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THE CHEQUERED FLAG IS IN SIGHT



Flying the Flags

After two days of intense play the pairs left standing will now contest the three remaining championship titles. The leading qualifiers in each event were: *Junior Pairs*: Soren Bilde and Andreas Plejdrup (Denmark). *Girls Pairs*: Kristyna Schulzova and Jitka Janikova (Czech Republic). *Youngsters Pairs*: Ola Rimstedt and Johna Safsten (Sweden).

Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony

The Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony will be held this evening, Wednesday 16 July, at Burghaus, Marktler Strasse in the New town starting at 20.15. Transportation: there will be two buses leaving from the venue:

1. The first at 20.00
2. The second at 20.15

Transport will be free of charge by showing your Championship's badge.

At the end of the ceremony there will be a free Bavarian Buffet, beers and drinks included. Plus live music and a live show of a group of World Champion Hip-Hop dancers.

Be aware that no hotel will serve dinners included in the package.

If you choose to have dinner at your hotel it will be charged as an extra.

Today's Schedule

10:00 - 11:30
11:45 - 13:15
14:30 - 16:00
16:15 - 17:45
18:00 - 19:30



Junior Qualifier Final Results

1	BILDE Soren Cilleborg	PLEJDRUP Andreas	DEN - DEN	58.69
2	BILDE Dennis	JEPSEN Rasmus Rask	DEN - DEN	58.09
3	GANDOGLIA Alessandro	DONATI Giovanni	ITA - ITA	57.23
4	KRALIK Frantisek	BOURA Patrik	CZE - CZE	57.21
5	ZANASI Gabriele	BERGAMI Gianluca	ITA - ITA	57.16
6	COMBESURE Baptiste	BERNARD Julien	FRA - FRA	56.52
7	GINOSSAR Itamar	BEN DAVID Yuval	ISR - ISR	56.42
8	GRONKVIST Mikael	GULLBERG Daniel	SWE - SWE	55.67
9	WACKWITZ Ernst	WESTERBEEK Chris	NED - NED	55.64
10	PASKE Thomas	ROBERTSON Graeme	ENG - ENG	55.58
11	LAZAR Kornel	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	55.55
12	IVANOV Peter	YANINSKI Nikolay	BUL - BUL	55.49
13	POLAK Tobias	VAN OVERBEEKE Tom	NED - NED	55.46
14	KARLSSON Johan	STOKKA Adam	SWE - SWE	55.26
15	JASSEM Pawel	WOJCIESZEK Jakub	POL - POL	55.06
16	SZYMASZCZYK Pawel	MARKS Rafal	POL - POL	54.81
17	SCHOLS Michel	SEVEREIJNS Luc	NED - NED	54.70
18	NIAJKO Slawomir	BIELAWSKI Maciej	POL - POL	54.64
19	VERBEEK Thijs	VAN ENGELLEN Bas	NED - NED	54.60
20	PADON Dror	MEYOUHAS Moshe	ISR - ISR	54.57
21	KESIC Luka	BRAJKOVIC Ivan	CRO - CRO	54.44
22	KANIA Michal	JOCHYMSKI Tomasz Maciej	POL - POL	54.31
23	KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech	WITKOWSKI Lukasz	POL - POL	53.77
24	EREZ Eyal	ROSENTHAL Lee	ISR - ISR	53.48
25	VAN LANKVELD Joris	WESTERBEEK Ricardo	NED - NED	53.47
26	HULT Simon	EKENBERG Simon	SWE - SWE	53.35
27	GRUDE Tor Eivind	HEGGE Kristoffer	NOR - NOR	53.34
28	SIDEROV Zhivko	BOYCHEV Yordan	BUL - BUL	53.26
29	KOLEN Sandra	VAN DEN BOS Tim	NED - NED	52.80
30	WISEMAN Yvonne	NAKAMARU-PINDER Jun	SCO - SCO	52.68
31	EIDE Harald	ELLINGSEN Kristian	NOR - NOR	52.67
32	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	BUUS THOMSEN Emil	DEN - DEN	52.26
33	VAN DEN HOVE Wouter	BAHBOUT Sam	BEL - BEL	52.00
34	TIHOLOV Todor	ANDONOV Mark	BUL - BUL	51.65
35	SHAH Shivam	PAUL James	ENG - ENG	51.29
36	ZAWADA Jakub	NOWAK Kamil	POL - POL	51.25
37	VON BUEREN Yannick	GUINAND Zoe	SUI - SUI	50.89
38	ZYLKA Kamil	KRALIK Jan	CZE - CZE	50.35
39	KHOMIAKOV Robert	VANDEWIELE Emiel	BEL - BEL	50.26
40	SCHEBERAN Philip	FLIERL Vanessa	AUT - AUT	49.86
41	RODIN Erika	SANDSTROM Olle	SWE - SWE	49.85
42	GRUENKE Paul	MORGIEL Anna	GER - GER	49.26
43	DE HAAS Arjen	VAN DER VEGT Koos	NED - NED	48.87
44	BOWDEN Adam	NEGREANU Carina	ENG - ENG	48.16
45	GOTINK Kevin	SCHOUTEN Yordi	NED - NED	48.04
46	WADL Raffael Daniel	WEINBERGER Simon	AUT - AUT	47.95
47	ALISHAW Michael	NATT Shahzaad	ENG - ENG	47.90
48	BILDE Majka Cilleborg	JEPSEN Peter	DEN - DEN	47.85
49	VEGNERS Leo	PELSIS Nauris	LAT - LAT	46.68
50	COENEN Joost	LUCASSEN Adriaan	NED - NED	46.24
51	GRIGOREAN Vlad-Ionut	POPESCU Mihai	ROM - ROM	45.74
52	DIMA Ionut Claudiu	TOMA Anca	ROM - ROM	45.35
53	CIMINS Janis	FREIMANIS Gints	LAT - LAT	45.20
54	KHANDELWAL Ankush	HOLMES-MACKIE Ambrose	ENG - ENG	44.90
55	TRNAVAC Vuk	DJUKANOVIC Nikola	SER - SER	44.75
56	SYNNOTT David	GORMALLY Hugh	IRL - IRL	44.51
57	WILSON Abigail	MILNE Jake	SCO - SCO	43.83
58	RUMANCIK Jakub	KOVAC Ondrej	SVK - SVK	43.36
59	SPENCER Simon	LAM Kyle	ENG - ENG	42.81
60	CHARKOW Tamara	ANDRITSCH Lukas	AUT - AUT	42.31
61	COSTANZO Matteo Mario Cesare	FAGOTTO Federico Filippo	ITA - ITA	42.16
62	SOMERVILLE Wayne	ATCHISON Jordan	IRL - IRL	41.08
63	STINGLMAYR Gernot	HOLZNER Michael	AUT - AUT	40.39
64	DAHLLOF-EK Petter	AXELSSON Fredrik	SWE - SWE	39.64
65	LOAT STEPHEN	SMART ALICE	WAL - WAL	33.67
66	GORMALLY Niamh	CHILDS Laurence	IRL - IRL	33.39
67	IRVINE Gavin	MARTIN Philip	IRL - IRL	32.49

