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YOUNG ISRAELI LEADS RACE FOR GOLD

The second day of the Championship saw the players contest two sessions of 24 boards.

By virtue of posting a 61.38% score, Poland's **Michal Nowosadzki** moved to the top of the table after two sessions of play had been completed. He was almost 2% clear of, Israel's **Lotan Fisher** who also scored well, amassing 61.76%. These two were followed by two players from the host country, **Robert Glickman** and **Matthew Bernardina**, the latter collecting an impressive 65.33%. Australia's **Gabby Feiler** was fifth, just ahead of the best placed girl, Canadian **Shona Crausen**.

None of the leading players managed to post a significant score in the penultimate session, and with 24 deals to go **Lotan Fisher** has moved ahead of Michal Nowosadzki and Gabby Feiler.

Michal Kopecky of the Czech Republic has jumped into fourth position, just in front of Americans Matthew Bernardina and Robert Glickman.

Although the destination of the medals probably lies between these six contenders, it is still possible for a player to leapfrog them all by virtue of an outstanding last round. We shall have to wait and see!

Three for the Road

The efforts undertaken by three Canadian juniors to make it to this championship are definitely worth an honourable mention.

They drove from Kingston, Ontario, to Syracuse, New York, to catch a plane at 10 am on Wednesday morning to take them to New York City. When they arrived at the airport their flight was delayed several times due to thunderstorms in the New York area and finally cancelled.

To make things even worse, at that time of the day it was impossible for them to get on another plane to make it to New York in time to play the first session of the Individual.

So the brave Canadians got back into their car, drove for more than eight hours to arrive in New York in the middle of the night. And here they are playing from session two onwards.

Welcome, you have our admiration!

WORLD JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL • RESULTS after Session 3

