

## FRANCE FIRST-EVER EUROPEAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS!

### *Schools Teams*

1	France	255
2	Israel	225
3	Norway	223
4	Poland	205
5	Belarus	202
6	Great Britain	184
7	Italy	183
8	Sweden	179½
9	Netherlands	172
10	Germany	171
11	Austria	145½
12	Belgium	99
13	Ireland	80

only have to fight for their colour. However, Israel seem the team in form; they scored 63 to Norway's 51.

Denmark lead Great Britain by 11 VP with one match to be played, but both teams are on their way to Bali next August. Well done. Denmark had a good day, scoring two 25's and 16 against Iceland. The Brits did even better with 70, including a resounding 22-8 against their main rivals for the silver medal, Poland. The sensation of the day was of course Austria, who for once reversed the score they had to suffer a number of times: they beat Norway 25-4 to end their opponents' aspirations. Russia again did well: they scored 65 and have to face Poland at their last match, a direct confrontation for the third Bali berth. This will make up a good match of the day, we think. France missed their last chance in the evening match when the Swiss, to their audible delight, beat them 17-13. For Iceland the tournament started too early; they seem in form, but

The main news of the day is the win for **FRANCE** in the first-ever European Schools Team Championships. Elsewhere in this Bulletin the team will be presented. And a convincing win it was, too: they scored three 25's in the day, an unprecedented feat here in Papendal. The battle for the other medals is nearly over; Israel and Norway will

out of matches.

1	Denmark	393
2	Great Britain	382
3	Poland	368
4	Russia	355
5	Iceland	346
6	France	344
7	Norway	342½
8	Israel	342
9	Sweden	341
10	Italy	340
11	Netherlands	322
12	Ireland	319
13	Germany	310
14	Turkey	309
15	Hungary	274
16	Greece	254½
17	Finland	252
18	Belgium	251
19	Switzerland	190
20	Croatia	188½
21	Czech Republic	139½
22	Austria	127

## Vugraph



10.30 hrs: Finland - Belgium

15.00 hrs: Captains' Match

**Juniors'**

**Results**

**ROUND 18**

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Finland	- Austria	67-31	22-08
Norway	- Czech Rep.	51-17	22-08
Croatia	- Denmark	32-88	04-25
Israel	- Hungary	47-57	13-17
Greece	- Ireland	46-27	19-11
Iceland	- Netherlands	56-48	16-14
Germany	- Sweden	96-23	25-01
Russia	- Belgium	74-28	24-06
Turkey	- France	41-42	15-15
Poland	- Italy	60-47	18-12
Great Britain	- Switzerland	56-02	25-04

**ROUND 19**

Austria	- Norway	83-24	25-04
Czech Republic	- Croatia	21-34	12-18
Denmark	- Greece	98-39	25-04
Hungary	- Iceland	27-63	08-22
Ireland	- Germany	52-35	19-11
Netherlands	- Finland	57-21	22-08
Sweden	- Israel	26-41	12-18
Belgium	- Great Britain	14-53	07-23
France	- Poland	49-24	20-10
Russia	- Turkey	70-29	23-07
Switzerland	- Italy	34-41	14-16

**ROUND 20**

Austria	- Israel	40-97	04-25
Czech Republic	- Germany	25-80	04-25
Denmark	- Iceland	49-44	16-14
Hungary	- Norway	39-53	12-18
Ireland	- Finland	50-17	22-08
Netherlands	- Greece	36-40	14-16
Sweden	- Croatia	68-30	23-07
Turkey	- Belgium	23-18	16-14
France	- Switzerland	41-53	13-17
Great Britain	- Poland	70-34	22-08
Russia	- Italy	42-27	18-12

**Juniors'****Programme****ROUND 21** 10.30 hrs.

1	Greece	- Austria
2	Israel	- Czech Republic
3	Norway	- Denmark
4	Finland	- Hungary
5	Croatia	- Ireland
6	Germany	- Netherlands
7	Iceland	- Sweden
8	Switzerland	- Belgium
9	Great Britain	- France
10	Poland	- Russia
11	Italy	- Turkey


**Penalties**
Round 11 *Schools Teams:*

Poland 2 V.P. for late arrival  
(9'30" late)

Poland 2 V.P. for unauthorised use of two  
conventions

**"HOW WOULD YOU RULE?"***by Herman de Wael*

When screens are in operation, giving different explanations on either side of the screen usually will be considered an infraction of the Laws. I was confronted with a difficult problem when I was called on the table. This is what had happened:

"Have you got a lighter?" one player asked his screenmate. "I don't smoke, but my partner does," so he borrowed a beautiful silver lighter from behind the screen. After lighting his cigarette, the lighter is passed back, together with an initial "PASS," on the tray. On the one side of the screen, it was alerted and explained as "a fiery hand," but on the other it was alerted and explained as "a Lighter double."

How would *you* have ruled?**ROUND 10**

Norway	- bye	
18-00		
Sweden	- Italy	21-64
06-24		
Austria	- Ireland	40-68
09-21		
Belarus	- Germany	48-46
15-15		
France	- Belgium	70-16
25-04		
Great Britain	- Poland	51-29
20-10		
Israel	- Netherlands	46-15
21-09		

**ROUND 11**

Netherlands	- bye		
18-00			
Poland	- Israel	32-42	9-17
Belgium	- Great Britain	54-73	
11-19			
Germany	- France	37-88	
05-25			
Ireland	- Belarus	28-84	
04-25			
Italy	- Austria	56-66	
13-17			
Norway	- Sweden	16-49	
08-22			

**ROUND 12**

Sweden	- bye	
18-00		
Austria	- Norway	16-74
04-25		
Belarus	- Italy	42-49
14-16		
France	- Ireland	94-16
25-01		
Great Britain	- Germany	44-43
15-15		
Israel	- Belgium	99-21
25-01		
Netherlands	- Poland	22-61
07-23		

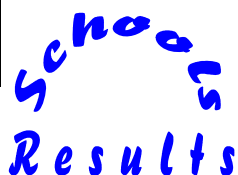
**ROUND 13**

10.30 hrs.

