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Junior Teams WAR OF ROSES (USA)
1st Kevin Dwyer, Zachary Grossack, Marius Agica, Adam Kaplan, Michael Rosenberg (NPC) Owen Lien and Adam Grossack



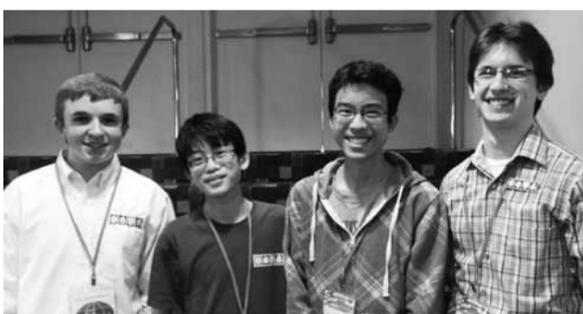
Junior Teams AUSTRALIA
2nd Nathan HOWARD, Peter HOLLANDS, Alex SMIRNOV (Coach), Lauren TRAVIS, Justin HOWARD, Ellena MOSKOVSKY, Maxim HENBEST, Ishmael DEL'MONTE (NPC)



Junior Teams TURKIYE
3rd Altug GOBEKLI, Erkmen AYDOGDU, Sarper USLUPEHLIVAN, Akin KOCLAR, Muhammet OZGUR, Berk GOKCE



Junior Teams JAPAN
4th Yuki Harada, Tadahiro Kikuchi, Kosuke Ito, Ryoko Oyama, Koichiro Hashimoto and Takumi Seshimo



Youngsters Teams USA JENG
1st Burke Snowden, Richard Jeng, Andrew Jeng and Oren Kriegel



Youngsters Teams KRISTENSEN
2nd Ben Kristensen, Brandon Harper, Ryan Miller and Greg Herman



Youngsters Teams CHINA XNWY
3rd Kai Jin, Felicia Yu, Kaiwen Yu, Yiling Shen, Tianyi Jin and Zhizhou Sha



Youngsters Teams BERKS
4th Jake Olsen, David Soukup, Sam Amer, Hakan Berk and Nolan Chang

Juniors Final

Team	Segment					
	1	TOTAL	2	TOTAL	3	TOTAL
AUSTRALIA	42	42	24	66	35	101
WAR OF ROSES	46	46	69	115	15	130
TURKIYE	51	51	50	101	55	156
JAPAN	26	26	34	60	37	97

Youngsters Semifinals

Team	Segment			
	1	TOTAL	2	TOTAL
CHINA XNWY	34	34	11	45
KRISTENSEN	51	51	55	106
USA JENG	39	39	36	75
BERK	29	29	9	38

Youngsters Final

Team	Segment			
	1	TOTAL	2	TOTAL
KRISTENSEN	14	14	30	44
USA JENG	26	26	30	56
CHINA XNWY	15	15	35	50
BERK	28	28	13	41

Youth BAM Teams

Round 13

Rank	Team	VPs
1	CALIFORNIAN ACES	132.66
2	ARGENTINA	128.48
3	ITALIA	126.80
4	VENEZUELA	120.60
5	CHINA GIRLS SX CLUB	106.60
	CHINA SX CLUB	106.60
7	WERNIS	104.60
8	CHINA WFL	94.60
9	CHINA QFL	89.60
10	ZHIHAOLE SCHOOL	70.60
	FCBC	70.60
12	GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	64.60
13	MIDNIGHT SUNS	37.20

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Let the Final Begin Juniors First Third

by David Stern

Australia had advanced from the qualifying to the semifinals by virtue of a ruling in a match not involving them, and from the semifinals to the final through a ruling in their own match. So they figured to be resolved to make every board count.

War of Roses, on the other hand, had comfortably won the qualifying and beaten Japan by a large margin in the semifinal. Their team was also strengthened with the availability, though he had been on the roster from the outset, of Kevin Dwyer by virtue of his elimination from the Spingold Knockout Teams, the premier event at the Summer North American Championships going on here concurrently.