Youngsters Qualifier Final Results

1	RIMSTEDT Ola	SAFSTEN Johan	SWE - SWE	65.26
2	MACZKA Stanislaw	TRENDAK Lukasz	POL - POL	61.02
3	LEROY Christian	HAHN Frederik	GER - GER	60.38
4	KILJAN Veri	BIJSTERVELDT Niels van	NED - NED	60.31
5	MARCINOWSKI Piotr	SOBCZAK Mateusz	POL - POL	59.98
6	ZALITIS Aleksis	DREIMANIS Gints	LAT - LAT	59.01
7	VOJTIK Jakub	KOLEK Lukas	CZE - CZE	58.78
8	SEGAL Matan	YARDEN Shpiner	ISR - ISR	58.32
9	OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis	KAPAYANNIDI Katerina	GRE - GRE	58.12
10	DEHEEGER Colin	BOULIN Arthur	FRA - FRA	57.79
11	BOTUR Michael	KOHUTOVA Lucie	CZE - CZE	57.46
12	YEKUTIELI Asaf	AVITAL Shahaf	ISR - ISR	57.45
13	TIJSSEN Luc	SPRINKHUIZEN Thibo	NED - NED	57.41
14	VINCENOT Thibaud	MARIE Benjamin	FRA - FRA	57.38
15	STOUGIE Leen	STOUGIE Marc	NED - NED	57.14
16	BELLICAUD Luc	GUILLEMIN Theo	FRA - FRA	56.99
17	PERCARIO Giacomo	SCATA Sebastiano	ITA - ITA	56.72
18	BEUGIN Francois	FOURRE Matthieu	FRA - FRA	56.72
19	BAKKE Christian	FLATT Espen	NOR - NOR	55.86
20	DONKERSLOOT Bob	COPPENS Pim	NED - NED	55.80
21	ZAMIR Ami	EZION Amir	ISR - ISR	55.73
22	SZYMANSKI Marcin	MIESIAC Tadeusz	POL - POL	55.11
23	ILZINS Janis	ILDEIKINS Viktors	LAT - LAT	54.74
24	SUPERSON Krzysztof	PICHETA Przemyslaw	POL - POL	54.52
25	KRAWCZYK Blazej	KRYSA Michal	POL - POL	54.51
26	BUNE Soren	TODD-MOIR Victor	DEN - DEN	53.86
27	MATSSON Johannes	ANTERYD Daniel	SWE - SWE	53.29
28	BASLER Raphael	CAILLOL Hugo	FRA - FRA	53.25
29	BEHRENS Sam	DEAN Nicholas	ENG - ENG	53.20
30	CASPERSEN Soeren Veel	ROSAGER Oliver	DEN - DEN	53.12
31	NORTON Ben	KENNEDY Stephen	ENG - ENG	53.07
32	ALTER Florian	STRECK Lauritz	GER - GER	52.44
33	DOYLE Nathan	CONNOLLY John	IRL - IRL	52.42
34	KALCZYNSKI Michal	PEDZINSKI Kacper	POL - POL	52.37
35	ANDRUSZKIEWICZ Jakub	SUCHARDA Edward	POL - POL	52.36
36	ZVEZDIN Zigfrid	ARSENTYEVA Elizaveta	RUS - RUS	52.36
37	JONES Matthew	ROPER William	ENG - ENG	52.31
38	RACCA Francesco	MANGANELLA Andrea	ITA - ITA	52.09
39	BARNE Dylan	DUFRENE Melic	FRA - FRA	52.00
40	JESSE Stig	KAMPERMANN Fritz	GER - GER	51.50
41	CALMANOVICI Alessandro	SAU Roberto	ITA - ITA	51.26
42	BRODERSEN Jon	LAHRMANN Christian	DEN - DEN	51.08
43	BARR Stephen	BOLGER Arran	IRL - IRL	50.91
44	NIJSSEN Oscar	OVERVELDE Sven	NED - NED	50.83
45	JAKABSIC Jakub	KVOCEK Juraj	SVK - SVK	50.65
46	BLOM Jasper	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	NED - NED	49.66
47	HUVERS Wisse	ADAMS Sean	NED - NED	49.56
48	ALARDS Luuk	MENDES DE LEON Guy	NED - NED	49.07
49	AKPE-MOSES Joy	DONNELLY MICHAEL	IRL - IRL	48.89
50	BOLAND Conor	VARLEY Daniel	IRL - IRL	47.30
51	SMOLIK Adam	JASINSKI Piotr	POL - POL	46.72
52	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	PABST Philipp	GER - GER	46.64
53	SARTORI Elisa	TASINATO Gianluca	ITA - ITA	45.95
54	NORDMANN Felix	OTTO Viktor	GER - GER	45.63
55	CHIARANDINI Francesco	GAJOTTI Alvaro	ITA - ITA	45.38
56	VALENTINE Ronan Richard James	OBRIEN Liam	SCO - SCO	44.25
57	SMYLIE Craig	WILSON Aaron	IRL - IRL	43.38
58	McGRATH Johnathan	DOYLE Jason	IRL - IRL	43.38
59	CARTHY Joseph	MCDONNELL Jarleth	IRL - IRL	43.07
60	SCHWERING Jasper	SCHARRENBERG David	GER - GER	41.12
61	LITTERST Maximilian	BEHAGHEL Thomas	GER - GER	40.98
62	SRIDHAR POOJA DEVI	FRAME Victoria	IRL - IRL	40.96
63	VORNKAHL Leonard	PETER Florian	GER - GER	40.43
64	ANTONIO Melissa	LIGHTOWLER Ryan	IRL - IRL	40.37
65	BEGLEY Michaela	WATTERS Roisin	IRL - IRL	40.03
66	KANE Ariane	MATHEWS Ciara	IRL - IRL	39.10
67	TISCHER Robin	ROSCHINSKY Alexander	GER - GER	38.77
68	WALSH Sheila	HALL Dylan	IRL - IRL	37.79
69	JOHNSON PHILIP	FARRELL Conor	IRL - IRL	35.47
70	SCHULTE Ruben	PETER Julian	GER - GER	32.85
71	CLARK Rowan	HANNON Turlough	IRL - IRL	31.99
72	SIEMONEIT Lasse	GEROK Marcel	GER - GER	28.22
73	MEISCHT Alexander	BOLZ Sophia	GER - GER	25.19