	Poland	- bye
21	Belgium	- Netherlands
22	Germany	- Israel
23	Ireland	- Great Britain
24	Italy	- France
25	Norway	- Belarus
26	Sweden	- Austria


**The Austrian Juniors***by Bernhard Grossegger*

To all those who were upset by not playing against the





14th European Junior /1st European School Bridge Teams Championships



girls: It was only your bad luck; our line-up always follows the same system.

**Karina Berthold** is a cross-ruff specialist. However, she is a wonderful, cool and friendly partner and teammate, and a beautiful girl too. And not only at this tournament!

Her "x" is **Ilona Plachetzky**, who is a specialist for even that. Opponents beware: Never take out her take-out! She is very loyal (insider's joke) and often funny, as long as you don't put ice cubes in her iced tea. Beware, Willem!

Our unique Tyrolean pair consists of **Stefan Gloyer** and **Florian Santer**. Stefan smokes while Flo is sporting. Flo reads while Stefan is drinking. Stefan talks nonsense while Flo is making friends. Flo sleeps while Stefan is having fun. They are good friends!!! They're also nice guys - just like Billy the Kid and Robin Hood.

**Georg Pokorny** is a multi-level bridge player. He succeeds in combining greedy, suicidal, sleepy and sometimes brilliant bridge - and personality! Besides he's got long blonde hair and a wonderful body, if he were 1.90 m, which he is not.

I am Georg's partner and if I had his height, I would be well-shaped as well. He says that I'm cleaning myself very often and something about mice. I don't see what he means.

Our NPC is Christian Bernscherer. Do I have to say who CHRISTIAN BERNSCHERER is !?!!

## WBF AWARDS MEETING

Today, Sunday the 24th of July, all pairs that appear in the 'plus score' of the last Butler list - published and posted after the morning round - are requested to gather at 15.00 hrs. at the "meeting point", where the Opening ceremony took place. Even if there is more than one pair in the list from each country, all pairs should attend, since if the first ranking pair cannot accept the invitation, it is possible that the pair appearing next in the ranking may then be invited.

As a reminder, we would like to stress that we expect a written confirmation by those who are able to accept the invitation of the WBF unconditionally, and attend the 1994 NEC World Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico,

**USA. It will be assumed that, should players not attend this meeting, they are unable to accept the invitation, and thus their names will be deleted from the list.** If players are unable to confirm this invitation in writing at the meeting this afternoon (Sunday), their names will not be

considered further.

Subsequent withdrawal would be a serious offence, because tickets bought are personal and will be wasted. This would damage the image of the EBL to the WBF. For this reason the EBL reserves the right to investigate the matter thoroughly and possibly impose severe penalties.

We also remind you that substitution for any time or length is not allowed, which means that if one of the qualified players cannot go then the whole pair is disqualified. Also, partial attendance is not possible.

As published, people will depart from Europe on Sunday, the 11th of September and will arrive back in Europe on Tuesday, the 4th of October. While in Albuquerque, players are expected to help, as required, in the setup and running of the Championships.



## 10 Hungarians

**Dániel Gulyás**, 25, is a computer expert. His ambition is to overtake Helgemo, but so far he only succeeded in doing this in weight.

**Tamás Szalka**, 23, engineer, is obviously an exceptional talent. He has beaten Patrick Jourdain in all his Junior Championships, but unfortunately only in tennis.

**György Szalay**, 18, is a law student. At this stage, he is only training to reach his peak in the 2000 European Junior Championships, so he is wondering if anyone can tell him where these will be held.

**Róbert Zoller**, 25, engineer, is the most versatile player in the tournament, featuring no less than four

times on the Butler ranking list, including a 44.0 average with Szalay.

Péter Gál, 40, mathematician, proved to be a noteworthy coach of the team - in billiards, midgetgolf and pétanque.

Katalin Jakab, wife of the n.p.c., has designed the "official" bridge T-shirt of the tournament as well as the Hungarian one.

István and Zsuzsa Winkler are the parents of Gábor. Zsuzsa is the most popular doctor here at Papendal, her working hours well exceeding those of the bookshop. The last three are usually doing the scoring instead of the n.p.c., while he is having a nap in the Vugraph theatre.

P.S. Yes, you are right. These are only nine. The 10th you will find in the Butler rankings above these guys and in the Irish team.

## WORTH MORE THAN A SECOND LOOK

by Benito Garozzo

*(A rare opportunity, here, to catch a glimpse into a famous maestro's inventive mind. Ed.)*

The hand below was played in Round 3 by that well-known 'grandfather,' Alfredo Versace. I was disappointed that he played 6♥ in a very simple way instead of finding the 'brilliant' solution described here. First, though, I want to point out that he reached this bad slam at least partly because he and his partner had rejected a convention I would like to share with you.

Misfit hands, as we all know, can often be dangerous hands, especially nowadays when some players feel they have to make a lot of bids before partner will realise that they have a 'good' hand. Consider what responder has shown in the ordinary auction: 1♠ - 2♦, 2♥ - 3♣. Is he 5-4 with a strong hand that doesn't know yet where it is going? Is he trying to reach 3NT if opener has a little something in clubs? Does he have a real minor 2-suiter and slam interest? Who knows?