However, those who know the Australians (including me) believe that the final, over three 16-board segments, would be a close affair. And so it proved in the first session. Australia kicked the first goal with 11 IMPs on this board:

Dlr: North ♠ 9 3
 Vul: Nil ♥ 3
 ♦ A K J 8 5 3
 ♣ A K 4 3

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agica</i>	<i>Howard N</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Henbest</i>
	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Grossack A</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Grossack Z</i>
	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, three notrump could make only with an inspired guess in diamonds, and in practice went down two for minus 100.

The spotlight fell on Max Henbest in the Open Room, playing in four spades. The good news was 3-3 trumps and the even better news was declarer's abundance of spade pips.

Declarer started in fine fashion, winning the opening heart lead, cashing dummy's diamond ace-king and club ace-king before ruffing a club in his hand. South ruffed a heart in the dummy and led the diamond jack, ruffed high by East and overruffed by declarer. South then played a heart from hand in this position:

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

East-West were helpless, being limited to two trumps and one heart. Australia 11-0.

The next major swing was all about sniffing out the club queen.

Dlr: North ♠ A K Q 8 7
 Vul: N-S ♥ J
 ♦ A K 10 8
 ♣ A J 10

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agica</i>	<i>Howard N</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Henbest</i>
	2♣	2♥	2♠
4♥	4NT	5♥	Dble (1)
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

(1) DOPI showing no key cards

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Grossack A</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Grossack Z</i>
	2♣	2♥	Pass (1)
4♥	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Encouraging

In the Open Room, North elected to try four notrump, Roman Key Card Blackwood, over 4♥ and bid 6♠ when partner denied any key cards, which highlighted a heart loser.

Declarer ruffed the second heart, drew trumps, and played the club jack from his hand. East, Justin Howard, played the nine, which I believe is not the best card to play as there are very few holdings where one would play the nine without the queen. But no matter, declarer rose with the king and finessed through West to go down one.

Henbest, sitting South in the Open Room, showed superior technique by ruffing the second heart, playing two rounds of trumps, and cashing the diamond ace, just in case an honor showed on his right or the queen-jack were doubleton on his left. When no diamond honor fell, he crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed the last heart to reach this ending:

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

Declarer had seen East discard first the club nine and then the club five. South concluded that East's likely shape was 1=5=2=5, making the club queen more likely to be with East. In any event, East had two easy heart discards, so why was he throwing clubs other than to place thoughts in declarer's mind? In this case, though, it had the reverse effect – perhaps one club and one heart discard would have been more optimal by East. Well done by declarer to read the position. Australia 28-4.

War of Roses immediately fought back by pushing the Australians around at the five-level:

Dlr: East ♠ 10 2
 Vul: E-W ♥ A 8 7 6 3
 ♦ 10 7 6 4
 ♣ Q 10

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agica</i>	<i>Howard N</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Henbest</i>
		2♦	3♦
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Grossack A</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Grossack Z</i>
		Pass	1♦
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

An easy plus 500 was available for East-West defending against five diamonds doubled, but I doubt anybody could blame Peter Hollands, West in the Closed Room, for feeling that he was being swindled. 12 IMPs to the USA when four spades made in the Open Room and five spades failed by one trick in the Closed Room. Australia 28-16.

This board caught my attention:

Dlr: North ♠ A Q 10 6 5 2
 Vul: E-W ♥ J 10
 ♦ A 8 3 2
 ♣ 3

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

The Open Room played in a quiet two spades after an auction that never saw East or West take a bid.

