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RANKINGS STARTING TO TAKE SHAPE



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12.20 Round 10
15.30 Round 11
17.50 Round 12

U21

10.00 Round 11
11.50 Round 12
14.30 Round 13
16.20 Round 14
18.10 Round 15

As the rankings in the different championships begin to take shape, Sweden leads the U26 Open Championship, followed by Denmark, England and France. In the U21s it is England from Germany, Netherlands and Italy, while Poland top the U16 rankings ahead of France, Sweden and Israel. Finally, the U26 Women's rankings are headed by Netherlands, followed by Poland, England and France.

There have been eight shut-outs so far (my apologies if I have missed one involving your team). By shut-out, I mean conceding zero IMPs in a match. This has not yet happened in the U26 Women, while it has happened twice in the U26 Open, Belgium and Germany being the winning teams. Bulgaria have managed the feat twice in the U21 series, while there have been four instances in the U16s. Italy have one of those, in the lowest scoring match of the championships to date, a 12-0 IMP win over Greece in round three. The other three instances are all by France. The French U16s have beaten the bottom three teams in the rankings by a combined 260 IMPs without conceding a single one. Now that is impressive.

UNDER 16 PRIZE GIVING

The Under 16 Prize Giving will be held at 18:15 on Wednesday 12th July in the Cinema.



DRAW TODAY

U26 ROUND 9

BBO 1	TUR NOR
BBO 2	HRV ROM
BBO 3	SER GER
BBO 4	SWE DNK
	SCO RUS
	CZE POL
	POR EST
	ENG LAT
	ITA GRE
	NED HUN
	IRE BEL
	ISR SVK
	SPA AUT
	FRA Bye

TIME: 10.00

U26 ROUND 10

BBO 1	SWE ITA
BBO 2	POL EST
BBO 3	GER FRA
BBO 4	ISR NOR
	BEL CZE
	HUN SER
	NED SVK
	SCO ENG
	HRV TUR
	SPA GRE
	AUT LAT
	POR DNK
	RUS ROM
	IRE Bye

TIME: 12.20

U26 ROUND 11

BBO 1	NED ISR
BBO 2	SWE POL
BBO 3	GRE BEL
BBO 4	ITA NOR
	EST RUS
	SER TUR
	ENG CZE
	SCO GER
	HUN LAT
	HRV DNK
	ROM FRA
	AUT IRE
	SVK SPA
	POR Bye

TIME: 15.30

U26 ROUND 12

BBO 1	FRA RUS
BBO 2	SER ENG
BBO 3	ISR GRE
BBO 4	GER HRV
	HUN NOR
	ITA CZE
	AUT NED
	SWE TUR
	SCO POL
	BEL LAT
	DNK EST
	IRE SPA
	ROM POR
	SVK Bye

TIME: 17.50

U21 ROUND 11

	NED SWE
	IRE NOR
	SVK GER
	FIN BUL
	ISR BEL
	TUR ENG
	ITA POL
	FRA CZE
	HUN Bye

TIME: 10.00

U21 ROUND 12

	FRA TUR
	ISR CZE
	FIN ITA
	ENG GER
	BEL NOR
	BUL NED
	HUN SVK
	IRE SWE
	POL Bye

TIME: 11.50

U21 ROUND 13

	POL ISR
	FIN FRA
	GER CZE
	ITA NOR
	ENG NED
	BEL HUN
	SWE BUL
	SVK IRE
	TUR Bye

TIME: 14.30

U21 ROUND 14

	NOR HUN
	SWE GER
	IRE FIN
	ISR SVK
	TUR BUL
	POL BEL
	ENG FRA
	CZE ITA
	NED Bye

TIME: 16.20

U21 ROUND 15

	ENG CZE
	FRA BEL
	POL BUL
	SVK TUR
	IRE ISR
	SWE FIN
	GER HUN
	NED NOR
	ITA Bye

TIME: 18.10

W. U26 ROUND 9

	CZE LAT
	GER ENG
	NOR POL
	TUR HUN
	FRA NED

TIME: 10.00

W. U26 ROUND 10

	CZE GER
	NOR LAT
	HUN ENG
	POL FRA
	NED TUR

TIME: 12.20

W. U26 ROUND 11

	CZE POL
	ENG TUR
	LAT NED
	FRA GER
	NOR HUN

TIME: 15.30

W. U26 ROUND 12

	CZE FRA
	NED HUN
	TUR NOR
	GER POL
	ENG LAT

TIME: 17.50

U16 ROUND 9

	FRA ISR
	GRE TUR
	POL IRE
	ENG SWE
	DNK BUL
	ITA SCO
	CZE NED
	GER NOR

TIME: 10.00

U16 ROUND 10

	FRA SWE
	IRE DNK
	TUR SCO
	ISR CZE
	GER GRE
	POL NOR
	NED ENG
	ITA BUL

TIME: 12.20

U16 ROUND 11

	FRA POL
	ENG GRE
	BUL ISR
	ITA TUR
	IRE NED
	NOR SWE
	DNK GER
	SCO CZE

TIME: 15.30

U16 ROUND 12

	FRA CZE
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	ITA IRE
	TUR BUL
	ENG ISR
	POL GRE

TIME: 17.50

'NEVER UNDERLEAD AN ACE AGAINST A SUIT CONTRACT!'

by Daniel Gulyas

This is the first thing we learn when we are taught what to lead. This is a nice rule of thumb but, of course, the rules are there to be broken, especially when it comes to a high level competition like this championship.

So it was that the mighty Dutch, who had just beaten Italy in front of the vugraph audience, happened to play another pre-tournament favourite, Sweden, who were a bit behind them in the rankings. Of course, this being the fourth round only, this did not mean much.

Sweden got off to a great start, beating 3NT doubled two tricks, played from the wrong side (strangely enough, the wrong side was QJx of the danger suit – declaring from xx avoids this lead; bridge can be very funny or very weird sometimes, depending who you ask). When the very next board gained them another 11 (this time, playing the 5-3 trump fit was better than the 6-3 one), it looked like we might be in for a one-sided match.

Several boards (and Swedish IMPs) later, the next to last hand flashed on the screen:

Simon shot back the second low diamond! Declarer gave this an even funnier look (after all, if North held the ten, he could have played it now, in case partner has the nine), but decided to go with the odds, and played low yet again, finessing against the ten – and down he went!

