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PUSH YOUR PARTNER TO VICTORY



Sebastiano Scatà & Andrea Manganella from Italy



We are taking a photo of everyone today. Please meet outside the venue at 13.15 (after the second round) wearing the Championships' t-shirt.

There is one more day to go in the pair championships. In the Junior Pairs, with only two sessions to be played, the Swedish twins, Mikael and Ola Rimstedt, enjoy a healthy lead over Giuseppe Delle Cave from Italy and Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa from Argentina. Just behind them are two American pairs
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HEALTH AND MIND PLAY TOGETHER

A workshop will be held on Monday 24 August from 11 to 12 in the Auditorium. The details will be published tomorrow in the Bulletin. NBO Officers, Team Officials, non-playing Captains, Coaches, Managers and Journalists are kindly invited to attend. The players are very welcome as well.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

	JUNIOR	YOUNGSTERS	GIRLS	KIDS
10.00 - 11.20	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11
11.40 - 13.15	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12
13.15	MEET OUTSIDE THE VENUE FOR THE PHOTO			
14.30 - 15.50		Round 13	Round 13	Round 13
16.10 - 17.55			Round 14	
19.00	PAIRS PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY			





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Julie Arbit-Sean Gannon and Alex Hudson-Christian Jolly.

In the Youngsters Pairs, there are three sessions remaining. Two Chinese pairs lead, Sun Shiyu and Wei Hongji having the edge over Fang Zhengyang and Yin Yichen. Third are Andrea Manganella and Sebastiano Scatà from Italy.

There are also three sessions remaining in the

Kids Pairs. Here, the three leading pairs are very close. Wu Zhe and Yuan Zhijie from China are fractionally ahead of Soren Bune and Christian Lahrmann from Denmark, with Kacper Kopka and Oskar Trybus from Poland third.

The Girls have the marathon today, playing four sessions. Michela Salvato and Giulia Scriattoli from Italy lead from their fellow countrywomen, Susanna Broccolino and Enrica Raffa. A short way back, there is almost a tie for third between two Chinese pairs, Ruan Xinyao-Yuan Aijia and Hu Ling-Xia Qi.



DIFFICULT DECISION AND SURPRISING SCORES

by MICKE MELANDER

When watching bridge, you always decide what you would have done. Here are two interesting problems from the second session of the pairs.

First you have:

♠ J 10 7 5 4 ♡ J 10 8 ◇ A J 4 2 ♣ K

West You	North	East	South
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Pass (a)	1♡	Pass	Pass
2♠ (b)	3♡	Pass	Pass
??			

(a) You choose not to open a bit light in third seat
(b) You do not have a sophisticated set of raises

What would you bid with all vulnerable?

Here is a second problem to think about. You are in first seat, with none vulnerable, looking into the following cards and calls:

♠ K 8 ♡ A Q 9 8 7 4 3 ◇ K Q 10 5 ♣ —

West	North	East	South
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2♣	3◇ (a)	5♣	You 1♡ ??
(a) Pre-emptive			

What would you do now?

This was the full deal from the first problem.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 6		
	♡ A K 7 6 5 2		
	◇ K Q 9		
	♣ A 10 8		
♠ J 10 7 5 4		♠ A K Q 9 2	
♡ J 10 8		♡ 9 3	
◇ A J 4 2		◇ 7 5 3	
♣ K		♣ 9 5 2	
	♠ 8 3		
	♡ Q 4		
	◇ 10 8 6		
	♣ Q J 7 6 4 3		

West Ma	North Huang	East Hao	South Wu
Pass	1♡	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♡	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Ma did very well when she didn't overbid her hand at all. Any jump-raise or similar would probably have pushed North into bidding higher, and North-South would have been in their heart game. My thought from the sideline was that probably East-West were missing game, if East, as seemed likely, was short in hearts. I couldn't have been more wrong. (In fact, East-West have to be careful not to let 12 tricks through if North is the declarer in hearts.)

South led the queen of hearts. North overtook it with the ace, cashed the king, and continued with a third round of hearts. When East pitched a



diamond, South ruffed with her three of spades. Then South returned a diamond, and there was no way for declarer to escape losing a diamond and a club for one down.

Since North could do so well in hearts, it was no surprise that East-West received 65% of the match points.

Board 11. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ma</i>	<i>Huang</i>	<i>Hao</i>	<i>Wu</i>
			1♥
2♣	3♦	5♣	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

With that nice South hand, Wu opened the bidding with one heart, and when the tray came



 LINGYI MA & MENGQI HAO, CHINA

back from the other side of the screen, the bidding was already up to the five-level. Wu, who didn't know who to believe, bid a conservative five diamonds, which ended the auction.

The defence scored the ace of spades, so that was twelve tricks for North-South and 55%. One reason for the good score was the fact that East-West were cold for both five clubs and five spades with their huge fits and had a very cheap sacrifice against six diamonds.

I would have bid six diamonds. No wonder I'm writing articles and not playing 😊!



HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE SLAM?

by PHILLIP ALDER

In the first round of the pair events, this diabolical deal arose (rotated to make South the declarer):

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

First of all, consider it as a single-dummy problem. You get to six hearts, and West leads the king of diamonds. How would you plan the play?

After you have decided, turn to page 4.

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HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE SLAM?

by PHILLIP ALDER

How Can You Make the Slam? continued from page 3.

Board 3. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Now look at all 52 cards. Did your line work? If not, see if you can work out how to bring home six hearts knowing where all of the cards lie.

While you are thinking about that, only a few pairs climbed as high as six hearts, and just two made it. Here is what happened at those tables.

First, in the Girls Pairs.

West	North <i>Zoranovic</i>	East	South <i>Pepic</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT (a)
Pass	5♣ (b)	Pass	5♦ (c)
Pass	6♣ (d)	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(a) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(b) Three key cards

(c) Asking for the queen of hearts

(d) Showing that card and the king of clubs, and denying the king of spades

After that optimistic auction, West strangely chose to lead the nine of clubs.

Selena Pepic from Serbia won with dummy's ace, played a heart to her king, returned a heart to dummy's ace, took a spade finesse, played off dummy's top clubs, ruffed a club, and led

a diamond. After taking West's queen with dummy's ace, Pepic ruffed another club and conceded a diamond. Then she could ruff her last diamond and lead a spade, claiming when the king appeared.

