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## France Wins the Girls Championship

Congratulations to France, who have won the Girls Championship with a match to spare. **The team is: Jessie Carbonneaux, Anais Leleu, Jenifer Mourgues, Anne Rouanet-Labe, Anne-Laure Tartarin, Aurelie Thizy, and npc Jerome Rombaut.** The silver and bronze medals are still to be decided in today's final round, with Netherlands assured a medal but Italy capable of overtaking them to take the silver. Meanwhile, Poland can catch Italy to take bronze, but cannot catch the Netherlands. There is still something to play for lower down the rankings, with five teams plus Turkey going to next year's world championships.

France leads the Juniors from Poland, Israel and Turkey. Next come Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands and Norway and with six teams to qualify for next year's world championships, plus seventh if hosts Turkey qualify by right, there is still all to play for.

Sweden leads the Youngsters from Poland, Israel and the Netherlands. Again, six teams plus Turkey qualify for the world championships, so France, Slovakia, Denmark, Norway and Italy still have a big match to come today.

Yesterday, 20-0s were scores by France in the Juniors, Italy in the Girls, and Slovakia and Denmark and Norway in the Youngsters.



Beautifully restored Opera House in Wrocław

### AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrangements for Airport Transfers will be posted today in the playing area and in the lobby of the Hotel GEM.

Please check what is posted and let Hospitality know as soon as possible if there is any problem.

### PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 19.00

The Prize-giving Ceremony will be held in the playing area and will be followed by a banquet and disco in the big tent across the playing fields from the playing area.

### Today's BBO Matches

	10.00	
Poland	v	Romania (J21)
Israel	v	Norway (J21)
Denmark	v	Netherlands (J21)
France	v	Poland (Y19)

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# Results – Junior Teams

## Round 18

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	62	40	14.94	5.06
2	TURKEY	ENGLAND	51	44	11.83	8.17
3	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	40	21	14.39	5.61
4	SERBIA	POLAND	21	63	2.21	17.79
5	GERMANY	NORWAY	42	66	4.72	15.28
6	DENMARK	ROMANIA	52	20	16.52	3.48
7	BELARUS	CROATIA	42	64	4.56	14.94
8	ITALY	FINLAND	40	60	5.42	14.58
9	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REPUBLIC	16	41	4.55	15.45
10	HUNGARY	BULGARIA	60	34	15.61	4.39
11	FRANCE	IRELAND	110	31	20.00	0.00

## Rankings after 20 Rounds

Rank	Team	VPs
1	FRANCE	283.81
2	POLAND	275.29
3	ISRAEL	268.88
4	TURKEY	254.60
5	SWEDEN	251.74
6	DENMARK	251.13
7	NETHERLANDS	238.08
8	NORWAY	233.14
9	CZECH REPUBLIC	214.73
10	FINLAND	214.36
11	GERMANY	206.37
12	BULGARIA	205.91
13	ENGLAND	205.24
14	ITALY	204.43
15	ROMANIA	200.45
16	HUNGARY	185.49
17	BELGIUM	158.88
18	BELARUS	133.15
19	SERBIA	127.12
20	CROATIA	118.44
21	AUSTRIA	101.27
22	IRELAND	65.99

## Round 19

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ISRAEL	POLAND	19	32	6.80	13.20
2	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	15	53	2.68	17.32
3	ENGLAND	ROMANIA	27	29	9.45	10.55
4	TURKEY	FINLAND	53	20	16.66	3.34
5	BELGIUM	CROATIA	17	29	7.02	12.98
6	SWEDEN	CZECH REPUBLIC	57	23	16.80	3.20
7	SERBIA	BULGARIA	32	54	5.06	14.94
8	GERMANY	IRELAND	50	14	17.06	2.94
9	DENMARK	FRANCE	19	26	8.17	11.83
10	BELARUS	HUNGARY	50	26	15.28	4.72
11	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	41	49	7.93	12.07

## Round 20

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	65	8	19.25	0.75
2	ENGLAND	POLAND	29	42	6.80	13.20
3	BELGIUM	NORWAY	36	62	4.39	15.61
4	SWEDEN	CROATIA	63	0	19.72	0.28
5	TURKEY	ROMANIA	57	23	16.80	3.20
6	SERBIA	FINLAND	24	63	2.56	17.44
7	GERMANY	CZECH REPUBLIC	47	75	4.07	15.93
8	DENMARK	BULGARIA	21	81	0.51	19.49
9	BELARUS	IRELAND	57	67	7.47	12.53
10	ITALY	FRANCE	29	59	3.77	16.23
11	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	44	29	13.61	6.39

# Schedule of Matches

### Junior T Round 21 – 10.00

Israel vs Norway  
 Poland vs Romania  
 Austria vs Croatia  
 England vs Finland  
 Belgium vs Czech. Rep.  
 Turkey vs Bulgaria  
 Sweden vs Ireland  
 Serbia vs France  
 Germany vs Hungary  
 Denmark vs Netherlands  
 Belarus vs Italy

### Youngsters T Round 19 – 10.00

Italy vs Slovakia  
 Denmark vs Norway  
 Scotland vs Netherlands  
 Germany vs Czech. Rep.  
 Ireland vs Israel  
 Latvia vs Austria  
 Russia vs Hungary  
 France vs Poland  
 Sweden vs Turkey  
 Bye vs England

### Girls Round T 18 – 10.00

Norway vs Netherlands  
 Hungary vs France  
 Poland vs Sweden  
 Austria vs Italy  
 Bye vs Turkey

## Results – Youngsters Teams

### Round 16

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ITALY	SCOTLAND	29	91	0.35	19.65
2	GERMANY	DENMARK	5	105	0.00	20.00
3	IRELAND	SLOVAKIA	20	125	0.00	20.00
4	LATVIA	NORWAY	39	68	3.92	16.08
5	RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS	60	74	6.59	13.41
6	FRANCE	ISRAEL	35	76	2.32	17.68
7	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	76	35	17.68	2.32
8	TURKEY	HUNGARY	62	26	17.06	2.94
9	POLAND	ENGLAND	51	17	16.80	3.20
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

### Rankings after 18 Rounds

Rank	Team	VPs
1	SWEDEN	253.78
2	POLAND	241.53
3	ISRAEL	232.06
4	NETHERLANDS	228.40
5	FRANCE	224.67
6	SLOVAKIA	209.00
7	DENMARK	207.12
8	NORWAY	206.57
9	ITALY	200.83
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	193.44
11	ENGLAND	191.98
12	TURKEY	182.28
13	SCOTLAND	170.29
14	RUSSIA	160.42
15	LATVIA	160.29
16	GERMANY	128.26
17	HUNGARY	126.41
18	AUSTRIA	73.12
19	IRELAND	63.55

### Round 17

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ITALY	SWEDEN	29	45	6.19	13.81
2	TURKEY	FRANCE	17	39	5.06	14.94
3	ENGLAND	RUSSIA	42	20	14.94	5.06
4	HUNGARY	LATVIA	32	59	4.23	15.77
5	AUSTRIA	IRELAND	44	42	10.55	9.45
6	ISRAEL	GERMANY	31	26	11.34	8.66
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	SCOTLAND	24	19	11.34	8.66
8	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	58	26	16.52	3.48
9	NORWAY	SLOVAKIA	49	17	16.52	3.48
10	POLAND	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

### Round 18

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ITALY	POLAND	63	24	17.44	2.56
2	ENGLAND	TURKEY	30	37	8.17	11.83
3	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	25	89	0.21	19.79
4	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	34	94	0.51	19.49
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	RUSSIA	55	49	11.59	8.41
6	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA	27	53	4.39	15.61
7	NORWAY	IRELAND	124	22	20.00	0.00
8	SLOVAKIA	GERMANY	35	24	12.76	7.24
9	DENMARK	SCOTLAND	55	49	11.59	8.41
10	ISRAEL	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

## Results – Girls Teams

### Round 16

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	NORWAY	HUNGARY	34	59	4.55	15.45
2	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	37	40	9.18	10.82
3	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN	24	31	8.17	11.83
4	ITALY	TURKEY	73	51	14.94	5.06
5	FRANCE	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

### Rankings after 17 Rounds

Rank	Team	VPs
1	FRANCE	279.77
2	NETHERLANDS	243.92
3	ITALY	232.75
4	POLAND	214.63
5	HUNGARY	133.00
6	NORWAY	126.63
7	SWEDEN	120.65
8	TURKEY	110.42
9	AUSTRIA	102.23

### Round 17

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	NORWAY	ITALY	7	82	0.00	20.00
2	TURKEY	AUSTRIA	21	19	10.55	9.45
3	FRANCE	POLAND	40	14	15.61	4.39
4	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	46	9	17.19	2.81
5	SWEDEN	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

# Declarer Play of the Championships?

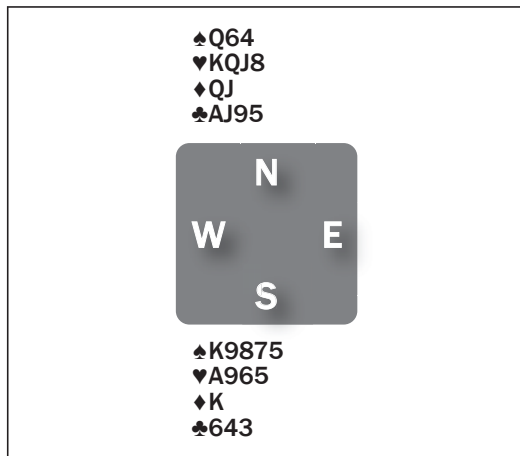
by Marek Wojcicki

This morning I received an e-mail from Barry Rigal – the chairman of the Prize Committee of IBPA, concerning entries to the Junior play of the year competition. Five minutes later on the screen of the vugraph, where we were watching the Poland – Netherlands Girls match, we could see the following declarer play problem:

After the bidding (both vulnerable, dealer East)

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Dufprat	Leufkens	Roston
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

West led ♦A and continued the suit. How should South play?