Interestingly, our other North, Veri Kiljan of the Netherlands also found the same lead! Before doing so, he did ask a few questions about the bidding (or at least this is what we assumed, his final pass showing up very slowly in the vugraph), so this had given away the whole show – the Swedish declarer swiftly put up the king from dummy, and soon scored up an overtrick to gain 11 IMPs for his efforts.

In the end, Sweden blitzed the Netherlands to climb all the way to fourth, while the Dutch have to be content with tenth at the moment – but there is still a lot more to play.

(Actually, three more Norths led the diamond two against Four Spades, but all other declarers made – it might be interesting to know what happened!)

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 8 6 4 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ J 8 7 6	<table style="border: 2px solid blue; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 7 5 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K J 3 ♣ A K 9 4
N					
W E					
S					
♠ A K Q 10 9 ♥ K Q J 5 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ 3	♠ 3 ♥ 8 7 6 3 ♦ Q 10 7 6 ♣ Q 10 5 2				

At both tables, West opened the bidding with One Spade, and ended up declaring Four Spades after a forcing sequence which let both Norths know that declarer in fact has no diamond control.

Simon Hult had no doubt in his mind: this was the time to break the rule, so he swiftly placed the diamond two on the table! Declarer, having no x-ray vision (a thing some young players tend to forget), played the jack. South won, returned a heart to North's ace, and



Simon Hult
SWEDEN

VIRTUE IS ITS OWN REWARD

by Sven Olav Hoyland

Sometimes in bridge, virtue must be its own reward, with good careful play achieving just the same result as sloppy careless play would have done. Take this example from Norway's Round 2 match in the U26 Women's event.

West	North	East	South
–	Sjodal		Indrebo
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



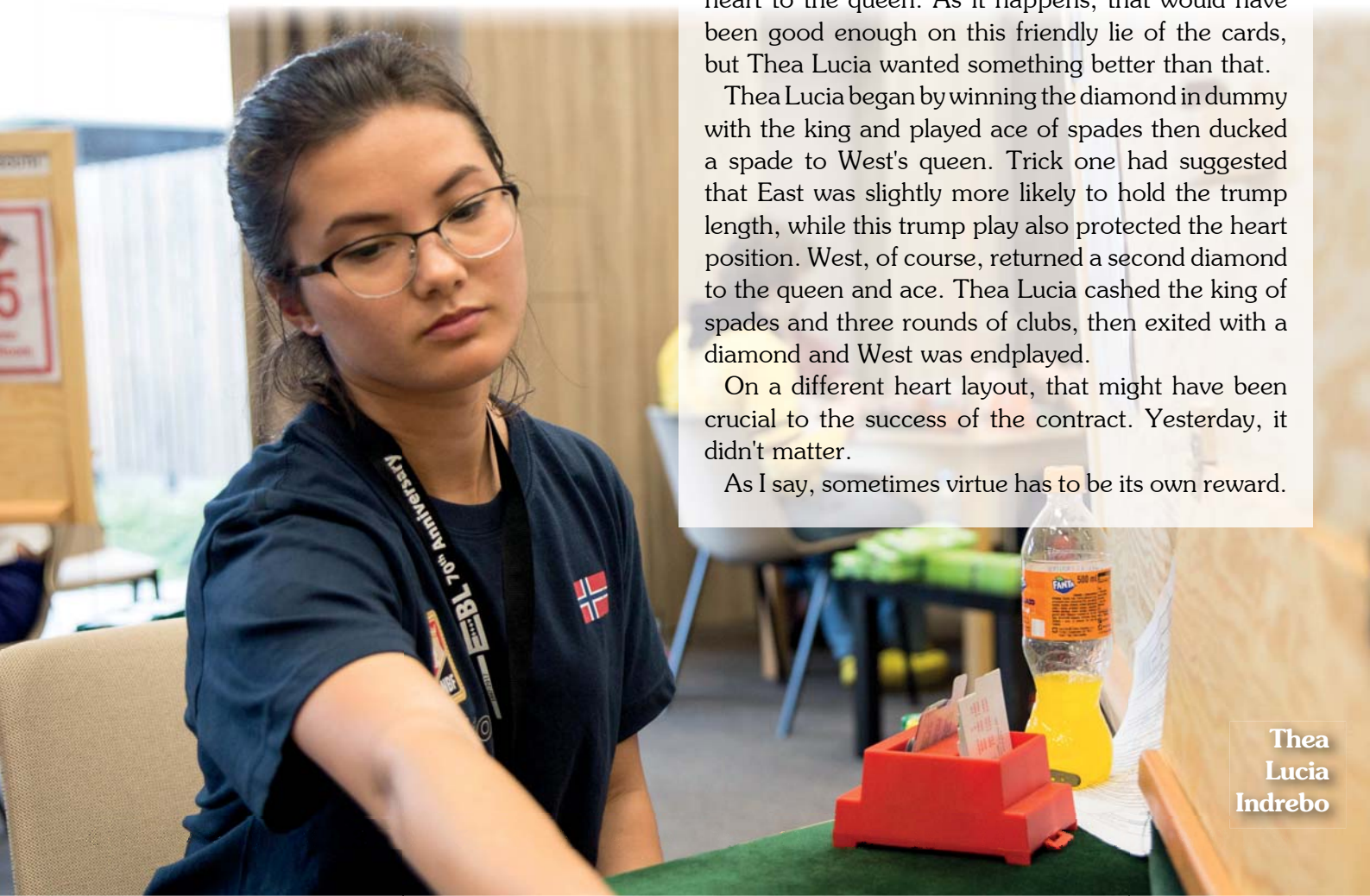
After a pass from Sofie Sjodal, Thea Lucia Indrebo opened a potentially doubleton 1♣ and the 1♥ response was a transfer to spades. With 18 HCP, Thea Lucia might have jumped to 4♠, but the 4-3-3-3 distribution suggested that an invitational 3♠ was sufficient. Of course, Sofie had plenty in hand so went on to game.

The lead was the jack of diamonds. There were two problems on the hand – declarer could guard against four-one trumps on either side if she guessed right, while if at all possible she wanted to avoid having to take the heart finesse. An inexperienced player might have just cashed the top spades then led a heart to the queen. As it happens, that would have been good enough on this friendly lie of the cards, but Thea Lucia wanted something better than that.

