



Russia and Israel set the pace

Just as on the previous day two teams are tied at the top of the table, separated only by their respective IMP ratios. Israel and Russia both had two good victories to move ahead of the overnight leaders, Belarus, who have dropped to third. These three teams are pursued by four of the pre tournament favourites, Sweden, Netherlands, Norway and France. Only the leading five nations will earn

a trip to the next Junior World Championships, so the competition is sure to intensify over the next few days.

Although we have only completed three of the twenty-one rounds the chasing teams cannot afford to concede too much ground. All too often in a major Championship, the teams that get away to a good start tend to stay around the business end of proceedings.

News at Ten

Yesterday morning's press conference gave media personnel the opportunity to question Bill Pencharz, EBL President, Panos Gerontopoulos, Chairman of the Youth Committee, Dr. Franz Kriftner, President of the ABF, and Championship organizers Gavriel Unger and Richard Wehler-Hardt.

Replies to questions from representatives of Vienna's De Standard and London's Daily Telegraph revealed that the City of Vienna has provided the magnificent venue free of charge and sponsors have provided 75% of the overall costs.

Hors d'oeuvres

The courtyard of the Wiener Rathaus provided a splendid setting for Thursday's opening

ceremony. In glorious sunshine, Anna Gudge acting as 'Master of Ceremonies' introduced in turn Dr. Franz



Monika - Katerina - Karina

Kriftner, the President of the Austrian Bridge Federation, Werner Amon, at 29 years old, the youngest member of the Austrian Parliament, Panos Gerontopoulos, the Chairman of the Youth Committee, and Bill Pencharz, the President of the European Bridge League.

Their varied and entertaining speeches were a perfect hors-d'oeuvres to the opening round of matches in the Junior Bridge Team Championship.

Afterwards light refreshments were served by the three members of the hospitality team pictured here.

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Juniors

Results

Round 2

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Russia	Yugoslavia	87-32	25- 4
Poland	Iceland	33-46	12-18
Italy	Czech Republic	47-22	20-10
Austria	Greece	45-74	9-21
Hungary	Sweden	34-66	8-22
Norway	Denmark	36-25	17-13
Turkey	The Netherlands	49-67	11-19
Great Britain	Israel	28-47	11-19
Spain	Belarus	23-56	8-22
Finland	Germany	50-42	16-14
Croatia	France	27-35	14-16

Round 3

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Yugoslavia	Poland	53-89	8-22
Czech Republic	Russia	29-64	8-22
Iceland	Austria	76-68	16-14
Sweden	Italy	56-66	13-17
Greece	Norway	52-86	8-22
The Netherlands	Hungary	65-37	21- 9
Denmark	Great Britain	38-69	9-21
Belarus	Turkey	58-63	14-16
Israel	Finland	73-28	24- 6
France	Spain	81-56	20-10
Germany	Croatia	84-26	25- 4

Standings

After Round 3

1.	Israel	63
2.	Russia	63
3.	Belarus	61
4.	Sweden	56
5.	The Netherlands	54
6.	Norway	53
7.	France	52
8.	Austria	48
9.	Italy	48
10.	Iceland	47
11.	Poland	44
12.	Greece	43
13.	Germany	42
14.	Turkey	41
15.	Czech Republic	40
16.	Denmark	39
17.	Finland	38
18.	Hungary	36
19.	Great Britain	36
20.	Yugoslavia	28
21.	Croatia	27
22.	Spain	26

Program

Saturday 18, 10:30.

Round 4

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1.	Italy	Yugoslavia
2.	Iceland	Greece
3.	Hungary	Russia
4.	Poland	Denmark
5.	Turkey	Czech Republic
6.	Austria	Israel
7.	Spain	Sweden
8.	Norway	Germany
9.	Croatia	The Netherlands
10.	Great Britain	France
11.	Finland	Belarus

Saturday 18, 15:00.

