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Akin Koclar and Erkmen Aydogdu



Sylvia Shi and Alex Prairie



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Andrew Jeng and Richard Jeng



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Juniors Pairs Final

Session 6

Rank	Pairs	Nationality	%
1	DI FRANCO Massimiliano ZANASI Gabriele	ITA - ITA	57.81
2	AYDOGDU Erkmen KOCLAR Akin	TUR - TUR	57.48
3	PRAIRIE Alex SHI Sylvia	USA - USA	57.31
4	MOSKOVSKY Ellena TRAVIS Lauren	AUS - AUS	53.61
5	HOLLANDS Peter HOWARD Justin	AUS - AUS	53.08
6	FERRO Felipe Jose MONTES DE OCA Francisco Pablo	ARG - ARG	52.99
7	GOBEKLI Altug GOKCE Berk	TUR - TUR	52.48
8	LEE Antony WESSELS Ryan	USA - USA	51.75
9	AGICA Marius KAPLAN Adam	USA - USA	50.85
10	HASHIMOTO Koichiro KIKUCHI Tadahiro	JPN - JPN	49.59
11	OZGUR Muhammet USLUPEHLIVAN Sarper	TUR - TUR	46.21
12	ETCHEPAREBORDA Juan Cruz RUEDA Santiago	ARG - ARG	45.88
13	LIN Frank VROOMAN Jacob	USA - USA	45.37
14	CAVALIER Andrew JOLLY Christian	USA - USA	43.76
15	SCHWARTZ Jeffrey TSANG Jeffrey	USA - CAN	42.43
16	ARGUEDAS Leonardo BROWN Walter	CRC - CRC	39.39

Youngsters Pairs Final

Session 6

Rank	Pairs	Nationality	%
1	HUNT Allison LADYZHENSKY Asya	USA - USA	62.28
2	JENG Andrew JENG Richard	USA - USA	60.14
3	JIN Tianyi JIN Kai	CHN - CHN	56.43
4	HERMAN Gregory KRIEGEL Oren	USA - USA	55.46
5	BERK Hakan SOUKUP David	USA - USA	55.07
6	SHA Zhizhou ZHANG Yiyang	CHN - CHN	53.90
7	SHEN Yiling WU Kaiwen	CHN - CHN	53.41
8	AMER Samuel CHANG Nolan	USA - USA	53.02
9	FEI Zelin ZHAO Yuqiao	CHN - CHN	49.61
10	KRISTENSEN Benjamin ROSENBERG Kevin	USA - USA	49.51
11	HARPER Brandon MILLER Ryan	USA - USA	49.42
12	LIN Amber OLSEN Jake	USA - USA	49.12
13	LIEBERMAN Joseph WELLAND Christopher	USA - USA	48.54
14	BERMAN Evan SPENCER Cole	USA - USA	46.78
15	CHENG Licong LI Renyu	CHN - CHN	45.13
16	HUANG Xu LIU Yihong	CHN - CHN	45.03
17	DU Zhecheng SHANG Yijun	CHN - CHN	43.37
18	HART Tyler KUSCHNER Benjamin	USA - USA	42.98
19	LI Hanchang SHAO Yiqin	CHN - CHN	41.91
20	FASHINGBAUER Ellie HSIEH Gianni	USA - USA	38.89



Giorgia Botta and Margherita Chavarria



Karla De Jesus and Adriana Suarez



Isha Thapa and Julie Arbit

Girls Pairs Final

Session 6

Rank	Pairs	Nationality	%
1	BOTTA Giorgia CHAVARRIA Margherita	ITA - ITA	60.49
2	DE JESUS Karla SUAREZ Adriana	VEN - VEN	59.96
3	ARBIT Julie THAPA Isha	USA - USA	57.76
4	LU Xinying YU Felicia Xinying	CHN - CHN	49.74
5	CHEN Yungpeng RUAN Xinyao	CHN - CHN	49.21
6	LINZ Marianna WERNIS Rebecca	USA - USA	47.09
7	GU Yihao YANG Xinyi	CHN - CHN	39.24
8	JIN Huiyuan YUAN Aijia	CHN - CHN	36.51



Youth Pairs B winners: Moises Garda and Ruben Dario Cabrera from Venezuela

Italy, United States and Italy

We have six new world bridge champions, the winners of the three pair events here. And in only one event were the winners well ahead of their pursuers.