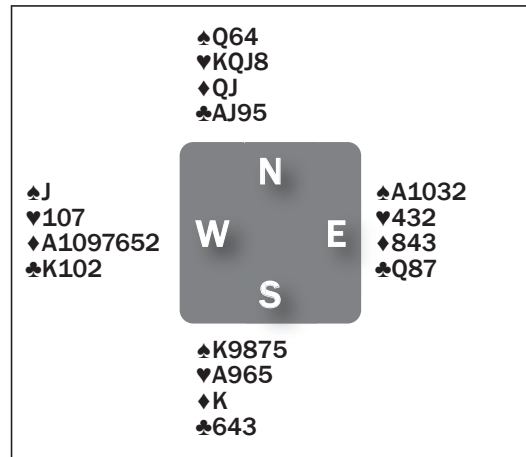


You discard the club... What are the prospects? There is one more obvious club loser, and how can we avoid losing two spade tricks? Chances are not great, but...

After a vulnerable 3♦ opening, when West had the diamond ace, the trump ace can be located in East hand. Could it be ace-doubleton? In theory yes, but the seven-card diamond suit with West makes it improbable. You should look for another chance. Basia Roslon from Poland found it – she started trumps by leading the queen! And that was that. East followed with a low spade, and West with the jack. Now the next spade – small, seven, diamond discard... Made!

This is the complete board:

Girls R16. Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



In the replay, Justyna Zmuda (West) opened 3♦, passed around, and made it.



Basia Roslon

# Poland v Italy (Girls Round 15)

by Brian Senior

When Poland and Italy met in Round 15 of the Girls Championship, it seemed that the gold medal was already out of reach, short of a dramatic collapse from the French team. The silver and bronze were very much up for grabs, however, with these two teams in the thick of the battle.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠K763 ♥AK10 ♦QJ54 ♣AQ										
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠J85 ♥6 ♦A83 ♣J98753										

West	North	East	South
Costa	Zmuda	Botta	Kazmucha
–	–	Pass	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Salvato	Holeksa	Chavarria
–	–	Pass	Pass
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

I am a firm believer in pre-empting to the maximum at every available opportunity, so I prefer Margherita Costa's 4♥ opening to the 3♥ chosen by Kamila Wesolowska. Four Hearts collected the inevitable double from North, Justyna Zmuda, and Danuta Kazmucha responded 5♣, where she played. The 3♥ opening was also doubled, though I think that a 3NT overcall is the more practical choice, and Margherita Chavarria responded 4♣, where she played.

Wesolowska led the seven of hearts against 4♣. Chavarria won and cashed the ace of clubs before trying to cash the other top heart. I am not sure why there was any big hurry to do this and it cost her a trick because the heart was ruffed and she over-ruffed. Chavarria played a club now but Magdalena Holeksa could win and exit safely with her last club and declarer had to negotiate spades and diamonds herself. She led the eight of diamonds to the ten and king and the passive diamond return meant that there was no way to avoid two spade losers for down one and –100.

Five Clubs looks to be completely hopeless, but...

Costa led the ten of diamonds to the queen, king and ace, and Kazmucha took a losing trump finesse. Giorgia Botta returned the nine of diamonds to dummy's jack. Kazmucha cashed the ace of clubs, led a diamond to her eight and drew the outstanding trumps. With the spade ace onside she had 11 tricks for +600 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠AK2 ♥A52 ♦J5 ♣109653										
♠Q863 ♥QJ987 ♦A ♣QJ4	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠J1094 ♥64 ♦KQ109743 ♣–
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠75 ♥K103 ♦862 ♣AK872										

West	North	East	South
Costa	Zmuda	Botta	Kazmucha
–	1♣	3♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Salvato	Holeksa	Chavarria
–	1♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

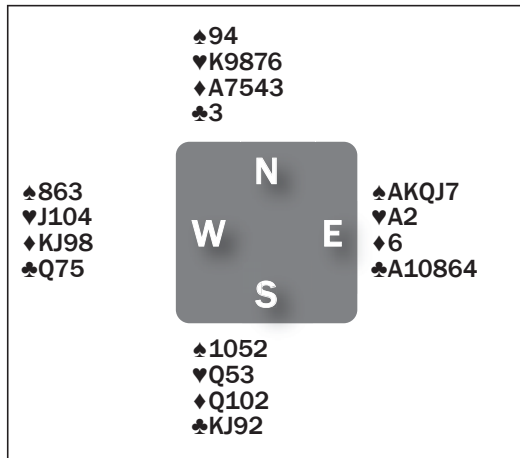
Botta made a pre-emptive overcall, not worrying about the side four-card major, while Holeksa's more purist approach meant that she passed.

Botta won the auction as Kazmucha could not commit to this level facing a potential weak no trump in Polish style. Kazmucha led a top club, ruffed, and Botta cashed the ace of diamonds then should have ruffed a club and drawn trumps before playing on spades. That would have led to nine tricks, but instead she played the queen of hearts round to Kazmucha's king and Kazmucha wasted no time in switching to a spade to collect her ruff for down one; –50.

With no intervention, Chavarria stretched a fraction to respond 2NT and was raised to game. Wesolowska led the queen of hearts, which Chavarria won in dummy to lead a club to the ace and, on seeing East's heart discard, a low club. Wesolowska won the club and cashed the ace of diamonds, giving declarer a bad feeling, but then exited with her remaining club. Chavarria won that and cashed the clubs then, after Holeksa had come down to a doubleton spade, played three rounds of spades to endplay Wesolowska into giving the ninth trick by leading into the heart tenace at the end; +600 and 11 IMPs to Italy.

Poland led by 30-11 IMPs after 12 boards, but then Italy came back strongly.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Costa	Zmuda	Botta	Kazmucha
–	2♥	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Salvato	Holeksa	Chavarria
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

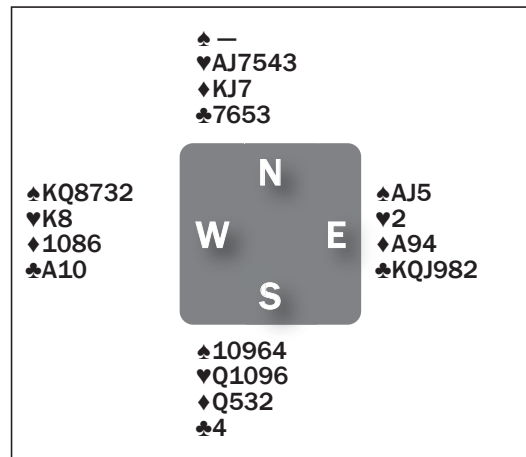
Zmuda opened 2♥. Weak with hearts and a minor, and Botta overcalled 4♣, clubs and spades, giving Costa an easy conversion to the spade game. Zmuda cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to the seven of hearts and Costa won dummy's ace to play three rounds of trumps followed by ace and another club, putting up the queen when Kazmucha played low. The heart loser went away on the king of diamonds, and it remained only to concede two club tricks to establish the fifth club as the tenth winner; +620.