Round 5

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1.	Yugoslavia	Austria
2.	Sweden	Czech Republic
3.	Poland	Norway
4.	The Netherlands	Russia
5.	Iceland	Great Britain
6.	Belarus	Italy
7.	Greece	Finland
8.	France	Hungary
9.	Denmark	Croatia
10.	Germany	Turkey
11.	Israel	Spain

Internet News

You can follow the Championships via the internet simply by sitting down at any of the available computers and using the browse feature. A local connection will give you access to the World Bridge Federation site and there you will also find a wealth of additional information.

Today's Vugraph



10:30

Round 4

Iceland - Greece

15:00

Round 5

Poland - Norway

Juniors Round 3. Hungary v. The Netherlands

by Barry Rigal

The Dutch played very well on VuGraph, I thought, and earned their win of 21-9 in Victory Points.

Simon de Wijs was the first to earn a swing:

Board 1. Dealer North. Love All.

♠ 6 5 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A J 9 7 6 5 ♣ A 8 4	<table border="1" 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		♠ K Q 9 ♥ K 9 7 5 4 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ 9 7	♠ J 10 7 4 3 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ 8 3 ♣ K J 6
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W		E										
	S											

Closed

West <i>Wijma</i>	North <i>Hegedus</i>	East <i>Zwerver</i>	South <i>Tichy</i> 1♣
3♦	All Pass		

Open

West <i>Trenka</i>	North <i>v.Proojen</i>	East <i>Winkler</i>	South <i>de Wijs</i> INT (15-17) 4♥
2♣ All Pass	3♦	Pass	

In the Closed Room the Hungarians were playing weak no-trump, so South opened One Club. *Wijma's* preempt ended the auction, and it went three light for 150 to Hungary. On VuGraph *de Wijs* started with a Strong No-trump. West's Two Clubs denoted any single-suiter, and North's Three Diamonds was a transfer showing at least invitational values in hearts. *De Wijs* concluded proceedings with a jump to game.

West led the six of spades. *De Wijs* won in hand and, using the information gained from the auction, tackled trumps by leading to the king and finessing on the way back. That was the end of the deal and earned a 7 IMP gain for the Netherlands.

This was the key deal in the second half:

Board 13. Dealer North. Game All.

♠ J 10 8 5 3 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ K 3	<table border="1" 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		♠ A K Q 7 2 ♥ - ♦ Q 9 7 5 3 ♣ J 7 4	♠ 9 ♥ K Q 8 2 ♦ A 10 4 ♣ Q 10 9 6 2
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	S											

♠ 6 4 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 3 ♦ K 8 ♣ A 8 5

Closed

West <i>Wijma</i>	North <i>Hegedus</i> 1♠	East <i>Zwerver</i> INT	South <i>Tichy</i> All Pass
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Open

West <i>Trenka</i>	North <i>v.Proojen</i> 1♠	East <i>Winkler</i> Dble	South <i>de Wijs</i> INT
Dble	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

In the Closed Room *Zwerver* as East for the Dutch used an artificial overcall of One Notrump which showed hearts and a minor. Somewhat surprisingly West chose to pass this. The defence led a spade to North's queen, a diamond to the king and a second diamond from South. Reading North for at least nine cards in spades and diamonds *Zwerver* won in hand and ran the ten of clubs through South. Unlucky! It led to two down for -200.

East also acted on VuGraph, this time with a light take-out double. When Two Spades came back to *Trenka* he risked an equally light penalty double.

Winkler led a club, ducked to West's king, and West returned a low trump won by North who started on the diamonds. East won the second diamond, and played a heart ruffed by declarer. A diamond ruff set up the suit but declarer simply crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs to ensure his eighth trick by ruffing a heart. Declarer made six trumps and a trick in each minor. That was 10 IMPs to the Netherlands, contributing to their 21-9 win.

Gösser IBPA Lunch

All members of the International Bridge Press Association in good standing are invited to the Press lunch on Tuesday 23 July, starting at 13.30. If you are planning to attend you must register with the Press Room Manager, Hannelore Thomasberger. The meeting point will be the Press Room area. Please be there at 13.00.