Pepic took three spades, four hearts, one diamond, two clubs and two club ruffs. She and her partner, Jovana Zoranovic, received a cold top.

The other successful pair were Jamie Thompson and Stephen Williams from Australia. This was their auction:

West	North <i>Thompson</i>	East	South <i>Williams</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

East led the two of diamonds. Thompson took West's queen with his ace and cashed the two top clubs, worrying that West was short in the suit when he played the eight and nine. Giving up the idea of ruffing a club, North took a spade finesse, played a trump to his queen, and led a second spade to pick



 SELENA PEPIC & JOVANA ZORANOVIC, SERBIA



up the king. This was the end-position:

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

and play a heart to the queen, giving this position:

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

North drew trumps ending with South's king, cashed the queen of spades, and ruffed the five of spades in his hand. On this trick, East made the fatal discard of the eight of diamonds.

Now Thompson led the jack of diamonds to squash East's ten and establish dummy's nine.

Thompson took three spades, four hearts, two diamonds, two clubs and the spade ruff in his hand for another top.

Fair enough, but how should the contract be played and how can it be made double-dummy without relying on one defender to be short in hearts and clubs?

Ruffing one club in the hope of bringing down the queen is certainly fair. But ruffing the second club is antipercentage, because it requires the defender who is short in clubs also to be short in trumps.

Unless spades are 3-3 with the king onside, it looks better to try for a squeeze, but which one? It obviously depends on who is guarding the black suits. You can squeeze either defender if he controls both of those suits. And if those guards are split, maybe you play the cards as if executing a double squeeze.

In this exact layout, though, you need something much more complicated and, I venture to suggest, nigh-impossible to envision at the table.

The exact order can be varied, but the basic plan is as follows: Win with the ace of diamonds, take a spade finesse, draw two rounds of trumps with the king and ace, cash the top clubs, ruff a club,

After a spade to the king and ace, the queen of spades, and a spade ruff, which two cards does East retain?

He must hold the queen of clubs; otherwise, North cashes his jack. So East must discard the eight of diamonds. Now, though, at trick 12, North leads his jack of diamonds and takes the final trick with dummy's nine of diamonds!

What is this type of squeeze called?

It has an element of a guard squeeze, except that there is no finessing position established when East has to pitch the eight of diamonds.

It is a variety of steppingstone squeeze, except that declarer does not give West the lead in another suit to get a trick from the nine of diamonds.

It is actually a vice squeeze, which was first analysed by Terence Reese in *The Expert Game*. It is similar to a guard squeeze, but in a vice squeeze, the defenders have a winner in the suit (here, diamonds). Since that winner will take a trick, this is a squeeze without the count.

Here is another example:

♠ Q J ♥ A ♦ -- ♣ --		♠ A 9 8 ♥ -- ♦ -- ♣ --	♠ K 10 2 ♥ -- ♦ -- ♣ --
♠ 3 ♥ K ♦ A ♣ --			

When South cashes the ace of diamonds, West must throw a spade. Then a spade lead establishes a trick for dummy's ten.





MEET JOAQUIN PALMA

by DAVID STERN

Joaquin, 24 years old, is competing at this tournament for Chile. Although he was born in Arica, he now lives in Santiago and is completing his studies in economics at the Universidad de Chile.

Sorry ladies, although he isn't married, he is currently in a relationship.

Like many bridge players, he has passed through the school of online poker, but that is in the past. Bridge is now his passion. In fact, he is so passionate about the game that he quietly admits to playing it almost every day.

Since first coming in contact with the game at University, Eduardo Rosen and Hanoi Rondón, members of the Chilean Bridge Federation, have mentored him and helped him to develop his understanding of the game.

Before this tournament, his only "bridge travelling" had been to Argentina, where, after playing for only a year, he finished third in a Swiss Teams tournament. He says that he was also happy almost to make the final of the pairs championship, given the big gap between those who have played the game for a long time and his partnership. He is hopeful that bridge will take him to other parts of the world.

Palma has played with most of his Opatija teammates, but his "official" partner is Philippe Cazabon. "He is a great partner and helps me a lot while I learn more and more." On the subject of partnership, he says that he struggles to remain calm and focused – well, he isn't alone there!

In terms of bidding system, he prefers two-over-one to SAYC (Standard American Yellow Card). "I think you exchange more information in fewer bids using two-over-one. I also like the doubles and redoubles (support and negative) and the preempting." He notes that complicated systems are great only if both partners are perfectly synchronised.

In developing his bridge, Palma reads www.confbridge.com and some other online sites. He also watches a lot of Vu-Graph on BBO (bridgebase.com). He likes to treat each



tournament in which he competes as a learning experience. To improve, he says that he just needs to work harder on his bridge.

He doesn't recall any amusing stories or great deals, but hopes to leave here with some.

For a non-bridge factoid, he says that when his band, Sinkarma (for whom he plays guitar), opened Korn's show in Chile, it was awesome. Okay, I'm old, so I had to look this up. Korn is an American nu metal band from Bakersfield, California, formed in 1993. Also, being a South American, he obviously loves watching soccer.

When asked about the future of bridge, especially in Chile, he said, "I don't know. I'd just love to see some more young people learning this great game because I think it helps in our development as human beings. It is growing thanks to the work of our club, where about 30 young people are playing as a result of free classes from a great coach. But it's hard because most young people prefer other activities, so I don't know what will happen in the long run."

If you could play with anybody, who would that be? "Madala, Chagas or Robles Jr."

Before the tournament, I asked the participants to complete some information about themselves. It was disappointing that with so many players, I received so few responses. If you would like to help the Bulletin, you can complete the e-mail that you should have received.



PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST!

A POTPOURRI OF PROBLEMS



BIDDING

Modern bridge is a bidder's game.

1. With both sides vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ J 7 5 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 5
 ♣ J 7

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
Pass	1♣	1♠	??

What would you do now, if anything?



TRIVIA QUESTION

How much do you know about bridge?

3. After whom is each of the four kings designed?

	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	

BIDDING

4. Now back to the bidding question. You should do anything but pass! Even one notrump is better than pass. If your system permits it, you could respond three diamonds. If not, bid two diamonds. This is a slight overbid, but if partner has king-doubleton or king-third of diamonds, you might be able to make three notrumps.

