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SAWATDEE!



Welcome to the 11th World Youth Team Championships, Bangkok, the City of Angels, and Thailand, the Land of Smiles.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all - players, officials and members of staff - to the eleventh World Youth Team Championships. This is the first time that our premier event has included a Schools Championship alongside the well-established Junior Championship for the Ortiz-Patino Trophy and, with 16 countries competing in this new Championship for the Jose Damiani Trophy, everything points to its being a great success.

This is the second time that our Championships have been held in Asia and the first time that any bridge World Championship has been held in Thailand. The Baiyoke Sky Hotel is an excellent venue for our tournament, offering superb playing and working accommodation, as well as all the amenities one would expect from a first-class hotel. The marvellous venue is matched by the hard work of the Thai Bridge Federation's organising committee, chaired by Khunying Chodchoy Sophonpanich, and in particular by the efforts of on-site organiser, Vallapa Svangsopakul.

We are greatly honoured to have the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, His Excellency Suwat Liptapanlop, present at the opening of these Championships. Also, Khunying Chodchoy Sophonpanich, member of the Thailand parlia-

ment and President of the Pacific Asia Bridge Federation, and Admiral Prasert Boonsong, President of the Contract Bridge League of Thailand.

I have every confidence that all teams will contribute to the success of the Championships with their fair and ethical play in an atmosphere of great sportsmanship. I am sure that you will also find time to explore this wonderful city and to meet the Thai people, some of the warmest, friendliest and most cultured in the world.

All in all, let us all do whatever it takes to add one more great success to the history of the World Youth Team Championship.

Enjoy your stay in Bangkok.

Panos Gerontopoulos

WBF Youth Committee Chairman

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THE OPENING CEREMONY



As always, Stefan Back was the master-of-ceremonies at an opening event that went as smoothly as one would expect in Stefan's capable hands. Admiral Prasert Boonsong was the first speaker, followed by Khunying Chodchoy Sophonpanich. Then came the highlight of the opening, with the speech of His Excellency, the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Suwat Liptapanlop, who spoke of the importance and popularity of bridge in Thailand, with its benefits in learning structured thinking and concentration. Later, His Excellency came back to the podium to unfurl the WBF flag and, with Panos, declare the Championships open.

Panos, of course, welcomed us all to the Championships.

When he spoke of his many visits to Thailand in the course of organising these Championships, he spoke in a way which we have not heard before, when talking about the friendliness and gentleness of the Thai people. I too have visited Thailand many times over the past few years and share Panos's feelings about the Thais. I hope that you will too.

The ceremony ended with the taking of team photographs, of all teams with the exception of the two from Poland. Will the lack of recovery time affect the performance of many people's favourites to win at least the Junior title? Only time will tell.





TODAY'S PROGRAM



JUNIORS SESSION 1

1	JORDAN	EGYPT
2	THAILAND	POLAND
3	BRAZIL	CHILE
4	CHINA HONG KONG	SINGAPORE
5	NORWAY	JAPAN
6	ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA
7	HUNGARY	ITALY
8	USA1	FRANCE
9	USA2	CANADA

SCHOOLS SESSION 1

41	INDONESIA	CHINESE TAIPEI
42	THAILAND	CHINA
43	CANADA	CHINA HONG KONG
44	USA RED	USA BLUE
45	PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA
46	NORWAY	ITALY
47	POLAND	SWEDEN
48	LATVIA	ISRAEL

JUNIORS SESSION 2

1	USA2	JORDAN
2	CANADA	USA1
3	FRANCE	HUNGARY
4	ITALY	ISRAEL
5	AUSTRALIA	NORWAY
6	JAPAN	CHINA HONG KONG
7	SINGAPORE	BRAZIL
8	CHILE	THAILAND
9	POLAND	EGYPT

SCHOOLS SESSION 2

41	LATVIA	INDONESIA
42	ISRAEL	POLAND
43	SWEDEN	NORWAY
44	ITALY	PAKISTAN
45	AUSTRALIA	USA RED
46	USA BLUE	CANADA
47	CHINA HONG KONG	THAILAND
48	CHINA	CHINESE TAIPEI

JUNIORS SESSION 3

1	JORDAN	SINGAPORE
2	CHILE	JAPAN
3	POLAND	AUSTRALIA
4	EGYPT	ITALY
5	THAILAND	FRANCE
6	BRAZIL	CANADA
7	CHINA HONG KONG	USA2
8	NORWAY	USA1
9	ISRAEL	HUNGARY

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48	NORWAY	POLAND

Team Profiles

We would like to publish team profiles in the Daily Bulletin of all 34 teams at this Championship. This is not only of interest to others present in Bangkok or reading the bulletins on the internet, but is valuable material for bridge journalists around the world. Ideally, we would like to receive the profiles in electronic form, however, handwritten is OK — but only if your handwriting is more legible than mine.

Thank you!

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Junior Series – ROUND 1 – 10.00

USA 1 v France

Schools Series – ROUND 2 – 14.00

China Hong Kong v Thailand

Junior Series – ROUND 3 – 17.30

Israel v Hungary

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP I (1987)

The first World Junior Teams Championship was held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July 12—18 1987. It was organised by the only recently appointed WBF Youth Committee, chaired by Andre Boekhorst (Netherlands), and also consisting of Panos Gerontopoulos (Greece), Ernesto d'Orsi (Brazil) and James Zimmerman (USA).