Match Of The Day

Denmark - Norway
plus highlights from **Great Britain - Israel**

The Round 2 meeting between the World and European champions was not on VuGraph, so your Bulletin staff took their seats at the table.

The hands in the first half were quiet, with few swings. Perhaps the most interesting deal was this flat board:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Game.

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

Closed

West	North	East	South
Kristoffersen	Nohr	Charlsen	Kristensen
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Open

West	North	East	South
Brondum	Saur	L. Madsen	Brogeland
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Freddie Brondum's raise to 4♠ was probably the popular choice elsewhere but when Kristoffersen raised only to Three his partner Thomas Charlsen, East at the other table, went on to game anyway. So the contract was 4♠ at both tables.

With East opening One Club there is a case for a trump lead. That would probably have left declarer struggling for tricks. However, both Souths led a top club, which made the game a much easier task. Both ruffed in dummy and led a heart to the king.

In the Closed Room South, Mik Kristensen won the ace and exited with a heart to dummy's queen. A heart ruff brought down the jack, and then Charlsen led the queen of clubs. When South did not cover he let it run. A club ruff was not over-ruffed by North. The ten of hearts was ruffed and over-ruffed. The next club ruff was over-ruffed by North and a trump came back, but declarer had ten tricks.

In the Open Room when declarer led a heart to the

king at trick two, Boye Brogeland, South, tried an interesting shot when he smoothly let it hold. If declarer continues with another heart Brogeland would have played low again, expecting declarer to finesse the ten. However, declarer actually used the heart king as an entry to continue with the queen of clubs. Brogeland covered, declarer ruffed in dummy, and North's club honour fell. Now Morten Lund Madsen switched to trumps. North ducked the first, took the second, and led a heart to his partner's ace. The defence still had a trick to come, so the board was flat.

The Closed Room actually began with Boards 11-20. They were also fairly quiet, but North faced a difficult decision on the first:

Board 11. Dealer South. Love All.

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

Closed

West	North	East	South
Kristoffersen	Nohr	Charlsen	Kristensen
			Pass
3♣	3♥	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

Open

West	North	East	South
Brondum	Saur	L. Madsen	Brogeland
			Pass
1♣	2♣	2♠	4♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

In the Closed Room it seems to me that North, having a void in the opponent's pre-empt, should anticipate the problem he will face on the next round, and show both his majors at once. Four Clubs over Three Clubs is used for this purpose. East raises to Five Clubs, and it is easier for South to go Five Spades. Five Clubs Doubled made in some comfort, losing only the two major suit

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aces, for 550 to Norway whereas Five Spades doubled is a cheap sacrifice.

In the Open Room there was enough insurance being taken out to keep Generali in business. The final outcome was 300 to Denmark. Norway had gained 6 IMPs.

In the match between Great Britain and Israel the bidding at both tables took an interesting course.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levinger	Leslie	Liran
3♣	4♣	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	Pass
All Pass			5♠

North's bid of Four Clubs promised both majors and South alerted his second Pass as forcing. Judging by the length of time it took for the tray to come back from the other side of the screen, North was not so sure! Whatever, he had done the right thing. The defence took their three red tricks for +50.


Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Shaham	Bakhshi	Levin	Jones
3♣	4♣	5♣	5♦
Pass	5♥	Dble	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Here North was promising any two suits and we certainly prefer Martin Jones approach of bidding at once on the South hand. The final double netted Israel a couple of IMPs.

Back to our main report:

Board 12 was a standard Three Notrumps with only overtricks at stake. Board 12 was a partscore with a surprising difference in the play:

Board 13. Dealer North. Game All.

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

West	North	East	South
Kristoffersen	Nohr	Charlsen	Kristensen
Brondum	Saur	L. Madsen	Brogeland
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
	2♠	All Pass	

The lead at both tables was the queen of trumps against South's Two Spades. Both declarers won and led ♣J. Then the paths differed in an oddly significant way.