Brotherly Success (Part I)


by Patrick Jourdain

I recall arriving at a London Congress to be greeted with congratulations by a number of my friends. This was puzzling until I discovered the opening event, in which I had not competed, had been won by Jean-Francois Jourdain of Belgium. Who was I to turn away the opportunity of modestly accepting the plaudits for his success?

At the conclusion of the first set of the Junior Pairs the field was led by Bilde of Denmark. But those who congratulated Dennis quickly discovered it was his younger brother, Soeren, 20, who was the leader with Andreas Plejdrup, 18. Later in the day Dennis exerted his more accustomed position of leading not only the family but the tournament as well.

In the second set the younger Dane first met Shivam Shah and James Paul of England:

Board 13. Dealer North. EW All.

♠ K Q 7 5 ♥ A 8 6 5 ♦ A 5 ♣ A K J		♠ 3 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ K J 8 4 ♣ 10 9 8 3 2	♠ J 9 4 ♥ Q 10 9 7 ♦ Q 10 7 2 ♣ Q 6
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West	North	East	South
Soeren	Paul	Plejdrup	Shah
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led ♥10 against Soeren's 3NT. This won the trick and North continued with the seven to South's king. Declarer could not really afford to duck this for fear of a spade switch with the ace wrong, so he won and laid down the two top clubs.

Good news, the queen fell. Bad news, declarer took his eye off the ball. He can guarantee the contract by unblocking the clubs and setting up his spade trick whilst maintaining an entry to each hand in diamonds. Instead, declarer, after cashing the ♣J, immediately played ace and king of diamonds and cashed the clubs. He had only 8 tricks. South won the first spade and had a diamond to put North in for two heart winners. 3NT had failed by one trick.

This gave the leaders the poor score of 6/60 compared with 25/41 for making 3NT.

Board 14. Dealer East. None.

♠ K J ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ A 7 6 2 ♣ A J 9 5		♠ 10 7 6 2 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ K 8 7	♠ A Q 8 4 ♥ A K Q 8 ♦ J 5 ♣ 10 6 3
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West	North	East	South
Soeren	Paul	Plejdrup	Shah
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT!	All Pass	


On this deal North read more into his partner's response than most would as his hand looks close between Pass and a raise to 2NT.