Kamila Wesolowska

Salvato did not have the weak two-suiter in her armoury so passed and Holeksa opened 1♠ then splintered – which did not suit Wesolowska at all, so she quickly signed-off. Chavarria led the three of hearts to the jack, king and ace and Holeksa drew trumps then played ace and another club to the queen. Here, it did not matter that South ducked the second club, as there was no diamond winner on which to throw the heart loser. Holeksa lost two clubs and one trick in each red suit for down one; –100 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Costa	Zmuda	Botta	Kazmucha
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Salvato	Holeksa	Chavarria
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Perhaps there is something in the Polish methods of which I am not aware, but I don't understand Holeksa's 4♥ followed by pass after partner has, presumably, shown the ace of clubs. Whatever the auction meant, the Poles stopped in game and scored an inadequate +480. Costa's 2♦ rebid was artificial, showing a single-suiter, I believe, but all I can tell you about

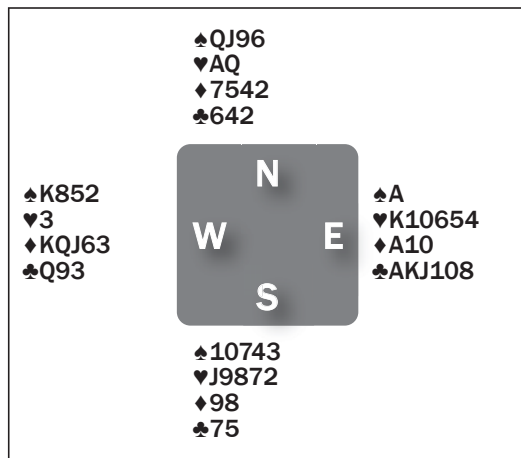
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the rest of the Italian auction is that it worked. Six Spades was cold, of course, and Costa scored +980 for another 11 IMPs to Italy.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Costa	Zmuda	Botta	Kazmucha
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

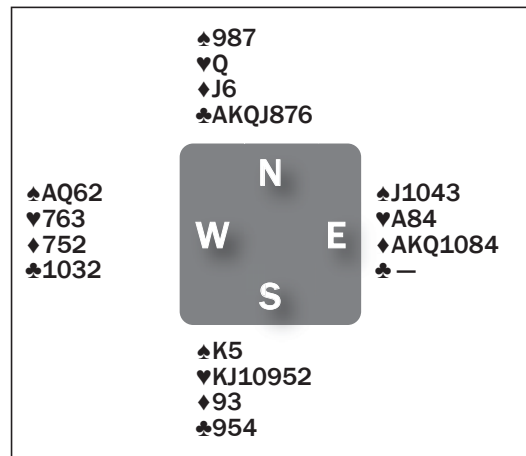
West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Salvato	Holeksa	Chavarria
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Margherita Costa

And there was another slam swing on the very next deal, where once again Costa/Botta outbid Wesolowska/Holeksa. Costa opened with the West cards and the Italians bid confidently to the small slam, again, I don't have the meaning of their sequence; +1370. Wesolowska did not open and the Poles did not even sniff at slam; 12 tricks for +690 but 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Costa	Zmuda	Botta	Kazmucha
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♥
Pass	3♣	3♦	4♣
4♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Wesolowska	Salvato	Holeksa	Chavarria
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Zmuda's 2♥ opening was Precision-style, a strong example of that bid, and Botta started with a double then showed the long diamonds at her next turn. Costa competed to 4♦, but the spade fit was lost and +150 was a worrying result for the Italians.

Salvato used the gambling 3NT opening and Holeksa passed, figuring that if it was passed out she had a good shot at defeating the contract, while if South ran to 4♣ she would have a clearcut take-out double available to her. Sure enough, Holeksa got her opportunity to double for take-out and that worked out beautifully as Wesolowska had an obvious 4♣ response. There were 12 tricks in spades for +680 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Despite that late swing, it was Italy who came out on top in the match, by 50-43 IMPs, 11.83-8.17 VPs.





# England v Germany (Youngsters Round 15)

by Patrick Jourdain (from data supplied by Christer Andersson)

Midfield England were still in with a chance of making the top six who qualify for Istanbul, but needing a good score from Germany, a few places below them.

Only 1 IMP changed hands on the first three boards, in England's favour.

On the next deal South is third to speak with both sides vulnerable and holds:

♠A1053  
♥A9764  
♦Q6  
♣K6

LHO opens 1♦, partner passes and RHO responds 1♠. Do you bid?

The German South overcalled Two Hearts which was passed out. The contract was makeable, but only by the opponents! This was 300 to England with a further 100 from the Closed Room for a 9 IMP gain.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠AK2		
	♥A52		
	♦J5		
	♣109653		
♠Q863		♠J1094	
♥QJ987		♥64	
♦A		♦KQ109743	
♣QJ4		♣—	
	♠75		
	♥K103		
	♦862		
	♣AK872		

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huber	Leroy	Illingworth	Streck
—	1♣	3♦	All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Alter	Lam	Hahn	Brass
—	1♣	Pass	2♣
2♥	3♣	3♦	3NT!
All Pass			

In the Open Room the pre-empt from Freddie Illingworth, East for England, bought the auction. The defence have four top winners and a potential spade ruff but South quite naturally led the ace of clubs and it was all over. East ruffed, unblocked trumps, returned with another club ruff, drew trumps and set up his spades for 110 to England.

Now look at the N/S cards only: good news, you seem to have nine top winners in 3NT and hope for diamonds 4-4; bad news, they are 7-1; good news, the singleton is the ace; bad news, the clubs are 3-0, so perhaps you can only make eight tricks.

In the Closed Room Tommy Brass, for England, reached 3NT by South (a bold call given East bid his diamonds). West led the ace of diamonds, which must have given South a worrying moment, but when West clearly had no more the spirits of declarer revived.

West switched to the queen of hearts to South's king. When the ace of clubs revealed the bad split South decided to duck the second club, giving West a safe exit with the third club. On the next two clubs West threw a heart and a spade. Declarer cashed the top spades. East had carefully discarded the king of diamonds to show his suit was good, and followed to the first spade with the jack, but West failed to unblock the queen. Brass exited with a spade and West was endplayed into giving a ninth trick to the ten of hearts. England had a further 600 and 12 IMPs.

On the next deal North, third to speak at 'green' holds:

♠A632  
♥732  
♦Q752  
♣Q3

and hears partner open a 15-17 no trump. Do you bid?

Christian Leroy, North for Germany in the Open Room, wisely passed. Partner has an excellent 16 and would surely have gone on to game if invited to do so. 1NT was the limit of the hand. When the England N/S reached 3NT in the Closed Room that was worth 5 IMPs to Germany.

This came next:



Frederick Illingworth

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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E						
♠Q64 ♥AK97 ♦J854 ♣K8		♠AK108742 ♥J83 ♦— ♣QJ65				

West	North	East	South
Huber	Leroy	Illingworth	Streck
—	—	—	1♠
Dble	2♣	Dble	3♣
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

This was not an unreasonable route to 4♥ by East, though it looks a little safer for East to bid 3♥ at his first turn and then leave the next move to West who, having an absolute minimum for his original take-out double, will let South play Three Spades.

Double-dummy, East can make ten tricks in hearts, but the play went normally enough. South led the spade king and switched to the club queen. Illingworth won in dummy, took a club ruff and led a low diamond off the dummy. North put on the ace and it was a shock when South showed out. A diamond ruff for the defence followed and North still had a diamond trick to come, so 4♥ was one off for 100 to Germany.

In the Closed Room the England N/S went on to 4♣ over East's 4♥ and were two off undoubled for a further 200 to Germany and 7 IMPs.

2 IMPs went to England on Board 8, then came:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠Q876 ♥9732 ♦K3 ♣985	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠A54 ♥864 ♦5 ♣KQJ1063
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E						
♠K1092 ♥KJ10 ♦AQJ97 ♣A		♠J3 ♥AQ5 ♦108642 ♣742				

West	North	East	South
Huber	Leroy	Illingworth	Streck
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

The only denomination in which you can make twelve tricks is clubs and that requires both the heart queen onside and a favourable guess in diamonds to dispose of the spade loser, so England was right to stop in Five Clubs. Germany reached Six in the Closed Room, but did not find the winning line and went one down for 12 IMPs to England.

The swing went the other way here:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠8654 ♥2 ♦KJ965 ♣KJ5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; 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;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠J103 ♥A83 ♦8743 ♣743
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E						
♠AQ7 ♥QJ764 ♦A10 ♣AQ8		♠K92 ♥K1095 ♦Q2 ♣10962				

West	North	East	South
Huber	Leroy	Illingworth	Streck
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Four Hearts requires a favourable lie of the N/S cards and this was not the day, though things began well when the first trick was a spade lead to the jack, king and ace. In theory, that gave West the entry to dummy needed to play trumps for only one loser, but in practice it was more natural to rely on a trump break and a successful club finesse. On this line declarer had to lose two trumps, a diamond and two clubs for 200 to Germany.

In the Closed Room, Germany reached 3NT by East and that proved more difficult to defend. South led a spade which helped declarer with an entry to pick up the hearts for one loser. That gave eight tricks and the ninth appeared later for 600 for Germany and 13 IMPs.

That made the half-time score 36-25 to England. The second half was shared 18-18. Germany reached the slam on Board 15 missed by England but the points were returned when some overbidding by Germany at both tables on Board 18 gave England 9 IMPs. The final score was 54-43 to England or 12.76-7.24 in VPs.

