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INTERVIEW WITH PHILLIP ALDER



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ZLATAN MEANS GOLD IN CROATIAN

JUNIORS TEAMS



ZLATAN

Simon Ekenberg, Simon Hult, Rodrigo Garcia De Rosa, Giuseppe Delle Cave, Daniel Gullberg, Johan Karlsson, Marshall Lewis

The premier event at these youth championships was completed yesterday: the Junior Teams. The final was between Norway (Christian Bakke, Harald Eide, Tor Elvind Grude and Kristoffer Hegge) and Zlatan, a team containing players from Argentina (Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa), Italy (Giuseppe Delle Cave) and Sweden (Simon Ekenberg, Simon Hult, Daniel Gullberg and Johan Karlsson), with non-playing captain Marshall Lewis from Croatia.

In the first 16 boards, Zlatan took a 48 to 9 lead. But Norway recouped 35imps in the second to enter the last set down by only 4imps. Norway started that session on fire, gaining 23 unansweredimps over the first four deals. But then the tide turned. The score over the last 12 boards was 45-1 in favor of Zlatan. They won the gold medals by 114imps to 89.

In the playoff for the bronze medals, Australia (Renee Cooper, Ella Pattison, Shane Harrison, Maxim Henbest, Jamie Thompson and Stephen Williams, with Justin Williams npc) played against another transnational team, GreSwe Axon (Adam Kaplan from the United States, Ioannis Oikonomopoulos from Greece, Mikael and Ola Rimstedt from Sweden, and Giorgos Oikonomopoulos coach).

GreSwe Axon led by 1imp after the first third, and extended that lead to 31imps in the second session. Australia recoveredimps in the third set, but insufficient to win. The bronze medals went to GreSwe Axon by 98imps to 72.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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9.30 - 10.50

FINAL A & B

11.10 - 12.30

FINAL A & B

13.30 - 14.50

FINAL A & B

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FINAL A & B

17.10 - 18.50

JUST FINAL A

19.20 approximately

PRIZE GIVING & CLOSING CEREMONY





JUNIORS TEAMS 2nd



NORWAY

Christian Bakke, Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer Hegge, Harald Eide

JUNIORS TEAMS 3rd



GRESWE AXON

Ola Rimstedt, Ioannis Oikonomopoulos, Mikael Rimstedt, Adam Kaplan

JUNIORS BRACKET

NORWAY

Christian Bakke, Harald Eide, Tor Eivind Grude, Kristoffer Hegge

NORWAY	132
CROATIA	64

CROATIA

Borna Cicvaric, Ante Mijic, Ivan Brajkovic, Josko Djilovic, Stella Dobrijevic, Andrea Stankovic

NORWAY	110
GRESWE AXON	92

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Berk Gokce, Ataman Aydogdu, Mert Seker, Mustafa Anil Bozyigit, Eren Imdat, Cagatay Birben

NONAME	75
GRESWE AXON	130

GRESWE AXON

Adam Kaplan, Ioannis Oikonomopoulos, Ola Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Ioannis Oik. Cpt, Giorgos Oik. Coach

ZLATAN

Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa, Giuseppe Delle Cave, Simon Hult, Johan Karlsson, Daniel Gullberg, Simon Ekenberg, Marshall Lewis Captain, Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa Coach

Final

	1	2	3	
NORWAY	9	56	24	89
ZLATAN	48	21	45	114

FINLAND

Antti Aimala, Vesa Fagerlund, Oskari Koivu, Maria Myllaeri

ZLATAN	134
FINLAND	90

Playoff

	1	2	3	
GRESWE AXON	24	53	21	98
AUSTRALIA	23	23	26	72

ITALIA

Giovanni Donati, Alessandro Gandoglia, Margherita Chavarria, Giacomo Percario, Gianluca Bergami, Alessandro Calmanovici, Valerio Giubilo Cpt & Coach

ZLATAN	98
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AUSTRALIA

Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Maxim Henbest, Shane Harrison, Renee Cooper, Ella Pattison, Justin Williams Cpt

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by PHILLIP ALDER

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NORWAY VERSUS GRESWE AXON

by RAM SOFFER

Junior Teams Semifinal Set 1

The first set of boards started with some promising deals, which indeed produced interesting swings.

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Oik</i>	<i>Eide</i>
3♥	3♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

Adam Kaplan overcalled three hearts, a bit on the heavy side, but his partner was a passed hand. I fail to see the point of East's four hearts. Perhaps he wanted to push his opponents to four spades, but actually they were in a forcing auction after three spades, whereas now South had the additional option of defending, which he exercised with a spade misfit.

Bakke led his singleton trump, and Eide immediately cashed the ace of spades. The defence didn't switch to clubs in time, so Kaplan escaped for one down after discarding a club on the jack of spades.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Mikael R.</i>
4♥	4♠	Pass	1♣
		All Pass	

Hegge pre-empted more aggressively, virtually forcing Ola Rimstedt to bid a game that had no play. Plus 100 at both tables gave Norway 5imps.