Thea Lucia began by winning the diamond in dummy with the king and played ace of spades then ducked a spade to West's queen. Trick one had suggested that East was slightly more likely to hold the trump length, while this trump play also protected the heart position. West, of course, returned a second diamond to the queen and ace. Thea Lucia cashed the king of spades and three rounds of clubs, then exited with a diamond and West was endplayed.

On a different heart layout, that might have been crucial to the success of the contract. Yesterday, it didn't matter.

As I say, sometimes virtue has to be its own reward.



Thea Lucia Indrebo

RUEFUL RABBIT: THE LUCKY CLAIM

by Micke Melander



When England played Greece in the U26 third round the English declarer was very lucky – it was almost like a board played by the Rueful Rabbit.

worked it was (more or less) impossible to go down in the grand slam.

But... then this wouldn't be a story...

Declarer, who had risen in dummy with the ace of clubs, noticed that West followed suit. North then crossed to hand with the ace of diamonds and also cashed the king of diamonds. When East suddenly discarded declarer went into deep thought. Then a real rueful rabbit plan was made for how to continue the play.

Declarer crossed to dummy with the queen of diamonds and ran all his clubs but one, leaving:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Vovos</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>Oikonomop.</i>	<i>Alishaw</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

An explanation of the bidding:

- 2♦ Game-forcing balanced or with clubs
- 3♦ Clubs with diamond support
- 3♥ Fourth suit
- 4♣ Cuebid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♠ Two aces and the queen of trumps (diamonds)

Against 7NT, Oikonomopoulos decided to lead the jack of clubs. Declarer, who went up with dummy's ace, could note that West followed and he had twelve tricks in the bag with a lot of possibilities to get the last needed trick, either by a finesse in either major or that diamonds also would break. Since both finesses

	♠ –		
	♥ A Q 9		
	♦ –		
	♣ 5		
♠ J 10	N	♠ K 9	
♥ K 8	W	♥ J 5	
♦ –	E	♦ –	
♣ –	S	♣ –	
	♠ A Q 8		
	♥ 10		
	♦ –		
	♣ –		

When declarer played his last club, neither Greek defender knew what to believe and came down to a singleton heart while holding on to the spades.

When the king of hearts appeared under the ace our rabbit claimed that he would cash the queen of hearts and the ace of spades.

However, he still didn't have any spade in his hand for that manoeuvre... but, since the nine of hearts was as good as the ace of spades, declarer still got his thirteen tricks!

That was 12 IMPs to England when the Greeks played Six Diamonds at the other table.

NETHERLANDS vs SWEDEN

by Micke Melander

Junior Teams, Round 4

The Show must go on!

In the last match of the first day of the U26 championship Netherlands played versus Sweden. Both teams went into the vugraph room with great wins, against Italy and Russia respectively, from the previous round. Few were probably expecting what was going to happen when Sweden really knocked out Netherlands by 75-2 IMPs. That's a huge score over 14 boards and made against one of the serious medal contenders. Here comes some of the action that created a lot of IMPs to the Swedish account.

Board 15. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K J 10 7 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ Q 8 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ K 10 9 7 3 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ 6	♠ Q 8 3 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ K 10 2
N							
W							
E							
S							
♠ A 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K Q 10 ♣ A J 9 7 5 4							

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Kiljan</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♠	2♥	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Overbeeke</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Ola Rimstedt's double of 3NT was for partner to

lead his suit. A heart was led to West's ace who shifted to the six of hearts and declarer was allowed to win his queen. A club to the ace and a small club followed. West won with the king and played another heart, East cashed out the remaining hearts and exited with a diamond to West ace for two down; +500 to E/W was a great score to start the match.

In the Closed Room, Stokka's 1NT made life difficult for West to get into the auction. Hult's raise to game put West on lead. When Van Overbeeke decided to kick off with a spade declarer called for low from dummy and ran it to his ace, and the ace of clubs and a club followed. West went up with the king and switched to a low heart, whereupon declarer called for the queen which held the trick.

When Stokka then cashed out his clubs West got squeezed and eventually was down to queen-eight of spades, the stiff ace of hearts and ace-jack of diamonds. Stokka, who only had five clubs, a heart and two spades, needed one more trick and went for the spade finesse. When that held and the queen dropped on the next round he had ten tricks in his bag!

That created 15 of the Swedish IMPs.



Veri Kiljan

NETHERLANDS

Another 14 IMPs came on this hand later on in the match:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 5 3	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 10px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 9 7 6 4
♥ Q 7		♥ J 8 6 2
♦ K 6 5 4		♦ A Q 10
♣ A Q J 10 6		♣ –
♠ A 2		
♥ 5 4 3		

♦ 9 7 2
♣ 9 5 2
♦ J 8 3
♣ K 8 7 4 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Kiljan</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

Ola Rimstedt knew that he was going to play on a 4-2 fit, and took a chance to play the contract as he didn't expect either of the defenders to hold a five-card heart suit. Kiljan led the two of clubs and that went to the four, seven and declarer's queen.

Declarer was at this point one down, but would the

defense get it right? Ola Rimstedt immediately played a spade to dummy's queen and South's ace. Tijssen shifted to the three of hearts, which went to North's king. The ace of trumps followed and North could see the queen from declarer. Why North at this point didn't realize the danger and played another helpful trump for declarer is a real mystery. Declarer simply won with the jack, crossed to his hand with a diamond to the king and led a spade towards dummy's jack-nine. To be able to defeat the contract North needed to cash the king of spades and give partner a ruff in spades with his last trump!

That scored the not so common +840 for the Swedes.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Overbeeke</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Polak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Things didn't go much better for the Dutch in the Closed Room when they reached the completely hopeless Four Spades. There was no way for declarer to escape two trump and two heart losers even though the Swedish defenders did what they could to give declarer some hope by leading a low club. 14 IMPs to Sweden was the damage there.



PROBLEM HAND

by Brian Senior



Board 10 from Round 5 seemed to cause problems for many on defence to 3NT.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 9 7		
	♥ K Q 10		
	♦ K Q 9 8 7 6 4		
	♣ Q		
♠ K J 6 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ A 5 ♣ A K 5 4 3	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 8 ♥ J 7 6 4 3 ♦ J 2 ♣ J 10 8 7	
	♠ A Q 4 2		
	♥ A 8 5 2		
	♦ 10 3		
	♣ 9 6 2		

West	North	East	South
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Of course, this is just an example auction – the majority didn't play 3NT while those who did took various route to get there.