I believe that it is worthwhile to invest some 'system space' in explicitly solving at least part of responder's '2-suit' problems. This scheme works well when the 1♥ and 1♠ opening shows at least five, and I suspect that it is also good if the major can be a 4-card suit.

Over 1♥ or 1♠ a jump to 3♣ or 3♦ shows a game-forcing hand with either two 5-card suits (not opener's suit) or a (semi-) solid 1-suiter. Opener's cheapest rebid is an artificial relay while other rebids are basically natural but will depend on the rest of your system. For example:

1♥            3♣  
 3♦ Relay, to which responses are:  
     3♥5♣ + 5♦ (the relay suit).  
     3♠5♣ + 4♠.  
     3NT 1-suiter, 12-14 points.  
     4♣ 1-suiter, 15+, cuebid.  
     4♦ 1-suiter, 15+, no club control.  
 3♥ (Semi-) solid heart suit.  
 3♠5♠ + 6♥ (or 5-5+ if you play canapé)  
 3NT Natural, minimum, no slam interest.  
 Higher Real club fit.

For other suit combinations the bidding is similar. We look at the hand now:

Board 1		
N/-	♠ 9 5 2	
	♥ Q 9 8 6 3	
	♦ 9 2	
	♣ K Q J	
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♠ K	N	♠ A 10 7 4 3
♥ 2		♥ A K J 10 7 4
	W	E
♦ A Q J 7 3		♦ 8 4
♣ A 9 6 4 3 2	S	♣ -
	└──────────┘	
	♠ Q J 8 6	
	♥ 5	
	♦ K 10 6 5	
	♣ 10 8 7 5	

I will not bore you with the Albamonte-Versace relay auction in which Albamonte (West) tried to stop in 3NT and a later misunderstanding led to the delicate slam. Using my convention the auction simply goes 1♥ - 3♣, 3♠ - 3NT, Pass or 4♥, end. (As a general point, it is almost always easier to stop a simple auction than it is to stop a complicated one.)

Think about how you would play 6♥ on the lead of the ♣7 for a moment.

I think that declarer should make this plan: If I can take six tricks in hearts (which will need North to have ♥Qx or ♥Qxx), then I need only three diamond tricks and maybe can afford to lose the diamond finesse. But if the diamond finesse wins, I may be okay even if RHO has long trumps. I need to find out about diamonds quickly, so I start by trumping the opening lead and finessing diamonds.

Once this succeeds, I'm okay as long as North has the ♥Q and three rounds of spades and clubs survive. I cash the ♣A and the ♠K, trump a club, cash the spade ace and *ruff a spade*. To finesse again in diamonds is worthless against a good opponent, because he should always play the King on the second round from any length. Cash the ♦A and overruff a minor since North now has only hearts. Cash the ♥A and exit with your last spade. You end with two spades and a ruff, two

diamonds, one club and six hearts in your hand. Maybe, if 'Grandfather' had been awake, he would be winning the prize for declarer play, but not for the bidding!

## 'CHERCHEZ LA FEMME'!

by Michael Rosenblum (Russia)

When you have nine trumps missing the Queen, normally you will have to guess. There are a lot of methods, such as the "Italian singleton rule" (???-Ed.), the search for a Queen being over the Jack clockwise or playing for a red Queen to be on your right and a black Queen on your left. None of these methods gives you 100 % chance of success.

A French declarer, Bernard Doussot, seems to know a much better method, if you have to judge from the way he played the board below.

Board 17		♠ Q 8			
N/-		♥ Q T 9 6			
		♦ T 7 5 2			
		♣ J 9 3			
		┌──────────┐			
♠ A 9 7		N		♠ K J T 5 3 2	
♥ A K 7				♥ 5 4 3	
♦ A Q 9 4	W		E	♦ -	
♣ T 8 5		S		♣ Q 7 4 2	
		┌──────────┐			
		♠ 6 4			
		♥ J 8 2			
		♦ K J 8 6 3			
		♣ A K 6			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH		
<i>Harari</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Doussot</i>	<i>Petrounine</i>		
	pass	2 ♠	pass		
4 ♠	pass	pass	pass		

South led the ♦3. Bernard put up dummy's Queen

which held, discarding a heart himself. Next came ♦A, discarding a club, diamond ruff, ♥A, diamond ruff, ♥K and the last heart ruffed. Six cards were left and this was the end position with East (declarer) to lead:

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

East could still afford to lose three more tricks, so he simply exited with a club. The defence could win their club tricks in any order, but would then



have to give the trump position away. Bien joué!

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## CAPTAINS AND COMMENTATORS COMMENTED ON

On Sunday afternoon the Vugraph will show an exciting match between a Nordic captains team (Sverre Johnsen, Norway, Peter Gregorsson (Sweden), Lars Walter Petersen (Denmark), Ragnar Hermansson (Iceland) and the Dutch captains pair (Kees Tammens and Bep Vriend) playing with the Vugraph commentators Patrick Jourdain and Jaap van der Neut. Geir Helgemo is asked to comment their play and other players are invited to help him. There will be a try out for a spectacular movement in which at halftime all eight players change tables. If this appears to be a success the EBL will be asked to adopt this movement for their championships.