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Both East-West pairs got to the best spot despite aggressive pre-emption by North-South.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Oik</i>	<i>Eide</i>
2NT	Pass	6♠	2♦
			All Pass

Not a very scientific auction. Ironically, Kaplan's two-notrump bid was rather unorthodox with a diamond singleton, and it was just this singleton that helped six spades to make.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Mikael R.</i>
1♣	2♦	2♠	4♦
5♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The Rimstedts rushed to the four-level, and Hegge decided his hand was good enough to force to the five-level even though his partner promised much less than his actual hand. Having so much extra, Grude was looking for a grand slam with six clubs, but they settled in six spades. No swing.





Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

A normal four-heart contract by North-South was in some danger due to the 4-1 trump break. Actually the contract was cold only when played by South.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Oik</i>	<i>Eide</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The one-notrump opening followed by a transfer happened to wrong-side the contract, but Oik, having two jack-high sequences to choose from, missed the killing diamond lead. His spade start helped Bakke establish his king-queen for a diamond discard. Later, he conceded two trump tricks and the contract just made. Norway plus 620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Mikael R.</i>
1♦	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

West's 10-HCP one-diamond opening wasn't a big success. It made South the declarer in four hearts. Hegge doubled, but to no avail; there was no good lead. Mikael Rimstedt ran the low-diamond lead to his queen and easily scored ten tricks. GreSwe Axon plus 790 and 5 imps to tie the score.

A strange auction saw South being doubled in two spades in the other room: GreSwe Axon plus 500. However, at this table the normal contract was reached, and a swing either way was inevitable.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Mikael R.</i>
1♦ (a)	1♠	1♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
(a) Hearts		Pass	Pass

Mikael led the eight of spades (his partner's suit), and Ola found the only way to give his side a chance by ducking. After declarer won the trick with his ten, he decided against entering dummy with the ace of diamonds to finesse clubs. He led the jack of clubs, attempting to create another dummy entry. Mikael took his queen and continued spades, clearing the suit.

At this point, Ola had three spade winners ready to cash, so declarer couldn't afford to lose a trick to him. There were two options: enter dummy with the ten of clubs to finesse in hearts, or play the ace of hearts followed by a low heart. It all depended on the location of the king of hearts, but North was more likely to hold it due to his overcall.

However, the heart finesse lost, and Mikael's diamond return left declarer with no communications to take his nine tricks. The last hope was playing low from dummy, but that allowed Ola to cash four tricks. That was 12 imps to GreSwe Axon, who led by 19-5 at this point.





HARALD EIDE, NORWAY

Norway got 9 imps back on the next two boards, and then the weirdest deal of the set hit the table.

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Our bridge teachers warn us against opening a three-level pre-empt with a four-card major on the side. Bakke's solution: a four-level opening.

West	North	East	South
Kaplan	Bakke	Oik	Eide
	4♣	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	6♣	Dble	All Pass

At first it looked very bright for the Norwegians. They got doubled in their top spot. But from that point on, Eide's actions didn't make sense to me. If he thought six clubs stood a chance, then he should have redoubled five clubs to protect himself against the possibility of six clubs bid and made at the other table. This redouble would have also asked North to double five hearts with any significant holding in that suit; otherwise, South would bid on over five hearts.

However, when Bakke saw five hearts, he couldn't be sure that his side owned the deal, so he passed. Eide bid on, but it wasn't hard for Oik to double and set six clubs with his top diamonds. Norway minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Hegge	Ola R.	Grude	Mikael R.
	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Looking at the two totally different auctions, one could never guess that they belonged to the same deal! Ola decided to pass as dealer, and his clubs were never mentioned, which was a pity because South's spade contract wasn't a success, although there were some swindling chances.

Hegge, unaware of partner's strong diamonds, led his singleton club. Mikael won in hand and my spectacular idea (having seen all of the cards) was to play the ten of spades right away. If West happened to duck, it would have become plus 890. Even if he took the trick with his jack, he would still have had to find the right switch without a clear signal from his partner.

However, Mikael hoped the jack of trumps would drop in three rounds. When it didn't, he had to play a fourth round of trumps, and Grude signalled encouragement with his three of diamonds. The defenders took their tricks and GreSwe Axon were minus 300, a loss of 5 imps.

Thereafter the deals became much less exciting, so my report stops right here. GreSwe Axon won the battle 28-22, but at the end of the day they lost the war by 110-92.



MIKAEL RIMSTEDT, SWEDEN




WILD AND CRAZY

by MICKE MELANDER

After the first segment in the Youngsters semifinal between China and Azs Uw Vyceska from Poland, the Chinese team were in the driving seat, leading the match by 56-28. The results didn't improve for the Polish team when they lost the second segment by similar numbers, 53-23. Here are some of the really wild and crazy boards.

Let's start with something that could have created an even bigger Chinese lead, but didn't.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Trendak	Sun	Maczka	Wei
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Yin	Baczek	Fang	Jasinski
		Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♣*
Dble	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Open Room, Sun was declarer in the very sensible four-heart contract. East led a spade, which ran to declarer's jack. North immediately finessed in hearts, which lost to West's king. After