West led a heart and things looked pretty hopeless. At least the hearts broke 3-3. Shah cashed the fourth and then played the ♦J, West ducking. If declarer continues the suit he would have saved a trick but he actually chose to duck a spade next. When Soeren won and found the winning switch of a low club, the defence cashed four tricks in the suit and declarer was two light in his contract.

+100 was worth 64/2 to the Danes. +50 would have been 55/11. Most N-S's achieved a plus score.

The Danes now moved to meet Matteo Constanzo and Federico Fagotto of Italy.

Board 17. Dealer North. None.

♠ A ♥ K 9 5 3 2 ♦ A K J 4 ♣ J 9 4		♠ Q 3 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A K Q 10 5 2	♠ J 9 8 4 ♥ A J 10 8 6 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ 8
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♠ K 10 7 6 5 ♥ 4 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ 7 6 3	
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West	North	East	South
Soeren	Fagotto	Plejdrup	Constanzo
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

This was excellent bidding by the Danes. After a strong notrump, West showed 5-4 at least in the red suits, and then invited slam. When six clubs came back on the tray Soeren gave it a long look, but came to the right conclusion. It could only be the offer of an alternative slam to 6NT with an excellent suit and no red suit length to show.

Soeren correctly Passed and they were in the right spot. 6NT should always be beaten by a spade lead.

South gave his opening lead due consideration but eventually led his singleton. North won the ace and returned the suit for a ruff. This was a cruel outcome for the Danes. -50 was worth 11/55 whereas missing the slam was average.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ Q 9		
	♥ K 8 5 4		
	♦ K J 8 7 3		
	♣ 10 5		
♠ J 4 2		♠ K 7 6	
♥ J 7 3 2		♥ 6	
♦ A 9 5		♦ Q 6 4	
♣ K 8 3		♣ A J 9 7 4 2	
	♠ A 10 8 5 3		
	♥ A Q 10 9		
	♦ 10 2		
	♣ Q 6		
West	North	East	South
Soeren	Fagotto	Plejdrup	Constanzo
		Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	2♥
3♣	3♥	All Pass	

This was a sensible auction to a makeable spot. West led a low club against South's 3♥. East won the ace and returned a club to West's king. Soeren now switched to a low diamond.

In this situation players more often underlead an ace than a queen. However, East had overcalled so it was reasonable for South to play low from dummy. East won the queen and returned a diamond to West's ace.

West exited with a third diamond leaving declarer to his devices. Given that dummy appeared high except for a spade declarer should have tested the trumps with the ace and queen. When he plays the third trump West should cover, putting declarer in the wrong hand. Declarer can recover by playing winning diamonds throwing spades. When West ruffs he is endplayed into leading a spade and declarer can guess right for one off.

However, our declarer came to hand with a trump and led a low spade to the queen and king. Plejdrup knew there were no losers outside trumps so he offered a ruff and discard with a third club. When declarer took the ruff in dummy he could no longer pick up trumps and went two light.

The Danes had recorded the magic +200 for 61/5.

Championship Diary

One of the largest contingents here is from Ireland. Of the 18 Irish pairs, seven come from one school, Gonzaga College in Dublin. The Juniors and their supporters raised over 20,000 euro to cover the cost of the trip to Burghausen.

Sweden's PO Sundelin is here to assist you as our éminence grise. If you have a problem (perhaps with your bidding) just ask PO. If you would like advice about the best way to play a hand - just ask PO. If you have an interesting story - just tell PO. If you have a Convention Card problem - yes, you guessed it, just ask PO.



Yesterday evening we finished the Bulletin around 21.15 and as usual delivered the file electronically to the printer. (We can do this by remote control.) Unfortunately we then discovered that the ever efficient caretaker had locked all the internal doors so we couldn't get into the office to complete the printing until this morning.

There was an excellent Organ concert on Monday night. As is often the case we could only send a token representative from the Bulletin - Patrick was the lucky winner.

Ambrose Holmes-Mackie in police probe was a promising sounding story when two officers came in search of the Englishman. It turned out that they were returning his wallet which he had left in a taxi and been handed in to the local station by the driver.

Mixed Pairs: the Penultimate Set

by Patrick Jourdain

The leaders at the time (who proved to be the gold medallists) were Lukasz Witkowski and Justyna Zmuda so your reporter sought out their table. They were meeting the England pair of Adam Bowden and Carina Negreanu (she is distantly related to the poker star).

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ 9 5 4		
	♥ J 9 5 4 2		
	♦ A 8 5 3		
	♣ 2		
♠ A J 7		♠ K 10 3 2	
♥ Q 10 7		♥ 8 6	
♦ 10 2		♦ Q 7 6 4	
♣ K J 10 7 4		♣ Q 8 5	
	♠ Q 8 6		
	♥ A K 3		
	♦ K J 9		
	♣ A 9 6 3		
West	North	East	South
<i>Witkowski</i>	<i>Negreanu</i>	<i>Zmuda</i>	<i>Bowden</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥

A strong notrump and simple transfer put South into Two Hearts.

West led the ♦10, low from dummy, and East hesitated a moment before playing low.

Bowden won the jack, laid down two top trumps, played ace of clubs, ruffed a club and finessed the ♦9. Then came the king of diamonds.