### JOIN THE CROWD AT 3 P.M.

*The French Junior team consists of three pairs who emerged from the French trials. They all are participating in their first international competition.*

**Katia Caron**, 24, is a teacher of mathematics to handicapped children. She lives in Cannes, at the French Riviera. Her partner is

**Emmanuel Blanc**, 23, who is a student also living at the Côte d'Azur.

**Bernard Doussot**, 24, is a financial controller who lives in Paris. His partner is

**David Harari**, 24, and together they have been a well-established partnership for a number of years now, experienced and talented. David is a mathematical researcher.

**Eric Duménil**, 25, is a student. His problem is

that he never has enough green "PASS" cards in his bidding box. He is playing his first season in partnership with

**Frédéric Flacassier**, 24, a civil engineer.

The coach of both the Schools and the Junior Team is Yves Lormant, 30. He has had an excellent home season, winning two national championships and doing well in a number of national tournaments, too.

The captain is Jean-Christophe Quantin, 28, who knows everything about Junior Europeans, both as a player and as captain. He will no longer forget the nicknames his players give him: "Casimir," "Culbutto" or "JCQ," according to their state of mind. If France are to win either of the two championships, his fate will be to end up in the swimming-pool, if his players succeed in catching him...

## M E E T

## All the French

*Our congratulations to the French Schools team, who won the first-ever European Schools Championships one round before the end. If you see Quantin running around here for his life, chased by his players, you know why... (Ed.)*

**Dominique Fonteneau**, 20, is nicknamed "Number One" by his partners. His one-liners are as famous as his good bridge hands. He has been playing for seven years now with

**Julien Geitner**, 18, who played with him at the previous Junior Europeans in Palaiseau.

**Jérôme Rombaut**, 20, a student of statistics, refuses to bid any slams once there have been five in the same match. He is playing with

**Laurent Bouscarel**, 20, nicknamed "The Smoker." He likes the Netherlands very much.

All four players mentioned above live in Paris.

**Anne Colliez**, 20, is a student in geology in Lille. This is her first international championship. Her partner is

**Félicien Daux**, 16, who just finished his baccalaureate studies. Though these two haven't yet played a single match so far, their kindness and willingness have contributed largely in creating the good spirit the team is in at the moment.



*UPSET OF THE DAY*



**AUSTRIA - NORWAY**



*by Patrick Jourdain*

*"How did you do?", they will ask Team returns. "We beat Norway, 25-4", they will reply. "And where Norway 25-4" will come the refrain.*

*in Austria, when their Junior the World silver medallists, did you finish?" .... "We beat*

And how was this triumph achieved?

On Board 3 Bernhard Grossegger and Georg Pokorny reached the excellent 6♥, which Norway

missed.

Board 3  
N/-  
♠ Q 10 7 5 4  
♥ Q 3  
♦ 10  
♣ J 10 7 5 3

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

♠ J 8 6 3  
♥ 5  
♦ J 8 7 6 3  
♣ A 9 2

Their auction:

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Grossegger</i>	<i>Aaselid</i>	<i>Pokorny</i>	<i>Thomassen</i>
1 ♥	pass	2 NT	pass
3 ♦	pass	3 ♠	pass
4 NT	pass	5 ♦	pass
6 ♥	pass	pass	pass

2NT was a game raise with support, and 4NT was simple Blackwood. There were no problems in the play.

Then came the key board:

Board 4  
W/ALL  
♠ 9 8 7 2  
♥ 6  
♦ 10 5  
♣ Q J 10 9 4 2

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

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♠ -  
♥ Q 9 7 3 2  
♦ Q 7 6 4 3  
♣ 8 6 5

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Grossegger</i>	<i>Aaselid</i>	<i>Pokorny</i>	<i>Thomassen</i>
1 ♠	pass	2 ♥	pass
3 ♦	pass	4 ♣	pass
4 ♠	pass	4 NT	pass
5 ♦	pass	5 ♥	pass
6 ♦	pass	7 NT	end

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Gloyer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Santer</i>
1 ♠	pass	2 NT	pass
3 ♦	pass	4 NT	pass
5 ♥	pass	7 ♠	all pass

Austria reached 7NT by East, slightly inferior to 7♠, but it was well played by Georg Pokorny. South led a club, won in dummy. Declarer tested hearts, by cashing AK, ran the spades, throwing three hearts from hand, and then cashed the ♣A. It proved to be a show-up squeeze, for North had only two diamonds, and South, needing to keep ♥Q, had to reveal whether he held the ♦Q.

At the other table, Norway reached 7♠, an excellent contract. North, Stefan Gloyer, led ♣Q. Now, if the hearts are no worse than 4-2, you can afford to draw trumps first, whilst if they are 5-1 you cannot set them up. Therefore you might as well draw trumps first, and when the hearts let you down, you fall back on the same ending as Austria achieved in 7NT. (*A slightly inferior-looking, but reasonable alternative might be to win the lead, cash the ♠Q and try to ruff a diamond in dummy.-Ed.*)

However, Brogeland made a small slip by cashing ♠A first, making it awkward to draw trumps. The solution is to unblock trumps, ruff the second heart high, and go back to original line, but declarer began on the hearts at once, ruffing the second one low. It was a harsh punishment that North was able to over-ruff for 20 imps to Austria.