# Denmark v Poland (Juniors Round 17)

by Brian Senior

The big match of Round 17 in the Juniors was that between Denmark and Poland, both of whom were very much in the hunt for not only the medals but even the title of European Junior Champions.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠104 ♥74 ♦9532 ♣QJ973										
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W		E									
	S										
	♠73 ♥KQ10932 ♦A64 ♣65										

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	D. Bilde	Tuczynski	E. Jepsen
–	Pass	1♣	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
P. Jepsen	Jassem	M. Bilde	Wojcieszek
–	Pass	1♦	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass



Dennis Bilde

Whether after a 1♣ or a 1♦ opening on the right, both Souths overcalled 3♥ rather than the less dynamic 2♥. Both E/W pairs now bid happily to the almost no-play spade slam and it looked like a flat board with which to start the match. But no – while Denis Bilde led a rather unimaginative heart against Michal Klukowski and duly beat the contract with a fast diamond trick and a slow club, Pawel Jassem tried the effect of a surprise club lead, the queen, and Peter Jepsen had only a diamond loser. That was +980 for Jepsen to go with +50 in the other room, and a fast start to Denmark; +14 IMPs.

The boards were relatively quiet after that, so that the score had moved on only to 20-8 in favour of Denmark after nine boards. Then things started to get lively again.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠A7 ♥A763 ♦3 ♣A109832										
♠QJ1085 ♥Q ♦AQ9852 ♣7	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠9432 ♥92 ♦K1076 ♣QJ6
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠K6 ♥KJ10854 ♦J4 ♣K54										

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	D. Bilde	Tuczynski	E. Jepsen
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♥	2NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
5♠	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

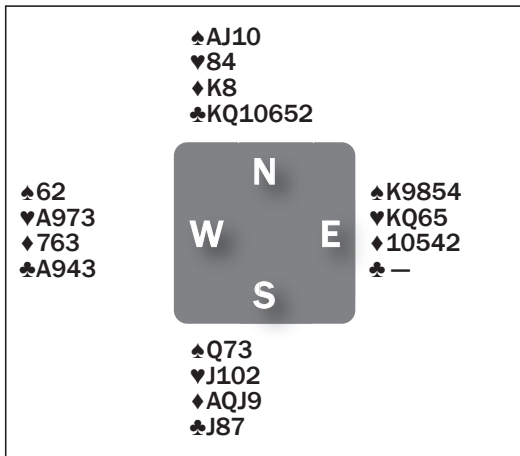
West	North	East	South
P. Jepsen	Jassem	M. Bilde	Wojcieszek
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♥	4♣	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Jepsen made a two-suited overcall and Jassem made a fit-jump, 4♣ showing hearts and clubs. Having shown his general hand-type, Jassem could then double 4♠ to suggest defence and Jakub Wojcieszek had no reason to bid on with the South cards on his minimum. One down is easy, but the defence has to be careful to get the diamond ruff for down two. Wojcieszek led a low club and Jassem won the ace and switched to his singleton at trick two. Jepsen won in hand

and led the queen of spades. Jassem won the ace and under-led in hearts to collect his diamond ruff for two down. That was nicely defended for +500 to Poland.

Klukowski too made the two-suited overcall. Bilde made a game-forcing heart raise and went on with a cuebid when Emil Jepsen did not double 4♣. Though Jepsen signed-off in 5♥, Bilde came again with 6♥ over Klukowski's 5♠, and Klukowski doubled to end the auction. Bilde was the jack of clubs away from being right, but on the actual lay-out he had no way to avoid a loser in each minor; down one for -200 and 12 IMPs to Poland, tying the match at 20-20 at the half-way point.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Klukowski	D. Bilde	Tuczynski	E. Jepsen
Pass	1♣	2♦	Dble
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
P. Jepsen	Jassem	M. Bilde	Wojcieszek
Pass	1♣	1♠	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

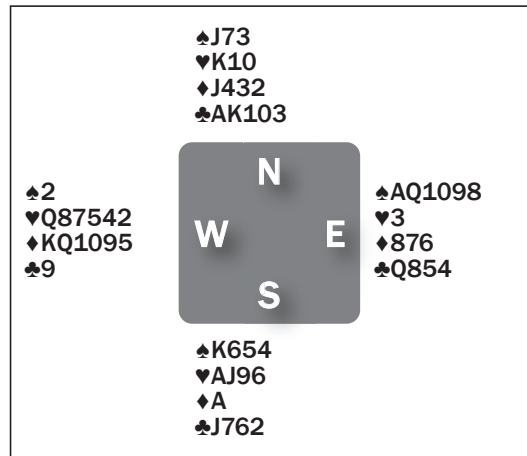


Pawel Jassem

Majka Bilde overcalled 1♠ and her opponents had a mildly optimistic invitational sequence to 3NT. Peter Jepsen led a spade and, knowing that the king was offside, Wojcieszek put up the ace and played on clubs. Jepsen ducked until the third round, by which time he had seen Bilde discard three spades, so found the heart switch to cash four of those plus the spade king for down two; -200.

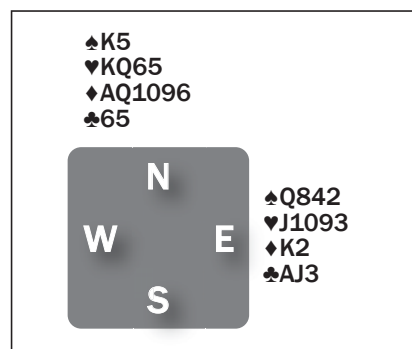
Piotr Tuczynski could overcall 2♦ to show both majors and that had a big impact on the auction. With E/W finding their heart fit, there was no prospect of N/S making 3NT and they did well to sop in 4♣, making exactly on three rounds of hearts for +130 and 8 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



## Defensive Problem 1

Dealer East. E/W Vul.



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

Time to play some defense. You know from the bidding that South has a balanced hand with at least four spades and 12-14 HCP. Your partner leads the two of clubs, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

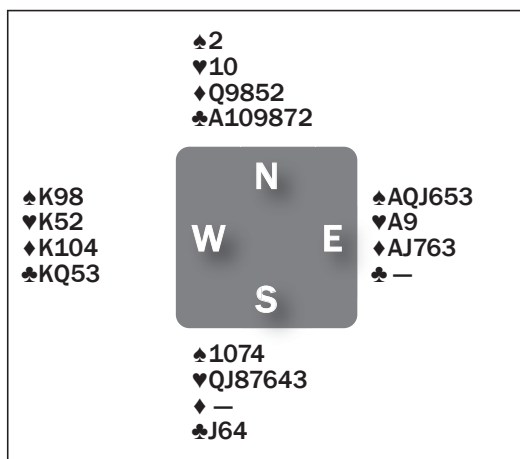
What do you play at trick one, the ace, jack or three, and why?

West	North	East	South
P. Jepsen	Jassem	M. Bilde	Wojcieszek
–	–	–	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Both Souths opened 3♥. We do not have the auction at one table, where Klukowski/Tuczynski bid to 6♠ by West on the E/W cards, but my guess would be that Tuczynski started with a two-suited overcall with the East cards. Twelve tricks were made for +980.

Majka Bilde doubled 3♥ with the East cards. I don't like take-out doubles on genuine two-suiters – partly, they can never be described accurately after this start, and also I would be every uncomfortable if I saw partner pass out my double when I had such an unusual hand for my call. Jepsen led the king of clubs, Bilde ruffing out dummy's king and cashing the heart ace. There were three spades to take now, plus a club and another heart trick; down three for –800 but 5 IMPs to Poland.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Klukowski	D. Bilde	Tuczynski	E. Jepsen
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

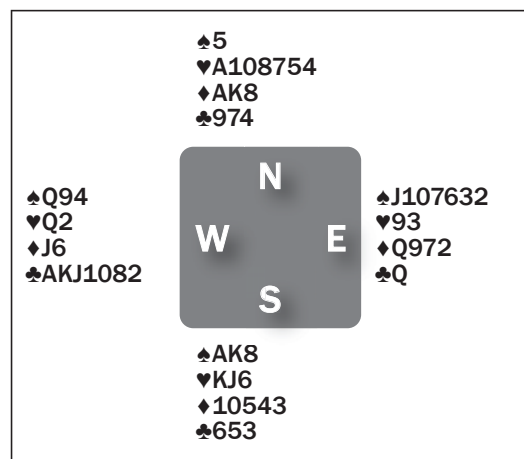
West	North	East	South
P. Jepsen	Jassem	M. Bilde	Wojcieszek
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Klukowski opened 2♥, weak with hearts and any other suit, and 2♠ was pass or correct. When Klukowski showed diamonds and that came round to Jepsen, he doubled for take-out and Bilde, with fair values but no major, took one look at the vulnerability and left it in. Bilde led a trump to his partner's bare ace and back came a club, which he won. He continued with the jack of diamonds, won Klukowski's heart play and played a third diamond, ensuring that there would be no ruff in dummy. Klukowski drew the last trump and played a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade, bringing down the now bare king. He exited with a heart to Jepsen's

king and Jepsen gave a trick to dummy's spade queen. Having pitched too many spades earlier, Klukowski had no more spade winners to cash and had to lead away from the queen of clubs, giving the defence the last three tricks for down three; –800 and well defended by Jepsen.