1	FISHER	Lotan	ISR	59.67	59	FERRARI	Francesco	ITA	49.66
2	NOWOSADZKI	Michal	POL	58.60	60	GLICKMAN	Marc	USA	49.61
3	FEILER	Gabby	AUS	58.02	61	PAPAROU	Aldo	ITA	49.57
4	KOPECKY	Michal	CZE	57.96	62	SCHULZ	Dieter	AUT	49.46
5	BERNARDINA	Matthew	USA	57.62	63	HELLER	Josh	CAN	49.41
6	GLICKMAN	Robert	USA	57.48	64	DALLEY	Ken	AUS	49.33
7	VROUSTIS	Vassilis	GRE	56.94	65	MALESA	Marcin	POL	49.06
8	FELDMAN	Jason	USA	56.56	66	DUBAY	Andrew	USA	48.93
9	UCAN	Ozan Ildeniz	TUR	56.46	67	SIMONSEN	Fredrik	NOR	48.87
10	LINDQVIST	Espen	NOR	56.39	68	DAVIS	Emmet	IRL	48.84
11	WORTEL	Meike	NED	55.53	69	MAYEFSKY	Eric	USA	48.81
12	VULCAN	Bogdan	ROM	55.02	70	VOSKO	Jeremy	USA	48.74
13	LAZAR	Catalin-Lucian	ROM	54.91	71	BARONI	Irene	ITA	48.72
14	SIKORA	Jan	POL	54.79	72	NIZIOL	Filip	POL	48.53
15	CRAUSEN	Shona	CAN	54.76	73	MANNO	Andrea	ITA	48.50
16	RUBINS	Karlis	LAT	54.41	74	MANDRUTA	Cosmin	ROM	48.45
17	DAJWLOWSKI	Michal	USA	54.34	75	INGOLIA	Gregory	USA	48.30
18	HODEROVA	Pavla	CZE	54.27	76	MORTENSEN	Christina	DEN	48.28
19	AGUOJI	Uchenna	USA	54.06	77	EIDE	Petter	NOR	48.11
20	MASSIÉ	Meg	USA	53.76	78	GENSHEIMER	Michael	USA	48.03
21	LEANDERSSON	Per	SWE	53.71	79	VANCE	Gregory	USA	47.98
22	O'REILLY-POL	Thomas	USA	53.70	80	BARTH	John	USA	47.97
23	ANDERSON	Erin	CAN	53.66	81	GRAHAM	Michael	ENG	47.97
24	ANASTASATOS	Aris	GRE	53.46	82	WONG	Henry	USA	47.96
25	PAHK	Joon	USA	53.38	83	RECHT	Dan	USA	47.95
26	KULOVIC	Sandra	CRO	53.25	84	THOTONGKAM	Chirawut	THA	47.91
27	CHAMUT	Facundo	USA	53.22	85	FLORES	Nicholas	USA	47.62
28	GERLI	Aldo	ITA	53.14	86	DWYER	Kevin	USA	47.62
29	PIOTROWSKI	Przemyslaw	POL	52.95	87	LIVGARD	Allan	NOR	47.48
30	KARAMANLIS	Philippos	GRE	52.70	88	MANCHANDA	Nikhil	USA	47.34
31	WORTEL	Marten	NED	52.61	89	OCALAN	Murat	TUR	47.27
32	GJALDBAEK	Kare	DEN	52.44	90	OHLIGER	Jonathan	USA	47.26
33	SORLING	Bjorn	SWE	52.43	91	DOXIADIS	Konstantinos	GRE	47.14
34	ASSARAF	Eran	ISR	52.31	92	COFINI	Alessandro	ITA	47.09
35	DE ROOS	Steve	BEL	52.30	93	FISHER	Mather	USA	47.07
36	TRIMARCHI	Giancarlo	ITA	52.01	94	GAFFIN	Ronald	SCO	46.85
37	YUAN	Xing	USA	51.99	95	SUNDSTROM	James	USA	46.64
38	OFIR	Gilad	ISR	51.96	96	KROT	James	USA	46.51
39	MORGAN	Frazer	SCO	51.76	97	PFEIFER	Gerald	ENG	46.49
40	BOJOVIC	Ivan	SCG	51.69	98	ARGELASI	Eliran	ISR	46.42
41	MONTANARI	Matteo	ITA	51.69	99	MAUGERI	Aurelio	ITA	46.42
42	BIRMAN	Alon	ISR	51.59	100	LIEN	Owen	USA	46.20
43	NAWROCKI	Piotr	POL	51.43	101	GARNETT	Andrew	USA	46.11
44	CHODCHOY	Sunisa	THA	51.10	102	DE DONDER	Steve	BEL	45.65
45	BAL	Vijay	USA	51.08	103	ZUCKERBERG	Donna	USA	45.10
46	SCHWARTZ	Ron	ISR	51.04	104	BOTTA	Giorgia	ITA	44.81
47	MELA	Joseph	ENG	50.90	105	ZIMBLER	Jonathan	USA	44.80
47	AAL	Sverre Johan	NOR	50.90	106	MANSOUR	George	USA	44.72
49	MORRISON	Philip	SCO	50.76	107	SOUZA	Jonathan de	ENG	44.69
50	SINCLAIR	Andrew	SCO	50.57	108	RUPPIN	Elianna	USA	44.41
51	SHAH	Shivan	ENG	50.52	109	DONOVAN	Mark	CAN	44.35
52	WARE	Griffith	AUS	50.49	110	WALTERS	Nathan	USA	44.31
53	HYDES	Alexander	ENG	50.08	111	PISANO	Simone	ITA	43.40
54	ELMER	Marcin	POL	50.02	112	FOSTER	Zach	USA	43.40
55	ROKYTA	Martin	AUT	50.01	113	DONOVAN	Matt	CAN	41.74
56	WILKINSON	Alexander	SCO	49.93	114	LIN	Jennifer	USA	38.90
57	BYRNE	Brenden	USA	49.78	115	KAPLAN	Adam	USA	38.78
58	MANN	George	USA	49.68	116	CAMPBELL	Andrew	USA	37.17

Double? No trouble!

Alon Birman came to the bulletin office (Morgan Suite) to report on a doubled slam he won, when his partner's bidding showed confidence in his declarer play:

Board 13. Dealer North. All vul.