It did not take Witkowski long to find the winning play. He ruffed the diamond and switched to a low spade, collecting three tricks in the suit to hold declarer to +140 but only 19/31 for the leaders. Had they allowed the tenth trick it would have reduced their score to 4/46.

Board 10. Dealer East. All.

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

A strong notrump from Zmuda, East, ended the auction. South led the ♣K. Zmuda won at once and led a heart to the king and ace.

North quite naturally switched to the spade queen. Had Zmuda let this hold a switch back to clubs would have held declarer to seven tricks. But Zmuda correctly won the first spade and ducked a heart. South won and continued spades. Zmuda let the nine hold and now Negreanu, with no entry, should have taken the chance to go back to clubs. That would have limited declarer to seven tricks.

However, when North played a third spade Zmuda had the chance of an overtrick. She cashed the two winning hearts and South was in trouble. He had to keep at least two diamonds or East could set up the suit. That meant he could only keep two clubs. Declarer could set up her eighth trick in either order. A low club came first. South won and exited with a club to the jack. Next came a diamond and dummy made the 13th trick.

+120 for East-West was worth 41/9. +90 would have been only 24/26.



Brotherly Success Part 2

by Patrick Jourdain

With Dennis Bilde of Denmark overtaking his younger brother Soeren in the rankings it was time to seek out the elder. His partner is Rasmus Jepsen. At the start of Set 5 of the qualifier they met England pair Simon Spencer and Kyle Lam.

The first deal was a slam bidding test for the Danes:

Board 13. Dealer North. All.

<p>♠ 5 ♥ A 10 7 6 3 ♦ AKQ9 ♣ KQ10</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ J 10 9 ♥ K Q J 2 ♦ 2 ♣ AJ985</p>	<p>♠ A 8 7 6 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 8 7 6 3 ♣ 7 6</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Jepsen</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Lam</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

2NT was a forcing enquiry and the jump to 4♦ was a splinter showing four hearts and a diamond shortage. 4NT was Keycard and East showed two keys with the queen of hearts.

The impressive thing about this auction was that they would have reached slam even if West's ♦KQ had been small ones. The spotlight now switched to North, on lead. It looked natural to choose a top spade but out came a club and West claimed 13 tricks the moment dummy went down. This scored 55/9 whereas without the overtrick it would have been below average 25/39 for the Danes.

Board 14. Dealer East. None.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Jepsen</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Lam</i>
		1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

“Never let the opponents play in a fit at the two level” is common advice at pairs (and even at teams) but as usual with such an adage, it is frequently wrong. Andrew Robson’s tip to look at the “ODR” (Offence to Defence ratio) when deciding whether to compete is much more accurate.

Look at North’s cards. When the auction starts 1grape-Pass-1plum, the first question is “when should overcalls at the two level in an opponent’s suit be natural?”

Overcalls in responder’s suit should always be natural. Overcalls in opener’s suit should also be natural where the opening can be less than, say, 4 cards. So here 2♣ from North on the first round should be natural but it is fully understandable that North did not make it with such a poor suit. But when the opponents pass out 2♠ does that mean North should now protect? With a hand such as:

♠ x ♥ A 9 x x ♦ K 9 x x ♣ A x x x

a double is fine, but with the actual spade holding of QJ doubleton any call is much riskier.

The defence to 3♣ was very accurate. Dennis led ♥8 to the jack, queen, and ace. Declarer does best to play spades



and hope to force the opponents to open up a red suit later. But declarer ducked a trump. Dennis appreciated the danger of declarer holding ♠7 and exited with a trump. Now declarer committed himself by playing a diamond to the ace and one back to the 10 and jack. Dennis led a low spade to the ace, West cashed his winning trump, a second spade was won by the king, the third diamond cashed, and the defence exited with a spade to leave declarer to open up the hearts, and lose two more tricks.

The protection had managed to earn the dreaded -200 the hard way, four off non-vulnerable. The defenders had little need to double, their score was 53/11 anyway. 800 scores 62/2. Allowing E-W to play 2♠ ensures above average for N-S unless ten tricks are made on a mis-defence.

Next came the Latvian pair Nauris Pelsis and Leo Vegners. The first deal looked a fairly dull 3NT but Dennis managed 12 tricks for a well-above average score. The second hinged on the interpretation of this auction: 2NT opening, 3♣ 5-card major suit response, 3M showing five, and then 5♦.

Some will have agreed this is Exclusion Keycard Blackwood asking opener to reveal his keycards outside diamonds. Some without agreement would expect a void, few would risk passing as Leo Vegners did holding:

- ♠ A Q 9 3 2
- ♥ A 3
- ♦ A Q 2
- ♣ A 9 8

Sadly, 5♦ as a contract did not obey Burn's Law of Total Trumps (see tonight's issue) where you are advised to have more trumps than the opponents. Partner was void. The trumps broke an unlucky 6-4. The score of -600 did not trouble the scorer.

The full deal was of more interest in Six Spades by South:

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

It looks as if you must lose a club and therefore fail when the trump finesse loses, as happened with 20 declarers. But three made it after receiving a diamond lead into the ace-queen. A club went from dummy at trick one, a diamond was ruffed, and the trump finesse lost. West could exit safely but when declarer cashed the remaining trumps followed by South's three outside aces, East was squeezed

in hearts and clubs. Forced to hang on to a winning club East had to let go a heart and dummy's suit produced four tricks when the finesse was taken.