Now imagine, though, that you are asked to fill in for a player who has fainted. The other players thought he was moving for a pass card in the bidding box as he fell to the floor. The auction continues:

♠ J 7 5 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 5
 ♣ J 7

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♠	??

What would you do now?

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PLAY

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



2. Rubber-bridge competitions can be both fun and frustrating. Each match is limited to, say, 24 deals. Sometimes, of course, you get poor cards and have no chance. Also, as the last deal starts, each side knows the exact situation.

This deal from one such match leaves North-South needing a grand slam to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Dummy
 ♠ 7 6 3
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A 8 3 2
 ♣ A 6 3 2

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Declarer
 ♠ A K
 ♥ A Q J
 ♦ K J 9 7
 ♣ K J 7 4

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
			1NT

Pass 7NT All Pass

You open one notrump, just in case partner wishes to use your system to try to find a fit somewhere. But since he has a balanced hand, he just plunges straight into seven notrumps.

After West leads the queen of spades, how would you try to win all 13 tricks, given that neither minor-suit queen is doubleton?



JUNIOR PAIRS - 4TH SESSION

by RAM SOFFER

A clear leading group had already emerged after three sessions of the Junior Pairs, and during the fourth session I followed two of the leading pairs, the Rimstedt twins, Mikael and Ola, from Sweden and the mixed Italian pair, Margherita Chavarria-Giacomo Percario.

precisely: Three rounds of hearts allowed North to overruff with his queen of spades, and declarer could not avoid losing two more tricks to the ace of diamonds and king of spades. Plus 100 was worth only 41.23% of the matchpoints, as North-South happened to be cold for three notrumps.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Mikael R.</i>
	2♣ (a)	Dble	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
(a) Weak or strong in diamonds			

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Mikael R.</i>
1♥	1NT	1♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
		Pass	Pass

The bidding quickly reached the four-level. Both sides were too high, but nobody doubled.

Ola's hand was not a typical weak two in diamonds, but I liked this action: North had a decent five-card suit, good distribution, and he was taking away some bidding space from his opponents, who were likely to possess the majors.

East's double showed the majors, and Mikael applied some pressure by jumping to four hearts when he could have been facing a void. But there was a fair chance of making it if his partner's diamonds were strong.

Ben David followed the rule "when in doubt, bid four spades over four hearts," even though his diamond honours were useless offensively. It was a poor save, but the Swedes failed to take full advantage of it and did not double. They defended

Ola's off-shape one-notrump overcall worked extremely well. (Two clubs was also an option – if natural according to system.) Mikael's two-notrump advance was a transfer to diamonds. Normally, West would then have bid four hearts, but unfortunately Ben David gave too much consideration to North's imaginary heart stoppers "promised" by his one-notrump overcall.

There was some case for raising to four hearts with the East cards, since all of his points were working and well-placed, but Ginossar may have considered his partner's three-heart bid as purely competitive, which raises a theoretical question: Shouldn't a direct three hearts over the two-notrump transfer be "good," while pass followed by three hearts over three diamonds would be "bad"?

In the play, Ola made an over-creative switch to the nine of diamonds after the king-of-clubs lead, which cost his side a trick. However, minus 230



 **MIKAEL RIMSTEDT, SWEDEN**

still gave them 90.94% of the matchpoints, since almost everyone bid four hearts.

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Ola R.</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Mikael R.</i>
2♥	3♣	3♥	1♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠

This was a disappointing board for the Swedes, who missed a laydown slam.

Unfortunately, it's the commentator's job to assign the blame. South opened with 10 HCP, then made a free bid of three spades. North's four hearts was of course a strong slam invitation, but South had already shown everything, so his four-spade bid seems to be correct.

From North's point of view it was highly likely that his partner had a singleton heart (his vulnerable opponents had bid to the three-level with skimpy values), so for a good slam North needed opposite only six spades headed by the K-Q-J (or seven headed by the K-Q) together

with ace of diamonds – or South's actual hand. Since his partner's three-spade bid had already shown a decent suit, North should have made at least one move above the game-level.

The Juniors field performed well in this deal, so plus 480 gave Mikael and Ola only 26.61% of the matchpoints.

For the last three boards of the session, I joined the Italian pair who were lying in third place.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Eide</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Bakke</i>
1♥	2♥	3♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's two-heart cue-bid showed spades and diamonds. Should he have made that bid vulnerable with two broken suits? Evidently South was of the opinion that North had a better hand, since he volunteered a four-spade bid over East's three hearts.

I find it hard to agree with East's final pass. A double was indicated with ♠ A-10-x-x over the hand with trump length. True, a pair having a good tournament tends to be cautious so as to avoid a disaster like four spades doubled and made, but in order to get to the very top, one needs to pounce on opponents' errors.

Margherita Chavarria led the ace of hearts and switched to the two of clubs. Declarer led a low trump to the queen, king and ace. East continued with the queen of hearts. At this stage declarer was in danger of losing control. Bakke resorted to the diamond finesse, and when the suit broke favourably, he lost only two trumps, a club and a heart. Plus 100 gave the Italians 52.92%, while beating four spades doubled by one trick would



have been worth more than 82%.

Having failed to exploit fully their opponents' overbidding, the Italians finished the session with a poor board through no fault of their own, due to intelligent bidding by their opponents.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Chavarria	Eide	Percario	Bakke
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South's double over the one-heart overcall presumably showed spades. After two clubs by his partner, South forced to game by cue-bidding two hearts, and North showed a heart stopper.



 CHRISTIAN BAKKE, NORWAY

Christian Bakke (South) realized that with solid spades and some danger of a heart ruff, his partnership might do better in a notrump contract. Four notrumps over two notrumps was invitational and natural. North declined the invitation with minimum values.

The defence attacked hearts. Declarer had time to develop three club tricks, but when spades didn't behave, ten tricks were the limit.

The scoresheet consisted mostly of 420's and 430's, the latter giving North-South 73.39% of the matchpoints.