Peter jepsen did not have a systemic opening for the West hand so passed and only Bilde's 1♠ overcall interrupted an otherwise free auction to 3NT, played by North. Bilde led a club round to the ten and Jassem cashed the ace before playing the heart king followed by the ten of hearts to the ace and a third heart to Jepsen's queen. Alas, Bilde had pitched two of her three small diamonds on the heart tricks so Jepsen's lead of a low diamond to the bare ace achieved very little. Jassem cashed the heart winner then ducked a spade to Bilde, who won and played back ace then queen of spades to pin the jack. It was all to no avail, as a moment later she was stuck back in with her last spade to lead away from the queen of clubs to present Jassem with his ninth trick; +400 and nicely played but 9 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Klukowski	D. Bilde	Tuczynski	E. Jepsen
–	1♥	2♠	Dble
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

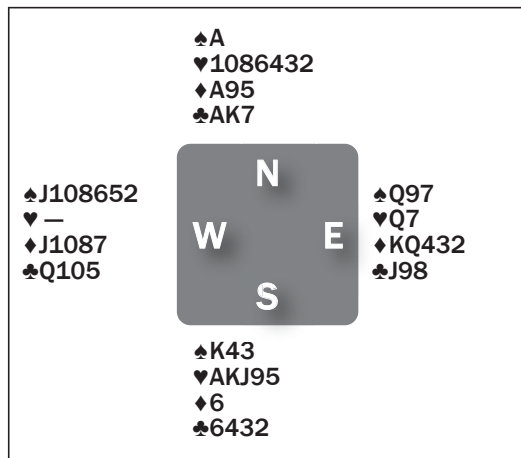
West	North	East	South
P. Jepsen	Jassem	M. Bilde	Wojcieszek
–	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♣	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Bilde did not come in with the East cards so the only E/W involvement in the auction was Jepsen's 3♣ overcall. Bilde duly led her singleton against 4♥ and Jepsen cashed three clubs then switched to his low diamond. Jassem won the ace and, knowing of the six-one club split, got the trumps wrong, cashing the ace then playing low to the jack; a slightly unlucky one down for –50.

Tuczynski made a weak jump overcall. Klukowski first introduced his clubs then competed with 3♠, but was content to defend the heart game. The defence was identical to that in the other room but Denis Bilde played ace of hearts and

a heart to the ace, playing for Tuczynski to be his actual shape, and had his game; +420 and 10 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Klukowski	D. Bilde	Tuczynski	E. Jepsen
—	—	—	1♥
2♠	4NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
P. Jepsen	Jassem	M. Bilde	Wojcieszek
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

Well, that is the auction recorded on BBO and 4NT is the contract recorded on the official scorecard so, bizarre as it may appear, we will run with it and apologize to Bilde/Jepsen if it is incorrect. Bilde collected 11 tricks in 4NT for +460.

There was no overcall in the other room, and perhaps that is understandable at the prevailing vulnerability. The Poles bid to the cold 7♥ with Wojcieszek showing two key cards without the trump queen then one king, and that was all Jassem needed to here. Plus 1515 meant 14 IMPs to Poland and that swing held their loss in the match 41-47 IMPs, 8.41-11.59 VPs.

Poland ended the day in second place with Denmark in fourth.

## 2014 EUROPEAN YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CAMP

The 12<sup>th</sup> European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships will be held at:

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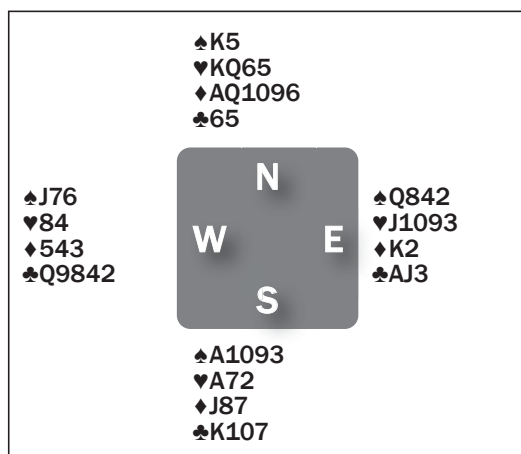
These championships will take place according to the following programme:

- Opening Ceremony 19.00 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Mixed competition 10.00 – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Mixed competition 10.00 – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Pairs qualification sessions 10.00 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Pairs qualification sessions 10.00 – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Pairs final sessions 10.00 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- President Cup 10.00 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving 20.00 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Camp – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Following the request received from many young players, these Championships will be followed by a three-day camp at which players of all abilities between the ages of 15 to 25 inclusive will be welcome.

The playing venue is located within walking distance from the Youth Hotel; complete information on accommodation will be sent out at a later date.

## Defensive Problem 1 – Solution



Normally, you always play high in third hand, in this case the ace to return the jack. Sometimes it might be correct to act otherwise, we know now from the bidding that our partner maximum has one, two or three HCP. If he has the king of clubs we can win the first five club tricks, bringing the contract down if we win with the ace. But since you can see that declarer doesn't have nine top tricks without allowing you to get access again, you can play the jack at trick one, keeping the communications open for the defense.

If you play the jack of clubs we can be pretty sure that declarer won't duck – not knowing where the ace is located. Besides, he has all his needed tricks if the king of diamonds is onside.

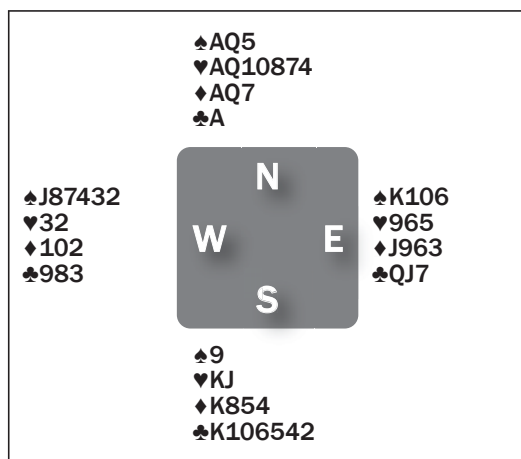
# Belgian Juniors Bid Slams (and even make them)

by Jean-François Jourdain (npc) and Bert Geens (coach)

For a long time, Belgian juniors have lost a lot of IMPS on bidding silly slams. This was one of the numerous reasons causing Belgium to finish twice in a row at the second last place. But it seems evident that they improved a lot since then, and at these championships rather won points on slam deals than lost some.

Here are two slam deals that rewarded us with some points in the Derby of the Low Countries, against the Netherlands. Starring: Wouter Van den hove and Krisztina Ormay.

E EW J11/6



W	N	E	S
Wackwitz	Van den Hove	Westerbeek	Ormay
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♥	All pass	

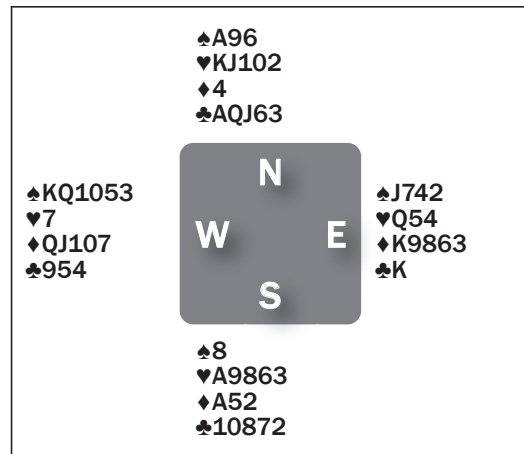
Wouter decided to show the North hand as a semi-force in hearts with a 3♥ rebid after a 2♣ opening which could also be weak in diamonds. A 2♥ rebid would be a game-forcing two-suiter including hearts or game-forcing one-suiter with a bad heart suit. 3♠ was meant as a cuebid but could also be a manoeuvre to get 3NT played by the right hand, denied by Wouter with his 4♥ bid. 4♠ asked for keycards with hearts set and 4NT showed four of them. 5♣ asked for the trump queen and 6♥ showed the queen but denied side kings. That was no problem for Krisztina, as she only needed the heart queen to bid the excellent 7♥.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Ami Zamir**, of the Israeli Youngsters team, was 16 yesterday, but we found out too late to put it in yesterday's bulletin. A belated happy birthday!