In the Closed Room, however:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hollands</i>	<i>Grossack A</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Grossack Z</i>
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North led the club three. Declarer won in dummy and resisted the fatal urge to cash a second club for a spade pitch. Instead, he led the diamond jack from dummy. When South covered with the queen, declarer was at the crossroads, but perhaps didn't realize it at the time. Covering with the king would have placed the lead with North, who could have done no damage because the trumps were behaving. By ducking as he did, declarer allowed South to give his partner a club ruff. Then credit to Adam Grossack, North, who underled the spade ace to get another club ruff – the only winning defense at that point. Australia 28-22.

The War of Roses collected 10 IMPs when an Australian declarer didn't take the necessary finesse in the trump suit holding ♠ A K 10 9 5 opposite ♠ J 6 4. After three pushes, the last board of the set arrived.



Dlr: West ♠ A K 9 5
 Vul: E-W ♥ K 7
 ♦ A K 8 7 5 3
 ♣ 2

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

♠ J 10
 ♥ A J 10 8 6
 ♦ 10
 ♣ A K 10 4 3

In the Closed Room, North-South reached six diamonds, which seems to rest almost entirely on a favourable diamond break. Plus 920 for the War of the Roses.

In the Open Room, the auction saw North-South reach a seemingly superior six hearts.

West	North	East	South
<i>Agica</i>	<i>Howard N Kaplan</i>	<i>Henbest</i>	
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

After some consideration, I think the best spot is six notrump. There are eleven top tricks if diamonds break, and even if they don't behave, there are residual chances in both hearts and spades. Anyway back to the six-heart action, where South received the club-queen lead. He won with his king, cashed the club ace and took dummy's two top spades. To make the contract at this point, declarer had to ruff a spade as a prelude to reducing his trump holding and getting to this position:

♠ 9	♠ --
♥ --	♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 8 7 5	♦ --
♣ --	♣ --
♠ Q	♠ --
♥ --	♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 9	♦ --
♣ J 9	♣ --
♠ --	♠ --
♥ A J 8	♥ A J 8
♦ --	♦ --
♣ 10	♣ 10

Lead any card from the board, overruff East and exit with the club to make the last two trumps. This is double dummy of course, relying on knowing that the hearts are misbehaving badly. However, if you win the opening lead, play a heart to the king and return heart to the jack and discover the bad break, you can wind up in almost the same position. But then declarer would have been forced to finesse in spades for the additional tricks.

So Australia finished the set down 42-46.

Australia versus War of Roses Second Session

by Phillip Alder

The second third began with the American team up by 4 IMPs. For this set, the War of Roses included Kevin Dwyer, who was eliminated from the Spingold yesterday.

The first swing came on the second deal.

Dlr: East ♠ 10
 Vul: N-S ♥ A 7 4 2
 ♦ 10 7 3 2
 ♣ 9 7 4 3

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

♠ Q 5 4 3 2
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ 8 6 5
 ♣ A 8 6

Open Room
 West North East South
Zack Justin Adam Hollands
Grossack Howard Grossack

Pass Pass Pass 1♠

Closed Room
 West North East South
Henbest Dwyer Nathan Lien
Howard

1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♦ (1) Pass 2♥ Pass
 2♠ Pass 3♦ Pass
 3NT Pass Pass Pass

(1) Artificial game-force

Zack Grossack, looking at the prevailing vulnerability, hoped to be able to sink his teeth into one spade. Unfortunately, his older brother had too many spades to reopen with a double.

The defenders took three spades, three diamonds and two clubs for down two, but must have feared a 5-IMP loss.

However, Owen Lien led a low club. Nathan Howard won with his jack and returned a club. South won and shifted to a diamond. East overtook dummy's jack and cashed his other two top diamonds to give this position:

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

To succeed now, declarer had to play on spades, but he led a heart. How did the defenders beat the contract?

South went up with his king and played his remaining heart to North's ace. North cashed his high diamond and exited with a club to endplay the dummy.