On Board 15 both teams reached a slam, but with a difference:

Board 15	♠ -		
S/NS	♥ K Q 8 6 5		
	♦ J 10 3 2		
	♣ A J 10 9		
	┌──────────┐		
♠ Q 9 6 5 4 3	N	♠ J 10 8 7 2	
♥ J 7 4		♥ 9 3	
	W	E	
♦ 9 8 5		♦ K Q 7 6	
♣ 3	S	♣ K 2	
	┌──────────┐		
	♠ A K		
	♥ A 10 2		
	♦ A 4		
	♣ Q 8 7 6 5 4		

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Grossegger</i>	<i>Aaselid</i>	<i>Pokorny</i>	<i>Thomassen</i>
pass	1 ♥	pass	1 ♣
pass	3 ♦	pass	2 NT
pass	3 ♠	pass	3 ♥
pass	4 ♠	pass	4 ♦
pass	5 ♠	pass	4 NT
pass	6 ♥	all pass	5 NT

(bidding diagram in next column).

The difference was that when the Norwegian North was in 6♥, East had a natural lead of ♦K

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Gloyer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Santer</i>
pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	1 ♣
4 ♠	5 ♣	pass	3 ♣
pass	pass	pass	6 ♣

which put the slam two down (!? Ed.),... whilst at the other table, where South was in 6♣, West's spade lead, gave declarer time to take the losing trump finesse, and still get the diamond away on dummy's hearts. 14 imps to Austria.

♥♦♣♠

In the France-Poland match, both sides bid 6♣ on this board. Poland played it from North after Krzysztof Michalik, like his French counterpart had done on the previous deal, also opened 1NT with a 2326 hand. Against 6♣ by North, East had an automatic diamond lead. That was one down.

France bid it from the South hand after West and East had bid and supported spades. A spade was led and it made. A disastrous 16 to France.

♥♦♣♠

That it was Austria's day was proved by Board 20. It was misboarded, so that the West and South hands were interchanged.

Board 20	♠ A 10		
W/ALL	♥ J 8 2		
	♦ A 10 8 7		
	♣ Q J 3 2		
	┌──────────┐		
♠ 9 5	N	♠ J 6 4 2	
♥ Q 9 7 5 4		♥ A 10 6 3	
	W	E	
♦ Q J 9 4 3		♦ K 2	
♣ A	S	♣ 10 8 6	
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	♠ K Q 8 7 3		
	♥ K		
	♦ 6 5		
	♣ K 9 7 5 4		

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Grossegger</i>	<i>Aaselid</i>	<i>Pokorny</i>	<i>Thomassen</i>
2 ♥	pass	pass	2 ♠
pass	pass	3 ♥	pass
pass	dbl.	all pass	

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Gloyer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Santer</i>
pass	1 ♦	pass	1 ♠
pass	1 NT	pass	3 NT
pass	pass	pass	

Austria reached 3♥ doubled at one table, which made, and 3NT at other table which also made when Norway led a club. And this was a further 16 imps to Austria. The final score: 83-24 or 25-4 to Austria.

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*The players come from two parts of the country. Three are from the North and three live in the South, not far from Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland. The fact that one player from the North had to play with a partner living in the South was our first problem, while preparing for this championship.*



## The Icelandic Juniors

**Magnús Magnússon** is the funny guy in the team. He's nicknamed 'The Caterpillar' because of his unique talent of creating big swings. The fact that they are going both ways never bothers him. He is also the unluckiest player in the team. Everybody who knows Magnús is sure that bridge is his favourite indoor sport. Playing with Magnús is

the easy-going **Stefán Jóhannsson**. Always in a good mood Stefán is just the right partner for Magnús and seems to like his creative bidding style. Stefán enjoys food, beer, girls and bridge, but who doesn't anyway?

**Steinar and Ólafur Jónsson** are brothers and in their bridge career so far have managed to beat three of the four Icelandic Bermuda Bowl champions in a final of the Icelandic Team Championships. They come from a bridge family where every member seems to be capable of beating anyone anytime. Looking very much like a movie star, Steinar enjoys a lot of interest from girls all over the world. That's the reason why he spends so much time on bridge and loves playing for the Icelandic Junior team. His brother, Ólafur, is a solid guy who really loves to have a good time. Together the brothers are nicknamed 'gamebrothers' because they never miss a fair game.

Our third pair, **Kjartan Ásmundsson and Karl Gardarsson** are not regular partners. They are

probably the only bridge pair in the **world** which never argues over a bad result. Their attitude and sportsmanship is quite unique. Karl is a very easy-going guy and his special interests are some complex matters like the whole universe and of course bridge. Kjartan, born under the sign of Taurus is very interested in luxury, for example, great food, beautiful cars, and so on.

The NPC, Ragnar Hermannsson, is a Physiotherapist and the Physical coach of the Icelandic Open team. At the moment he's more interested in **watching** bridge than playing himself. That is surely going to change after this Championship.

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## VICTORY BANQUET

Please make sure that you don't forget to bring your invitation with you to the Victory Banquet.

This invitation is your entrance ticket.

**Mind you: you won't get in without it!**

The Banquet will start at 20.30 hrs. in the Meeting Room.

# IS THIS THE REASON WHY?

by Maureen Dennison

Below, we present you the bidding sequences in both the Open and the Closed Room of the Denmark-Israel match on two successive boards from Round 17, boards 7 and 8.