Beauty Play?

by Micke Melander

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 6 3 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ Q J 10 9 5	<table style="margin: auto;"> <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		♠ Q J 9 7 2 ♥ Q 9 5 2 ♦ A 8 5 ♣ A	♠ A K 10 5 ♥ J 10 ♦ K Q J 10 9 ♣ 6 3
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West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Karlsson	Hult	Stokka
Pass	INT	1♠	Pass
		All Pass	

Johan Karlsson in North had an awkward problem having to decide how to treat his 14 high card points in the balancing spot when the bidding went 1♠-Pass-Pass in this Swedish Junior Battle.

If your method is that INT is 10-14 is the North hand too strong or not? Does balancing with 2♦ feel like a better call or what? Or maybe a double and then a bid? Should South maybe protect North if he balances with INT with 2♣? North might have hearts with him. It's not obvious since it is pairs and not teams that is being played.

According to the Kaplan -Rubens hand evaluator the hand is worth 17.10 high card points. The reason for this is all the nice middle cards and the connecting honors. Karlsson decided to balance with INT and was left to play there.

When Hult lead the queen of spades that went to two, three (UDCA) and ace. He then played the king of diamonds, East won and continued with the jack of spades! Karlsson won with the ace, ran the ten of hearts, then cashed four rounds of diamonds whereupon East was terribly squeezed.

'I could have discarded a heart or a spade, but I knew that if I did that I will soon be squeezed again so I went for the beauty play and discarded the ace of clubs', said Simon Hult, and they all laughed.

+210 is an unusual score and gave the N-S pair 42 out of 64.

Brief Encounter

by Mark Horton

Brief Encounter is a 1945 British film directed by David Lean about British suburban life, centering on Laura, a married woman with children whose conventional life becomes increasingly complicated because of a chance meeting at a train station with a stranger, Alec. They inadvertently but quickly progress to an emotional love affair, which brings about unexpected consequences. The film stars Celia Johnson, Trevor Howard, Stanley Holloway and Joyce Carey. The screenplay is by Noël Coward, based on his 1936 one-act play *Still Life*. The soundtrack prominently features the haunting Piano Concerto No. 2 by Sergei Rachmaninoff, which regularly tops the Classic FM's Hall of Fame as the greatest ever Classical piece of music.

Having completed the 42 things left over from the previous day I dashed into the playing room in time to catch just two deals from the Girls Championship.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ J 5 3		
	♥ 10 8		
	♦ J 10 9 4 3		
	♣ A 10 6		
♠ 9 7 4 2	N	♠ Q 10 8	
♥ K Q J 6 5	W	♥ A 9 4 2	
♦ 6	E	♦ A 8 5	
♣ 7 3 2	S	♣ J 9 8	
		♠ A K 6	
		♥ 7 3	
		♦ K Q 7 2	
		♣ K Q 5 4	
West	North	East	South
<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Lejeune</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Ganzevles</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT

All Pass

West led the king of hearts and when that held she continued with the jack. Her next card was the queen of hearts. I cannot tell you if East had already played the nine at this point (I love watching people play with screens) but the queen held the trick and now the suit was blocked. Declarer could knock out the ace of diamonds and had eight tricks, +120.

That was worth 15-7 for NS, whereas +90 would have collected only 6-16 (you will observe I have switched from 15/7 to 15-7 - a suggestion from Manolo Eminent. Grazie).

At another table the bidding went 1♦-2♦-2♥!-3♦-3NT. West didn't lead a heart (it went spade, jack, queen, ace) and when East came in with the ace of diamonds a spade saw declarer rake in ten tricks.

2♥ looks like a safe psyche (partner is hardly likely to raise hearts) but suppose partner, perhaps with a spade stopper now bids 2NT? Even if you avoid a heart lead on the go it will not be difficult for the defenders to find a switch.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J 9 8 7 4		
	♥ —		
	♦ A Q 10 6 4 2		
	♣ 8 5		
♠ 10 6	N	♠ Q 3 2	
♥ K 10 9 7	W	♥ A J 3	
♦ J 9 3	E	♦ 8 7 5	
♣ A K 10 6	S	♣ Q J 4 2	
		♠ A K 5	
		♥ Q 8 6 5 4 2	
		♦ K	
		♣ 9 7 3	
West	North	East	South
<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Lejeune</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Ganzevles</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

East led the queen of clubs and West overtook it to switch to the ten of spades. That unluckily picked up the trump suit and declarer cashed out for eleven tricks, +200 and a full house, 22-0.

In the part of the world I come from 3♦ would be forcing, but that is not a universal strategy and it worked very well here. (It would not be ridiculous to bid 4♠ over 3♦, but given the result that might be considered overkill.)

Carry Over

In each series, the carryover from the qualification stage to the final stage will be:

$$\frac{S_{(p)} - S_{(m)}}{S_{(M)} - S_{(m)}} \times \mathbf{2 \text{ tops in final}}$$

Where $S_{(p)}$ = score of pair p

$S_{(m)}$ = score of last qualifying pair

$S_{(M)}$ = score of first qualifying pair

A Study in Baker Street

Much has been written about the world's greatest consulting detective and his expertise as a bridge player. I was fortunate enough to find, in the basement of 369 Euston Road, an old manuscript, undoubtedly written in the hand of his biographer, Dr. John Watson.