That gave War of Roses a lucky 11 IMPs. More followed immediately:

Dlr: South ♠ K J 7 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ J 7 4
 ♦ J 8 2
 ♣ 8 6 4

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

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

Open Room
 West North East South
Grossack Z Howard J Grossack A Hollands

Pass Pass 1NT Pass
 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass
 4♥ Pass Pass Pass

Closed Room
 West North East South
Henbest Dwyer Howard N Lien

Pass 1♠ Pass 1NT
 Pass Pass Dble 2♣
 Pass Pass Pass

By twice finessing in spades through North, Adam Grossack took four hearts, three diamonds, one club (he ruffed his high club ten to get back to the dummy), one spade and that club ruff.

Dwyer's psych worked perfectly when first East

did not overcall one notrump and then West did not realize that East's double showed a strong hand with a desire for a spade lead.

Two clubs went down one, but War of Roses gained 11 IMPs.

Two boards later:

Dlr: North ♠ K Q 9 3
 Vul: N-S ♥ Q
 ♦ K Q 9 8 5
 ♣ A Q J

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

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

Open Room
 West North East South
Grossack Z Howard J Grossack A Hollands

3♦ (1) Dble Pass (2) Pass
 3♥ Pass Pass Pass

(1) A mixed raise: four trumps, some 7-9 points and a dnine losers.

(2) Game-try

Closed Room
 West North East South
Henbest Dwyer Howard N Lien

4♥ 1♣ (1) 3♥ Pass
 Dble All Pass

(1) 16-plus points

The Americans got lucky when Zack had the club king hidden behind another card.

With the club ace offside, there was no way to take ten tricks. (Lien even led a spade to make life easy.)

Plus 140 and plus 100 gave War of Roses another 6 IMPs.

The Americans were up by 39 IMPs when Board 25 arrived.

Dlr: North ♠ K 7
 Vul: E-W ♥ 8 5
 ♦ J 10 9 5 4
 ♣ J 8 4 2

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

♠ J 8 6 4
 ♥ A 7 6 4
 ♦ K 7 3
 ♣ 10 5

Open Room
 West North East South
Grossack Z Howard J Grossack A Hollands

1♥ Pass Pass Pass
 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass
 3♠ Pass 3NT Pass
 4♥ Pass Pass Pass

Closed Room
 West North East South
Henbest Dwyer Howard N Lien

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2♣ Pass 2NT Pass
 3♠ Pass 3NT All Pass

Three notrump made an overtrick without difficulty.

In the Open Room, Zack should have passed out three notrump. However, he could have made four hearts.

North led the diamond jack. West won with dummy's ace and played a spade to his queen. North won and returned his second spade, which ran to

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War of Roses

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declarer's nine. South won the next trick with his trump ace and gave his partner a spade ruff. That left this position:

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

North led the diamond ten. What should declarer have done?

At the table, West played low from the dummy and ruffed in his hand. But now, however he wriggled, he could not get home.

If, though, he had covered the diamond ten with dummy's queen and ruffed away South's king, running the trumps would have squeezed North in the minors.

True, declarer was unlucky that North got a ruff from trump shortness, but Zack usually eats up deals like this.

That gave Australia 12 IMPs. And the team got another 11 on the next board, making three hearts in one room and one notrump doubled with an overtrick in the other.

But War of Roses bounced back, gaining 10 IMPs on an Australian misdefense against three notrump. And 11 came from another successful Grossack slam, this one being excellent. The Grossack slam bidding in this event was phenomenal.

Then came Board 30:

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack Z</i>	<i>Howard J</i>	<i>Grossack A</i>	<i>Hollands</i>
		1♠	Dble
Redble	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

I have always thought that 4-3-3-3 takeout doubles are unsound. Almost everyone makes them these days, and I am happy to see one come unstuck.

Zack was originally intending to show a game-invitational spade raise with exactly three trumps. But things suddenly took an up-tick and going for a penalty became much more appealing, especially in clubs.

We will draw a veil over the play. Declarer could have escaped for down four, but lost one trick, going minus 1100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Henbest</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Howard N</i>	<i>Lien</i>
		1♠	Dble
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Four spades made easily enough, but that was 12 IMPs to War of Roses.

