</b>	<b>22.03</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>NETHERLANDS BLUE</b>	<b>19.43</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>SRBIJA</b>	<b>17.28</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>16.03</b>

# TEAM ROSTERS

## AUSTRALIA

JAMIE THOMPSON  
STEPHEN WILLIAMS  
MAXIM HENBEST  
SHANE HARRISON  
RENEE COOPER  
ELLA PATTISON  
JUSTIN WILLIAMS CAPTAIN

## COOKIE POTTER

OREN KRIEGLER  
ANAM TEBHA  
CHRISTIAN JOLLY  
ALEX HUDSON  
GANNON SEAN  
ARBIT JULIE  
ROGER LEE CAPTAIN

## CROATIA

BORNA CICVARIC  
ANTE MIJIC  
IVAN BRAJKOVIC  
JOSKO DJILOVIC  
STELLA DOBRJEVIC  
ANDREA STANKOVIC

## FINLAND

ANTTI AIMALA  
VESA FAGERLUND  
OSKARI KOIVU  
MARIA MYLLAERI

## FRANCE

XAVIER LORET  
VINCENT LANGLET  
NICOLAS GAYDIER  
GREGOIRE LAFONT  
HUGO CASTEL  
THOMAS SANCHEZ

## GRESWE AXON

ADAM KAPLAN  
IOANNIS OIKONOMOPOULOS  
OLA RIMSTEDT  
MIKAEL RIMSTEDT  
IOANNIS OIKONOMOPOULOS  
CAPTAIN  
GIORGOS OIKONOMOPOULOS  
COACH

## ITALIA

GIOVANNI DONATI  
ALESSANDRO GANDOLIA  
MARGHERITA CHAVARRIA  
GIACOMO PERCARIO  
GIANLUCA BERGAMI  
ALESSANDRO CALMANOVICI  
VALERIO GIUBILO CAPTAIN  
VALERIO GIUBILO COACH

## JAPAN

YUKI HARADA  
TOMOAKI NAKANISHI  
HITOSHI TANABE  
HIROKANA YUGE  
TAKANORI KATAYAMA  
KOKI KOBAYASHI  
HIROAKI MIURA CAPTAIN

## NETHERLANDS BLUE

FAAN LANGELAAN  
EDDO VAN DEN BOOM  
JOOST COENEN  
ADRIAN LUCASSEN  
ANNEKE SIMONS CAPTAIN  
KEES TAMMENS COACH

## NETHERLANDS RED

TOBIAS POLAK  
TOM VAN OVERBEEKE  
MICHEL SCHOLS  
TIM VAN DEN BOS  
ANNEKE SIMONS CAPTAIN  
KEES TAMMENS COACH

## NONAME

BERK GOKCE  
ATAMAN AYDOGDU  
MERT SEKER  
MUSTAFA ANIL BOZYIGIT  
EREN IMDAT  
CAGATAY BIRBEN

## NORWAY

CHRISTIAN BAKKE  
HARALD EIDE  
TOR EIVIND GRUDE  
KRISTOFFER HEGGE

## SRBIJA

SELENA PEPIC  
JOVANA ZORANOVIC  
STOJAN VAZIC  
STEFAN VELJA  
OGNEN KIKIC  
VUK TRNAVAC  
VUK TRNAVAC CAPTAIN  
VUK TRNAVAC COACH

## SUDAMERICA

PHILIPPE CAZABON  
JOAQUIN PALMA  
GONZALO GURIDI  
DIEGO RAMIREZ  
GUILLERMO MINUTTI  
SEBASTIAN OCHOA  
HANOI RONDON CAPTAIN  
ALEXANDRA COVA COACH

## ZHIHAOLE

BITENG CHEN  
YONGKANG HUANG  
YUQIAO ZHAO  
TIAN CHEN  
HONG LIU CAPTAIN  
HAIBO ZHAO COACH

## ZLATAN

RODRIGO GARCIA DA ROSA  
GIUSEPPE DELLE CAVE  
SIMON HULT  
JOHAN KARLSSON  
DANIEL GULLBERG  
SIMON EKENBERG  
MARSHALL LEWIS CAPTAIN  
R. GARCIA DA ROSA COACH





# YOUNGSTERS KO TEAMS

**ROUND 1**

11 AZS UW VYCESKA	CHINA RDFZ2	16	3	14.28	5.72
12 CROATIA	ITALIA	12	34	3.61	16.39
13 GERMANY	SX XMXW	39	1	18.97	1.03
14 CHINA RDFZ1	CHINA	6	34	2.49	17.51