In the Open Room the jack of clubs ran to West's king and West played another trump. Declarer won and led another club, won by East. If East plays a heart to West, West can draw the third trump but declarer now has the heart king for one diamond discard, and can set up the clubs with his remaining two entries. So the partscore will succeed.

At trick five East actually played back a club. A friendly West ruffed with his master trump and underled his heart ace. This enabled declarer to make nine tricks.

By contrast at trick two in the Closed Room East, Thomas Charlsen, put his ace on the jack of clubs and led a second trump himself. When Nohr led a second club, he decided East might have played low holding the missing top honour, so he put up the queen, and lost to the bare king. West was able to draw a third trump and switch to the ten of diamonds. Declarer had no chance of setting up the clubs and could do little more than settle for making the heart king as a trick. This meant two off and a useful 8 IMPs to Norway.

This deal provided more scope for swings:

Board 14. Dealer East. Love all.

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

Closed			
West	North	East	South
Kristoffersen	Nohr	Charlsen	Kristensen
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	4♣	Pass

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Open

West	North	East	South
Brondum	Saur	L. Madsen	Brogeland
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	2♠	Pass

In the Closed Room West's Three Spades was forcing so East, despite his minimum opening, cue-bid his club control. South led a heart. Charlsen put up the ace, and led a trump to the king. The sight of the ten was worrying, and he now ducked a club. North won and returned a club. At this point it looks simple for declarer to ruff a club and concede just two trump tricks. However, East, with some idea that North held a doubleton club, decided at this point to play a high trump from hand. That allowed Nohr to win and clear dummy's last trump. Declarer threw him in with the last trump, hoping he had no clubs to play, but North cashed the third club to set the game.

In the Open Room South led a diamond. Morten Lund Madsen refused the finesse and led a trump to the queen. He then ducked a club. North won and led a low trump. Declarer now ruffed out clubs and later conceded two trumps. The swing was 10 IMPs to Denmark, the biggest swing of the match.

Few pairs bid these North-South cards to a thin Three Notrumps:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Game.

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



Closed

West	North	East	South
Kristoffersen	Nohr	Charlsen	Kristensen
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	3♣	INT
			All Pass

Open

West	North	East	South
Brondum	Saur	L. Madsen	Brogeland
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	All Pass	INT

In the Closed Room, if Charlsen had passed over Two Diamonds, South would surely have had another go, probably by bidding Two Hearts. However, the raise to Three Clubs by East shut out South.

Three Clubs lost the obvious six tricks for only 100 to Denmark. At the Open table North-South never progressed beyond Two Diamonds. 1 IMP to Norway but both sides had missed an opportunity to gain.

Back at our other featured match it was again the South player who had a problem on this deal.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levinger	Leslie	Liran
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	All Pass	Pass

We don't disagree with South's initial Pass, but the following two are pessimistic to say the least. Perhaps South forgot there is a bonus for making a vulnerable game?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaham	Bakhshi	Levin	Jones
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	3♣	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

Great Britain's Martin Jones may be unique amongst the competitors here in so far as he has already won his



Martin Jones - Great Britain

country's major Open Team Championship. His well-judged actions ensured that his side got to the excellent 3NT whilst exploring the possibility of game in hearts. 10 well merited IMPs for Great Britain.

Board 17 was a borderline slam (see below). In our main match both East-Wests stayed safely in Four Spades, only to discover that the cards lay well and slam was easy. After 20 deals of a very low scoring match, Norway had

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won 36-25 or 17-13 in Victory points.

Board 17. Dealer South. E/W Game.