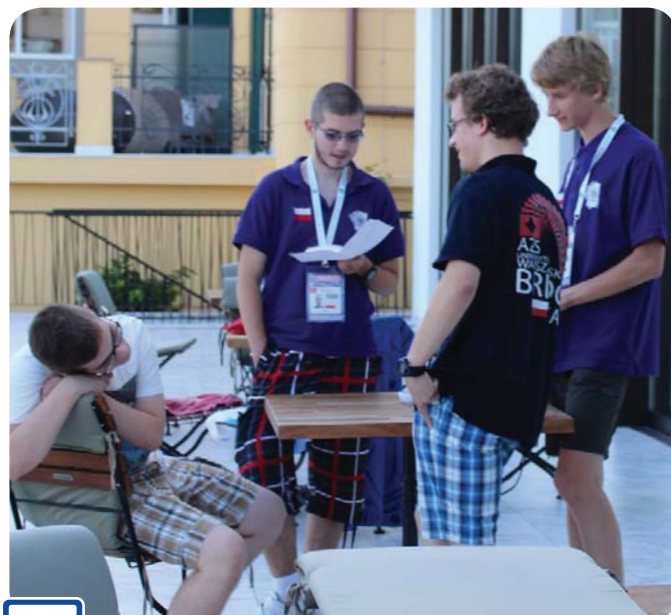
a club to East's ace and a club back, declarer discarded from the dummy, but had the rest of the tricks for his contract. He lost only one heart and two clubs.

Baczek-Jasinski got very ambitious and overbid their cards in the Closed Room after the Polish Club opening. Being in five hearts was certainly not like a walk in the park on a sunny evening.

A heart lead from East would have been lethal, but Fang started with the ace of clubs. A second round of clubs followed, which declarer ruffed in dummy. The winning line now was to cash three spades and crossruff home. When Baczek played a spade to the jack and ruffed a club, it looked like he was on the right track. But no, he cashed the ace of hearts and ace of diamonds, then ruffed a diamond. North continued with the queen of hearts and pitched a diamond from dummy when East followed with the nine. West won with the king and could have cashed the king of clubs. But West had a blindspot and instead played back a heart, whereupon declarer claimed.

1 lucky IMP to Poland that should have been a game swing to China.


The next deal was fantastic. It has probably left some players with nightmares after playing it!



KRYSZTOF BACZEK, PIOTR JASINSKI,
STANISLAW MACZKA & LUKASZ TRENDAK
TEAM AZS UW VYCESKA



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Trendak</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Maczka</i>	<i>Wei</i>
Pass	1♥	4♦	1♣
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Yin</i>	<i>Baczek</i>	<i>Fang</i>	<i>Jasinski</i>
Pass	2♦	4♦	2♣
5♦	5♥	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room, North was the declarer in four hearts. East kicked off with his singleton club. Declarer, who wasn't aware of the danger with the bad break in trumps, had to be very careful to keep control of the play. If not, his house of cards was sure to blow down!

Declarer won with the ace of clubs, played a heart to the ace, and led another heart to the queen, which held the trick – but bad news arrived: West discarded a club. In a desperate attempt, declarer tried a spade to the king. However, East won with the ace, pulled all of the remaining trumps, and exited with a diamond. Declarer was still not down, since only three tricks had been lost, but when the spades didn't break, he went three down. No double, no trouble, as they sometimes say.

That was not the story at the other table, where East-West again pre-empted in diamonds. But West raised it to the five-level, and when North competed with five hearts, East used his veto and doubled for some serious business. Declarer

should have been worried that no suit would behave, since why should a pre-empting hand suddenly make a business double? It just didn't make sense.

West started with the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with his ace, played a heart to the ace, and led a heart to the queen. Now the roof collapsed on this house of cards. Declarer tried to ruff a diamond and cash his clubs, but the defence claimed five down for plus 1400 and 15 imps to the Chinese.

Since East surely had eleven red cards and the spade ace, declarer should not have been touching trumps. It was much better to drive out the ace of spades and effectively go for a crossruff, leading spades through East. Those who are curious can work it all out.

We have to mention what happened in the Junior Teams semifinal between Norway and GreSwe Axon. There the bidding went:

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Oik</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>
Pass	2♣	2♦	1NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	6♥	Dble	5♣
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	6NT
			Pass

The Norwegians happily accepted Oik's "Greek Gift" when he suddenly decided he had such a nice hand that it was suitable for six hearts. Things did not get any better when he tried to escape to six spades, and partner took it out to six notrumps.

Bakke led the queen of diamonds. You can imagine what happened after that, eventually resulting in six down and 1700 to East-West.

Things didn't get better when Grude at the other table, who was the declarer in four spades, got a diamond lead to the ace, and he ran the nine of spades to East's bare ace! He now made his contract, giving 20 IMPs to Norway – and they won the match by 18.





Moreimps splashed around on this deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Trendak	Sun	Maczka	Wei
	1♠	2♣	2♥
3♣	Pass	5♣	5♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Yin	Baczek	Fang	Jasinski
	1♠	2♣	2NT
4♣	4♠	5♣	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Wei did the right thing when he bid five diamonds over the cold five clubs. And he probably thought he was making the contract after he got the ace-of-clubs lead. The curtain came down when he crossed to dummy's diamond ace and East discarded. The good news, of course, was that he now knew his opponents were making their game in clubs.

Declarer played a heart to the ace and cashed all of his top diamonds before exiting with a low diamond to West's ten. West led the king of spades, and East overtook with the ace to cash the queen of spades to defeat the contract by one trick. 100 to East-West was a very good result for North-South.

Baczek-Jasinski had another aggressive auction in the Closed Room, arriving in six spades with a trump suit of nine-third opposite jack-ten-fifth. This contract eventually went five down. This time the price tag was 1100 and another 14 imps to China.