The first decision is West's. Clearly a club is the correct lead, but which one – high or low? The field was split pretty much down the middle on this question, half leading high, half low. I know the 'management' of the English Open team favour a top card, but then their man led low and the contract was eventually let through, so they may be mildly biased. The ace of diamonds means you can sometimes afford, as here, to blow a trick if whichever lead you choose isn't the best. I'll let you make up your own minds.

At the table I watched, West led low and East

followed with the eight, reverse attitude/standard count. Declarer crossed to the ace of hearts to lead a diamond to the king then a second round. West cashed the ace of clubs and East dropped the jack. West continued with the king and the blockage meant that the defence could take three club tricks and four in all.

As East has no likely entry, the idea that dropping the jack at trick one might cost a trick if South has, say, K9x, is an illusion. Dropping the jack would surely have solved the problem.

When declarer crosses to the ace of hearts, did your East make a Smith Peter (assuming that you use them)? That too, encouraging a club continuation, should be enough to convince West to continue with a low club and beat the contract.

Even without a helpful card from East, should West decide that the only hope of defeating the contract is to play partner for the necessary club holding so lead low to either the second or third round of clubs? Either of those would of course be successful. The argument against this is that when declarer gets an extra club trick that will cost an IMP. OK, maybe 1 IMP is not much compared to the cost of a game swing but, if you really trust your partner to signal correctly, you should get out of the habit of trying to defeat contracts that he has told you are unbeatable.

Roughly half those who started with a low club at trick one then proceeded to let the contract through, half beat it.

Of those who started with a top club, all but one took the maximum, East leading a spade through to set up the third undertrick. That, I guess, just happens naturally because, if East plays the ♣J at trick one, East will win the fourth club and it will then be normal to play a spade through – West having made a suit preference signal on the fourth club just to make sure.




DUTCH DIARIES

by Kees Tammens

1992 (Palaiseau) was my first European Junior Championship as a coach so Samorin is my fourteenth event. Being retired from Junior bridge I have no more job and gladly watch the play as a kibitzer and supporter. However, when Micke comes along and insists that I write a Dutch Diary I cannot refuse. Born and raised in the Netherlands and a career as Junior coach of over 25 years, everybody will understand that I root especially for the Dutch teams. Youp Caris (Schools) was the first one to impress me with an elegant declarer play.

U21 Round 1.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Pim Dupont as East could not withstand the bonus for the vulnerable game and optimistically raised to 4♠. North led ♣3 and declarer – needing extra entries to dummy, played ♣Q. South covered with the king for declarer's ace. Now ♠J was successfully run and the second spade for ♠A.


A diamond to the jack and ace was next, followed by the diamond return to the king. Four rounds of spades followed, putting pressure on North who held on to ♥AQ and ♣104.

Declarer finished off with ♣J and another club to North's ten, and North had to give declarer the game

going trick with ♥K.

U21 Round 2

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	2♥	Pass
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♥ 4+♥ and 4+♠, fewer than 11 HCP

Tim van de Pavverd, North, and South, Oscar Nijssen did pretty well reaching 4♥ in the suit promised by East, and even in a 4-3 fit.

After ♠A and a second spade ruffed with the ♥4, declarer played a small diamond for the jack and king. West played a heart for the ace and Oscar played ♦A, ruffed by East who played a heart for the king.

Declarer drew two more rounds of trumps and claimed ten tricks with clubs breaking 3-2.

Oscar: "I even make 4♥ with trumps divided 5-2! in East/West". And Oscar waved away the remark that these days we play with fourteen hearts in a deck.

U26 Round 3

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 7 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ A Q J 9 5	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 9 5 ♥ J ♦ K J 9 7 6 5 4 ♣ 10 2	♠ K J 10 4 ♥ A 10 8 7 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ K 6
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West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	2♣	3♦	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
pass	4♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

After ♦Q for declarer's ace, Luc Tijssen, played ♥A followed by ♥10, intending to run it. West covered with ♥Q but the play itself deserves all the credit.

Bulletin editors, Mark, Jos and Brian have throughout the years always accepted kindly my grammar which is labelled as Kees-English (and the language, Dutchlish). Sometimes they needed a glass of wine before 'Ploofleading' my stories; no problem, because much of the work by the editor is done late at night. However, they also presented my series titles such as 'Kees for the defence', 'The good, bad & ugly' and 'The Dinosaur'.



Merel Bruijnstee
NETHERLANDS

The last theme refers to any score of 17+ IMPs. These boards are very unfortunate for the victims but contain always lots of interesting material. Don't hesitate in telling these stories to the bulletin people.

The Dutch girls are pretty and pretty successful throughout the years. I followed Merel Bruijnstee and was certain she would astonish me:

U26 Women Round 4

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J 7 6 4 2 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ A 7 6	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 10 3 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 10 9 4 2	♠ A K 9 5 ♥ – ♦ A Q 9 8 4 3 2 ♣ J 8
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West	North	East	South
–	–	–	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	?		

Also girls don't care any more about the vulnerability and South, Janneke Wackwitz, opened in a hostile mood smoothly with 3♥. I was sure Merel, passing carefully at her first turn, and now certain of a singleton or void spade with South, would come to life with 5♦. However, she thought that 4♠ would be a disaster and doubled, to find out that declarer made nine tricks. Dutch kid, Ronald Goor had an interesting view on this board after brother Sander also opened 3♥ and West remained silent:

West	North	East	South
–	Ronald	–	Sander
Pass	5♦	All Pass	3♥

A fierce 5♦ straight in the bulls eye! I every so often am criticised by juniors because of my old-fashioned bidding approach ("How can you not open 4♠?"), mistakes in presenting a board ("4♥ was not a cuebid but Last Train"), or errors in evaluation and analysis. I actually am an advocate of the practical play; I must be for my long and intensive history in rubber bridge. ("You only play for the points and money and not for the beauty of the game").