A bit later that match, they got another shot at slam:

N EW J11/13

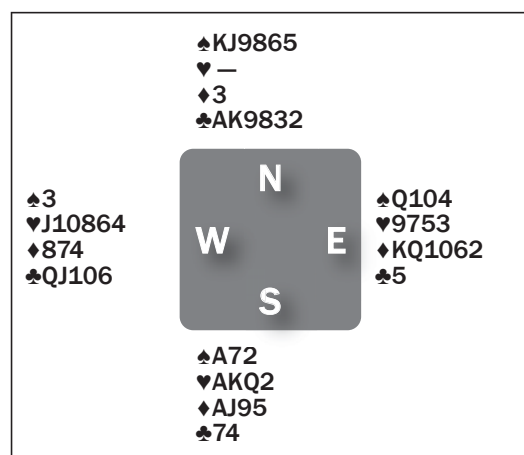


W	N	E	S
Wackwitz	Van den Hove	Westerbeek	Ormay
–	1♣	1♦	1♥
1♠	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All pass			

As everyone introduced his/her suit at the one level (1♥ showing five), Wouter decided to end the fun of low-level bidding and splintered with 4♦, over which Krisztina asked for keycards, again with 4♠ as hearts were set. Wouter showed three with 5♣ and Krisztina made another attempt for grand with 5♦ but after Wouter denied the queen of trumps with 5♥, she settled for 6♥ which was made after she found the queen of hearts, despite the ♣K being offside.

Our anchor pair, Sam Bahbout and Jorrit Schäfer, can also (of course!) bid slams, as it appears from the next bidding:

Round J2. Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.





Sam Bahbout

West	North	East	South
Trnavac	Schäfer	Djukanovic	Bahbout
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2NT showed 18-19 without four spades, Three Spades was forcing with six cards, Four Diamonds a control denying club control, and Five Hearts was exclusion Blackwood. Six Clubs showed two without the queen of spades. There was little to say about the card play. East led the king of diamonds which was taken by dummy. Jorrit played ace and king of spades, then ran all his clubs. East could ruff when he wanted, but declarer still had three heart discards and one club ruff for 12 tricks.

Our two youngsters, Jens Van Overmeire and Robert Khomiakov, started dramatically against Italy, losing 90 IMPs in the Butler, but nevertheless scored 13 of the few Belgian points on this single deal:

Round J1. Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠8 ♥AK82 ♦KQ1082 ♣K64	<div style="background-color: #ccc; border: 1px solid #000; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             N              W     E              S           </div>	♠QJ97 ♥J965 ♦J ♣Q1075
♠10543 ♥Q1043 ♦75 ♠A98		♠AK62 ♥7 ♦A9643 ♣J32

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	Khomiakov	Di Franco	V.Overmeire
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

The reverse bid of Robert may look minimal but he has no wasted card and a pretty distribution. Three Diamonds was forcing and Four Diamonds a slam try. Looking at all those controls, Robert went to slam and after a club lead, could simply claim 12 tricks. The Italians stayed in 3NT so this meant 13 IMPs to Belgium.

Another example comes from Round 17. This time the opponents were Sweden, who also bid it at the other table:

Round J17. Board 19, Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠J108652 ♥– ♦J1087 ♣Q105	<div style="background-color: #ccc; border: 1px solid #000; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             N              W     E              S           </div>	♠A ♥1086432 ♦A95 ♣AK7  ♠Q97 ♥Q7 ♦KQ432 ♣J98
♠K43 ♥AKJ95 ♦6 ♣6432		

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Khomiakov	Hult	V.Overmeire
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

I was wondering all the Championships long how the system we play already for 20 years in Brussels allowed us to bid almost every playable slam. 2NT forced to game with heart support, Three Clubs showed minimum values with an unknown shortness, Three Diamonds asked, Three Spades promised short diamonds. The answer to RKCB brought another fine news, that the queen of hearts would drop from the opponents. 5NT was not necessary as it's almost impossible to find a decent opening bid by South which would not produce 13 tricks but, as the tray came back without hesitation, North thought further and bid the grand. 26 HCP but 13 tricks and a push, because the Swedish girls bid it too (after a somewhat longer hesitation but in a different system).



## Are You Sure?

by Jérôme Rombaut

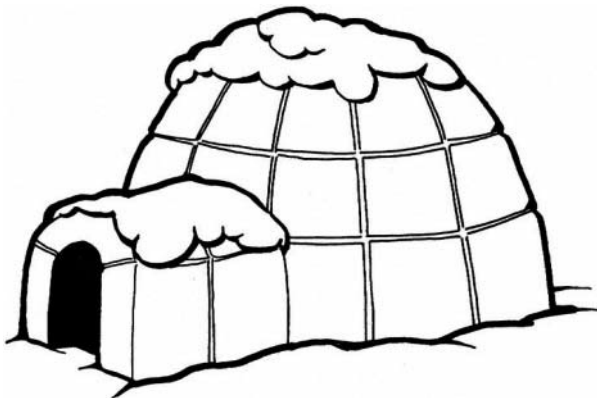
In the tenth round, against Sweden, Board 4, one of my players was playing 4♠. Everyone in the Girls championship made 11 tricks and even one made 12 tricks. Unfortunately she goes down.

A few minutes later the director (asked by me, the captain) came to the table and asked her: “May I see what you play on Board 4? Answer: “4♠–1.”

The director left the table and came back again later on to ask her: “You sure you go down”?

“Yessssssssssssssss! And I will never do it again!”

My player confessed to me that at this time she would like to build an igloo and to stay alone inside!



I promised to my player not to say her name, so no problem, Anne, when I promised, I promised!

I’m not sure that it’s needed to relate the board but here it is anyway:

Round G10. Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠875	
	♥102	
	♦Q5	
	♣Q109843	
♠KQJ92	N W S E	♠A103
♥KQ743		♥A5
♦K10		♦9843
♣5		♣KJ72
	♠64	
	♥J986	
	♦AJ762	
	♣A6	

The ten of hearts was led to the ace and two rounds of trumps were drawn. Next came king of hearts and a heart ruff, and the king of clubs was led to South’s ace. Now a heart was led, ruffed by North, who exited with the queen of clubs and declarer had to lead away from the king of diamonds at the end to lose two tricks in that suit and four in all for one down.

## Wrocław Diaries – Part 5

by Kees Tammens

The weather here in Wrocław during the first week looked a lot like what we are used to in the Netherlands, chilly and wet. So you may think this was an advantage to the Dutch juniors. Not in the least, we performed in a rather uninspired manner and opponents sometimes hammered us painfully. The Netherlands always stayed under 50% in the ranking. When on Tuesday the temperature started rising, this had a spectacular effect upon the Dutch juniors, who all of a sudden woke up from their winter’s sleep that had lasted for almost a week.

Jamilla Spangenberg was wide awake when she found an intelligent move that made life very difficult for the defenders on this deal.

Round J15. Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠QJ9	
	♥104	
	♦KJ1084	
	♣A76	
♠K42	N W S E	♠1087653
♥KJ6		♥AQ32
♦72		♦Q
♣J10852		♣Q9
	♠A	
	♥9875	
	♦A9653	
	♣K43	

West	North	East	South
I.Grönqvist	Jamilla	C.Rimstedt	Joris
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♠
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

The lead of the eight of spades was, perforce, won with dummy's ace. Declarer now came up with a nice and interesting play when she at once called for a small heart from dummy: five, six, ten and queen. With hearts now blocked declarer could knock out the spade king for a second spade trick and so her contract.

Round J15. Board 1. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠A1063 ♥J973 ♦A6 ♣Q102	♠QJ985 ♥54 ♦J953 ♣86	♠K42 ♥AQ6 ♦KQ107 ♣J53	♠7 ♥K1082 ♦842 ♣AK974
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West	North	East	South
Ernst	Hult	Chris	Ekenberg
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

North found the by South requested lead (does it? I would think it calls for a heart – as this is dummy's suit – lead, but what is theory?) of the eight of clubs. The trick was ducked – as we can see with open cards, three rounds of clubs would have been better – around to west. Declarer, Ernst Wackwitz, played ace of diamonds and a diamond to the ten, followed by two more diamonds. Then he cashed the top spades and got off play with a club. South took four tricks in that suit but had in the endgame to concede two tricks and the contract to the ace and queen of hearts.

The weather gods were very kind to the Netherlands so that after 15 rounds we moved up to sixth place in the rankings. We all hope it will become even hotter; a heat wave might be best for the Netherlands. When I looked out of my window at seven o'clock Thursday morning, the sun was already burning. A good sign?



As well as the Netherlands performed against the Scandinavian countries, the more problems it has with the countries around the Mediterranean. Against Croatia it was, however, the Dutch that struck first.