**ROUND 2**

11 ITALIA	AZS UW VYCESKA	38	16	16.39	3.61
12 CHINA RDFZ2	CROATIA	25	14	13.72	6.28
13 SX XMXW	CHINA RDFZ1	27	17	13.43	6.57
14 CHINA	GERMANY	32	11	16.18	3.82

**ROUND 3**

11 AZS UW VYCESKA	SX XMXW	19	16	11.14	8.86
12 CROATIA	CHINA	7	27	4.03	15.97
13 GERMANY	ITALIA	42	13	17.68	2.32
14 CHINA RDFZ1	CHINA RDFZ2	28	12	15.05	4.95

**RANKING AFTER QUALIFICATION ROUND 3/7**

<b>1</b>	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>49.66</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>40.47</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>ITALIA</b>	<b>35.10</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>AZS UW VYCESKA</b>	<b>29.03</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>CHINA RDFZ2</b>	<b>24.39</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>CHINA RDFZ1</b>	<b>24.11</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>SX XMXW</b>	<b>23.32</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>13.92</b>

## TEAM ROSTERS

**AZS UW VYCESKA**  
STANISLAW MACZKA  
LUKASZ TRENDAK  
KRYSTIAN BACZEK  
PIOTR JASINSKI

**CHINA**  
HONGJI WEI  
SHIYU SUN  
ZHENGYANG FANG  
YICHEN YIN  
ZIHAN WANG  
DONGKE FANG  
JICHAO HU CAPTAIN  
TONG JIANG COACH

**CHINA RDFZ1**  
ZHENLIN ZHOU  
SHAOHONG WANG  
QIAN SUN  
XIAO WANG  
JICHAO HU CAPTAIN  
TONG JIANG COACH

**CHINA RDFZ2**  
QUAN LIU  
HAOXIAO CAI  
GUANGFU LIU  
JIAYI WANG  
JICHAO HU CAPTAIN  
TONG JIANG COACH

**CROATIA**  
MATEA GRGURIC  
KRISTIJAN STEFANEC  
ANDRIJA DOMITROVIC  
MATKO FERENCA  
MATIJA HALAVANJA  
MATEO TOMASEVIC  
GORAN LAMZA CAPTAIN  
VJEKOSLAV ZEPIC COACH

**GERMANY**  
STIG JESSE  
LEONARD VORNKAHL  
PHILIPP PABST  
SIBRAND VAN OOSTEN  
HARTMUT KONDOCH CAPTAIN  
FLORIAN ALTER COACH

**ITALIA**  
ANDREA MANGANELLA  
FRANCESCO CHIARANDINI  
ALVARO GAIOTTI  
GABRIELE GIUBILO  
GIANMARCO GIUBILO  
SEBASTIANO SCATA  
DARIO ATTANASIO CAPTAIN  
DARIO ATTANASIO COACH

**SX XMXW**  
ZHAOCHEN YU  
YIZHOU LIU  
HAOCHEN LIU  
YINGZHE LI  
CHENG DENG  
YIYANG HU  
XIAOCHEN KONG CAPTAIN  
XUN LU COACH

# GIRLS KO TEAMS

**ROUND 1**

21 SX XHLD	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
22 SX XNWX	SX SWXH	42	9	18.30	1.70
23 SX XNMF	CHINA RDFZ GIRLS	17	32	5.20	14.80
24 ITALIA	CHILE	53	6	19.96	0.04

**ROUND 2**

21 SX SWXH	SX XHLD	24	20	11.50	8.50
22 CHILE	SX XNMF	17	25	7.17	12.83
23 CHINA RDFZ GIRLS	ITALIA	20	27	7.49	12.51
24 SX XNWX	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

**ROUND 3**

21 SX XHLD	CHINA RDFZ GIRLS	33	25	12.83	7.17
22 SX XNWX	CHILE	28	12	15.05	4.95
23 SX XNMF	SX SWXH	10	13	8.86	11.14
24 ITALIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

**RANKING AFTER QUALIFICATION ROUND 3/7**

<b>1</b>	<b>SX XNWX</b>	<b>45.35</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>ITALIA</b>	<b>44.47</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>SX XHLD</b>	<b>33.33</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>CHINA RDFZ GIRLS</b>	<b>29.46</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>SX XNMF</b>	<b>26.89</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>SX SWXH</b>	<b>24.34</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>CHILE</b>	<b>12.16</b>

## TEAM ROSTERS

**CHILE**  
SOFIA GERSTMANN  
DIANA MOLINA  
FRANCISCA NACRUR  
VALENTINA ROMAN  
FRANCISCA VILLEGAS  
MACARENA PALAU  
ALEXANDRA COVA CAPTAIN  
HANOI RONDON COACH