However, when I sometime write a little harshly about bold bids or hazardous card-play, don't take it personally, as it is never meant as an insult of some sort. I will always remain a great fan (some say even a hooligan) and supporter of Junior bridge. Handle girls with care would be an appropriate title for this one:



U26 Women Round 5

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 6 ♥ 8 4 2 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ A 10 4 3	♠ 10 7 2 ♥ K Q 10 6 ♦ 2 ♣ Q J 9 8 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 8 5 4 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ 9 7 6 5 ♣ 6 2
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ K Q 3 ♥ J 7 3 ♦ A Q J 10 3 ♣ K 7					

West	North	East	South
–	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West, Sandra Kolen, pondered about her not so attractive lead. She came up with a fabulous answer: ♠J! Declarer took the king and could not be blamed for playing the ♣K. West took the ace and established the thirteenth spade in East with ace and a third spade. Declarer did not guess the ♣10 and Esther Visser, had still the ♥A as the entry for the thirteenth spade for one down.

Partner for Lyon



There is a strong South African youth player looking for a partner for the Youth Championships in Lyon next month. He is Noah Apteker, son of South African international player, Alon Apteker.

Noah is 16 and plays in the high South African series with good results.

If anyone is interested they can contact Noah via: alon@is.co.za

School for Bridge



The Serbian U26 Open team is, I imagine, unique in these championships. How so? All six players are from the same high school, with four from the same class. Their coach here in Samorin, Ivica Bosnjak, is the professor from that school who taught all six how to play the game.

Perhaps, in the future, we will see a Serbian Open-age team at a European championship with all six players from the same school? Well done Ivica, and good luck for these championships.

FRANCE vs ITALY


by Brian Senior

Junior Teams, Round 7

France led the U26 Open series after six rounds while Italy were in a surprisingly lowly seventeenth place and, though there was a long way to go, needed to kick-start their tournament to get into the mix for medals and qualification places.

The start was not what the Italians were looking for as they conceded a game swing on the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 4 3 ♥ K Q 10 9 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ K 6 3		♠ A 8 7 5 ♥ – ♦ K Q 8 7 6 2 ♣ A J 5	♠ Q J 10 2 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q 10 9 8 ♠ K 6 ♥ A 8 6 4 3 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ 7 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Lierhmann</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Manganella</i>
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When East competed with 2♠, Margherita Chavarria, for Italy, simply gave preference to diamonds and that ended the auction. Thomas Sanchez led a club round to the jack and declarer, Giacomo Percario crossed to the king of clubs to lead the nine of diamonds to the jack, queen and ace. Back came a third club. Percario won the ace and played king and a third diamond, Sanchez winning the ten and attempting to cash the ace of hearts. Percario ruffed and laid down the ace of spades but Sanchez overcame that hurdle, unblocking the king. Percario had to lose three spade tricks now so was down one for –50.

Where Chavarria had given preference to diamonds, Baptiste Combescure jumped to 3NT, against which Giovanni Donati led the five of hearts to his partner's ace. Andrea Manganella switched to a club to the queen and ace and Julien Bernard led the king of diamonds. Manganella won the ace and led a second club but Bernard could win the jack and play two more rounds of diamonds to establish the suit. He had ten tricks now for +430 and 10 IMPs to France.

Italy got on the scoreboard with an overtrick IMP in 1NT on Board 2, Board 3 was flat in 2♠+1 for N/S, but there was a big swing on Board 4.



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 9 8 6 5 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A J 10 8 4 ♣ 7		♠ 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ A K Q J 4 3 2	♠ K 10 3 ♥ K Q 10 7 6 5 ♦ 6 ♣ 9 8 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Lierhmann</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Manganella</i>
Pass	1♠	3♠	Dble
3NT	4♦	Pass	4♠
All	Pass		

Percario made a simple overcall with the East cards then saw his opponents bid confidently to the spade game. He led two top clubs, Lierhmann ruffing the second and playing ace of diamonds then ruffing a diamond, ruffing a club and taking a second diamond ruff. Next he cashed the ♠K before playing the ♥K. His idea was to play for trumps to split evenly, when he could gain the lead, cash the ♠A and give up a diamond then make the rest. However, it was not to be. Chavarria won the heart ace, cashed the queen of diamonds and played a heart. Lierhmann ruffed that and cashed the spade but the three-one break meant he had a loser there and was down one for -100.

Bernard made the more optimistic jump cuebid, asking for a spade stopper while showing a long solid suit. Manganella doubled to show something in spades and Combescure bid 3NT as requested. Now Donati competed with 4♦, not fancying his chances on defence to no trump but encouraged to know that his partner had something useful in spades. Manganella converted to 4♠ and that was that.

There was a crucial difference at this table in that declarer knew that spades should not be two-two. Bernard too kicked off with two rounds of clubs. Donati ruffed and led a heart to the king and ace. Back came a diamond. He won the ace, led a spade to the king, then played queen and another heart,

ruffing. A diamond ruff was followed by a second heart ruff, a second diamond ruff, and a winning heart, and Combescure was powerless. If he ruffed, away would go declarer's last diamond, while if he did not the heart would be declarer's tenth trick; +620 and 12 IMPs to Italy, who led by 13-10.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 7 ♥ K 10 6 5 2 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ Q 6		♠ 10 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A K Q 10 9 5 3 ♣ 8 5	♠ 9 8 5 ♥ J 3 ♦ 8 6 ♣ 10 9 7 4 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Lierhmann</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>
–	1♥	3♦	4NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Manganella</i>
–	Pass	3NT	Dble
4♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

After a pass from Donati, Bernard opened with a gambling 3NT, showing a long solid minor with little outside, and Manganella doubled. Combescure's psychic 4♥ was brushed aside by Donati who doubled for penalty then jumped to 6♥ when Manganella bid 4♠. Bernard led two top diamonds. Donati ruffed the second diamond with the nine, drew trumps and claimed 12 tricks for +1430.

In the other room, there was a French disaster. Lierhmann opened the North hand and Percario made a weakish jump overcall. Now Sanchez clearly intended his jump to 4NT to be RKCB while, equally clearly, Lierhmann took it to be natural – presumably arguing that Sanchez could have bid 4♦ to agree hearts then bid 4NT at his next turn. I don't know their agreement here and wouldn't presume to guess. What I know is that Chavarria led a diamond and the defence took the first seven tricks for down four and -400; 18 IMPs to Italy, whose lead was up to 31-10.

The score had moved on only to 33-10 when the next significant swing occurred.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Lierhmann</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescore</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Manganella</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

The two auctions were identical up to the point where Manganella passed Donati's spade preference while Sanchez bid out his shape, unwilling to give up on game. Lierhmann had an easy 3NT over 3♦, of course.