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

The West hand is very powerful facing an opening bid, despite the poorly regarded 7-2-2-2 distribution. Without a club lead slam is excellent, and even with a club lead, Six Spades is a reasonable contract, needing little more than the heart finesse. The ten of spades provides an extra entry to dummy which could be important in some situations.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cohen	Levinger	Leslie	Liran
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Suzanne Cohen gave a little thought to bidding on but with nothing in her partner's suits she can't be faulted for passing. She took all the tricks for +510.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shaham	Bakhshi	Levin	Jones
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Perhaps East expected a little more from his partner after the Four Spade bid, so he asked West to go on with a club control.

David Bakhshi realised things were lying well for declarer so he tried the effect of leading a diamond. Declarer finessed, came to hand with a trump and finessed the queen of hearts. When that held, thirteen tricks were in sight, but declarer contented himself with twelve. 10 IMPs to Israel who went on to win 47-28, 19-11 VPs.



**FREAK DEAL;
KILLING LEAD**

by Nissan Rand (Israel)

Last Saturday, 11th July, this deal appeared in the Israeli Open Pairs Final:

Dealer South. Love all

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

West	North	East	South
2♥	4♦	4♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	6♣

Four Diamonds was a splinter, showing a raise to at least Four Spades with short diamonds.

At two tables North ended the popular auction shown above with a redouble.

West usually led ♥K and South made the slam by throwing a diamond on ♥A and cross-ruffing his eleven trumps. At one of the tables where the slam was redoubled West led ♣A and so it was made with an overtrick. But at two tables West found the killing lead of a trump. Declarer had to lose two diamonds. The lesson is that when opponents bid much higher than is justified by their high cards it is probably based on a freak distribution, and you should consider a trump lead.

Editor: Nissan, we have been told, was the declarer to benefit in Six Spades redoubled from the lead of the ace of clubs. As the scoring was by IMPs imagine the difference that made compared with a trump lead! Nissan finished second overall.

Connections

What connects the following letters of the alphabet?

AS, FK, TM, WAM, GK, GB, NL, JS, M v T and EFJ.

Patrick Jourdain offers a prize for the first correct entry received in the Daily Bulletin office.

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Old Timers

Great Britain's Justin Hackett is one of the many players who, having won the Junior European Team Championships, has gone on to perform with distinction in the 'oldies' version of the game.

He was recently involved in The Premier League. No, not representing his beloved Manchester United, but rather the bridge version organized by the British Bridge League. This fascinating deal came up in the second round.



Justin Hackett

Dealer South. E/W Game.

<p>♠ J 9 6 4 3 ♥ J 9 5 4 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 5 2 ♥ Q 10 8 7 2 ♦ A K 5 4 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ K 8 7 ♥ K 6 ♦ Q 7 6 3 ♣ K 8 7 2</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ A ♦ J 10 2 ♣ A Q J 10 9 6 4 3</p>
West	North <i>Jason</i>	East	South <i>Justin</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
All Pass			6♣

A major suit lead presents no problem. Declarer wins in hand and plays the ace of clubs and a club. He can win the return, draw trumps, cross to dummy with a diamond and ruff a heart. The fall of the king means there is no need to hazard the diamond finesse.

Justin had to face the more challenging diamond lead.

He won with the ace and came to hand with the ace of hearts to start on the trump suit. East won the second round and exited with a spade. Justin won and ran his clubs to arrive at this four-card ending:

<p>♠ J 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ - ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ Q ♥ Q ♦ A 5 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ K ♥ K ♦ Q 7 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ J 10 ♣ 9 6</p>
West	North <i>Jason</i>	East	South <i>Justin</i>

Declarer discarded the five of diamonds on the penultimate trump and East had no answer. Parting with a major suit king is obviously fatal, whilst releasing the seven of diamonds allows declarer to cross to the ace and then return to hand with a ruff to cash the master diamond.

You can see why he was a champion!