Board 7  
S/ALL

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

Board 8  
W/-

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

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Kampmann</u>	<u>Levinger</u>	<u>Dall</u>	<u>Amal</u>
			1 ♥
pass	1 ♠	pass	3 ♣
pass	3 ♦	pass	3 NT
pass	4 ♥	pass	4 NT
pass	6 ♣	pass	6 ♥
pass	pass	pass	

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Kampmann</u>	<u>Levinger</u>	<u>Dall</u>	<u>Amal</u>
			2 ♦
pass	1 ♠	pass	3 ♥
pass	2 ♠	pass	4 NT
pass	4 ♥	pass	6 ♠
pass	5 ♥	pass	

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Barel</u>	<u>Bruun</u>	<u>Perlmutter</u>	<u>Røn</u>
			1 ♥
pass	1 ♠	pass	2 ♣
pass	2 ♦	pass	3 ♣
pass	3 ♥	pass	4 ♣
pass	4 ♦	pass	4 NT
pass	5 ♠	pass	5 NT
pass	6 ♥	all pass	

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Barel</u>	<u>Bruun</u>	<u>Perlmutter</u>	<u>Røn</u>
			2 ♦
pass	1 ♠	pass	3 ♥
pass	2 ♠	pass	4 ♣
pass	3 ♠	pass	redbl.
dbl.	pass	pass	4 NT
pass	4 ♥	pass	6 ♠
pass	5 ♥	pass	
pass	pass	pass	

We give these bidding sequences from the match between two teams who have shown talent and flair. Both sides reached the optimum contract on both hands. We particularly liked the 'pass' by Mathias Bruun on board 8 when 4♣ was doubled.

He had already signed off twice but now he could show he was very good for his bidding so far, now interested, but had no control to bid.

But were the slams so difficult to bid, you ask. On

these two hands 289 *imps changed hands* at the other 16 tables, *an average of 18.3!* The smallest swing was in the Schools French-Polish when both bid 7♥ on the first and game on the second with 1 imp for an overtrick. The most devastating loss was the team that bid 7NTx-2 and 4♠ against the small slams bid against them. Hungary-Germany exchanged honours when Hungary bid the sensible 6♥ but followed it up with 7♠ making on the diamond finesse. Germany on the other hand bid 7♥ on the first but were satisfied with 6♠ on the second, 2 to Germany. There were four matches where the tally was 27 or 28 where one side bid neither or the wrong slam.

So we ask again, is this the reason why Denmark and Israel are two of the danger teams, always expected to be in contention?

## POLAND-FRANCE SCHOOLS MATCH

by Maureen Dennison

*On Friday night the two leading teams, Poland and France, were scheduled to meet, with France just 4 VPs ahead. Third and fourth, Israel and Norway, were hoping the leaders would have an even contest, that neither France nor Poland would get a flyer.*

For the first half of the match it was France all the way with a series of single figure swings. On board 2 Krzysztof Ginda and Jan Simon had a systemic misunderstanding, whether a bid was forcing, and they missed a game, luckily non-vulnerable, for 6 imps out. On board 4 Ginda, with the best hand at the table, raised partner to a poor game. Ginda lost three extra undertricks trying to make it and France had another nine. This board will appear in tonight's Bulletin.

France were always picking up five imps on the next board but some good defence by Jérôme Rombaut made it six.

Board 5	♠ Q 6		
N/NS	♥ 7 4 2		
	♦ A Q 3		
	♣ J 10 7 4 3		
	┌──────────┐		
♠ A K J 10 9	N		♠ 8 7 5
♥ A 6 3			♥ K 8
♦ 7 5 4	W	E	♦ 10 9 8

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

In the Open Room Julien Geitner and Dominique Fonteneau stopped in a safe 2♠ and made three.

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Simon</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Ginda</i>	<i>Bouscarel</i>
	pass	pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♣	pass
4 ♠	pass	pass	pass

Ginda's 3♣ showed a five-card suit and three-card spade support. Maybe Simon was a little pushy bidding 4♠. A heart was led to the King, a spade to the Ace and next declarer played ♥A and another ruffing on table. Now Simon led dummy's last spade and finessed losing to North's Queen. Rombaut was uncertain of the distribution of the minors but he knew partner must have the ♦K for his opening and he led ♦3. Laurent Bouscarel took

the King and led back his fourth highest ♦2. Now Rombaut knew what to do. He cashed both diamond tricks before leading a club sticking declarer on table so South could score a ruff on the ♣K.

There were two slam hands back to back, boards 7 and 8. See elsewhere in this issue! In this match they were almost flat, both North-Souths bidding 7♥ on 7 and staying in game on 8 with an overtrick imp to France.

Board 9	♠ 6 3		
N/EW	♥ A K J 6 3		
	♦ 6 5 4 2		
	♣ 10 4		
	┌──────────┐		
♠ A K Q 10 7		N	♠ 5
♥ 9 8 5 2			♥ 10 4
	W		E
♦ Q J 9			♦ A K 10 7 3
♣ 9		S	♣ A K J 8 5
	┌──────────┐		
	♠ J 9 8 4 2		
	♥ Q 7		
	♦ 8		
	♣ Q 7 6 3 2		

Both sides reached 5♦ and the contract looks trivial. However, after three rounds of hearts, ruffing high in the East hand, declarer actually only has the communication to engineer a club ruff and draw trumps, because the *eight* is singleton. So if a diamond to the Queen is tried immediately, the simple line works. Both Easts saw the danger of ♦8xxx, so they just drew trumps and then squeezed South in the blacks to make their contract.

At last on boards 11 and 12 Poland put something into the "in" column - not a lot! They earned a partscore 2 imps on 11. This was 12.

Board 12	♠ A Q 10 4
W/NS	♥ 4
	♦ K 5 4 3
	♣ Q 8 6 5
	┌──────────┐

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

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Simon</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Ginda</i>	<i>Bouscarel</i>
pass	pass	2 ♣	pass
2 ♦	pass	3 ♣	pass
3 ♥	pass	4 ♥	all pass

In the Closed Room Ginda opened an Acol-style 2♣ and the partnership had a free run to the optimum contract of 4♥ making plus one.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Fonteneau</i>	<i>Martyna</i>	<i>Geitner</i>	<i>Sosenko</i>
pass	1 ♣	dbl.	pass
1 ♥	pass	2 ♣	pass
2 ♥	pass	2 NT	all pass

In the Open Room Tomasz Martyna opened the North hand 1♣ which put the French off their stride and they finished in 2NT to lose 6.