Combescore led a diamond against 2♠, Manganella won the king and led a spade to the queen and ace. He won the diamond return in hand and played the ♥K, ducked, then a club to the queen and ace. Bernard returned his heart and Combescore won and gave him his ruff. Bernard now played a diamond to dummy's ace and Manganella ruffed a club, cashed the ♠J and played the ♥J for Bernard to ruff with his last trump; eight tricks for +110.

Percario led the ten of hearts against 3NT, dummy's king being allowed to hold the trick. Lierhmann led a spade to the queen and ace and back came a heart, Chavarria winning the ace and switching to a low club for her partner's ace. Percario exited with a spade, Lierhmann rising with the king and being disappointed when Chavarria failed to follow with the ten. He cashed the two heart winners then led the four of diamonds to his ten. Had this finesse succeeded, he would have had two entries with which to establish and then cash the clubs, thereby coming to nine tricks. When the diamond lost to the jack, he was down two

instead of one; –100 and 5 IMPs to Italy, stretching the lead to 38-10.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Lierhmann</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescore</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Manganella</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The Italian E/W had a simple natural auction to the obvious game, against which Sanchez led the jack of spades. Percario called for the ace and was no doubt more than a little concerned when Lierhmann ruffed. A trump back looks best now, though the fact that North cannot regain the lead to play a second round might just save declarer. In practice, Lierhmann returned a low club. Percario ducked that to the queen and back came a second club to the king and ace. Percario tried the jack of clubs now, ruffed with the jack and over-ruffed. He continued with a diamond to the king and ace and ruffed the diamond return, ruffed a spade and ruffed his last diamond in the dummy. There were ten tricks now for +420.

It looks as though Bernard and Combescore had a misunderstanding as it is hard to see how both the 3NT rebid and Bernard's pass can be correct. If so, the price was only 1 IMP. Donati led a low club and Combescore ducked that to the queen, put in the queen on Manganella's ♠9 switch, and ran the nine of clubs to create his ninth trick; +400 but 1 IMP to Italy.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A K J 8 6 ♥ A 7 6 ♦ A K 8 2 ♣ 8	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 5 3 ♥ 10 5 3 ♦ 10 7 6 5 ♣ A 5 2	♠ 2 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ Q 9 4 3 ♣ J 10 9 7 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarría</i>	<i>Lierhmann</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescuré</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Manganella</i>
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Italians had a Gazzilli auction to 3NT. The 2♣ rebid was two-way, either natural or any 16+, and 2♦ showed 8+, enough for game facing the strong



Florian Lierhmann
FRANCE

variety. Two Hearts showed three cards in the suit, 2♠ relayed, and 3♦ was natural. Now Manganella was minimum but had three good cards in his partner's suits and only one wasted jack. However, the other bad point of the hand was that diamonds were known to be only an eight-card fit, and the singleton spade meant that it might be hard to set up and cash the suit. After some thought, Manganella made the winning decision when he signed off in 3NT.

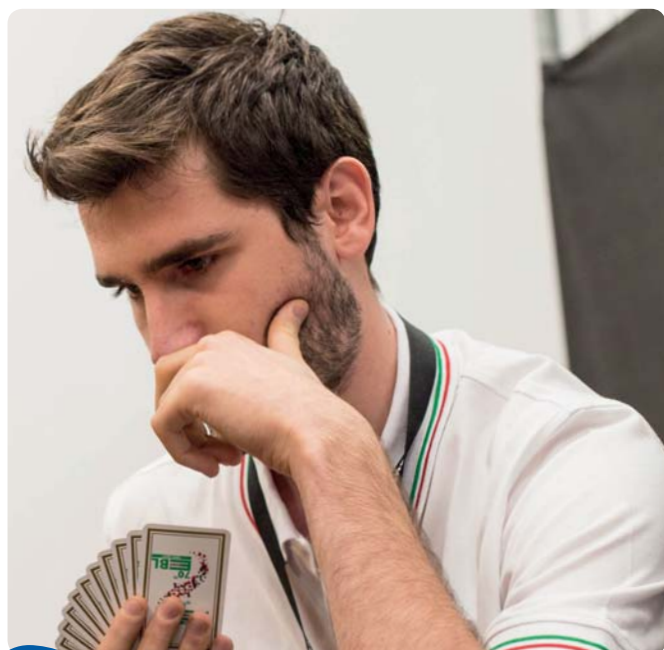
The defence led clubs, cashing the three winners there, and Manganella had the rest; +630.

Lierhmann did not have the benefit of Gazzilli so made a forcing jump rebid of 3♦. Sanchez did not know about his partner's relative lengths in hearts and clubs, nor did he know that the diamonds were only four cards in length. Still, there must have been a strong temptation to bid 3NT rather than raise to 4♦. When he chose the optimist's call, Lierhmann drove to the diamond slam.

Percario led ace and another club to the queen and ruff. There is a double dummy line from here and we'd love to hear about anyone who found it at the table. In practice, however, it looks as though declarer is doomed to failure.

Lierhmann played ace of spades then ruffed one, came to hand with a heart and ruffed a second spade. Next he cashed the two red queens before playing a diamond to the king to discover that he was going down. From here it seems that the contract should be down two but the official score says that Lierhmann was down three for –300, so Italy picked up another 14 IMPs.

Italy had achieved exactly what they needed, a big win, and over a big rival at that. The final score was 55-11 IMPs in favour of Italy, 18.87-1.13 VPs. They had moved up four places to thirteenth, while France had slipped from first to fourth place.



Andrea Manganella
ITALY

COUP OF THE DAY: BATH COUP

by Brian Senior



The Bath Coup is a very common manoeuvre. It is a ducking play which enables declarer to keep control of a key suit.

The coup dates back to the days of whist and is named after the city of Bath, a hotbed of whist back in the days when everyone in British society played the game.

See the difference if declarer allows the king of spades to hold the first trick. What is West to do?

If she plays a second spade into the ace-jack, declarer gets a second spade winner and still has a secure stopper. If she switches, declarer has control of the other suits. She can concede the club trick quite safely in either case.

Ducking with AJx in this position is the Bath Coup. Although the above is what people normally mean when they refer to a Bath Coup, it would also be possible to duck with ace to three in dummy and jack to three in hand, leaving what is known in the trade as a split tenace.

In the example above, it was easy to see the danger because West had overcalled 1♠, but the ducking play would still have been correct even had the opposition not been involved in the auction. It might not prove to be necessary, but the coup cannot do any harm and will still be essential if spades are five-three again – so why take the risk?

Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ 6 4											
	♥ Q 10 9											
	♦ 8 7 6 3											
	♣ A Q 4 2											
♠ K Q 10 9 5	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 8 7 2	
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♦ J 9 2		♦ 10 5 4										
♣ 7 3		♣ K 5										
	♠ A J 3											
	♥ A 8											
	♦ A K Q											
	♣ J 10 9 8 6											

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1♣
1♠	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West leads the king of spades. If declarer wins immediately, she will be defeated. Having won the spade she will take the club finesse. East will win the king of clubs and push a spade through the remaining jack doubleton and West will take four spade winners for one down.

UNDER 26 RESULTS

ROUND 5

1	ISRAEL	GERMANY	73	1	20.00	0.00
2	ITALY	ENGLAND	26	5	15.46	4.54
3	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	26	39	6.28	13.72
4	RUSSIA	SPAIN	57	40	14.64	5.36
5	LATVIA	CROATIA	27	20	12.16	7.84
6	IRELAND	PORTUGAL	35	39	8.72	11.28
7	ROMANIA	SLOVAKIA	40	31	12.71	7.29
8	GREECE	ESTONIA	58	19	18.29	1.71
9	DENMARK	AUSTRIA	34	38	8.72	11.28
10	SWEDEN	CZECH REPUBLIC	17	53	2.09	17.91
11	BELGIUM	POLAND	22	34	6.52	13.48
12	TURKEY	HUNGARY	29	24	11.58	8.42
13	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	53	35	14.85	5.15
14	SERBIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 6

1	POLAND	LATVIA	32	24	12.44	7.56
2	SCOTLAND	PORTUGAL	61	9	19.65	0.35
3	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	34	49	5.81	14.19
4	IRELAND	ITALY	28	50	4.34	15.66
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	DENMARK	16	17	9.67	10.33
6	NORWAY	GERMANY	45	7	18.17	1.83
7	FRANCE	CROATIA	54	24	17.04	2.96
8	TURKEY	GREECE	35	15	15.26	4.74
9	SWEDEN	ROMANIA	46	25	15.46	4.54
10	SERBIA	RUSSIA	27	27	10.00	10.00
11	SLOVAKIA	HUNGARY	61	28	17.49	2.51
12	BELGIUM	SPAIN	101	3	20.00	0.00
13	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	53	27	16.38	3.62
14	ESTONIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 7

1	GERMANY	DENMARK	16	57	1.47	18.53
2	LATVIA	NETHERLANDS	8	24	5.58	14.42
3	FRANCE	ITALY	11	55	1.13	18.87
4	TURKEY	ROMANIA	35	8	16.55	3.45
5	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN	13	69	0.01	19.99
6	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	19	22	9.03	10.97
7	CROATIA	BELGIUM	49	20	16.88	3.12
8	ESTONIA	HUNGARY	36	45	7.29	12.71
9	SLOVAKIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	28	42	6.04	13.96
10	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL	94	22	20.00	0.00
11	SPAIN	SERBIA	3	64	0.00	20.00
12	RUSSIA	POLAND	29	39	7.03	12.97
13	IRELAND	NORWAY	2	33	2.81	17.19
14	GREECE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 8

1	FRANCE	ISRAEL	43	25	14.85	5.15
2	DENMARK	ENGLAND	43	55	6.52	13.48
3	NORWAY	LATVIA	33	17	14.42	5.58
4	PORTUGAL	BELGIUM	5	80	0.00	20.00
5	ROMANIA	HUNGARY	34	62	3.28	16.72
6	TURKEY	GERMANY	62	27	17.77	2.23
7	AUSTRIA	ESTONIA	32	66	2.37	17.63
8	SPAIN	CROATIA	5	79	0.00	20.00
9	SLOVAKIA	SCOTLAND	20	29	7.29	12.71
10	SWEDEN	IRELAND	114	15	20.00	0.00
11	SERBIA	NETHERLANDS	21	56	2.23	17.77
12	GREECE	CZECH REPUBLIC	18	59	1.47	18.53
13	RUSSIA	ITALY	63	42	15.46	4.54
14	POLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 8

1	SWEDEN	116.88
2	ENGLAND	113.02
3	FRANCE	110.17
4	DENMARK	108.55
5	POLAND	103.92
6	NORWAY	103.77
7	BELGIUM	100.15
8	CZECH REPUBLIC	99.95
9	NETHERLANDS	97.44
10	SCOTLAND	95.77
11	CROATIA	90.49
12	TURKEY	89.89
13	ISRAEL	88.52
14	SERBIA	83.47
15	HUNGARY	82.67
16	ITALY	77.49
17	ESTONIA	77.26
18	SLOVAKIA	76.52
19	GREECE	69.95
20	RUSSIA	67.93
21	LATVIA	66.26
22	GERMANY	53.56
23	AUSTRIA	50.74
24	ROMANIA	50.64
25	IRELAND	44.98
26	PORTUGAL	38.34
27	SPAIN	15.67

UNDER 21 RESULTS

ROUND 6

21	IRELAND	BULGARIA	9	75	0.00	20.00
22	BELGIUM	SWEDEN	25	33	7.17	12.83
23	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	41	1	19.22	0.78
24	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	30	17	14.28	5.72
25	NORWAY	CZECH REPUBLIC	17	23	7.82	12.18
26	GERMANY	FRANCE	14	43	2.32	17.68
27	POLAND	FINLAND	18	60	0.56	19.44
28	ISRAEL	TURKEY	49	5	19.66	0.34
29	SLOVAKIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 7

21	HUNGARY	IRELAND	20	8	14.00	6.00
22	SLOVAKIA	NETHERLANDS	7	55	0.00	20.00
23	BULGARIA	NORWAY	20	26	7.82	12.18
24	GERMANY	BELGIUM	66	7	20.00	0.00
25	FINLAND	ENGLAND	3	31	2.49	17.51
26	ISRAEL	ITALY	9	43	1.56	18.44
27	CZECH REPUBLIC	TURKEY	44	28	15.05	4.95
28	POLAND	FRANCE	12	25	5.72	14.28
29	SWEDEN	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 8