It was, as Holmes had often remarked, a perfect day for the criminal classes. The early morning fog hung thick in the air as the hansom cab in which he was returning from his meeting with Inspector Lestrade drew to a halt outside Number 221B.

Mrs. Hudson was waiting to greet him at the front door and informed him that the doctor had already arrived. Upon reaching the top of the stairs, Holmes, the possessor of the finest brain in England, immediately realized that the door to the study was closed. For once Holmes decided on the obvious solution and his fingers closed around the handle. As he entered the room, Holmes was at once taken by the fact that Watson made no attempt to greet him. Rather, he remained seated at his desk in the corner where he was clearly involved in some important undertaking.

'Watson!' exclaimed Holmes, 'I hope you are not working on the story of the Giant Rat of Sumatra. I have frequently advised you that it is a story for which the world is not yet ready.'

'My dear Holmes, nothing could be further from the truth! I am merely trying to solve a singularly difficult clue in today's Times crossword.'

'As I have already completed it whilst making the tiresome journey from Scotland Yard perhaps I can be of assistance. Which is it?'

'Five across', Watson replied. 'Staunton's bad move is met by a wooden response, 5,4.'

'Lemon tree, my dear Watson.'

'No doubt Holmes, but perhaps you would be kind enough to furnish me with the answer.'

'As usual Watson, you look and listen, but you see and hear nothing. Howard Staunton, the chess correspondent of the Times frequently refers to a bad move as 'a lemon' and what could be more wooden than a tree?'

'Astounding, Holmes. Since you are in such brilliant form perhaps you would care to try your hand at this deal which arose in last night's duplicate at the Bagatelle Club.'

Dealer East. All Vul

♠ A J 6 5 2
♥ K 6 3
♦ A 8 7 5 4
♣ —



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

West	North	East	South
Col. Moran	Sir John Hardy	Ronald Adair	Doctor Watson
		Pass	4♥
Dble	6♥	Dble	All Pass

'West led the king of clubs and, as you can see Holmes, although declarer has no immediate losers, the double void in his hand gives rise to communication and suit establishment problems. I was able to ruff three of my clubs in dummy and discard two more on the pair of aces, but I had to lose a club and a heart.'

'A gallant attempt, my dear friend, but let me have a try. Having escaped a trump lead, I ruff the opening lead, cash the ace of spades and ruff a spade. I play the queen of clubs, forcing West to cover, and ruff in dummy. I am hoping to pin an honor in the East hand.'

'Nothing useful appears.'

'So I ruff another spade, ruff a third club with the king of hearts and ruff another spade.'

'They break 4-4.'

'There are now two winners in dummy.'

'Yes, Holmes, but the absence of a diamond in declarer's hand means they are stranded.'

'I cash the ace of hearts and, assuming the queen fails to appear, I concede a trick to East's queen. With only diamonds left in his hand, East will be forced to resurrect dummy and declarer's losing clubs are discarded on the ace of diamonds and the jack of spades. Plus 1660!'

'Brilliant, Holmes!'

'When you have eliminated the improbable, whatever remains, however unlikely, must be the solution.'

Here is the full deal:

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(John Holland, a member of England's recently crowned European Senior Champions was the successful declarer. Sherlock Holmes aficionados will know that all the characters mentioned in this story appeared in The Empty House.)

Es geht auch beides: Bridge und Ausbildung

Unsere Delegation bei den Jugendlichen U20 – Youth – umfasst insgesamt 12 Paare, wobei einige schon internationale Erfahrung haben, andere noch nicht, teils auch erst kurze Zeit Bridge spielen..

Ihr beiden – Frederik Hahn und Christian Leroy – gehört zu den etwas erfahreneren, denn ihr hattet schon internationale Einsätze für den DBV.

Wo war das:

Frederik: Zwei Teameuropameisterschaften in 2011 (Albena, Partner Niko Ertel) und 2013 Wroclow, Partner Florian Alter)

Christian: Ebenfalls zwei Teameuropameisterschaften 2011 und 2013 (mit Toke Hoffmeister und Lauritz Streck)

Seit wann spielt Ihr Bridge und wie seid Ihr dazu gekommen?

Frederik: Seit 2007, durch eine Schul AG – und danach hat mich das Spiel begeistert.

Christian: Seit 2006 Meine Großeltern spielen Bridge und ich habe immer nachgebohrt, was für ein Spiel das ist. Als ich alt genug war, haben sie mich im Bridgeclub zum Anfängerkurs angemeldet.

Wie lange spielt ihr schon in dieser Partnerschaft? Und welches System spielt Ihr?

Christian: Nach EM 2013 haben wir die Entscheidung getroffen, zusammen zu spielen. Wir sind gleichaltrig und können daher gleichlange noch Junioren spielen. Unser Grundsystem ist 2 over 1, mit Transfers auf die 1 Treff-Eröffnung.

Ihr gehört beide dem Kader an, welcher von Hartmut Kondoch betreut wird. Was waren Eure bisher größten Erfolge?

Frederik: Ich spiele in der Regionalliga, und wir sind in diesem Jahr zweite geworden.

Christian: 2013 habe ich die Schülermeisterschaft gewonnen.

Beide habt Ihr am Mixed-Turnier nicht teilgenommen. Hatte das einen Grund?