In the Closed Room, Poland tried the wrong slam on 15 (6♣ makes and was bid a handful of times around the room) and France had another 11. Then on the very next board Poland in the Open tried another.

Board 16	♠ K 9 3		
W/EW	♥ Q 9 6		
	♦ A Q 8		
	♣ K J 10 6		
	┌──────────┐		
♠ J 10 8 7		N	♠ A 6 5 4 2
♥ 7 5 2			♥ A J
	W		E
♦ 10 6 5 3			♦ J 9 7 4



♣ 9 2                      S                      ♣ A 5

┌───────────┐

♠ Q

♥ K 10 8 4 3

♦ K 2

♣ Q 8 7 4 3

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Fonteneau</i>	<i>Martyna</i>	<i>Geitner</i>	<i>Sosenko</i>
pass	1 NT	pass	2 ♦
pass	2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♣
pass	4 ♣	pass	4 ♦
pass	4 ♥	pass	4 ♠
pass	4 NT	pass	5 ♦
pass	6 ♣	dbl.	all pass

It is an extreme example of the danger of cue bidding controls which can be either first or second round when as a partnership you are super-optimistic. When East doubled the final contract he alerted his screenmate and told him it was Lightner - 'I don't want partner to lead a spade!' Partner led a spade anyway but East was not really bothered! The damage was less than it might have been because even game fails so it was 6 imps.

All in all it was a disappointing match for Poland losing 8-22. France made fewer mistakes and judged some very difficult hands better.

## TOURNAMENT DATA

The Results Room will prepare a diskette for each country with all the relevant data of this tournament. It will contain the hands played, the line-ups, the scores of each pair in each round and the datum scores in both events. The diskette will be available at the hospitality desk today from 5 p.m. onwards.

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## FRANCE V POLAND Juniors

by Maureen Dennison

*In the Schools France had beaten Poland 22-8. Their seniors were looking to do as well or better. Certainly if France was to get back into a medal position they had to take a near maximum off Poland, not only to increase their score but also to prevent them getting out of touch.*

The first substantial swing of the match came on board 2.

Board 2	♠ 7				
E/NS	♥ 9 5 3				
	♦ A 8 7 4				
	♣ 10 8 7 5 3				
	┌──────────┐				
♠ Q J 8		N		♠ 10 6 5 4 3 2	
♥ 10				♥ Q J 7 2	
		W		E	
♦ K 10 5 3 2				♦ Q J	
♣ A Q 9 4			S	♣ 2	
				┌──────────┐	
	♠ A K 9				
	♥ A K 8 6 4				
	♦ 9 6				
	♣ K J 6				

A combination of good bidding by Poland, stopping on a pin-head in 3♥ whereas France bid game, and less than optimum defence which allowed it to make while France bid game and went down two tricks, meant the first 8 imps went to Poland.

Board 5 proved to be Poland's board, the only double figure they were to achieve.

Board 5	♠ J 10 9 5 4 3				
N/NS	♥ A 7				
	♦ 9 4				
	♣ 9 5 3				
	┌──────────┐				
♠ 8 2		N		♠ A K 7	
♥ Q 9 6 5 2				♥ 10 8 4	
		W		E	
♦ -				♦ K J 8 5 3	
♣ A K Q 7 6 2			S	♣ 10 4	
				┌──────────┐	
	♠ Q 6				
	♥ K J 3				
	♦ A Q 10 7 6 2				
	♣ J 8				

*Closed Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Harari</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Doussot</i>	<i>Michalik</i>
	pass	1 ♦	pass
2 ♣	pass	2 ♦	pass
3 ♥	pass	3 NT	all pass

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Pazur</i>	<i>Duménil</i>	<i>Miechowicz</i>	<i>Flacassier</i>
	pass	1 ♦	pass
1 ♥	pass	1 NT	pass
3 ♣	pass	4 ♥	all pass

Poland chose the major suit game, playing in 4♥, making. France settled in 3NT, after a bidding sequence that made the spade lead marked, not making. 11 imps to Poland.

Three boards later the 11 was given back when the Polish West, Bogusław Pazur, was unduly pessimistic and did not co-operate with his partner's slam tries in contrast to the French West, Bernard Doussot. The slam made.

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

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Pazur</i>	<i>Duménil</i>	<i>Miechowicz</i>	<i>Flacassier</i>
1 ♠	2 ♣	4 ♣	pass
4 ♠	pass	5 ♣	pass
5 ♠	pass	pass	pass

## Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Harari</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Doussot</i>	<i>Michalik</i>
1 ♠	2 ♣	2 ♥	pass
2 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♣	pass
4 ♦	pass	6 ♠	all pass

♠ 8 3
♥ K 7 6 5 3
♦ K 8
♣ 8 7 4 2

The respective Norths were upset over board 10:

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

They both opened 1♣ fourth in hand. This is usually a bad idea when you have very little in the majors but they held ♠AQ and ♥QJ32. The Easts overcalled 1♠, were raised to game by their partners and made *twelve* tricks! Unkind.

Showing the quality of the match, only one imp changed hands over the five following boards and then Poland gained four on board 14.