FROM OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE WORLD... ... TO OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE SCREEN

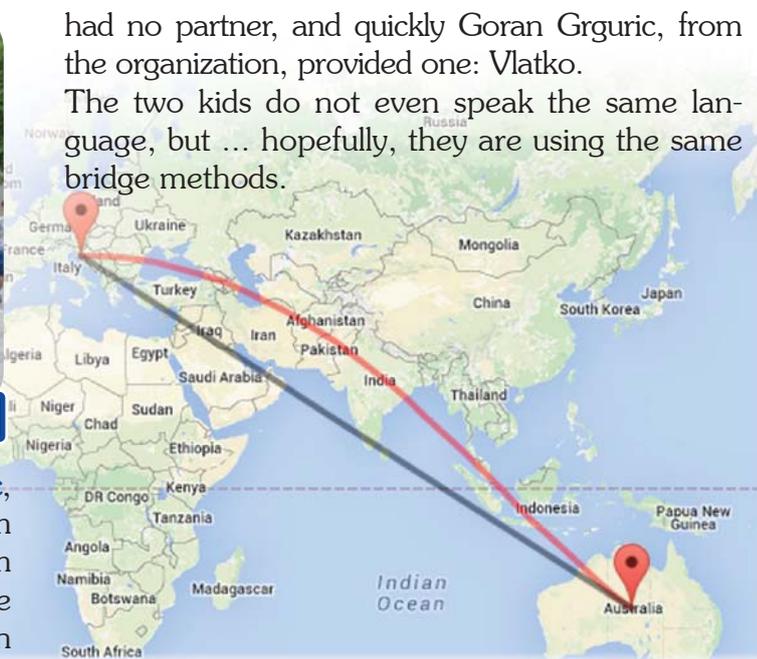
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 VLATKO BOREKOVIC & FINN RENNIE 

The two boys in the photo are **Vlatko Borekovic**, from Croatia, 12 years old, and **Finn Rennie**, from Australia, 11 years old. The distance between them was more than 14,000 kms one week ago, just one meter (the length of the bridge table) today.

had no partner, and quickly Goran Grguric, from the organization, provided one: Vlatko. The two kids do not even speak the same language, but ... hopefully, they are using the same bridge methods.





ANOTHER SWEDISH SUCCESS STORY?

by MICKE MELANDER

In Wroclaw 2013, the European qualifier for the World Championships, Sweden won gold in the Youngsters. The team also won the Youngsters in Istanbul at the World Youth Teams in 2014. In addition, earlier in the summer of the same year, we saw a Swedish U21 win the European Youngster pairs. Going into 2015 in Tromsø, Sweden was second in both U26 and U21, and the U16 took the bronze medals. Will Sweden win more medals here in Opatija?

It looks like it after the first day of the U26 Pairs, with the twin brothers Ola and Mikael Rimstedt leading the pack. They have two sisters who play. Sandra, the oldest of them, won the European Open Women Pairs this year with Emma Sjoberg, and her sister Cecilia won this particular pair tournament with Sara Sivelind in 2006 in Piestany, Slovakia.

Here come some boards covering Mikael's and Ola's progress in Opatija from the 5th session of the U26 Pairs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Coenen	O.Rimstedt	Lucassen	M.Rimstedt
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Three notrumps looks like a rock solid contract with ten tricks for declarer at first glance. Mikael Rimstedt showed, however, how the defence could make life a little tougher for declarer. When Ola led the eight of spades, Mikael simply ducked with the two, allowing declarer to win with the nine.

Coenen thought for a short while and took the hearts finesse. Mikael won with the king and returned the three of spades (Lavinthal for clubs if partner got in) to dummy's ace.

Now declarer understandably tried the diamond finesse. North produced the king and returned a club. Declarer put in dummy's queen, but South won with his king and cashed the king of spades for the fourth defensive trick. Stopping the overtrick was worth 70.47% to North-South.

Declarer could have taken ten tricks by playing double-dummy and avoiding the diamond finesse.

Mikael and Ola also fight hard in the auctions to make life difficult for their opponents.

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Coenen	O.Rimstedt	Lucassen	M.Rimstedt
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Three diamonds was a very nice spot to reach, but North didn't give up and fought with a takeout double. A guess is that Mikael was very tempted to pass with ace-queen-eight of diamonds, and if he had known that dummy held the king, he surely would have passed. But three diamonds could have been made.

Instead, South bid three spades.



Perhaps East should have doubled, hoping for down two, plus 300, to score better than plus 110 from three diamonds. But if three diamonds were going down, there was no need to double. And if North-South ran to four clubs, that might not be so easy to beat.

West led the jack of diamonds. South won with his queen, ruffed a diamond in dummy, and called for a trump, which went to the three, nine and West's king. West now shifted to a club. Declarer went up with dummy's ace and called for the queen of spades. East won with the ace and returned to diamonds by leading the king. Declarer won perforce, but South just played his king of clubs, and East ruffed with the four of spades. Now, though, the defenders could only take two more tricks with the jack of spades and ace of hearts for one down.

Minus 100 was worth 61.70%. Losing 110 in three diamonds would have reversed the scores, giving North-South only 35.38%.

To defeat three spades by two tricks after trick three is surprisingly difficult. The curious may work it out.

On the next deal, Ola found the winning defence.

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>O.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Tebha</i>	<i>M.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Kriegel</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The standard contract was three notrump, despite the poor club stopper.

Ola led the two of clubs, which declarer won with the king in dummy. Mikael carefully played the jack to tell his partner that he had the ten but

not the queen. Declarer immediately led a heart to his king, trying to sneak a trick if East held the ace and was sound asleep. But West won with the ace and went into the tank before finally leading the ace of clubs. Partner unblocked the ten and they had no problem scoring their remaining winners to take the contract three down for 96.78%!

After the round, Ola said, "I was only wondering if I should return the ace of clubs or shift to a spade." He probably came to the conclusion that if partner had the stiff jack-ten of clubs, the suit would have been blocked.

Nicely done. Only one other pair, Shane Harrison and Maxim Henbest from Australia, beat three notrumps by three tricks.

When in the lead, you usually need some luck. The Rimstedts had some in this deal.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>O.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Van den Bos</i>	<i>M.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Schols</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	2♥	2NT
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

It looks as though the Dutch players were not on the same wavelength here, and while South tried either a natural or a Lebensohl two notrumps, North believed it showed spades.

West won the first trick with the ace of diamonds and shifted to his club. North won with dummy's ace of clubs and tried a spade to the nine. After East won with the queen, the defenders took a club ruff and a diamond ruff before exiting with a heart. Declarer won and tried to clear trumps with the king, but West won with the ace and gave his partner another diamond ruff for three down and a 93.86% board.