♠ Q J 10 3 2 ♥ K J 6 ♦ 5 4 ♣ K Q J	♠ K 8 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ A Q J 10 9 7 3 ♣ 10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 9 5 ♥ Q 10 7 4 ♦ K 2 ♣ A 8 5 3	♠ 7 6 4 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ 8 6 ♣ 9 7 6 4 2	
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West	North <i>Birman</i>	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

East led a diamond to the ten and king and North rattled off seven rounds of diamonds. Under pressure West had to let go two spades, one heart and two clubs, so Birman arrived at the following ending:

	♠ 8 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ - ♣ 10		
♠ Q J ♥ K J ♦ - ♣ K	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 9 ♥ Q 10 ♦ - ♣ A	♠ 7 ♥ 9 5 ♦ - ♣ 9 7	

He now played a club to the ace and had a complete picture of the hand when West's king fell. He cashed the ♠A and exited with the ♠9. In with the ♠Q West had to return a heart into declarer's combined tenace. Twelve tricks and a well deserved top score.

News from all over the world

BAGHDAD - Iraq was hit by a new wave of terror attacks today as the government announced the creation of a new intelligence service to 'annihilate' the insurgency. Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's pledge came hours after the latest in a string of terror strikes killed 10 in western Iraq.

WELLINGTON - Two alleged Israeli secret agents are jailed in New Zealand for six-months for illegally trying to obtain a passport.

ADDIS ABABA - Sudanese government officials and rebels fighting a 17-month war in western Sudan are expected to begin talks in Ethiopia.

Weather - Partly cloudy, humidity 68%, temperature 70-83°F or 21-28°C

Sports News

GOLF - Tiger Woods overcame some sloppy play to shoot a 1-under in the first round of the British Open. Hometown fave Colin Montgomerie finished at 2-under. But it's Paul Casey and Thomas Levet who atop the leaderboard at 5-under.

CYCLING - On the day Frenchman David Moncoutie won Stage 11 of the Tour de France. American Lance Armstrong, who finished ninth and remains in sixth overall, accused French reporters of trying to rummage through his hotel room in search of doping evidence. France 3 investigative reporter Hugues Huet called the charges 'completely ridiculous'.

SOCCKER - In the South American championship, Copa America, Paraguay ended Brazil's unbeaten streak Wednesday and Costa Rica beat Chile late for the last spot in the quarters.

They've only just begun

Individual, Session 1

Who do you pick in an Individual event to write up some hands for the bulletin? As Kare Gjaldbaek from Denmark is a reigning Vice World Junior Teams champion, the bulletin sent Andrea Pagani to follow his scores in the first session of the World Junior Individual.

At each table one had to play three boards with East, South and West rotating to achieve a new pairing on each board.

Board 5. Dealer North. North/South vul.

<p>♠ K 10 9 6 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K Q 8 3 ♣ 8 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q ♥ A 8 7 6 2 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ J 10 4 2</p>	<p>♠ A J ♥ J 9 5 4 ♦ A J 7 ♣ A Q 6 5</p>
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West	North Gjaldbaek	East de Roos	South
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

East/West avoided the normal spot of 3NT, when West refused to bid 3♦ on his second turn and showed a (non-existent) 6-card spade suit instead. As declarer has ten easy tricks in 3NT, Steve de Roos from Belgium was on a 'mission impossible' for eleven tricks. Really impossible?

South led a diamond to declarer's ace. ♠A fell North's queen and declarer proceeded to cash the ♠J. Then he crossed to the ♦K and played three more rounds of spades to end up in no trumps so to speak. Then he played a heart to the nine and ten. Now South laid down the ♥K and could have exited with a diamond, but somehow he forgot to count

declarer's points and switched to a small club. Declarer grateful scored the ♣Q and claimed for one overtrick.

Steve de Roos stayed in the East seat to become declarer once again - a good strategy in Individuals anyway, with West and South exchanging their seats:

Board 6. Dealer East. East/West vul.

<p>♠ K 8 7 4 ♥ 9 ♦ A K Q J 6 5 4 ♣ 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ - ♥ A K 10 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A K Q 10 7 4 3</p>	<p>♠ A J 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ 2 ♣ J 9 8</p>
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West	North Gjaldbaek	East de Roos	South
		3♠	Pass
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♠	Dbl	All Pass	

North's double proved to be unsuccessful as it took declarer just a few seconds to claim eleven tricks, when 6♥ is a good save for down one on a likely diamond lead and 6♣ would make should East try to cash the ♠A.