Board 14	♠ A Q J		
E/-	♥ 10 2		
	♦ A J 10 9 5 3		
	♣ K 3		
♠ K 7	N		♠ 10 9 6 5 4 2
♥ Q J 9 4			♥ A 8
	W	E	
♦ 7 4 2			♦ Q 6
♣ Q J 10 5	S		♣ A 9 6

The French North bid an off-kilter 1NT on a 3-2-6-2 hand, was transferred to 2♥ which had no chance - one down - and in the other room when Rafa\_ Jagniewski opened the more normal 1♦, Doussot overcalled a weak 2♠ and that also went down, this time two tricks.

On board 15, France gained 16 more when Poland played 6♣ from the North hand and were defeated by an 'automatic' diamond lead from East. The comments on this board are inserted in Patrick Jourdain's report on the Austria-Norway upset.

Poland were falling behind and it was not over yet. On board 16 Pawe\_ Miechowicz found the only lead to give the tenth trick when France had bid 4♥ whilst the Poles had stayed in a sensible 3♥. Another 7!

The final disaster for Poland came on Board 19.

Board 19	♠ A K Q J 7 5		
S/EW	♥ Q		
	♦ 9 8 6 5		
	♣ 7 2		
♠ 10 9 4 3	N		♠ 8 6 2
♥ K J 5 3 2			♥ 8 7 6
	W	E	
♦ J			♦ K 3
♣ A K 5	S		♣ Q J 10 9 8
	♠ -		
	♥ A 10 9 4		
	♦ A Q 10 7 4 2		
	♣ 6 4 3		

## Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Harari</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Doussot</i>	<i>Michalik</i>
1 ♥	2 ♠	pass	1 ♦
			3 NT

pass            pass            pass

*Open Room:*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Pazur</i>	<i>Duménil</i>	<i>Miechowicz</i>	<i>Flacassier</i>
1 ♥	1 ♠	pass	1 ♦
pass	4 ♠	all pss	2 ♦

This time France chose the sensible major game but Jagniewski passed 3NT with no outside entry to his hand never dreaming partner had a void!!

France had run out winners 49-22, 20-10 VPs. They hadn't done as well as their Schools team but they had kept their chances alive.

## WORTH A SECOND LOOK (3)

*by Maureen Dennison*

Poland met Hungary in round 4 and this was board 7, beautifully bid by Krzysztof and Rafat Jagniewski to 6NT but the play was the thing.

Board 7	♠ A K J 8 6		
S/ALL	♥ K 10		
	♦ A 10 4		
	♣ K Q 7		
	┌──────────┐		
♠ 9 5 4	N	♠ 7	
♥ 6		♥ J 9 5 4 3 2	
♦ K 7 2	W	E	♦ J 8 6 5 3
♣ A J 9 8 5 2	S	♣ 4	
	┌──────────┐		
	♠ Q 10 3 2		
	♥ A Q 8 7		
	♦ Q 9		
	♣ 10 6 3		

In the open room Pawe\_ Miechowicz, sitting East for Poland, made a Michaels Cue Bid over 1♠ (bravery? foolhardy on two jacks?) and Hungary finished in 4♠ plus one. The overtrick was made without the help of the automatic transfer squeeze described in Bulletin 3, page 7, because declarer guessed to play low on the diamond return by East.

This was the auction in the Closed Room.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Szalka</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Gulyás</i>	<i>Michalik</i>
pass	1 ♠	pass	pass
dbl.	3 ♣ <sup>2</sup>	pass	2 ♣ <sup>1</sup>
pass	4 ♣ <sup>4</sup>	pass	3 ♠ <sup>3</sup>
pass	4 NT <sup>5</sup>	pass	4 ♥ <sup>4</sup>
pass	5 ♥ <sup>7</sup>	pass	5 ♦ <sup>6</sup>
pass	6 NT	all pass	5 NT <sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Drury

<sup>2</sup> game force

<sup>3</sup> 4+ spades, balanced

<sup>4</sup> cuebid

<sup>5</sup> RKC

<sup>6</sup> one Ace from five

<sup>7</sup> Asking for the ♥Q

<sup>8</sup> "I got it, but no outside King"

A club was led to the Ace, which solved one problem for declarer, and a second was played to the King. Next Jagniewski played two spades ending in dummy and took the Chinese finesse of the unsupported ♦Q. West, Tamas Szalka, was not fooled and covered, and the trick was taken by the Ace. But see what had happened. Declarer had transferred the menace. On the run of the spades and the clubs Daniel Guylas was squeezed in the

reds. Note at this table East did not make the revealing Michaels Cue to help declarer find the winning line. Maybe this hand is also a candidate for the best play, too.

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## PUZZLES

*by Ton Kooijman*

I got two good answers on all three problems, from a Danish junior and a Czech senior.

I give you the solution of the second one. The number 2450 can be split up in many groups of three factors. If the sums of these three factors were all different, the one twice as big as the age of the organist would be the guilty one and the organist would have known. Thus at least two of these sums have to be the same. Doing some calculations you find out that 5,10,49 and 7,7,50 are the only ones complying, both adding up to 64 (which makes the organist a nice 32 years old musician, but don't be diverted). We understand that the organist cannot make a choice. Why can he after the priest's remark: 'But I am the oldest'.? Let us say the priest is 63, does it help? I don't see why. You need a small brainwave: it only helps if the priest is exactly 50 years old, then 7,7,50 is not possible any more.

I also got two new problems, one of which you should know about, coming from Greece.

Construct a bridge deal in which NS can make 3NT with best defence, with a minimum of high card points. NS is not allowed to have 5-cards or longer suits.