SPADES AND SUN

by DAVID STERN

Day two

A new dawn and a new day as we start with boards 46 to 90 of the total 117 to determine the World Junior Pairs Champions. The rain of late yesterday had given way to a warm welcoming day here in Opatija – let’s see which players are left out in the cold.

Journalists vary in how they like to cover events. Some prefer to do random and roving reporting, gathering hands from different tables; while others, myself included, prefer to follow the same pair. Both have their advantages and disadvantages, but I like to get to know the players and their systems.

For day two, I decided to watch Max Henbest and Shane Harrison from Australia. They were leading the event after nine boards, but finished day one ninth of the 38 pairs with 52.90%.

Board one certainly did not help their cause.

Board 1. Dealer N. Nil Vul.

♠ 10 7 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ Q 2 ♣ K Q J 10 7 5		♠ Q 9 3 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 10 9 8 7 4 ♣ 8 3	♠ A K J ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ A J 5 ♣ A 9 6 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Henbest</i>	<i>B.Thomsen</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Bakke</i>
	1♣	Pass	2♦ (a)
	2♥	5♣	Pass

(a) At least game-invitational with four or more clubs

Bidding six clubs looked pretty easy here, but North had so many other options between two hearts and five clubs that one needed to sit back and reassess. If partner had a heart singleton

and made no move like a splinter, then she had to be very weak. If, however, partner had the ace of hearts and still made no move, then many diamond or spade positions could have resulted in failure, especially given the two-heart overcall. Suppose partner had the best hand possible,

♠ Q x x ♥ x ♦ K Q x ♣ K Q J x x x.

Then, would she have jumped to 5♣? In practice, however, I think most, if not all of us would have bid six clubs and scored 32.46% after we went down. Okay, I know, you all think I am a result merchant – well maybe, you judge.

It is time for a defensive problem:

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

Dummy

♠ K 5
 ♥ K J 10 5
 ♦ Q 6
 ♣ K Q 9 6 4

You

♠ 7 6 2
 ♥ A Q 9 8 4
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ 7 5 2



West	North	East	South
<i>Henbest</i>	<i>B.Thomsen</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Bakke</i>
		1♦	Pass
	Pass	1♠	Pass
	Dble	Pass	1NT
	2NT	Pass	3NT
	Pass	Pass	

You lead a spade, and it goes low from dummy, jack from partner, and declarer wins with the ace. Declarer plays the six of hearts, you play low, and dummy’s ten wins the trick. Next, declarer plays a low club from dummy. ... Well if you are still reading, you have failed the test. You must rise on the first heart and play a spade to establish three defensive tricks -- a spade, a heart and a club -- before declarer takes eleven tricks with two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

This was the full layout.

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

It certainly seems counter-intuitive to rise, but there you have it. Allowing them to make eleven tricks, as Henbest/Harrison did, gets you just 20.76%; whereas holding them to ten tricks would get you around 30% because many North-South pairs did not reach game or were taking small penalties.

A defensive error on Board 4 allowed Henbest/Harrison to score 76.32% rather than the 30% or thereabouts that they seemed destined to receive.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Harrison</i>		<i>Henbest</i>
Pass	1♦ (a)	1NT	2♣ (b)
Pass	2♥	All Pass	
(a) 11-15 points			
(b) Majors			

East found what seems to be the best lead of a low trump, ducked by declarer to West's jack. West's switch to the nine of clubs was won by East's king, and East continued with a club. Finessing hearts and drawing trumps will yield four clubs and three hearts for one down, so declarer, in search of that extra trick, played the king of spades, hoping to ruff a spade with his

short trumps. East, after winning with the ace of spades, played a second heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen, then led a diamond to his jack and East's king. This was the position:

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

Either a heart or club would have left declarer a trick short, but East opted for a low spade. Harrison gave this some thought before ducking (perhaps playing dummy's ten couldn't have cost) and ruffing in hand. He then ruffed a diamond in dummy and cashed the ace of hearts. When the suit split, he had eight tricks.

The opponents reached three diamonds on the next deal to take all of the match points. Then there were three dull boards before this one arrived.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Henbest</i>	<i>v Beijsterveldt</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Meyers</i>
	1NT!!	Pass	2♦ (a)
Dble	2♥ (b)	3♦	3♥
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	
(a) Transfer			
(b) Three-plus hearts			

Now I like a psych as much as the next guy, but psyching one notrump first-in-hand with this collection, really? Anyway, nothing succeeds like success. Henbest-Harrison made the obvious thirteen



tricks for plus 1150. But that was only an 11.99% board, losing to everybody who bid 6♦ (20.8%) or 6NT (58.8%) or 7♦ (93.9%) or 7NT (99.7%) – well done reaching that fine spot Dikbas-Tozoglu.

To this point, my jockeys were scoring just under 40%, so I was hoping for better to come, but, as with so much of life, there was immediate disappointment.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Henbest</i>
		1♦	Pass
2♣ (a)	Pass	2♠ (b)	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥ (c)	Pass
4NT (d)	Pass	5NT (e)	Pass
6♥ (f)	Pass	7♠ (g)	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- (a) Four-plus clubs, game-forcing
- (b) Extra values
- (c) Control-bid (cue-bid)
- (d) Roman Key Card Blackwood
- (e) Two key cards and a useful void
- (f) Any extras?
- (g) Yes!

That was an excellent auction to reach a grand slam that yielded the Israelis 73.39%.

Being generous, however, they shared their wealth on the next board when Henbest (South) opened three diamonds first in hand holding

♠ 3 2 ♥ 7 6 5 ♦ Q 10 9 5 3 2 ♣ 10 9

Do you think that East should have taken positive action after 3♦-Pass-Pass holding

♠ 5 4 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ A J 8 ♣ Q J 8 5?

I regard either a pass or three notrumps as acceptable, but on this deal passing yielded 0.29% whereas bidding would have got upwards of 55%.

So the third board would determine the winners of this Australian-Israeli battle, and a great deal it was.

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Henbest</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	3♠ (a)
Pass	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	
(a) Weak			

When partner opened in his void, it was best for Ginossar to sit back and see how things evolved. But when the opponents bid spades so aggressively, it was reasonable to assume partner was short in that suit and therefore would likely have a good fit for one of the minors. This made East's four notrumps a winning action. I regard Harrison's double as somewhat aggressive, but not totally unreasonable, given his length in hearts and the position of his minor-suit honour-cards.