Leading Butler Scores

After 3 matches

	Player	Country	Avg. IMPs	Boards
1	Doubinine A	RUS	1.75	(60)
2	Krasnosselsk	RUS	1.75	(60)
3	Krupp S	GER	1.70	(40)
4	Moller M	GER	1.70	(40)
5	Sebbane L	FRA	1.65	(40)
6	Willard F	FRA	1.65	(40)
7	Khadjiantz M	BLR	1.48	(40)
8	Zenko S	BLR	1.48	(40)
9	Albertsson L	SWE	1.43	(40)
10	Hallberg P	SWE	1.43	(40)
11	van Prooijen	NET	1.32	(60)
12	de Wijs S	NET	1.32	(60)
13	Jagniewski R	POL	1.28	(40)
14	Piasecki J	POL	1.28	(40)
15	Amit A	ISR	1.25	(40)
16	Zack Y	ISR	1.25	(40)
17	Heikkinen T	FIN	1.20	(20)
18	Hilskä J	FIN	1.20	(20)
19	Johansson T	SWE	1.13	(40)
20	Wiklund R	SWE	1.13	(40)
21	Shabes D	BLR	1.13	(40)
22	Ziulev S	BLR	1.13	(40)
23	Levin A	ISR	1.10	(60)
24	Shaham E	ISR	1.10	(60)
25	Daux F	FRA	0.85	(40)
26	Rombaut J	FRA	0.85	(40)
27	Gloyer A	AUS	0.68	(40)
28	Saurer B	AUS	0.68	(40)
29	Harr G	NOR	0.63	(40)
30	Kvangraven	NOR	0.63	(40)
31	Karamanlis M	GRE	0.57	(60)
32	Manousakakis	GRE	0.57	(60)
33	Krasa O	CZR	0.48	(40)
34	Pulkrab P	CZR	0.48	(40)
35	Haraldsson S	ICE	0.48	(60)
36	Johannsson S	ICE	0.48	(60)
37	Brogeland B	NOR	0.43	(40)
38	Saur O	NOR	0.43	(40)
39	Marino P	ITA	0.40	(20)
40	Pagani D	ITA	0.40	(20)

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Aufschwung im europäischen Jugendbridge.

Als ich im Jahre 1966 begann, an Europa-meisterschaften teilzunehmen, war das Bridge fest in den Händen von älteren Damen und Herren. Wer um die Dreißig war, wurde interessiert betrachtet. Ein Paar aus solchen Spielern wurde gerne als "the boys" bezeichnet. Ein sehr gutes Beispiel dafür waren die Österreicher Erich Gluttig ("Stieglitz") und Hans Hartwich ("Krokodil"), die in den Fünfzigerjahren als Paar für Österreich spielten. Für ihr Komplementärpaar blieben sie "die Buam", obwohl sie die Dreißig schon überschritten hatten.

Im Jahr 1968 nahm ich an der Olympiade in Deauville teil und fungierte im Match USA-Österreich als Scorer, was damals noch gestattet war. Es gab noch keine Bidding Boxen und keine Screens. Der Scorer hatte die Pflicht, das Board aufzulegen und Teiler und Mancheverhältnis anzusagen. Bei dieser Gelegenheit bezeichnete mich Al Roth als "young guy" und verglich meinen Akzent mit dem von Oskar Werner, den er kurz zuvor im "Narrenschiff" gesehen hatte.

Im gleichen Jahr gab es die erste Junioren-EM in Prag, wobei das Alterslimit sehr hoch war (28 oder gar 30 Jahre!). Hätte man es niedriger angesetzt, hätte man wahrscheinlich nur sechs Teams bekommen; so gab es zehn Teilnehmer. Österreich war dabei und hatte ein optisch erstklassiges Team geschickt, das aber auf dem achten Platz landete. Das mag der Grund gewesen sein, daß Österreich 1970 und 1972 fernblieb; es wird wohl auch Geldmangel eine Rolle gespielt haben.