 DONGKE FANG, CHINA

Not all over-optimistic bidding auctions led to failure, though. Have a look at this Chinese success from the end of the session:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Trendak	Sun	Maczka	Wei
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Yin	Baczek	Fang	Jasinski
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Let's start in the Open Room. Maczka could have taken all thirteen tricks, but decided to duck



a spade near the end to secure twelve.

Yin drove the Chinese pair up to six diamonds. A pure guess is that when dummy arrived, he probably wondered why he had done that. But a combination of bad bidding and good play pays off more often than you think.


Baczek led the queen of spades. Yin went up with the ace from dummy and played a low trump to his queen. When that held the trick, he worked out a clear plan. He cashed the ace of diamonds and king of spades, ruffed a spade in dummy, and entered his hand with the king of hearts. Another spade ruff in the dummy left:



 YICHEN YIN, CHINA

Yin cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, and the spectators were expecting him to cross to the ace of clubs and lead his last heart to score the eight of diamonds “en passant” -- but no. He crossed to the ace of clubs, then took the club finesse. When it worked, it was another 10 IMPs to China.



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

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A POTPOURRI OF PROBLEMS

OMAR SHARIF

As you surely know, Omar Sharif died on 10 July. He was arguably the best publicity that bridge has ever had. He loved the game and worked hard to promote it. But after bridge star, he had a secondary career as a movie actor. How much do you know about that side of his life?

Here is a multiple-choice quiz.

1. For which movie did Omar receive his Oscar nomination?



a. Doctor Zhivago



b. Lawrence of Arabia



c. Funny Girl



d. The Fall of the Roman Empire

2. How many Golden Globe awards did Omar win?

- a. None b. One c. Two d. Three

3. How many children does Omar have?

- a. None b. One c. Two d. Three

4. In which country was Omar born?

- a. Egypt b. Lebanon c. Syria d. Algeria

5. His first job was working in his father's company, which was in which industry?

- a. Wine b. Textiles c. Lumber d. Egyptian Antiquities

6. What was Omar Sharif's job in Funny Girl opposite Barbra Streisand?

- a. Bank robber b. Bridge professional
c. Blackjack professional d. Card shark

7. In how many languages was Omar fluent?

- a. four b. five c. six d. seven

8. In which movie did Omar star with Edward G. Robinson and Telly Savalas?

- a. The Fall of the Roman Empire b. Marco the Magnificent c. Mackenna's Gold d. Bloodline

9. Omar starred with Peter O'Toole in Lawrence of Arabia.

They became close friends and appeared together in which other film?

- a. The Night of the Generals b. The Fall of the Roman Empire c. Behold a Pale Horse d. Mayerling

And to end, one bridge question:

10. How many European Bridge League Championship medals did Omar win?

- a. None b. One c. Two d. Three



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NORWAY VERSUS ZLATAN

by DAVID STERN

Junior Teams Final, segment 1

Friday morning and then there were two. Norway and Zlatan played three segments of 16 boards to decide who would win the gold medal and be crowned world champions, while Australia and GreSwe Axon fought out the bronze medal match.

Norway

Christian Bakke, Harald Eide, Tor Elvind Grude and Kristoffer Hegge

Zlatan

Daniel Gullberg (SWE), Johan Karlsson (SWE), Giuseppe Delle Cave (ITA) Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa (ARG), Simon Ekenberg (SWE) and Simon Hult (SWE)

Luckily our Vu-Graph Operator, Bas van Beijsterveldt, has played in some Swedish tournaments because all of the talk at one table was being transacted in Scandinavian.

After an overtrick imp to Norway, this was the second deal:



Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Bakke	Karlsson	Eide
1♠	2♦	1♦	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♥

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hegge	Delle Cave	Grude	Da Rosa
3♦	3NT	1♦	Dble
		All Pass	



RODRIGO GARCIA DA ROSA, ARGENTINA

In the Open Room, North and South took the low roads. South might have wanted to do more than rebid two hearts, but he had nothing appealing. And North chose not to risk punishing an enterprising intervention. Two hearts made with an overtrick.

At the other table, Delle Cave took the high road, advancing with three notrumps and hoping for the best — and the dummy was perfect. He took three spades, one diamond and five clubs for plus 600 and 10 imps. Zlatan 10-1.



The next deal was a contest to see who could buy the contract without a suitable fit.

On this deal, one table had game aspirations while the other had blood on their mind.

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Bakke	Karlsson	Eide
1♥	3♦	All Pass	1♦

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Bakke	Karlsson	Eide
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♣	2♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hegge	Delle Cave	Grude	Da Rosa
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hegge	Delle Cave	Grude	Da Rosa
Pass	2♥	3♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In a sense, Bakke in the Open Room was a little unlucky. I have run a simulation, and South will hold four or more diamonds about 87% of the time. Today, though, was in the 13% category and three diamonds drifted three down, minus 150.

The good news in bridge is that you have teammates who may protect you, as was the case here. Grude, East, played safely to make two spades and hold the loss to just 1 imp. Zlatan 11-1.