Round J17. Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠KQ ♥A62 ♦KJ93 ♣AK84	♠987432 ♥K974 ♦4 ♣Q6	♠5 ♥QJ105 ♦106 ♣J109732	♠AJ106 ♥83 ♦AQ8752 ♣5
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West	North	East	South
Ernst	Kesic	Chris	Brajkovic
–	–	3♣	Pass
NT	All Pass		

Winning the bidding was the first good thing. After the nine of spades, ducked by South to the king in West, the spades were blocked, but of course Ernst Wackwitz as declarer could not know this. He took six rounds of clubs and finessed for the heart king. This lost but East had kept too few spades because he hung on to ♦A-Q-x, so South's diamond king turned out to be the ninth trick. So winning the play was the handsome bonus.

West	North	East	South
Guc	Jamilla	Delac	Joris
–	–	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

With the nice distribution, Jamilla Spangenberg as North gladly accepted the 3♠ invitation. And she left West disappointed – “they always deal 20 HCP hands to me with lots of aces and still opponents can make game” (in Croatian language some harsh words will be added, which I luckily don't understand) – because neither the club nor the diamond king was a defensive trick.

The Dutch juniors emerged with 34 from the two matches on Thursday; that was comfortable and, what was even better, there was no third match in the junior department so the whole team dressed up for a fine dinner in the centre of Wrocław.

# The French Girls Team

**Jérôme:** 39 years old (an old old man but don't tell him), he is programming a bridge software, 'Funbridge'. Before each match, his slogan is "this match is the most important of the championship". He is taking care of his girl's team: indeed, he is going to have nail polish with French colours!!! (Again, don't tell him he doesn't know yet!). The "F5" on his computer is dead this week. We are making fun of him but we love him, he is the perfect girls coach EVER!

**Anne-Laure:** 23 years old, coming from Paris. She is an occupational therapist. She will be married in one week with Matthias. She is our shield against mosquitoes: she wears a large backless every night so that she attracts all the mosquitoes; but don't try to bother her at the bridge table, she is a tigress! If you have no hot water for your morning shower, don't search, it's because Anne-Laure stays a long time in the shower.

**Jessie:** 24 years old, from Lyon, she is a lawyer. We are looking in vain for the off button: she never stops talking from breakfast to night and even when she is sleeping. We don't tell you at the bridge table! She is our official provider of alcohol here and she promises us to taste it before!

**Jennifer:** 22 years old, leaving near Biarritz. She is studying musicology. She is also working a lot at her bridge, if you connect on BBO, you should see nini40 there. She has got a lot of energy with the 'battle cry'. If you know what happened at her table come to us because we never get answers.

During this championship, she starts to be more optimistic and that is working!

**Aurélië:** 24 years old, coming from Besancon, she is an actuary. She is the 'relou' of the team, she won't believe we won the title until she has seen the medal. She is also the hairdresser of the team, she makes plaid for us but don't say to her that's Anne making beautiful one. One match she was not proud of her pair's match (a 16/4 victory only) she tell us during lunch: "shut up, don't talk to me or move to another table!", she is a lioness.

**Anais:** 16 years old, living near Lille, she has just been graduated from high school with a nearly perfect 19.15 out of 20!!! She is the mascot of our team and brings us luck when we play with her long hair. When she finishes her matches, she doesn't ask us the Girl's results but the results of the French youngsters ('did Batou play?') and the result of the Finland juniors ('did Kimi play?')

**Anne:** 22 years old, coming from Toulouse. She is graduated from 'Polytechnique' (the best French engineering school) and now she is programming missiles. She is the most optimistic and enthusiastic in the whole world!! You should see her when we compare the scores, every IMP we won she shouts a beautiful "yessssssssssss"! The loudest was when she managed to win a 2♦ contract in a 3/3 fit (with 4♥ also winning!), she still dreaming about it. She also inspired us our 'battle cry' because she is saying all the time "it's cool", "it's perfect" or "it's awful".

**Team:** our objective was to score 19.99, that's exactly 67 IMPs, but at the moment with two matches to play, we failed: 'écheç'!



*The French Girls Team*

# Tack Tack Snalla Du – German Junior Team

**Paul Grünke** wrote his bachelor thesis in mathematics about probabilities in poker and bridge – the field work was made on BBO and Pokerstars.com. Nowadays he tackles similar problems in minor and major tournaments, like what's the probability that partner gave false count, forgot a convention, or found the only lead to yield the contract? Bridge philosophy: The tricks opponents don't give us we have to take ourselves.

**Marie Eggeling** has devoted her academic career to the study of the human psychology, not to provide herself with an interesting profession or heaps of money, but to better read the enemy at the bridge table and use it against them. Which opponent to finesse for the queen is, however, not an issue, because she knows that when trumps split 2-1, the guy with the singleton is more likely to hold the side-suit madam. Bridge philosophy: Play every board like it was your last.

**Katharina Brinck** intends to move to America and make bridge her full-time employment (so we choose to believe). It's just that sort of brain drain that has made USA so successful, and not only in bridge. In the meantime she is

performing for her home country, squeezing her way to grand slams and hugging teammates when they're equally successful. Bridge philosophy: Just bid once more and take one more trick!

**Vemund Vikjord** used to play under the Norwegian flag but has committed high-treason and now serves Germany (especially in match 18). His Scandinavian habits still remain and he gladly opens any hand that might provide a cool endplay for only –3 in that doubled part-score. Studying economics, he knows that those 800s are irrecoverable costs the rest of the tournament. Bridge philosophy: Make partner believe everything is under control.

**Jules Linde** is the coach of the German junior team and streamlines the whole Wrocław experience for the players. He makes sure we get comfortably to the playing venue every morning by small-chatting in Polish with the drivers. And he breaks down our confidence in the evening over a game of Brokdorf. Some eons ago he was an avid junior bridge player himself; today he's just an avid bridge player. Bridge philosophy: If there's a one-suit squeeze against declarer, I'll perform it even if it gives the contract.

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## My Music

*Rasmus Rask Jepsen (Danish Junior Team)*

Ok, so since my team-mates play against Italy at the moment, I was asked to write this. I guess it gives me an opportunity to not see BBO and think of something else ☺.

My list of eight is a mixture of everything from modern pop to classic jazz and 60's rock.

### 1) Trentemøller – Shades of Marble

This is definitely one of my favorite artists. I have listened to all of his releases a LOT of times, so there is no doubt he should make the way to my list.

### 2) Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – Thrift shop

This one goes out to my teammates Signe, Majka and Peter. When we played the White House tournament this year in Amsterdam, we listened to this song pretty much every time we had the opportunity to. We ended up writing our own bridge text to the song – going like this:

*"I'm gonna pop some tricks  
only got 20 IMPs in my pocket  
I-I-I'm thinking,  
looking for a squeeze  
Bridge is fucking awesome"*

The last night in Amsterdam we had a sing-along with a lot of other junior players.

### 3) Miles Davis – So What

The entire album 'Kind of Blue' is epic.

### 4) The Doors – The End

The Doors was one of the first artists I thought of for this list and 'The End' is simply 11 minutes and 43 seconds of ear candy.

### 5) The Velvet Underground – Sunday Morning

Here we go with some more 60's rock. The album 'The velvet underground & nico' produced by Andy Warhol has often been mentioned as the most iconic rock album ever to be made – and not without reason. 'Sunday morning' is the first track on the album.

### 6) Efterklang – Black summer

This Danish artist won a lot of prizes last year for their newly released album 'Piramida' which is also the most played LP on my turntable at home lately.

### 7) Jose Gonzalez – Hints

When I am in need of some chill and soothing music this is my fix.

### 8) Dave Brubeck – Take Five

More great jazz. Worthy for pretty much any occasion.

# PRACE WYSOKOŚCIOWE

Marek Wójcicki

Rozdania układowe generują najczęściej obrotów. Z reguły dobre poruszanie się w nich wymaga doświadczenia i wyczucia karty. Nasi juniorzy radzą sobie dotychczas w nich przyzwoicie. Popatrzmy na jeden z przykładów.

Mecz na szczycie turnieju juniorów – Polska – Izrael. W drużynie Izraela gra dwóch doświadczonych zawodników – mistrzów świata transnational, reprezentantów Izraela w kategorii open. Jeden z nich to Lotan Fisher, drugi Dror Padon. Nasi zawodnicy nie wymagają rekomendacji.

Rozd. 4. NS po, rozd. W

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W	N	E	S
Gerstner	Klukowski	Fisher	Tuczyński
1♥	pas	1BA	2♥
ltr.	3♥	4♦	4♠
5♦	pas	pas	5♠
pas	pas	6♦	ltr.
pas...			

Tuczyński zameldował się ze swoją dwukolorówką, N pokazał inwitującą kartę z fitem pikowym. Teraz E „pokazał przy czym gra”, Piotrek ze swoim 6-5 przyjął inwit partnera. W z pięknym fitem karowym podniósł partnera do wysokości pięciu. Zauważmy, że pomimo równowagi siły 5♦ wychodziło. Poza tym obłożenie 4♠ wymagało wzięcia przebitki treflowej, co przy kontrakcie granym z ręki S nie było oczywiste. Po 5♦ Tuczyński trafnie poszedł w obronę, która po optymalnym wiście kosztowałaby 500. „Piłka” wróciła do Fishera. Ten zaliczył tak, jakby czytał rady redaktora Pomianowskiego z „Brydża” z lat 70. XX w. – miał kolor siedmiokartowy, miał wątpliwości – poszedł wyżej. S uznał, że już pora i skontrował.