North started with the ace of spades and followed with another spade, on which South played the king – possibly a technical error, as we shall see. West ruffed this and placed South with the king-queen of spades. Declarer, perhaps also influenced by the double of the final contract, relatively quickly placed the ace of clubs onto the table, dropping the singleton king offside – perhaps one of the most satisfying actions in bridge. Declarer finished with 11 tricks, plus 550 and 93.86%. Israel 2 Australia 1.

On the next board, who can blame Henbest, all vulnerable, for opening three diamonds holding

♠ J 9 5 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A K Q J 10 9 7 ♣ 6

A misdefence allowed him to escape for one down, but he scored only 26.61% against other tables making three diamonds, or bidding and making three notrumps when the defence had five top cashing tricks that were not easy to take.

The remaining boards were relatively quiet. Henbest-Harrison scored 48.67% over the first 18 boards of the day and were running 13th, although that was an improvement on the 19th position halfway through the set.



KIDS PAIRS - 7TH SESSION

by RAM SOFFER

About halfway through the event, with the lead changing hands many times, three Chinese pairs topped the Kids' ranking, and I followed one of them at the start of Session 7.

Board 10 Dealer East. Vul All.

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

A grand slam deal. Seven spades is cold as long as trumps are not 4-0. However, at the Juniors event, some pairs were not satisfied with this contract. They attempted the higher-scoring seven notrumps and unfortunately went down two due to the 5-1 diamond break.

At the Kids competition only five of the 20 pairs got to a grand slam. Obviously their slam technique will improve with more experience.

West	North	East	South
Cheng L.	Rennie	Yun Yu	Boreukovic
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Cheng-Yun started well with a two-over-one auction. They found the spade fit, and East announced his slam intentions with four hearts. There followed a key-card ask, and then West enquired for kings with five notrumps.

Yun Yu obediently showed the number of his side kings, and West subsided in six spades. However, five notrumps was not merely a king ask. The

five-notrump bidder guaranteed possession of all five key cards and the trump queen, and his partner was allowed to bid a grand slam directly if this was all he needed. This was obviously the case with six solid diamonds and an extra trump. The only problem (at matchpoints) should have been choosing between seven spades and seven notrump. However, six spades making seven gave East-West a surprisingly high 57.89%.

Board 11. Dealer South. Vul None.

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

One of the prerequisites for winning a pairs event with a field of mixed level is to exploit fully the opponents' mistakes. In this case the Chinese pair took advantage of some bad bidding by a Croatian/Australian combination to score 100%.

West	North	East	South
Cheng L.	Rennie	Yun Yu	Boreukovic
		2♦	
Pass	2♠	Dble	All Pass

South decided to have some fun and open a diamond weak two with 2 HCP. Had North been prudent enough to pass (the correct call in my opinion), East would have had to find a rather difficult balancing call of two notrumps in order to reach the normal contract of three notrumps. A pass would have handed South's audacious opening bid a near-top.

After North took one bid too many, Yun had an easy takeout double, and Cheng cleverly converted it into a penalty double.



THE PLAYING AREA OF THE KIDS

Perfect defence would have beaten two spades doubled by four tricks, so East-West had some margin for error. Yun led the queen of clubs, ducked, and continued with another club taken by declarer's ace.

Finn Rennie could have ruffed a club now, but he was looking for more in order to emerge with a respectable score. His king-of-diamonds play didn't work, though. Yun won with his ace and led a trump. Cheng won with his king and switched to the jack of hearts. Another trump followed after three heart tricks, and now it should have been down four, but after cashing the king of clubs, Cheng switched to a diamond instead of playing another trump. It didn't matter. Plus 500 was sufficient to beat every other table in the room.

Cheng-Yun undid their good work in the very next board.

In my opinion, East was too rich to pass throughout at this vulnerability. True, a negative double over one spade might have led to serious problems if partner rebid hearts, but a four-notrump call over four spades would have asked West to choose between the minors. The resulting contract of five clubs would have been expected to go one down (unless declarer made an inspired guess in trumps). Practically, this would have been better than defending against four spades.

The spade game could have been beaten after the ten-of-diamonds lead, but finding the heart switch was very difficult, in view of East's silence during the bidding.

Perhaps Cheng should have continued with the ace of clubs. North would have dropped the king, perforce, and now East would have had the opportunity to drop queen, an "alarm clock" signal to ask partner to do something special.

At the table Cheng continued diamonds at trick two, and the contract was safe. Later he was not alert enough to play second hand high after a club lead from dummy, and the king of clubs scored for an overtrick. Borevkovic-Rennie took 86.84% of the matchpoints.

Later in the same session, I followed the meeting between the Hungarians Andrea Toth-Leo Szucs and the Danes Soren Bune-Christian Lahrman. The scenario was similar – each pair in turn getting a top.

Board 12. Dealer West. Vul N-S.

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

West	North	East	South
Cheng L.	Rennie	Yun Yu	Borevkovic
1♥	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	





Board 13. Dealer North. Vul All.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bune</i>	<i>Szucs</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Toth</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	1NT	2♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The standard lead against a three-notrump contract is fourth highest from the longest suit. However, when the contract is based on a long running suit rather than on general strength (as is the case here), most experts prefer to lead their ace, even more so when it is accompanied by the king.

Leading the ace of hearts would have defeated the contract easily. Even a spade lead would have sufficed, but Lahrmann's actual club lead put Bune to a very difficult guess after he won with his ace. He continued the suit and North had his nine tricks (94.74%).

Board 15. Dealer South. Vul N-S.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bune</i>	<i>Szucs</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Toth</i>
			1♦
Pass	1NT	2♠	All Pass

The bidding was pretty standard, even though a pass by East might have been smarter, going for a score of plus 200, which could have been achieved by perfect defence.

South's lead was not easy at all. Any choice might have been bad. Even leading a trump might have killed some honour(s) in partner's hand. Andrea Toth made the unfortunate choice of a heart, after which declarer was cold for an overtrick.

Still, minus 140 was just a bit below average for North-South, but the Hungarian South erred further by not going up immediately with her ace of clubs. That made it two overtricks, and in the endgame North-South somehow contrived to allow declarer a diamond trick as well, so the Danes did get their plus 200, tying with those who beat a North-South contract by two tricks for a shared top.