Bakke, North for Norway in the Open Room, passed first in hand, not having the methods to show a weak major-minor hand. This allowed East to open one diamond and rebid his suit at his second turn. I suspect that if North had bid two hearts rather two clubs, East would not have rebid his diamonds, but who knows? Had East passed a two-heart bid by North, South may have simply tried four spades, promoting for his heart holding. However, at the table, South, discouraged by his bare ace of clubs, opted for an invitational three spades and played it there. West led his singleton diamond and East did well to insert the ten. East won the next trick with the ace of spades, cashed his two diamond winners, and only then gave partner his diamond ruff. West exited with a spade and waited for his king of hearts: one down. (Yes, if East wins the first trick and returns a diamond, and West, after ruffing, switches to a heart, the defenders can do even better, but that would not have looked so clever if West had started with a doubleton diamond.)



I am not sure what I would have done holding the South hand in the closed room. Is three diamonds doubled going to compensate me enough for a possible game in hearts or spades? Da Rosa, though, had no indecision – he doubled, seeking blood. The defence was punishing, holding declarer to five trumps and one spade for minus 500 and 12 imps to Zlatan, who now led by 24-1.

This deal looked tame, but differing views about the spade suit led to a swing.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Bakke	Karlsson	Eide
Hegge	Delle Cave	Grude	Da Rosa
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT


Eide in the Open Room was blessed with a spade lead and finished up with eight tricks.

In the Closed Room, Hegge, West, had a chance to show good defensive card-reading. He led the three of clubs, which ran around to declarer's ten. South misguessed spades, playing the ace and queen. On winning this trick, Grude returned the nine of clubs to the queen, king and ace. Declarer played a third spade to West's jack. Had Hegge read the club position and underled his jack of clubs to his partner's eight, then, on a heart switch from East, declarer would have failed by three tricks. West's actual diamond shift allowed declarer to take three spades, two diamonds and two clubs. That was 1 imp to Norway.

After a flat board came another well-deserved swing to Zlatan.



Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Bakke	Karlsson	Eide
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hegge	Delle Cave	Grude	Da Rosa
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both Easts led a low club. In the Open Room, Gullberg (West), confident that his partner was not underleading the ace, put in the jack to find out who held the queen. Declarer won with his ace and proceeded to misguess hearts by playing low to dummy's eight. West now led a low club, and Karlsson (East), awake to the tune being played by his partner, won with his queen and promptly switched to a diamond. This established the defenders' setting diamond trick while they still controlled the heart suit.

In the Closed Room, Delle Cave showed excellent technique by ducking the first trick, which had the effect of preventing East from gaining the lead to play a diamond through. Declarer won the second club and misguessed hearts, but the defence was powerless. West tried a heart return to the ace, but it was too late.

Well done to Gullberg for playing the jack of clubs at trick one in the Open Room and to Delle Cave for his thoughtful duck of the opening club lead in the Closed Room.



After two flat boards came a difficult deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Eide</i>
2♠	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Da Rosa</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

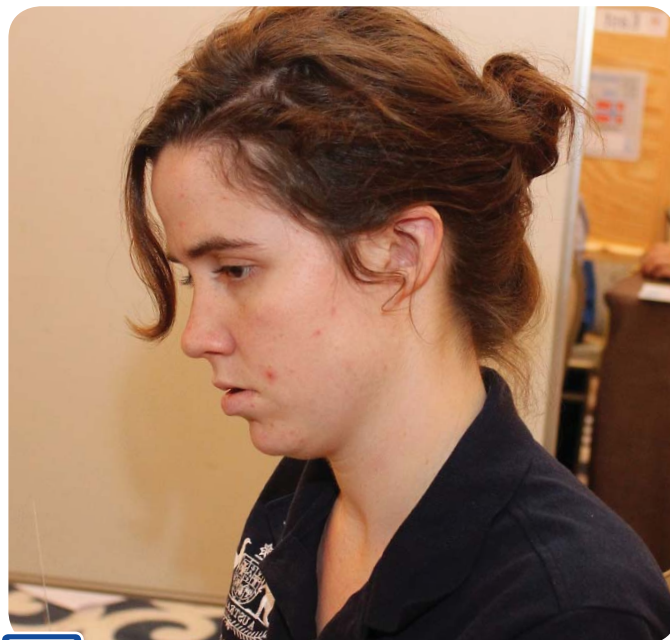
Look at the devastating effect of Gullberg's two-spade opening bid that showed four spades and a longer minor with 0-10 points (well, he had that). East responded three hearts, which was game-invitational. Should South have acted? With 20-20 vision, we can see that he should have doubled, but that could have been expensive. Four spades was bid and made with an overtrick in the Closed Room, which together with three hearts making gave Zlatan another 13 imps and a lead of 48-2.

Allow me to digress for a moment and look at the Australia vs GreSwe Axon match on this board, where the auctions went:

Open Room – Strap Yourself in

West	North	East	South
<i>Henbest</i>	<i>Oik</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dble
5♥	5♠	6♥	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The five-spade bid by North with 4=3=3=3 distribution was surely too much. Double, to show some cards, would have been better. That would presumably have netted 500. Yes, it was possible to make six spades, but North did not



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read the cards perfectly and went down three.

This was the auction at the other table:

Closed Room – Stay Strapped in

West	North	East	South
<i>Mikael R.</i>	<i>Pattison</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Cooper</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♠	3♣	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT (a)
Pass	5♣ (b)	Pass	5♦ (c)
Pass	6♠ (d)	All Pass	

- (a) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (b) One key card
- (c) Asking for the queen of spades
- (d) Showing the queen and denying a side-suit king

If one is ever going to overrule partner, surely this was the moment. North should have bid five spades over five diamonds. If North's hand was sufficient for six spades, South would have bid four notrumps one or two rounds earlier.