Eine gleichlautende Antwort von Beiden: wir haben keine Partnerin gefunden ...

Wie gefällt Euch Burghausen und die Organisation?

Christian: Die Stadt ist toll – Burghausen ist schlecht zu erreichen, daher kennt man es nicht, aber es gefällt mir sehr sehr gut – es gibt nichts zu bemängeln, die Unterkunft ist prima, die Verpflegung gut – alles super. Auch das Turnier ist sehr gut organisiert.

Frederik: die Organisation ist sehr gelungen, es gefällt mir alles, die Stadt ist sehr schön, auch wenn sie etwas abgelegen ist. Daher kennen sie auch so wenige.

Noch eine Frage zu Euch persönlich. Was macht Ihr zur Zeit bezüglich Ausbildung? Hast Du das Gefühl, dass sich Bridge auf Deine berufliche Weiterentwicklung auswirkt?

Christian: ich habe gerade mein Abitur (1,7) gemacht, und fange im Oktober an zu studieren: Geschichte und Politik. Im Gegenteil finde ich, dass Bridge für mich in jeder Hinsicht fördernd war.

Frederik: Ich studiere im 2. Semester Mathematik in Darmstadt.

Könnt Ihr mir eine Hand erzählen, über die ich berichten sollte?

Christian: eigentlich nein, außer die Partie in der ich im 2-1 fit gespielt habe.

Danke und weiterhin viel Glück Euch beiden, ihr steht nach Halbzeit mit 62,89 % auf dem dritten Platz, beste Ausgangsposition für eine Qualifikation für das Finale.

Im Juniorenwettbewerb ist Deutschland nur mit einem Paar vertreten, Anna Morgiel und Paul Grünke. Unsere übrigen aktiven Junioren sind entweder verhindert oder aber „zu alt“, denn die Altersgrenze ist hier bei 25 Jahren.

Paul, Du warst mit Vermud Vikjord verabredet, der kurzfristig absagen musste und hast Anna als Partner gefunden. Ihr habt schon das Mixed zusammen gespielt. Auch an Dich einige Fragen:

Wie bist Du zu Bridge gekommen?

Paul: durch eine Schul AG bei Herrn Tschauer im Jahr 2002.

Auch du hattest schon internationale Einsätze für Deutschland. Welche waren diese?

Paul: Seit 2009 gehöre ich dem Juniorenkader an und habe seither bei (fast) allen Junioren-, Schüler- und Universitätswettbewerben mitgespielt: 2009 Rumänien, 2010 Philadelphia, 2011 Albena, 2013 Wroclow, anfangs mit Max Ellerbeck, seit 2013 mit Vermud und zwischendurch auch mit Marie Eggeling.

Wie sieht es mit Deiner Berufsausbildung aus?

Paul: Seit 2008 studiere ich, zunächst habe ich ein Mathematikstudium mit dem Bachelor abgeschlossen, jetzt studiere ich Wissenschaftsphilosophie und bin im 2. Mastersemester.

Auch Dir vielen Dank und viel Erfolg weiterhin.



Girls Qualifier Final Results

1	SCHULZOVA Kristyna	JANIKOVA Jitka	CZE - CZE	57.24
2	SZCZYPCZYK Agnieszka	DLUGOSZ Olga	POL - POL	57.01
3	EGGELING Marie	BRINCK Katharina	GER - GER	56.77
4	ZMUDA Justyna	JAROSZ Aleksandra	POL - POL	56.01
5	MOURGUES Jennifer	TARTARIN Anne-Laure	FRA - FRA	55.11
6	BANAS Natalia	GROENLAND Carla	NED - NED	54.59
7	BOTTA Giorgia	COSTA Margherita	ITA - ITA	54.17
8	BUDZYNSKA Magda	SROKA Joanna	POL - POL	53.84
9	BIRD Sinead	O'CONNOR Sarah	ENG - ENG	53.65
10	CHAVARRIA Margherita	SALVATO Michela	ITA - ITA	52.75
11	VAN DELFT Doris	BRUIJNSTEEN Merel	NED - NED	52.27
12	TICHA Magdalena	LEUFKENS Lotte	NED - NED	52.08
13	DE LUTIO Caterina	RAFFA Enrica	ITA - ITA	51.04
14	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	PIESIEWICZ Dominika	POL - POL	50.47
15	LE PENSEC Alice	THEPAUT-VENTOS Solene	FRA - FRA	49.53
16	LELEU Anais	THUILLEZ Mathilde	FRA - FRA	48.96
17	MADUZIA Anna	WIAZECKA Anna	POL - POL	48.25
18	LEJEUNE Mette	GANZEVLES Barbara	NED - NED	47.87
19	PETERSEN Moa	PETERSEN Irma	SWE - SWE	47.68
20	HARGROVE Sarah	HOLMES Helen	ENG - ENG	46.73
21	BIRCHALL Alex	COVILL Laura	ENG - ENG	46.50
22	STRBOVA Barbora	LAPCIKOVA Renata	CZE - CZE	43.66
23	BUNE Sophie	CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm	DEN - DEN	42.61
24	HERMANN Sophie	CHARKOW Alischa	AUT - AUT	39.39
25	NIESSEN Julia	DRESEN Melina-Marie	GER - GER	31.82