At the end of the session Bune-Lahrmann were lying in 7th place and Szucs-Toth were 10th. Together with the Polish Kopka-Trybus, these were the only non-Chinese pairs in the top 10.



SOREN BUNE, DENMARK



SOLUTIONS

TO THE TEST ON PAGE 7

1 and 4. Both sides are vulnerable.

♠ J 7 5 2
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 5
 ♣ J 7

West	North	East	South
	<i>Partner</i>		<i>You</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♠	??

The quiz on the first day featured a hand that had already been described perfectly, so it was right for South to pass. Here, though, South's hand is much stronger than North could possibly imagine.

South must not bid less than game. I think a jump to five diamonds is sensible. If your partner has a sense of humor, you might bid three notrumps, especially if playing in a pair event.

A third choice is three spades, but that would typically be showing a two-suiter.

2.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Partner</i>		<i>You</i>
Pass	7NT	All Pass	1NT

South must win two spades, three hearts, four diamonds and four clubs. This requires taking four finesses, two in hearts, one in diamonds and one in clubs. So declarer needs four dummy entries. He must make careful use of his spot-cards.

After winning the first trick, South must lead the nine of diamonds or the seven of clubs; let's say he starts with diamonds. He takes the trick with dummy's ace, plays a diamond to his jack, cashes the king of diamonds, and returns to dummy by overtaking his carefully conserved seven of diamonds with the eight.

Now he takes a heart finesse.

Then declarer leads the seven of clubs to dummy's ace, plays a club to his jack, cashes the king of clubs, and overtakes the four of clubs with dummy's five.

South takes the second heart finesse and claims!

3. After whom are each of the four kings designed?

The king of spades is David, a king of Israel in biblical times.

The king of hearts is Charlemagne, at various times king of the Franks, king of Italy, and the first Holy Roman Emperor.

The king of diamonds is Julius Caesar.

The king of clubs is Alexander, king of Macedonia.



 HUANG YU CHEN & LAN YI TING, CHINESE TAIPEI

**RANKING****JUNIOR PAIRS AFTER ROUND 10**

1	RIMSTEDT Mikael	RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE	58.76
2	DELLE CAVE Giuseppe	GARCIA DA ROSA Rodrigo	ITA - ARG	56.62
3	GANNON Sean	ARBIT Julie	USA - USA	55.59
4	HUDSON Alex	JOLLY Christian	USA - USA	55.08
5	TRNAVAC Vuk	KIKIC Ognjen	SER - SER	54.51
6	HARRISON Shane	HENBEST Maxim	AUS - AUS	54.34
7	COENEN Joost	LUCASSEN Adriaan	NED - NED	53.25
8	GANDOGLIA Alessandro	DONATI Giovanni	ITA - ITA	53.22
9	KATAYAMA Takanori	NAKANISHI Tomoaki	JPN - JPN	52.30
10	KAPLAN Adam	OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis	GRE - GRE	52.19
11	FAGERLUND Vesa	AIMALA Antti	FIN - FIN	52.07
12	CHAVARRIA Margherita	PERCARIO Giacomo	ITA - ITA	52.06
13	BOZYIGIT Mustafa Anil	SEKER Mert	TUR - TUR	51.86
14	GAYDIER Nicolas	LORET Xavier	FRA - FRA	51.65
15	MYERS Robert	VAN BEIJSTERVELDT Bas	ENG - NED	51.61
16	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	BAKKE Christian	DEN - NOR	50.61
17	JELIC Filip	STANKOVIC Andrea	SER - CRO	49.75
18	GOKCE Berk	AYDOGDU Ataman	TUR - TUR	49.67
19	SCHOLS Michel	VAN DEN BOS Tim	NED - NED	49.60
20	BAHBOUT Sam	KHOMIAKOV Robert	BEL - BEL	49.58
21	GULLBERG Daniel	KARLSSON Johan	SWE - SWE	49.54
22	WILLIAMS Stephen	THOMPSON Jamie	AUS - AUS	49.45
23	TEBHA Anam	KRIEGEL Oren	USA - USA	49.32
24	VAN DEN BOOM Eddo	LANGELAAN Faan	NED - NED	49.24
25	POLAK Tobias	VAN OVERBEEKE Tom	NED - NED	49.06
26	COOPER Renee	PATTISON Ella	AUS - AUS	49.04
27	GINOSSAR Itamar	BEN DAVID Yuval	ISR - ISR	48.89
28	CASTEL Hugo	LANGLET Vincent	FRA - FRA	47.59
29	HARADA Yuki	KOBAYASHI Koki	JPN - JPN	47.44
30	IMDAT Eren	BIRBEN Cagatay	TUR - TUR	47.39
31	TANABE Hitoshi	YUGE Hirokana	JPN - JPN	46.94
32	GURIDI Gonzalo	RAMIREZ Diego	CHI - CHI	46.70
33	CALMANOVICI Alessandro	BERGAMI Gianluca	ITA - ITA	45.88
34	LAFONT Gregoire	SANCHEZ Thomas	FRA - FRA	45.67
35	CAZABON Philippe	PALMA Joaquin	CHI - CHI	44.74
36	GRUDE Tor Eivind	HEGGE Kristoffer	NOR - NOR	44.31
37	MINUTTI Guillermo	OCHOA Sebastian	URU - URU	43.51
38	DIKBAS Merih	TOZOGLU Sena Nur	TUR - TUR	39.29





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YOUNGSTERS PAIRS AFTER ROUND 10