This time six spades went one down, for a gain of 5 imps to Australia.

Notice, though, that at two tables North-South reached a slam on a deal in which another North-South pair passed throughout!

Over the last four boards, Norway gained 7 imps, leaving Zlatan with a handy 48-9 lead going into the remaining 32 boards.



NORWAY VERSUS ZLATAN

by RAM SOFFER

Junior Teams Final, segment 2

In the first set, Zlatan displayed excellent bridge at both tables to take a commanding lead of 39 imps. Norway hoped for something good to happen at the start of the second set, but this did not happen.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The Swedish East-West pair reached their normal contract, which should have gone down after a club lead due to the bad trump break, but Grude led a helpful diamond, won by West's queen. Ekenberg ruffed out the spades and then played trumps, conceding just two trumps and one diamond. Zlatan plus 420.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Delle Cave Eide</i>		<i>G. Da Rosa</i>
2♦	Pass	Pass	1♣
3♠	Dble	3♦	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Da Rosa's light one-club opening in third seat already put Zlatan in a great position, as it told North the right lead against four hearts. On top of that, the Norwegians had some kind of a misunderstanding when Bakke attempted

to show the majors with two diamonds. They reached a ridiculous three-notrump contract that could have gone down plenty. However, North-South were also somewhat confused by their opponents' bidding, and they took only six tricks, which sufficed for a gain of 11 imps, stretching their lead to 50.

Perhaps Delle Cave-Da Rosa were becoming complacent. Anyway, the rest of the session was quite poor by their standards.

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
Pass	3♣ (a)	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥ (c)	Pass	3♦ (a)
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

- (a) Puppet Stayman
- (b) No five-card major, but at least one four-card major
- (c) Four spades

Hegge did the right thing (as explained in our Quiz section in yesterday's bulletin) and upgraded his hand to a one-notrump opening due to his ten- and nine-spots.

West led a low diamond, covered by the king and ace. A heart switch was won by the ace, and declarer guessed clubs correctly by playing low to dummy's queen and leading low to his ten. West won with his ace and led the jack of diamonds. Declarer won with the queen in dummy, cashed his clubs, and played the ace of spades followed by the ten of spades to make nine tricks.



West <i>Bakke</i>	North <i>Delle Cave</i>	East <i>Eide</i>	South <i>G. Da Rosa</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Da Rosa preferred a normal one-club opening and eventually stopped in one notrump after a natural sequence. He made the same number of tricks as in the other room for a loss of 6 imps.

On the next board, a single bidding decision swung as many as 16 imps.

What would you have bid with the East cards after the following sequence with both sides vulnerable?

♠ 9 6 4 2 ♥ A K J 10 ♦ A J 9 4 ♣ 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♣
2♠	5♣	??	

You have a very fine hand in support of spades, but at the same time you seem to have the tricks to beat the opponents' five-club bid.

Have you decided what to do? This was the full deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Eide doubled, and Noway took four top tricks against Da Rosa's five-club contract. Norway plus 500.

Hult's urge to support his partner cost him dearly when five spades was doubled. In addition to the four obvious tricks, Grude/Hegge found the diamond ruff. Zlatan minus 800.

After this 16-imp-swing board, the whole complexion of the match changed. While the first set went smoothly for Zlatan, at this stage

everything started to go wrong for them.

Two boards later, Delle Cave was declaring in six diamonds, hoping to use dummy's six-card heart suit to discard losers. Unfortunately, hearts broke 4-1 and his plan failed. In the replay, the bad heart break prevented Hegge from making four hearts. So there was no swing there, but the very next deal did produce one.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

In the Open Room, West refrained from opening. North began with one notrump, and South transferred to spades. The normal contract of two spades was easily fulfilled.

In the Closed Room, though ...

West <i>Bakke</i>	North <i>Delle Cave</i>	East <i>Eide</i>	South <i>G. Da Rosa</i>
			Pass
2♦	2♥	All Pass	

The dream of the Multi two-diamond opener came true: LHO walked right into his suit. (Despite this danger, most pairs nowadays prefer to play natural two-of-major overcalls over the Multi. When the editor was younger, playing in England, he tells me that they treated two of a major as equivalent to a take-out double of the other major with four cards in the bid suit.) One may ask why East didn't double, usually played as pass-or-correct. It would have been nice to catch North-South in two hearts doubled, but they might have run to the much better two spades.

Eide's pass (evidently believing that his partner had hearts) worked extremely well. Delle Cave was aware of the 6-0 distribution from the moment dummy hit with five spades, but he could do nothing about it - minus 200 and 7 more imps away in what was soon to become a close match.



Board 24 was good for Zlatan. With none vulnerable, Grude overcalled two clubs (majors) over one notrump with quite a decent 4=5=2=2 hand, but his partner had very little and they were doubled in two spades for minus 500, while their opponents were unable to make a game with 25 HCP. Halfway through the set Zlatan led 68-39, but in the next eight boards, in amongst several flat results, they suffered two major setbacks.