In the Girls Pairs, Giorgia Botta and Margherita Chavarria from Italy moved up for third to first in the last two sessions to win by one-third of a board from the overnight leaders, Karla de Jesus and Adriana Suarez from Venezuela. Close behind in third were Julie Arbit and Isha Tharp from the United States.

The Youngsters Pairs was captured by Allison Hunt and Asya Ladyzhensky from the United States. They were just over one board in front of two brothers, fellow-countrymen Andrew and Richard Jeng. Third, stopping an American sweep, were Jin Kai and Jin Tianyi from China.

The lead in the Junior Pairs changed hands several times over the last few boards. In the end, one of the most experienced pairs triumphed, Massimiliano di Franco and Gabriele Zanasi from Italy. On a top of 14, they finished 2.71 matchpoints ahead of Erkmen Aydogdu and Akin Koclar from Turkey. Third, another 1.23 matchpoints behind, were Alex Prairie and Sylvia Shi from the United States.

So women won medals in all three events. And heartiest congratulations to them all.

Now we move to the Swiss/Knockout Team events, which ends on Saturday. Teams that do not qualify for the quarterfinals and those defeated before the finals play in the Board-a-Match Teams, which starts on Thursday and concludes on Sunday.

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Junior Swiss Teams

Session 6

Rank	Team	VPs
1	WAR OF ROSES	38.30
2	CALIFORNIAN ACES	33.96
3	TURKIYE	25.65
4	ARGENTINA	24.65
5	AUSTRALIA	22.63
6	ITALIA	22.60
7	USA JOLLY	21.56
8	JAPAN	20.13
9	USA MANFIELD	18.58
10	VENEZUELA	7.10
11	WERNIS	2.99
12	FCBC	1.85

Youngsters Swiss Teams

Session 6

Rank	Team	VPs
1	BERK	39.44
2	CHINA XNWX	38.71
3	KRISTENSEN	28.00
4	USA JENG	27.97
5	CHINA SX CLUB	23.51
6	BERMAN	20.56
7	CHINA GIRLS SX CLUB	20.13
8	CHINA QFL	19.14
9	BERK S	17.46
10	LIN	16.77
11	GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	16.59
12	CHINA WFL	13.43
13	MIDNIGHT SUNS	12.00
14	ZHIHAOLE SCHOOL	6.88
15	BRIDGEMATES	3.41

Have a Go, Mate!

by David Stern

This is an expression we have in Australia for taking a shot rather than sitting on the sidelines. The first board on Tuesday morning should have kicked off with some "having a go," but turned out to be more of a whimper at six of the eight tables in the Juniors Final. Auctions included:

Dlr: South ♠ 10 6 5 3
 Vul: None ♥ 9 7 5 3 2
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ 4 3

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

♠ 9 8 7
 ♥ A J 6
 ♦ K Q J 6 2
 ♣ J 2

Frequencies: -420x1, -490x5, -800x1, -920x1

West	North	East	South
<i>Gobekli</i>	<i>Travis</i>	<i>Gokce</i>	<i>Moskovsky</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

And at another table:

West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	5♣	1NT All Pass

An example of playing with cats and getting scratched took place here, with the Australians getting scratched perhaps more than they should have.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hashimoto</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Kikuchi</i>	<i>Holland</i>
1♥	Dble	Redble	1NT
Dble	2♣	Dble	2♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

The scratching resulted in down four, and while the minus 800 figured to be a reasonable score against the 920 or 990 available to East-West, it earned a poor 2 matchpoints out of 14 when only one table bid the slam.

On this deal, is it easy, and if so how easy, to reach slam after South opens the bidding? The Turkish pair of Aydogdu and Koclar showed a not unreasonable if slightly gambling approach to the deal:

West	North	East	South
<i>Koclar</i>	<i>Argudas</i>	<i>Aydogdu</i>	<i>Brown</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

It is generally difficult to bid slam when the opponents open the bidding. Aydogdu seems to have taken a practical approach, perhaps figuring that the ace of hearts could take care of his diamond loser, assuming a quick entry to dummy. As little as:

♠ J x (x) ♥ A x x x x (x) ♦ x x (x) ♣ J x (x) would make the slam reasonable, and the ♠K and ♥A would make it a very sound proposition.