At another table e.g. the bidding went much better for North/South:

West	North	East	South
		3♠	Pass
4♠	5♣	Dbl	5♥
5♠	6♥	All Pass	

We don't know where double and 5♥ came from, but 6♥ went just one off to give East/West a poor +50.



Kare Gjaldbaek

So far Andrea must have been happy that Kare Gjaldbaek didn't send him away as the results were not living up to expectations, but there were better times to come.

Board 9. Dealer North. East/West vul.

♠ A 2 ♥ K J 7 3 2 ♦ Q J 9 6 ♣ K 10	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 4 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 8 7 5 4 ♣ Q 9 5 4 3	♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ K ♣ A J 8 7 6
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W		E										
	S											

West	North Gjaldbaek	East Rokyta	South
	Pass	Pass	1♠
DbI	Pass	2♣	All Pass

The good thing about West's double was, it got his side into the bidding, the bad news was that they missed their heart fit. But does West have alterna-

tives? If he passes, North will bid 1NT, South will bid 2♦ and after two passes East doesn't have a suitable hand for any kind of reopening action. So the alternative bid, 2♥, would have won the prize, as 3♥ is on.

Here, South led a spade and declarer took the ♠A and erred by cashing the ♣K, instead of letting the ♣10 run. Then he played a diamond to the ♦K and ♦A. South returned the ♠Q overtaken by partner's ♠K, who now instead of playing the ♣Q tried a small club, which declarer let run to dummy's ten. The ♦QJ were cashed to provide spade discards and a diamond ruff followed. Then declarer played a heart to the ♥J. North won the ♥Q and played back a heart to his partner's ♥A. East scored two more trump tricks in the end to come to eight tricks, but +90 was only worth a score below average.

Board 11. Dealer South. None vul.

♠ Q 8 5 4 ♥ K 9 8 7 ♦ 8 5 ♣ Q J 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ 6 ♥ A Q 6 3 ♦ A 10 2 ♣ 10 8 7 5 2	♠ A K 10 9 7 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ 4 3
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West	North Gjaldbaek	East Bojovic	South
	Pass	1♥	Pass
	2♠	3♠	Pass
	4♠	Pass	DbI
All Pass			

Kare found a lead-directing third seat opening bid, and neither West nor East found a way to stop the bidding until they had reached the four level on a combined 21 count. South showed no mercy and doubled on his two club tricks and led the ♣A followed by a switch to hearts. North cashed two tricks in his best suit, laid down the ♦A and returned a club to partner's king. That was an easy down two and +300 proved to be an excellent score beating all possible partials.

Life is tough out there

Individual, Session 2

This article on the second session features Philippos Karamanlis of Greece, one of the most experienced juniors in the field, who did very well in the first 21 boards to be in ninth place with a decent 59,9%.

Things started well for Karamanlis, when he became declarer on the very first board:

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ Q 10 8 4 3 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A K Q 3 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		<p>♠ 8 7 4 ♥ A K J ♦ K Q 8 6 4 ♣ 10 8</p>	<p>♠ A 6 2 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ A 10 9 7 3 ♣ 9 4</p>
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W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ K Q 10 9 5 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ J ♣ J 7 6 5</p>											

West	North <i>Birman</i>	East	South <i>Karamanlis</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♥	Dbl	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East/West didn't know that they had four tricks to cash, so West started with the ♣AK and innocently switched to a heart. Philippos is not the one to let such a chance go by unnoticed. He successfully finessed the jack, cashed the ace and king and discarded his singleton diamond. Then he went for a successful ruffing finesse in diamonds, ♦K, ace, ruffed, before he laid down the queen of trumps. West had to play the jack and East ducked but declarer played the hand flawlessly until the end. He now ruffed a club and discarded another one on the ♦Q and claimed for ten tricks.

In the next round Karamanlis and his partner Bjorn Sorling from Sweden bid a hand competently to the five level despite a lot of 'noise' made by their opponents:

Board 6. Dealer East. East/West vul.