1	WEI Hongji	SUN Shiyu	CHN - CHN	60.48
2	YIN Yichen	FANG Zhengyang	CHN - CHN	59.21
3	SCATA Sebastiano	MANGANELLA Andrea	ITA - ITA	56.87
4	MACZKA Stanislaw	TRENDAK Lukasz	POL - POL	54.71
5	FANG Dongke	WANG Zihan	CHN - CHN	54.48
6	HERMANN Sophie	ALTER Florian	AUT - GER	53.59
7	JASINSKI Piotr	BACZEK Krystian	POL - POL	53.25
8	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	PABST Philipp	GER - GER	52.12
9	HUANG Yongkang	CHEN Biteng	CHN - CHN	51.82
10	HU Yiyang	YU Zhaochen	CHN - CHN	51.10
11	CHIARANDINI Francesco	GAIOTTI Alvaro	ITA - ITA	50.78
12	GIUBILO Gianmarco	GIUBILO Gabriele	ITA - ITA	47.89
13	SUN Qian	WANG Xihao	CHN - CHN	47.83
14	LIU Yizhou	LIU Haochen	CHN - CHN	46.86
15	MYLLAERI Maria	KOIVU Oskari	FIN - FIN	46.76
16	VORNKAHL Leonard	JESSE Stig	GER - GER	45.95
17	VELJA Stefan	VAZIC Stojan	SER - SER	45.90
18	DENG Cheng	LI Yingzhe	CHN - CHN	43.43
19	LIU Quan	LIU Guangfu	CHN - CHN	42.73
20	WANG Zhaohong	ZHOU Zhenlin	CHN - CHN	42.55
21	CAI Haoxiao	WANG Jiayi	CHN - CHN	41.85

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GIRLS PAIRS AFTER ROUND 10

1	SALVATO Michela	SCRIATTOLI Giulia	ITA - ITA	56.82
2	RAFFA Enrica	BROCCOLINO Susanna	ITA - ITA	55.24
3	RUAN Xinyao	YUAN Aijia	CHN - CHN	54.90
4	HU Ling	XIA Qi	CHN - CHN	54.88
5	CHEN Yunpeng	YU Yue	CHN - CHN	53.91
6	MOLINA Diana	GERSTMANN Sofia	CHI - CHI	53.78
7	ZORANOVIC Jovana	PEPIC Selena	SER - SER	53.66
8	SHI Qinyi	LUO Yifei	CHN - CHN	53.15
9	HUANG Danlei	LUO Yiyang	CHN - CHN	53.01
10	LU Yijia	CHEN Jiyao	CHN - CHN	51.63
11	LU Xinying	ZHANG Yuqian	CHN - CHN	51.02
12	DI MAURO Agnese	TANINI Flaminia	ITA - ITA	50.86
13	JIN Huiyuan	GE Chenyun	CHN - CHN	50.08
14	HAO Mengqi	MA Lingyi	CHN - CHN	49.43
15	WU Min	HUANG Wenying	CHN - CHN	48.50
16	LIU Guangli Wendy	LUO Xinyi	CHN - CHN	48.38
17	SUN Yingying	SHAO Liwen	CHN - CHN	46.58
18	LI Yiran	SHI Lemiao	CHN - CHN	46.49
19	CHEN Tian	ZHAO Yuqiao	CHN - CHN	46.10
20	BAO Zhiyun	QIU Tian	CHN - CHN	44.44
21	NACRUR Francisca	PALAU Macarena	CHI - CHI	43.21
22	VILLEGAS Francisca	ROMAN Valentina	CHI - CHI	43.05
23	YU Wenfei	WU Sihao	CHN - CHN	41.17



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KIDS PAIRS AFTER ROUND

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1	WU Zhe	YUAN Zhijie	CHN - CHN	58.44
2	BUNE Soren	LAHRMANN Christian	DEN - DEN	58.31
3	KOPKA Kacper	TRYBUS Oskar	POL - POL	58.29
4	WANG Penghao	MAO Ruicheng	CHN - CHN	57.15
5	DAI Hanyang	WANG Ruizhe	CHN - CHN	56.33
6	CHEN Yen-Jung	LO Chi-Hsuan	TPE - TPE	55.82
7	CHENG Licong	YUN Yu	CHN - CHN	55.63
8	LI Renyu	SHANG Yijun	CHN - CHN	55.15
9	LIN Ziqiao	LIU Dingwei	CHN - CHN	54.81
10	NARKIS Itai	BANIRI Ilai Ilan	ISR - ISR	54.80
11	WANG Yingqi	SHAO Yiqin	CHN - CHN	54.47
12	PAN Randy	JIANG Baozhuo	CHN - CHN	54.10
13	WU Meng-Fei	LEE Yi-Hsien	TPE - TPE	53.65
14	YU Haoqing	QIU Shi	CHN - CHN	53.37
15	SHANG Hua	YU Xinchen	CHN - CHN	52.89
16	NIU Yuanzhe	ZHANG Boxin	CHN - CHN	52.60
17	SZUCS Leo	TOTH Andrea	HUN - HUN	52.60
18	DING Yuanzhe	CAI Zixi	CHN - CHN	52.45
19	YANG Qipeng	SONG Qi	CHN - CHN	51.40
20	KIELBASA Tomasz	HULANICKI Pawel	POL - POL	51.37
21	LIU Siyuan	YAO Tianle	CHN - CHN	50.90
22	SCHARO Jonathan	ARGELAZY Roi	ISR - ISR	50.75
23	LIU Yihong	ZHANG Tiancheng	CHN - CHN	50.72
24	PORTA Federico	CAPOBIANCO Sophia	ITA - ITA	50.65
25	LI Mingtai	CHEN Yihong	CHN - CHN	49.24
26	XUE Wenjie	TONG Jiabin	CHN - CHN	49.19
27	KO Hsiang-Yi	SUN Li-Jen	TPE - TPE	48.77
28	XIE Yichen	HU Yang	CHN - CHN	48.70
29	LAN Yi-Ting	HUANG Yu-Chen	TPE - TPE	47.53
30	AALTO Aleksis	HUHTAMAKI Hermanni	FIN - FIN	47.38
31	OTTO Viktor	DOERMER Felix	GER - GER	47.05
32	FAN Hung-Sheng	CHU Yi-Pin	TPE - TPE	45.77
33	SONG Yifu	WANG Jiaqi	CHN - CHN	45.08
34	MEREGALLI Matteo	CARLETTI Alessandro	ITA - ITA	44.98
35	BOREVKOVIC Vlatko	RENNIE Finn	CRO - AUS	44.32
36	RIEGER Mona	NORDMANN Leonie	GER - GER	43.80
37	ZHUO Zhili	ZHUO Zhiyong	CHN - CHN	41.91
38	CHANG Ko-Wei	CHIU Chen-Syuan	TPE - TPE	39.47
39	HOSKING Conor Francis	CLIFFORD Patrick Randle	AUS - AUS	38.39
40	DRAGHI Luca	BRUSOTTI Cristina	ITA - ITA	38.22
41	ROBERTSON Liam James	ROBERTSON Aiden Jack	AUS - AUS	33.72

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