Interestingly seeing all four hands, six notrump is the best contract at pairs, and even six spades will make with the careful play of discarding a diamond on the heart-ace lead!

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

The play of the spade six by declarer saw the spotlight fall on West. A club discard looked reasonable. However, declarer threw a club from the dummy. Yes, East ruffed with his heart queen, but on the diamond return, South discarded and had to take one more trump trick for plus 110 and all 14 matchpoints available on the board.

To avoid that, West had to ruff the spade six low. If declarer discarded from dummy, West could have cashed the club queen and led a trump to his partner's queen. West would have taken the last trick with his high trump. Alternatively, if declarer overruffed with dummy's heart eight, East would also have overruffed. Then a diamond lead would have caught declarer's trumps in a coup.

Just let anybody tell you that bridge is an easy game!

P.S. Having just looked at the frequencies, I would love to know the auction that got East-West to three notrump and the play that allowed declarer to take eleven tricks. Or maybe I wouldn't!

Matchpoint Care

by David Stern

Adam Kaplan reported a nice ending on Board 13 in the fifth session of the Junior Pairs final.

Dlr:	North	East	South
Vul: All	♠ K 9 5	♥ 8 5	♦ J 9 5
	♣ 10 9 7 3 2	♠ 7 4 3	♥ Q J
	♠ 10 8 2	♦ Q 8 7 6 4 2	♣ J 8
	♥ A 10 7 4	♠ A Q J 6	♥ K 9 6 3 2
	♦ A K 3	♦ 10	♣ A K 5
	♣ Q 6 4		

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥

Frequencies: +110x1, +100x1, +80x3, -100x1, -660x1

At teams this deal wouldn't get much attention with declarer likely to take three spades, two clubs and at least two hearts. But at pairs the overtrick can be the difference between how well you divide up the 14 matchpoints available on the board.

After West led the diamond king, showing an odd number, declarer ruffed the diamond continuation, crossed to the spade king, and led a heart to the jack, king and ace. West played another diamond. Declarer ruffed and cashed two high spades and two high clubs to reach this ending:



Adam Kaplan, USA

Plan Ahead by Murat Molva

The last board of the fifth round of the Junior Pairs Final was instructive. It shows that you should be prepared for what to do next even when before that you got what you wanted.

Dlr: West	♠ A K Q 8 3		
Vul:Both	♥ K J 2		
	♦ K		
	♣ K 9 7 4		
♠ 7		♠ J 9 5 2	
♥ A Q 6		♥ 9 7	
♦ 9 7 6 5 2		♦ J 10 8 4 3	
♣ A J 10 2		♣ 5 3	
	♠ 10 6 4		
	♥ 10 8 5 4 3		
	♦ A Q		
	♣ Q 8 6		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Dble	3♦	3♥
4♦	4♥	All Pass	

Berk Gokce (Turkey) arrived in four hearts from the South seat. He took the singleton spade lead and crossed to hand by overtaking the diamond king. Gokce now made the key play of the heart ten from his hand. West, di Franco (Italy), thought for a long while before ducking. But declarer was still in his own hand, where he wanted to be. He played another round of trumps and finally established his fourth spade trick to land an overtrick.

At another table, Frank Lin (USA) was declaring the same four-heart contract after a similar auction.

West, Sarper Uslupehlivan (Turkey), led his singleton spade. Lin took this in dummy, then overtook his diamond king to play trumps towards the dummy. He wanted the heart queen to be with West. He led the heart three, West played low, and dummy's jack won. The declarer got what he wanted, the trump queen was onside. But he was in dummy, exactly where he did not want to be. He played a club from dummy. West took the club queen with his ace and continued with the club jack. Declarer was again in dummy. Fearing a club ruff, which would surely have been followed by a spade ruff, he played the heart king from dummy and conceded down one. One wrong spot at trick three made a difference of two tricks.

Plus 650 was worth all 14 matchpoints. Minus 100 gave North-South only 4 matchpoints.