Erst 1974 wagte man sich wieder zur EM, die in Kopenhagen stattfand. Aus diesem Team sind heute noch Pichler, Strafner und Erich Müller tätig. Das Team schnitt schlecht ab, brachte aber einen Preis nach Hause! Heinrich fand ein bizarres Ausspiel gegen einen Schlemm und brach damit einen einigermaßen komplizierten Abwurfzwang in drei Farben, der Alleinspieler fiel; das war "the best defense".

Zwei Jahre später gab es in Lund (Schweden) unter der Führung von Wolfi Meinl (er war dem Juniorenalter gerade erst entwachsen) einen sensationellen Erfolg. Die Österreicher (Fucik, Kadlec, P. Lehrner, M. Strafner) schnappten den Schweden im letzten Match die Goldmedaille weg. Für Österreich blieb es der einzige Titel bei den Junioren.

Es gab keine Vermarktung, keinen Boom, dafür aber Querelen; Peter Lehrner zog sich verärgert vom Bridge zurück. Die Jugendarbeit im ÖBV blieb halbherzig, obwohl es zwei Jahre später in Stirling (Schottland) eine Bronzemedaille für G. Bamberger, Brestian, Kadlec und F. Terraneo gab. Damit war die gute Zeit leider vorbei; in

den folgenden Jahren landete Österreich fast nie in der ersten Hälfte.

Ein Grund dafür liegt darin, daß es in Österreich noch nicht gelungen ist, die Schulen für Bridge zu interessieren. Es gab zwar gelegentlich kleine Erfolge, im allgemeinen aber wird Bridge als "Kartenspiel" abgetan. Das konnte man vor zwei Wochen beim Turnier in Gmunden gut beobachten.

Dieses Turnier fand im Seeschloß Ort statt, das aus einer Fernsehserie bekannt ist. Deshalb wird es von vielen Touristen besucht, die sich frei bewegen können, weshalb sie auch in jene Räume kamen, in denen gespielt wurde. Man hörte häufig "Schau, da tuns karteln" (abfälliger Unterton) oder "Guck mal, die spielen Karten!" (erstaunter Unterton). Der zugehörige Gesichtsausdruck ließ darauf schließen, daß man der Meinung war, hier seien Irre am Werk.

In eigen Ländern Europas ist die Situation ähnlich. Wo es anders zugeht, wie etwa in Polen (an der Schülermeisterschaft nahmen 46 Teams teil, bei uns brachte man zwei auf die Beine), in den nordischen Staaten oder in den Niederlanden, da gibt es auch mehr Erfolge. Bei uns ist die Spitze einfach zu klein.

Entwachsen ein, zwei Spieler dem Juniorenalter, sind wir wieder bei der Stunde Null. Auch in traditionellen Bridgenationen wie England oder Frankreich kommt der Nachwuchs sehr oft aus den eigenen Reihen, wie man an Hand der Namen feststellen kann.

Das Jugendbridge in Europa hat sich gut entwickelt, was zum großen Teil ein Verdienst von Panos Gerontopoulos ist. Ich werde diesen faszinierenden Mann demnächst vorstellen.

Österreichs Europameister auf Besuch.

Peter Lehrner, Jahrgang 1953, war ein sehr begabter Tennisspieler, das Bridge lief eigentlich nur mit. Sein Vater, Dr. Richard Lehrner, war in den Siebzigerjahren Präsident des ÖBV und ein (fast fanatischer) Bridgespieler. Leider hatte Peter Probleme mit den Augen und mußte den Traum von der großen Tenniskarriere aufgeben. Er gehörte dem Team an, das 1976 in Lund die Goldmedaille gewann. Für die Schweden war das ein traumatisches Erlebnis, für Peter die Krönung seiner Laufbahn. Sie war leider kurz, denn er zog sich bald darauf vom Bridge zurück.

Ich habe ihn nach seinen Gründen für den Rückzug befragt. Peter meinte, er habe die Intrigen satt gehabt (er wurde gar nicht gefragt, ob er 1978 spielen wollte), das Benehmen und auch die Ethik der Spitzenspieler habe ihm nicht gefallen und er habe an seine berufliche Zukunft denken müssen; im Bridge habe er eine solche

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nicht sehen können.