**CHINA RDFZ GIRLS**  
GUANGLI WENDY LIU  
XINYI LUO  
LINGYI MA  
MENGQI HAO  
LING HU  
QI XIA  
JICHAO HU CAPTAIN  
TONG JIANG COACH

**ITALIA**  
SUSANNA BROCCOLINO  
CATERINA DE LUTIO  
AGNESE DI MAURO  
FLAMINIA TANINI  
MICHELA SALVATO  
GIULIA SCRATTIOLI  
EMANUELA CAPRIATA CAPTAIN  
EMANUELA CAPRIATA COACH

**SX SWXH**  
DANLEI HUANG  
QINYI SHI  
YIRAN LI  
LEMIAO SHI  
YIFEI LUO  
YIYANG LUO  
SHUQING SHAO CAPTAIN  
HAIHONG GU COACH

**SX XHLD**  
YUNPENG CHEN  
CHENYUN GE  
HUIYUAN JIN  
XINYAO RUAN  
YUE YU  
AIJIA YUAN  
WEICHANG QIU CAPTAIN

**SX XNMF**  
WENYING HUANG  
XINYING LU  
MIN WU  
YUQIAN ZHANG  
YINGYING SUN  
LIWEN SHAO  
YIFAN CUI CAPTAIN

**SX XNWX**  
ZHUYUN BAO  
JIYAO CHEN  
YIJIA LU  
TIAN QIU  
SIHAO WU  
WENFEI YU  
YU LU CAPTAIN  
WENQIN WANG COACH



# KIDS KO TEAMS

## ROUND 1

31 CHINA RDFZ2	CHINA RDFZ1	6	59	0.00	20.00
32 CHINA RDFZ3	AZSUW AKADEMIAB.	10	29	4.25	15.75
33 CHINESE TAIPEI WHITE	CHINESE TAIPEI BLUE	18	33	5.20	14.80
34 GERMANY	SX XHLD	0	28	2.49	17.51
35 SX XHEST	SX HYSW	14	30	4.95	15.05
36 ITALIA	SX XNWX	12	58	0.14	19.86
37 AUSSIE KIDS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## ROUND 2

31 CHINA RDFZ1	SX XNWX	12	40	2.49	17.51
32 SX XHLD	AZSUW AKADEMIAB.	5	48	0.45	19.55
33 SX HYSW	CHINESE TAIPEI BLUE	7	26	4.25	15.75
34 AUSSIE KIDS	CHINESE TAIPEI WHITE	18	33	5.20	14.80
35 SX XHEST	CHINA RDFZ3	33	6	17.34	2.66
36 GERMANY	ITALIA	34	37	8.86	11.14
37 CHINA RDFZ2	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## ROUND 3

31 SX XNWX	AZSUW AKADEMIAB.	51	18	18.30	1.70
32 CHINESE TAIPEI BLUE	CHINA RDFZ1	23	17	12.18	7.82
33 SX XHEST	CHINESE TAIPEI WHITE	30	1	17.68	2.32
34 SX HYSW	SX XHLD	33	23	13.43	6.57
35 AUSSIE KIDS	GERMANY	0	30	2.16	17.84
36 CHINA RDFZ2	ITALIA	50	21	17.68	2.32
37 CHINA RDFZ3	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## RANKING AFTER QUALIFICATION ROUND 3/8

<b>1</b>	<b>SX XNWX</b>	<b>55.67</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI BLUE</b>	<b>42.73</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>SX XHEST</b>	<b>39.97</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>AZSUW AKADEMIAB.</b>	<b>37.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>SX HYSW</b>	<b>32.73</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>CHINA RDFZ1</b>	<b>30.31</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>CHINA RDFZ2</b>	<b>29.68</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>29.19</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>SX XHLD</b>	<b>24.53</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>CHINESE TAIPEI WHITE</b>	<b>22.32</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>AUSSIE KIDS</b>	<b>19.36</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>CHINA RDFZ3</b>	<b>18.91</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>ITALIA</b>	<b>13.60</b>

## TEAMS ROSTERS

### AUSSIE KIDS

FINN RENNIE  
CONOR FRANCIS HOSKING  
LIAM JAMES ROBERTSON  
AIDEN JACK ROBERTSON  
PATRICK RANDLE CLIFFORD  
JUSTIN HOWARD CAPTAIN