Only five teams took part, though every WBF zone was entitled to send a team. The five were USA, Argentina, Indonesia and France, all zonal champions, plus the host nation, Netherlands. They played a double round robin to decide the two finalists, who then played an 80-board match to decide the title. As you will see, there were some pretty big names in those two teams.

The Netherlands won the first round robin ahead of France and Argentina, and it was the same two at the top of the second round robin ahead of USA. That produced this final qualifying table:

- 1 Netherlands 169.8**
- 2 France 154.6**
- 3 USA 101**
- 4 Argentina 82.3**
- 5 Indonesia 78.9**

France gained a huge swing on this deal against Argentina, but the South Americans had an opportunity to almost flatten the board.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ J 9 6 5 3 2 ♣ J 10 9 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		♠ A Q 7 6 4 3 ♥ J 10 ♦ K 8 ♣ Q 7 4	♠ K 10 8 2 ♥ 7 5 4 3 ♦ 4 ♣ A 8 6 5
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Cronier</i>		<i>Desrousseaux</i>
Pass	INT	2♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dble
All Pass			

Benedicte Cronier opened INT and the Argentinian East showed a single-suited overcall. When Christian Desrousseaux doubled, perhaps West might have taken the opportunity to suggest playing in his long suit, but he failed to take that opportunity so East converted to his suit, promptly doubled again by Desrousseaux.

A heart lead was won by the king and Cronier switched

to king and another club to get her ruff. The ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff, the ace of hearts, and two trump tricks meant down four for —1100.

There was even more action in the other room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>		<i>Quantin</i>	
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

Hearing his opponents scrape into game and looking at a void in a relatively weak hand, suggesting that partner would have entries to give a second ruff, Franck Multon tried a speculative double of 4♥. North redoubled, ending the auction, and Jean—Christophe Quantin started with ace and another spade for Multon to ruff. Declarer went up with the ace on the diamond switch and could have come to an overtrick by cashing the top trumps, scoring +1030 and losing just 2 IMPs. But he expected a bad trump break for the double so crossed to dummy with a diamond ruff and led a trump. When Multon followed with the eight, he finessed the nine, losing to the ten, and a second spade ruff put West in to lead a third diamond, promoting a trick for East's ♥J. That was two down for —600 and a massive 17 IMPs to France.

The French were not quite so successful on this deal from a round robin encounter with the Dutch team.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Any player who wishes to exchange their backpack for one with longer straps, please take it to the hospitality desk today (Sunday). It will take one week for you to receive your new backpack.

THE 2005 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

by Ron Klinger

I did not have time to include these deals in my writings for the Daily Bulletin in Sydney last year, but featured them in my newspaper column for the Sydney Herald, and thought that they might make a nice taster for the 2006 Championships in Bangkok.

At the halfway mark of the 96-board final, Poland led USA1 by 122.5 — 77, a healthy 45.5 IMP lead. The fourth 16-board segment was the wildest of the final, in which 92 IMPs changed hands. This was the first swing:

Board 49. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K J 9 6 5 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A 10 3	<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 4 3 ♥ K J 7 6 5 ♦ 10 7 ♣ Q 4 2	♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A K Q J 5 4 2 ♣ 9
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Poland North/South

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	INT(i)	2♠	3NT
All Pass			

(i) Transfer to clubs
Lead: ♥6

Declarer took the ace of hearts and cashed out for nine tricks; +400.

USA1 North/South

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble(i)	2♠	4NT
Pass	5♣(ii)	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

(i) 4+ hearts, 6+ points
(ii) One key card for diamonds
Lead: ♠6

From the East/West bidding, South took the inference that North would have one spade at most. If so, there was a good chance that North would have a few diamonds in addition to the promised hearts. South therefore jumped to 4NT, RKCB for diamonds, and bid 6♦ on finding one ace opposite.

South took the ace of spades and led the ♣9. West ducked but declarer rose with the ♣K. When that held, he continued with ♥A, heart ruff, spade ruff, club ruff, spade ruff, for +920 and 11 IMPs to USA1.

Nicely bid and well played by Justin Lall, but West could have set the contract. West has 10 HCP and East would have a few points, perhaps 6—9. It is clear that South is bidding slam despite holding below 30 HCP, so will require extra tricks by ruffing. A trump lead would be enough to beat the slam and, as it happens, a less intuitive heart lead would also do it.

Two boards later USA1 struck again:

Board 51. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 5 4 2 ♥ A Q 9 5 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ 10	<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		♠ A J 9 8 ♥ K J ♦ A 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ 5	♠ 6 ♥ 8 6 4 3 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ 9 8 4 3 2
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Poland North/South

West	North	East	South
			2♣(i)
Dble	5♣	5♦	All Pass

(i) 10—15 points, long clubs

Lead: ♣A

North followed with the nine of clubs and South might have taken that as suit—preference, as he switched to a spade. Still, it made no difference with the actual trump position; USA1 +600.

USA1 North/South

West	North	East	South
			1♣
1♠	3♣(i)	4♣(ii)	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

(i) Pre-emptive
(ii) Strong spade raise

Lead: ♣2

South won and switched to hearts. When declarer played the ♠A and a spade to the king, he was one down for—100 and 12 IMPs to USA1.

Given North's pre-emptive raise and the fact that the bulk of the missing points would be with South, there was evidence to place the ♠Q with South and make 5♠.