Bez jednej, 200 dla Polski.

W	N	E	S
Jassem	Padon	Wojcieszek	Meyouhas
1♥	pas	1BA	2♥
ltr.	3♠	4♦	4♠
pas	pas	5♦	pas
pas	5♠	pas...	

Na drugim stole początek był podobny. Jassem nie zdecydował się podnieść kar, ale Wojcieszek, nie wiedząc pewnie, co komu wychodzi, zdecydował się na 5♦. Przemawiało za tym sporo – przede wszystkim trzy blotki pik. Bardziej doświadczony z przeciwników – Padon – trafił decyzję, mówiąc 5♠. Teraz jednak Kuba zastosował się do innej zasady – „poziom pięciu pozostaw przeciwnikom”. Ta decyzja okazała się trafna.

Po ustawieniu kontraktu pikowego z ręki N, obrona była prosta. Wojcieszek ściągnął asa trefl, doszedł do partnera kierem i zainkasował przebitkę. Lewa na króla pik była niezagrożona i bez dwóch, także 200 dla nas. Łącznie 9 imp w rozdaniu, gdzie naprawdę łatwo było „skusić”.



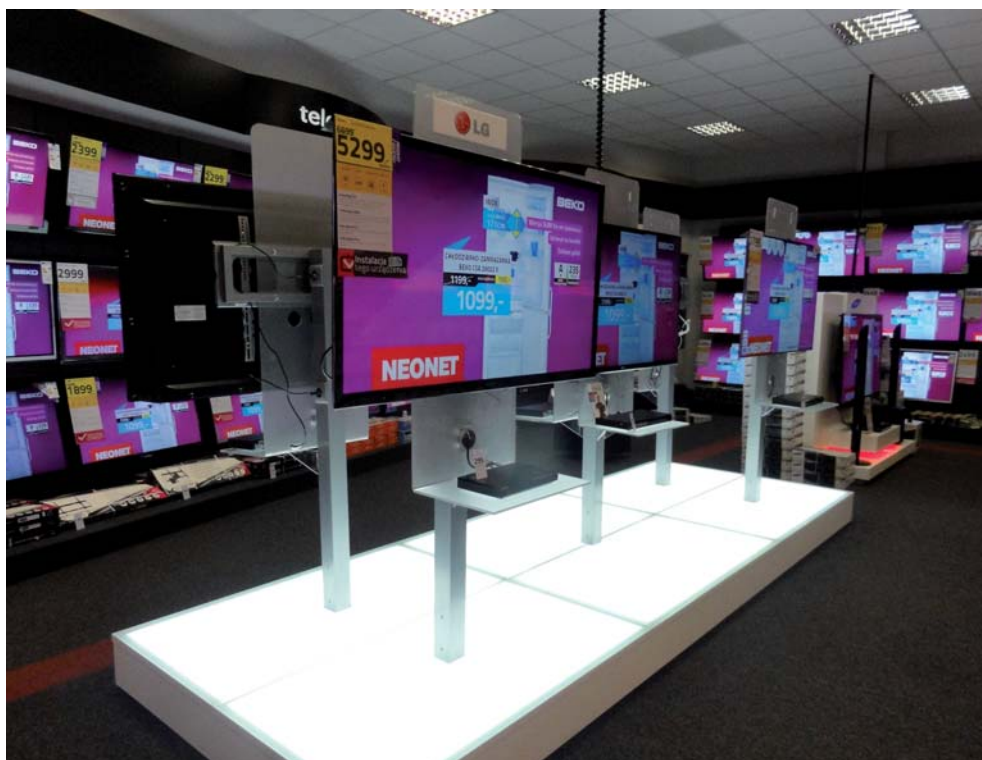
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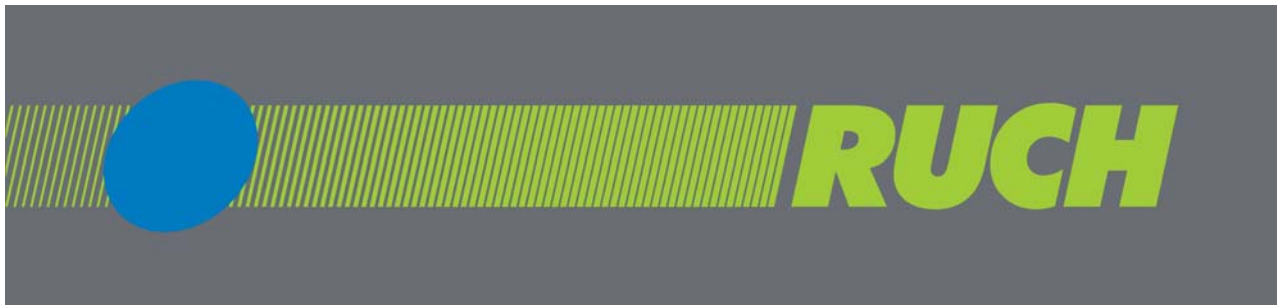
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### **RUCH read a new**

RUCH is one of the most recognizable brands in Poland. Its history dates back to 1918, which means that it is 95 years of age. Today RUCH is a privately held company that is currently undergoing dynamic transformation aimed at matching the business with the needs of customers across the country. The changed logo and new kiosk cubes make the external sign of many changes that are currently taking place in the company. The new model of kiosks is a synonym of modernity, openness to the contacts with customers and immediate reaction to their spontaneous needs.

### **Listening to the rhythm of millions**

RUCH's network of sales is built so as to be able to satisfy basic but pressing needs of our customers at each step. Purchasing press, tickets, morning coffee or snacks, that is activities we usually do not want to devote too much time to and that we do without prior planning, may be done in a an easier and faster way. While designing a new kiosk, we tried to make even the quick way of shopping for small products pleasant. The new kiosk cube is wide open, products are easily accessible and well displayed, and the contact with the assistant has been made comfortable.

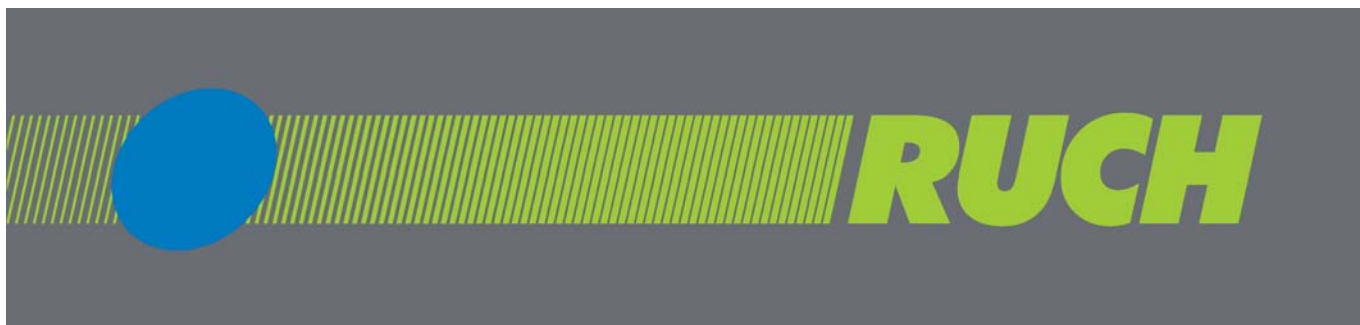
Kiosk is a coffee corner. Coffee is grounded and percolated in high quality vacuum coffee makers on the spot. Customers can also buy sandwiches and snacks. All these features have contributed to the new model of RUCH kiosks being recognized as an innovation on the Polish market.

### **In rhythm of space**

Over the years RUCH has melted into the landscape of Polish cities. It has changed and is still changing with them. New selling points of RUCH are characterized with a modern design that ideally meets the architectural requirements of contemporary metropolis and developing towns. The graphite colour of the kiosks constitutes a neutral background matching the urban architecture and making it possible to effectively display merchandise. The changed stylistics of the RUCH trademark possesses modern and dynamic character. The attractive set of colours attracts attention. The name, the type font and characteristic shade of green refer to the nearly 100-year tradition of RUCH.

### **Need of a place**

The retail network has been divided into four segments. Each of these segments provides customers with an offer tailored to the place where they are in a given moment. Except for the so-called basic assortment, kiosks offer characteristic merchandise that is useful in this specific location. Cigarettes, magazines and tickets are sold in busy places; books, gifts and postcards are sold at airports and train stations; an extensive range of weeklies and magazines may be found in shopping centres whereas public utility facilities offer sandwiches or intermediate products that make it possible to prepare a quick meal.



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