### AZSUW AKADEMIABRYDZA

PAWEL HULANICKI  
TOMASZ KIELBASA  
KACPER KOPKA  
OSKAR TRYBUS  
STANISLAW MACZKA CAPTAIN  
KRYSTIAN BACZEK COACH

### CHINA RDFZ1

BAOZHUO JIANG  
RANDY PAN  
YUANZHE DING  
ZIXI CAI  
SHI QIU  
HAOQING YU  
JICHAO HU CAPTAIN  
TONG JIANG COACH

### CHINA RDFZ2

ZHIYONG ZHUO  
ZHILI ZHUO  
JIAQI WANG  
YIFU SONG  
JICHAO HU CAPTAIN  
TONG JIANG COACH

### CHINA RDFZ3

ZIQIAO LIN  
DINGWEI LIU  
BOXIN ZHANG  
YUANZHE NIU  
QIPENG YANG  
QI SONG  
JICHAO HU CAPTAIN  
TONG JIANG COACH

### CHINESE TAIPEI BLUE

HSIANG-YI KO  
YEN-JUNG CHEN  
MENG-FEI WU  
YI-HSIEN LEE  
CHI-HSUAN LO  
LI-JEN SUN  
SHU-CHEN FAN CAPTAIN  
CHEN-CHIN WEN COACH

### CHINESE TAIPEI WHITE

YI-TING LAN  
YU-CHEN HUANG  
KO-WEI CHANG  
CHEN-SYUAN CHIU  
YI-PIN CHU  
HUNG-SHENG FAN  
CHUNG-YANG HUANG CAPTAIN  
YUN-CHING LO COACH

### GERMANY

LEONIE NORDMANN  
MONA RIEGER  
FELIX DOERMER  
VIKTOR OTTO  
HARTMUT KONDOCH CAPTAIN  
FLORIAN ALTER COACH

### ITALIA

FEDERICO PORTA  
LUCA DRAGHI  
SOPHIA CAPOBIANCO  
CRISTINA BRUSOTTI  
ALESSANDRO CARLETTI  
MATTEO MEREGALLI  
RUGGERO VENIER CAPTAIN  
RUGGERO VENIER COACH

### SX HYSW

RENYU LI  
SIYUAN LIU  
YIJUN SHANG  
YIQIN SHAO  
YINGQI WANG  
TIANLE YAO  
WEN CAO CAPTAIN  
LIN LIN COACH

### SX XHEST

LICONG CHENG  
RUICHENG MAO  
PENGHAO WANG  
ZHE WU  
ZHIJIE YUAN  
YU YUN  
HONGQIN XUE CAPTAIN  
JIACHENG HE COACH

### SX XHLD

YIHONG CHEN  
YANG HU  
MINGTAI LI  
HUA SHANG  
YICHEN XIE  
XINCHEN YU  
JIONG LI CAPTAIN  
YIMEI ZHANG COACH

### SX XNWX

HANYANG DAI  
YIHONG LIU  
JIAXIN TONG  
RUIZHE WANG  
WENJIE XUE  
TIANCHENG ZHANG  
QIWEI LI CAPTAIN  
HUI FU COACH

## WBF SOCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOLLOW US!



[/WorldBridge Federation](#)



[/WorldBridge Federation Youth](#)



[WBFOfficial](#)



[@WorldBridgeFed](#)

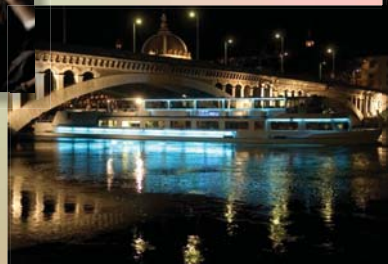
CLICKABLE  
ON WEB

# LYON - the place to be in August 2017

## World Youth Championships



from **15th – 25th August 2017**  
**LYON - FRANCE**



Lyon is a place of warmth and cultural exchange, and cultivates a tradition of hospitality and openness.

As a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a leading European tourist destination, Lyon is also known for the hosting and organisation of major events.

In Lyon, the past and the future meet. Ancient, modern and urban combine with each other, every discovery and every encounter that you experience will be full of wonder.

Welcome to Lyon where the 5<sup>th</sup> World Youth Open Bridge Championships, which are organised by the World Bridge Federation in cooperation with the French Bridge Federation, will be held at the Cité Internationale de Lyon

The French Bridge Federation is pleased to invite you to come and participate in the events for **Juniors, Girls, Youngster and kids.**



### Schedule of play for the 2017 Youth Open Championships

Pairs Registration	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug (at 10.00 hrs)
Opening Ceremony	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 19.30
Pairs Championship (Prize-giving at 19.00)	From Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> to Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Teams Championship (Prize-Giving at 19.30)	From Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Teams BAM Championship	From Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Prize-giving & Closing Ceremony	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 19.30 hrs.