First of all, a bidding problem. You hold:

♠ A ♥ A J 9 4 3 2 ♦ A 7 3 2 ♣ A K

With both sides vulnerable, LHO passes, partner opens three diamonds, and RHO passes. Your turn.

You smell a grand slam, but it would be embarrassing to blast seven diamonds and go down. Actually, for a good grand, you need partner to have the king of diamonds plus a heart control: king, singleton or void. In the latter case, you have a lot of entries to develop your heart suit by ruffing.

How do you find out about hearts? It is by no means standard to play asking bids about a particular suit in response to a pre-empt.

Now let's see what happened at the two tables:



KRISTOFFER HEGGE, NORWAY

Board 26. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ A
♥ A J 9 4 3 2
♦ A 7 3 2
♣ A K

♠ 10 8 6
♥ Q 10 6
♦ 10
♣ Q 9 8 6 5 2

♠ 9 7 3 2
♥ --
♦ K Q J 8 6 4
♣ J 10 3

♠ K Q J 5 4
♥ K 8 7 5
♦ 9 5
♣ 7 4



West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
Pass	4♣ (a)	Pass	3♦
Pass	7♦	All Pass	4♥

(a) Modified Roman Key Card Blackwood

Grude, whose team was down by a lot, gave up on a possible enquiry about hearts. He just asked for key cards, and when his partner showed the king of diamonds, he bid the grand. Making it was quite easy when hearts were divided 4-3. (Editor: A popular scheme of replies to this RKCB is no key cards; one key; one plus the trump queen; two; two plus the queen.)

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>G. Da Rosa</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5♦

Delle Cave complicated the issue by bidding three hearts. After three spades, he may have been satisfied that partner was short in hearts, but he still wanted to ask about the king of diamonds. Unfortunately, according to standard agreements, four notrumps over three spades was a key-card ask with spades as trump. They ended up in an extremely disappointing six diamonds.

In my opinion, Delle Cave's basic attitude should have been different. Having a big lead in the match, it was obvious that the other North-South pair would have been eager to bid a grand slam, so in order to produce no swing, he had to be equally aggressive.

That was 13 imps to Norway.


THE OPEN ROOM OF THE MATCH

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

 ♠ A 5 4
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ K 10 9 4 2
 ♣ A 3

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

 ♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ Q 8 6 5 2
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ J 9 5

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
	1NT	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>G. Da Rosa</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Eide decided not to interfere, and North-South reached two hearts. This contract was destined to go at least one down from the outset. Delle Cave misguessed both red suits and didn't manage to ruff a club in his hand. He ended up with just five tricks, so this tranquil-looking deal produced 11 more imps for Norway.

With one session to go, Zlatan's lead was cut to a meagre 69-65, with everything to play for in the final and decisive set.


GIUSEPPE DELLE CAVE, ITALY



SOLUTIONS

TO THE TEST ON PAGE 10

1. For which movie did Omar receive his Oscar nomination?

- a. Doctor Zhivago b. Lawrence of Arabia c. Funny Girl d. The Fall of the Roman Empire

a. He lost to Ed Begley in Sweet Bird of Youth

2. How many Golden Globe awards did Omar win?

- a. None b. One c. Two d. Three

d. In 1963, he won both for Actor in a Supporting Role and for New Star of the Year in Lawrence of Arabia, and in 1966 for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture for Doctor Zhivago.

3. How many children does Omar have?

- a. None b. One c. Two d. Three

b. His wife was Faten Hamama, whom he met while making his first film. He converted from Roman Catholic to Islam to marry her. At the same time he changed his name from Michel Dimitri Chalhoub to Omar Sharif. They have one son, Tarek El-Sharif, who appeared in Doctor Zhivago when he was eight years old, playing the young Yuri Zhivago.

4. In which country was Omar born?

- a. Egypt b. Lebanon c. Syria d. Algeria

a. I had always thought it was Lebanon, but that is where his father was born. Omar was born in Alexandria on 10 April, 1932.

5. His first job was working in his father's company, which was in which industry?

- a. Wine b. Textiles c. Lumber d. Egyptian Antiquities

c. It was a successful company, and one of the regular family guests was King Farouk, who played cards with Omar's mother, Claire Saada.

6. What was Omar Sharif's job in Funny Girl opposite Barbra Streisand?

- a. Bank robber b. Bridge professional c. Blackjack professional d. Card shark

d. If you have never seen the movie, at least find the poker scene where she helps him bluff an opponent.

7. In how many languages was Omar fluent?

- a. four b. five c. six d. seven

c. or d. Most references claim six: Arabic, English,

French, Italian, Spanish and Greek. But he told me that he had also taught himself Portuguese.

8. In which movie did Omar star with Edward G. Robinson and Telly Savalas?

- a. The Fall of the Roman Empire b. Marco the Magnificent c. Mackenna's Gold d. Bloodline

c. He also appeared with Savalas in Genghis Kahn.

9. Omar starred with Peter O'Toole in Lawrence of Arabia. They became close friends and appeared in which other film together?

- a. The Night of the Generals b. The Fall of the Roman Empire c. Behold a Pale Horse d. Mayerling

a. They had signed the contracts to do this film several years before shooting began and had agreed to payment that was well below what they could have demanded in 1967.