21	BULGARIA	ENGLAND	11	20	6.86	13.14
22	ITALY	SLOVAKIA	35	27	12.83	7.17
23	CZECH REPUBLIC	IRELAND	40	27	14.28	5.72
24	SWEDEN	FRANCE	14	23	6.86	13.14
25	HUNGARY	POLAND	17	36	4.25	15.75
26	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	44	6	18.97	1.03
27	ISRAEL	NORWAY	58	23	18.58	1.42
28	GERMANY	FINLAND	42	3	19.10	0.90
29	BELGIUM	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 9

21	SWEDEN	SLOVAKIA	28	8	15.97	4.03
22	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	37	0	18.84	1.16
23	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	13	52	0.90	19.10
24	NORWAY	ENGLAND	10	29	4.25	15.75
25	GERMANY	ITALY	11	10	10.39	9.61
26	FINLAND	CZECH REPUBLIC	15	19	8.50	11.50
27	FRANCE	ISRAEL	13	21	7.17	12.83
28	TURKEY	POLAND	16	30	5.46	14.54
29	IRELAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 10

21	BELGIUM	ITALY	22	36	5.46	14.54
22	CZECH REPUBLIC	BULGARIA	8	11	8.86	11.14
23	FRANCE	SLOVAKIA	50	6	19.66	0.34
24	IRELAND	POLAND	6	73	0.00	20.00
25	SWEDEN	TURKEY	36	8	17.51	2.49
26	HUNGARY	ISRAEL	11	51	0.78	19.22
27	FINLAND	NETHERLANDS	49	6	19.55	0.45
28	NORWAY	GERMANY	16	63	0.04	19.96
29	ENGLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 10

1	ENGLAND	154.13
2	GERMANY	146.73
3	NETHERLANDS	141.09
4	ITALY	137.55
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	136.96
6	BULGARIA	127.30
7	ISRAEL	125.29
8	FRANCE	118.52
9	FINLAND	105.92
10	SWEDEN	105.20
11	POLAND	94.12
12	TURKEY	73.38
13	NORWAY	69.97
14	IRELAND	62.94
15	SLOVAKIA	48.79
16	BELGIUM	46.84
17	HUNGARY	23.27



WOMEN UNDER 26 RESULTS

ROUND 5

41	CZECH REPUBLIC	TURKEY	19	43	3.97	16.03
42	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	14	52	1.83	18.17
43	ENGLAND	FRANCE	12	34	4.34	15.66
44	HUNGARY	LATVIA	58	8	19.47	0.53
45	GERMANY	NORWAY	62	14	19.28	0.72

ROUND 6

41	CZECH REPUBLIC	NETHERLANDS	52	25	16.55	3.45
42	TURKEY	FRANCE	69	17	19.65	0.35
43	POLAND	HUNGARY	40	1	18.29	1.71
44	NORWAY	ENGLAND	30	22	12.44	7.56
45	LATVIA	GERMANY	51	40	13.23	6.77

ROUND 7

41	CZECH REPUBLIC	ENGLAND	47	33	13.96	6.04
42	LATVIA	POLAND	13	14	9.67	10.33
43	GERMANY	TURKEY	14	71	0.00	20.00
44	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	51	18	17.49	2.51
45	HUNGARY	FRANCE	39	30	12.71	7.29

ROUND 8

41	CZECH REPUBLIC	NORWAY	39	48	7.29	12.71
42	HUNGARY	GERMANY	43	24	15.06	4.94
43	FRANCE	LATVIA	67	15	19.65	0.35
44	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	10	24	6.04	13.96
45	TURKEY	POLAND	5	56	0.44	19.56

RANKING AFTER ROUND 8

1	NETHERLANDS	120.25
2	POLAND	95.76
3	ENGLAND	90.26
4	FRANCE	84.64
5	TURKEY	80.21
6	NORWAY	75.68
7	HUNGARY	75.15
8	CZECH REPUBLIC	74.78
9	GERMANY	52.33
10	LATVIA	49.00

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ROUND 5

61	FRANCE	SCOTLAND	82	0	20.00	0.00
62	DENMARK	CZECH REPUBLIC	25	29	8.62	11.38
63	SWEDEN	GERMANY	24	37	6.03	13.97
64	IRELAND	NORWAY	15	73	0.00	20.00
65	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	25	20	11.70	8.30
66	ISRAEL	ITALY	53	0	20.00	0.00
67	BULGARIA	GREECE	17	70	0.00	20.00
68	ENGLAND	POLAND	25	43	4.85	15.15

ROUND 6

61	FRANCE	GREECE	63	19	19.24	0.76
62	POLAND	ISRAEL	51	17	18.00	2.00
63	ENGLAND	TURKEY	29	20	12.90	7.10
64	BULGARIA	IRELAND	48	24	16.37	3.63
65	SWEDEN	ITALY	29	22	12.31	7.69
66	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	50	16	18.00	2.00
67	SCOTLAND	NORWAY	13	86	0.00	20.00
68	CZECH REPUBLIC	GERMANY	37	29	12.61	7.39

ROUND 7

61	FRANCE	BULGARIA	71	0	20.00	0.00
62	ITALY	ENGLAND	17	18	9.64	10.36
63	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	2	76	0.00	20.00
64	NORWAY	GREECE	27	29	9.29	10.71
65	ISRAEL	GERMANY	41	10	17.56	2.44
66	CZECH REPUBLIC	TURKEY	12	12	10.00	10.00
67	IRELAND	SCOTLAND	28	19	12.90	7.10
68	SWEDEN	DENMARK	30	30	10.00	10.00

ROUND 8

61	FRANCE	ITALY	25	25	10.00	10.00
62	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	38	17	15.79	4.21
63	NORWAY	ENGLAND	54	27	16.91	3.09
64	GERMANY	POLAND	10	24	5.78	14.22
65	GREECE	CZECH REPUBLIC	50	16	18.00	2.00
66	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	15	84	0.00	20.00
67	TURKEY	DENMARK	30	36	7.99	12.01
68	IRELAND	SWEDEN	11	73	0.00	20.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 8

1	POLAND	137.08
2	FRANCE	134.08
3	SWEDEN	109.84
4	ISRAEL	107.80
5	NORWAY	107.64
6	GREECE	98.48
7	GERMANY	92.90
8	ITALY	78.12
9	ENGLAND	77.30
10	NETHERLANDS	73.76
11	TURKEY	70.64
12	CZECH REPUBLIC	65.84
13	DENMARK	64.14
14	BULGARIA	34.29
15	IRELAND	20.43
16	SCOTLAND	7.66



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