Peter Lehrner ist heute ein erfolgreicher Sportartikelhändler (Schwerpunkt Tennis) und arbeitet vor allem mit Thomas Muster zusammen. Ich habe ihn gebeten, sich doch wieder einmal bei einem Turnier sehen zu lassen.

Hoher Umsatz, schlechtes Bridge?

Vor vielen Jahren schrieb Edgar Kaplan in einem Artikel über gutes Spiel im Teamturnier. Er meinte, auf dem allerhöchsten Niveau dürfe ein Team nur einen IMP pro Board verlieren; um Weltmeister zu werden, dürfe man gar nur einen halben IMP pro Board hergeben. Diese Zeiten sind offenbar vorüber. Der Fußball ist schneller geworden, das Bridge aggressiver. In der ersten Runde der Junioren-EM waren die Umsätze ungeheuer! In 7 von 11 Begegnungen wurden mehr als 100 IMPs umgesetzt; den Vogel schossen die Deutschen und Österreicher ab, die es gemeinsam auf 154 IMPs brachten. Deutschland verlor 5,4 IMPs pro Board, die favorisierten Norweger immerhin auch noch etwas mehr als 3 IMPs. Ich gestehe allen eine gewisse Anfangsnervosität zu - gutes Bridge wurde in der ersten Runde aber nicht gespielt!

Dieser Satz von Austeilungen zeigte jedenfalls, daß es keine 20 Boards gibt, in denen man nicht hoch gewinnen kann: Es gab drei Fast-Unentschieden und zwei Kanter Siege. Ich werde die Tendenz beobachten und gelegentlich darüber wieder berichten.

Bitte keine "ANNOUNCEMENTS"!

Man sagt, daß alles, was in den USA en vogue ist, auch zu uns kommt. Beim Bridge ist das zwar nicht ganz richtig (WIR haben ihnen die Bidding Box beschert, wozu wir allerdings fast 25 Jahre gebraucht haben), aber beim ALERTIEREN waren uns die Amerikaner immer voraus.

Ich entnehme dem letzten ACBL-Bulletin, daß es im Bereich der ACBL inzwischen nicht nur ein ALERT gibt, sondern auch ein "ANNOUNCEMENT". Es gibt drei Fälle, in denen man nicht alertieren, sondern "annoncieren" soll.

1. Normale Transfers mit 2 Karo (für Herz) und 2 Herz (für Pik) werden mit "TRANSFER" annonciert, andere Transfers müssen nach wie vor alertiert werden.
2. Die "Forcierende Ohne" nach einer Eröffnung von 1 Herz oder 1 Pik wird mit "FORCING" annonciert.
3. Weicht die Stärke der Ohne-Eröffnung von der normalen Stärke (15 - 18 in den USA) ab, wird die Stärke (etwa "13 - 15") annonciert.

Ich hoffe, daß diese Entwicklung nicht auf Europa überschwappt!

Cui Culpa?

When time permits, the EBL President, Bill Pencharz, contributes a popular feature to Bridge Magazine entitled 'Cui Culpa?' The literal translation is 'To whom the blame?' Perhaps it was the inspiration for this little story.

'No need to look so smug Watson.'

'Sorry Holmes. It's just that I believe you're finally stumped. You'll never solve this crime. You've been outwitted for the first time.'

Holmes stood up and gestured emphatically with the stem of his pipe.

'I'm afraid you're wrong. I do know who killed Inspector Lestrade.'

'Incredible Holmes! There were no witnesses, no clues. Who did it?'

'Me.'

Coincidences

Students of the paranormal may well be interested in the happenings on the final board of Round 3. At every table the contract was 4♥. Eleven declarers were successful whilst the remaining eleven failed. Even more remarkably the opening lead on eleven occasions was the ♠8. This is the hand:

Board 20. Dealer West. Game All.

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