The last two deals were flat and the session ended with the United States team ahead by 115-66.

That was always going to be a tall order for Australia. And the final session was much flatter. The Australians did close the gap and gained the one big swing, Lauren Travis making a three notrump that failed in the other room. But the final margin was War of Roses (USA) 130 Australia 101.

Youngsters Teams Final

by Murat Molva

The 32-board Youngsters final was a clash between two all-American teams, Kristensen and Jeng.

Don't you just love it when you make a horrible bid and you land on your feet, whereas your opponent at the other table bids sensibly to go minus?

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Jeng A</i>	<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Jeng R</i>	<i>Herman</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

South, Gregory Herman (from Team Kristensen), made a disciplined pass to his partner's two notrump, that had no chance after a normal club lead. So down one.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Harper</i>	<i>Kriegel</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Snowden</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The south player for Team Jeng, Burke Snowden, bid a very risky three spades (no doubt influenced with his strong spade spots) after his partner's two-notrump rebid. If you or I would have made this bid at the table, the opponents would have come rushing with the axe and we would have found ourselves looking at a four-digit penalty in the minus column. Not so for Snowden. He bought a useful dummy. If West had led a heart, the defense would have prevailed, but quite understandably West, Brandon Harper, started with a club. The layout around the table was friendly and Snowden soon recorded plus 140. 6 Imps for Jeng.

Our next deal is from the second (and last) segment of the Youngsters final. You will notice the recurring themes of "horrible bid but landing on your feet" and its close relative "bid sensibly but go minus" here too.

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

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Harper</i>	<i>Kriegel</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Snowden</i>
		Pass	1♦
1NT	2♦	2♥	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The East-West pair seemed to be on the same wavelength when Ryan Miller, with his two-point hand, made a transfer bid of two hearts and then, quite sensibly, passed his partner's bid of two spades. Harper played safely to land an overtrick to go plus 140.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Jeng A</i>	<i>Kristensen</i>	<i>Jeng R</i>	<i>Herman</i>
		Pass	1♦
1NT	2♦	2♠	3♦
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, Richard Jeng, no doubt intended his two-spade bid as "to play," but his partner, older brother Andrew, would have none of it. He just blasted into the spade game.

When the heart queen was protected behind the ace-king, and when clubs broke 2-2 and when spades broke 2-2, Richard Jeng was soon able to claim plus 620 and 10 IMPs. That was another triumph for the Jeng team.

This was Board 11:

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

Both South players opened four spades and were left to play there. Snowden, from Jeng, took the heart-king lead in the dummy and played the diamond jack. East covered it and declarer ruffed. But there was no legitimate way to make the contract. So Snowden went down one.

At the other table, Herman, the south player for Kristensen, introduced a psychological factor into the deal. He took the heart-king lead in dummy (East playing the jack) and led a low diamond. East, fearing that declarer was trying to sneak past his ace to win with a stiff king, put up his ace, and declarer ruffed with the trump eight. He then went to dummy with the spade jack to run the diamond queen, discarding a heart from his hand. West won this with the king and cashed his heart queen. Now the question was, who had the heart ten? If declarer had it, East would ruff the next heart, and the game would go down. If East had the it, though, declarer would ruff the heart. But is the spade seven in the dummy an entry to the established diamond jack? Andrew Jeng finally played another heart. Herman ruffed it, crossed to dummy by overtaking the "carefully preserved" spade six and discarded one of his club losers on the diamond jack. Four spades just made for a 10-IMP pick up for Team Kristensen.

As you no doubt have seen many times before, the low spots in bridge books or bulletin articles are always in the "carefully preserved" category. Declarers never find a low spot-card in their hands by chance, they carefully preserve them.

Jeng USA finally won the Youngsters Final by 56-44, and they are the Youngsters World Champions. Congratulations.