10. How many European Bridge League Championship medals did Omar win?

- a. None b. One c. Two d. Three

b. He won a silver medal in the senior teams at the 44th Generali European Team Championships in 1999 in Malta. His teammates were Paul Chemla, Pierre Chidiac, José Damiani, Jean-Louis Stoppa and Henri Szwarc.



OMAR SHARIF



THE DECISIVE BOARD

by RAM SOFFER

Junior Teams Semifinal Set 3

Is it possible to speak of one decisive board in a long team match that is actually a sum of 48 separate contests?

The gold-medal Juniors match was very close, with both sides taking substantial leads in turn. Here is the “go-ahead” board, after which the winning team kept their lead for good. It was also very interesting bridge-wise due to a highly creative and successful bid by Daniel Gullberg.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

First of all, let's look at the Closed Room bidding, where the auction became a fight between the two major suits.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>Ekenberg</i>
		1♣	1♠
2♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Everything was normal. East-West reached game with their nine-card heart fit. But North-South found a profitable sacrifice in four spades (minus 300 compared to minus 620 against four hearts). Eide decided to bid on with his highly offensive hand, but Bakke wasn't sure about the quality of East's clubs, so he removed five clubs to the “safe” five hearts.

Alas, the poor quality of West's heart suit told. There was no way to prevent the loss of two aces and a trump trick, and Norway went minus.

Surprisingly, at the other table, hearts were never mentioned.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Grude</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Hegge</i>
		1♣	1♠
1NT	3♠	3NT	All Pass

The star bid was undoubtedly Gullberg's heavyweight one-notrump response with 12 HCP and six hearts! In my opinion, it was the product of fine hand evaluation: The quality of the long suit was really bad, while the concentration of power in the short suits weakened the hand considerably, so Daniel downgraded it to 10 HCP.

Three notrumps made easily with two overtricks. Had Norway competed to four spades, Gullberg-Karlsson could have bid on to four notrumps or five clubs, registering a vulnerable game either way.

The 13imps won here gave Zlatan a lead of 92-88. In the remaining boards, they outscored their opponents 22-1 and took the gold convincingly.



DANIEL GULLBERG, SWEDEN



NEVER GIVE UP!

by MICKE MELANDER

There are times as declarer, when nothing seems to be working. Then you just have to play on and hope you obtain some help from your friends the opponents to make your contract. Have a look at this board from the semifinal of the Australia-Zlatan Juniors match.

dummy – and West pitched a diamond, giving declarer the count of the deal. When East ducked again, Harrison cashed the ace of diamonds and called for another diamond from dummy in this position:

Board 28. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Da Rosa</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Henbest</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

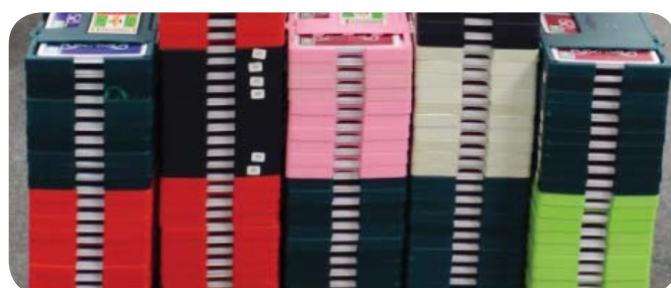
With almost nothing working, at first glance it looks like an impossible mission to make three notrumps. Harrison didn't know this, however, and looking from declarer's perspective, he probably thought that he could have a lot of winners if the diamonds were producing five quick tricks.

Declarer had six tricks in his bag so far and the defence two. What should East have discarded on this trick? The repeated duck in spades in a strange way now squeezed East, who should have hung onto his clubs and hearts. But when he discarded the four of hearts, he gave declarer a chance to make the contract. West exited with a club, and declarer went up with the ace. The king of hearts now would have put West back on lead and endplayed him. Or, if West refused to take the trick, declarer could have led his club to throw in East.

East was endplayed, so to speak, and had to lead from one of his honours. He eventually chose the two of clubs, second- or fourth-highest. After dummy's jack held the trick, declarer crossed to hand with the ace of spades – knowing that the king most probably wasn't onside, since East had overcalled one spade. Harrison then played the jack of spades, which was ducked by East. Declarer now turned to the diamond suit and led his three, which went to the whole family of jewels: the jack, queen and king. West played back a club to the king, wisely removing declarer's dummy entry. North called for the queen of spades from

But North erred. He played another club. This allowed the defence to cash the king of spades and ace of hearts for one down.

Still, it was a good board for Australia, since the Swedes in Zlatan went two down in four spades at the other table. But why settle for a small income when it can be big?






Harrison got another chance to shine on this deal, again being in three notrumps.

Declarer could quickly count to eight tricks when he received a diamond lead – if the spade finesse was working. Again, this was a contract that was doomed if the defenders played correctly, but, as earlier stated, “never give up.”

East led the nine of diamonds, which held the trick when declarer played low from both hands. Another diamond followed to West’s ace. Da Rosa didn’t find the killing club shift at this point and continued with a third diamond. Declarer rose with the king, cashed the ace of spades, and continued with the queen – that went to West’s king. West cashed the jack of diamonds before exiting with a club. Declarer won with the ace and cashed his four hearts, and when the ten of spades fell under the jack, Harrison suddenly got his ninth trick from the nine of spades in dummy.

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Da Rosa	Harrison	Delle Cave	Henbest
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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