Frank Lin (USA)

Careful With That Axe by Murat Molva

The very last board of the Junior Pairs Final was an absolute nail-biter.

Dlr: East	♠ 9 6 4		
Vul: None	♥ Q 9 8 7 6 3		
	♦ —		
	♣ 7 6 5 4		
♠ K 5 2		♠ Q J	
♥ K J 10 4 2		♥ 5	
♦ J 2		♦ A 10 9 8 5	
♣ 10 3 2		♣ A K J 9 8	
	♠ A 10 8 7 3		
	♥ A		
	♦ K Q 7 6 4 3		
	♣ Q		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Agica</i>	<i>Zanasi</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>di Franco</i>
		1♦	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

The players did not know at the time, but going into this last board, Zanasi-di Franco had just taken the lead from Koclar-Aydogdu of Turkey.

In the auction, di Franco, when Zanasi could bid only three spades over his takeout double, decided that they were high enough.

Agica led the ♦J. When declarer discarded a heart from the dummy, Kaplan won with his ace and shifted to the spade queen. Di Franco took it with his ace, ruffed a diamond, came to hand with the heart ace, and played another low diamond. When West ruffed in front of the dummy with the trump king, the deal was over. Plus 140 for the Italians was worth 8 matchpoints out of 14.

Did you notice that to defeat the contract, East had to play low at trick one, not take the trick? Then plus 50 to East-West would have left the Italians with 5 matchpoints and only the silver medals, 0.29 matchpoints behind the Turks.

Also, if West had led any other suit (except the heart king), the defenders could have got plus 100.

But what happened to Koclar and Aydogdu?

They defended against three spades doubled, then let it make in the same way as the Americans. Minus 530 gave them only 1 matchpoint. Of course, plus 100 or plus 300 would have been easily enough to win the gold medals. Or if they had not doubled, minus 140 would have given the Turks the win.

Bridge can be so close and so cruel at times.



Massimiliano di Franco (Italy)



Gabriele Zanasi (Italy)



In Search of the Magic 200 by Murat Molva

Board 16 from the fifth session of the Junior Pairs Final was interesting, producing a range of results from boringly normal to unbelievable.

Dlr: West	♠ K Q		
Vul: E-W	♥ A 10 3		
	♦ Q 8 4		
	♣ A 10 6 4 3		
♠ A J 10 4 3		♠ 9 7 2	
♥ J 5 4 2		♥ 7	
♦ 10 5		♦ A K 9 7 6 2	
♣ K Q		♣ J 9 5	
	♠ 8 6 5		
	♥ K Q 9 8 6		
	♦ J 3		
	♣ 8 7 2		

I witnessed the boringly normal auction at the table of the Costa Rican pair Leonardo Arguedas and Walter Brown, where West opened one spade, East responded two spades, and everyone passed. A peaceful 140 was recorded – and gave East-West 12 out of 14 matchpoints.

At another table, there was more action:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♥	3♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North, Koichiro Hashimoto (Japan), opened a strong notrump and his partner, Tadahiro Kikuchi, was all set to play in two hearts. But West, Akin Koclar (Turkey), balanced with two spades. When North showed his liking for hearts by bidding three hearts and East, Erkmen Aydogdu, raised to three spades, Kikuchi started thinking. Were they being robbed of their +140? On the other hand the vulnerable opponents were pushed to the three level with only 8 trumps between them. It must be right to double in pairs to protect himself against the field. So he doubled three spades. But this contract was unbeatable, and Akin Koclar actually made an overtrick when he was allowed to score two heart ruffs in dummy.

At the last table I watched (I should remind the readers that it is a difficult task to watch three different tables in a barometer event where the same boards are played simultaneously at all tables), the unbelievable happened:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♠	1NT	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

South, Massimiliano Di Franco (Italy), no doubt intended his 3♦ as transfer to hearts, but his partner Gabriele Zanasi was different opinion, so he passed. Now all that East, Ellena Moskovsky (Australia), had to do was to pass and collect nine tricks in defense. But she doubled three diamonds! Zanasi figured out what was happening around the table and he ran to three hearts. West, Lauren Travis, doubled this. Zanasi escaped for down one, but that was still worth 9 matchpoints out of 14 for East-West. (Plus 250 would have given East-West 13 mps.)