<p>♠ K 5 4 3 ♥ Q 10 7 6 5 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		<p>♠ J 9 7 6 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ 10 8 2</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ A K J 2 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ Q 9 7 6 4</p>
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W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ Q 10 8 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 9 6 5 3 ♣ A K J 5</p>											

West <i>Sorling</i>	North	East <i>Karamanlis</i>	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
5♦	Pass	5♥	All Pass

North put pressure on East, who took it up from there and jumped aggressively to 4♥. South raised his partner, not having seen the tram tickets North had bid on. With an awkward decision, West judged that if his partner had the values to bid 4♥, then 5♥ must be on for his side, but he carefully bid 5♦, not only to show a really good hand, but to direct partner's lead, should the opponents bid on.

In 5♥ declarer won the trump lead with the ace, played another heart to the ten and continued with a small club to the nine and jack. South returned a diamond to North's king, who returned a spade to dummy's ace. From here declarer played a simple cross ruff to come to eleven tricks.

In the third round North as well as South stretched their cards a little too much. When East/West defended 'au point' a bad score, a so-called 'kiss of death' was not to be avoided:

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Board 7. Dealer South. All vul.

♠ A 8		♠ 10 5 2									
♥ K J 5 2		♥ Q 9									
♦ K 6 5		♦ A Q 10 3 2									
♣ Q J 6 5		♣ 8 7 3									
♠ K 7	<table border="1" style="background-color: #333; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 6 4 3
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		S									
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♦ 9 4	♦ J 8 7										
♣ A K 4 2		♣ 10 9									

West	North	East	South
<i>Botta</i>	<i>Schulz</i>	<i>Aguoji</i>	<i>Karamanlis</i>
1♥	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠	3♦	2♥
All Pass			3♠

North's 14 HCP without any middle cards doesn't quite qualify for 15-18 balanced, but so be it. South was happy to be able to transfer into spades, as although transfers after a INT-overcall are not in the system, West had opened a heart, so what else could 2♥ be? North had no trouble bidding 2♠, but now East joined in and advanced to the three level. South - not impressed, that he only had a 4 count - bid a second time to end the auction.

The defence was fast and furious. ♥Q to the ace, diamond to the queen, ♦A, diamond ruff and ♣AK gave East/West six tricks to score a healthy +200.

On the next board a lot depended on the opening lead:

Board 12. Dealer West. North/South vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Crausen</i>	<i>Mindruta</i>	<i>Karamanlis</i>	<i>Anastasatos</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♣
All Pass	4♦	Pass	6NT

Like many others Karamanlis failed to lead a small heart that sets the contract, as declarer will lose a heart trick to go with the ♣K. When East led a club instead, Cosmin Mindruta took the chance and displayed his skills. He finessed and when West took the king unblocked the ♣Q, won the diamond return with the king, cashed the ♥A, played a spade to the king and unblocked the ♠Q. Next he returned to his hand with the ♣J to cash the ♠A and the ♦A to reach the following five card ending:

♠ 9		♠ 10									
♥ 10		♥ 7 5 4									
♦ Q 9		♦ -									
♣ 5		♣ 4									
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		S									
♥ K J 6	♥ Q										
♦ J 6	♦ 7										
♣ -		♣ A 10 9									

When declarer now played a club to the ace and cashed another club, West was still able to discard two hearts, but he had no good answer to the third club. As she could not release the king of hearts, West discarded a diamond, but that secured two diamond trick for North without any guessing required. A small slam on a show up squeeze, well done!

The same line was found by Eliran Argelasi of Israel after a spade lead to gain +1440 as well.

In the lead after 45 boards is Michal Nowosadzki, a member of the Polish Schools Team, that won the World Championships a day ago. The young Pole leads the field of 116 juniors with an impressive 63.1%. Lotan Fisher of Israel is second with 61.3% and Robert Glickman of the USA is in third position with 60.9%. Four more players scored 60% or better: Matthew Bernardina (USA, 60.7%), Gabby Feiler (Australia, 60.6%), Shona Crausen (Canada, 60.4) and Jason Feldman (USA, 60.1).

Commedia dell' arte

Our Italian friends report two deals from session two that should not go unmentioned. The first is about good technique (*arte*), the second one sheer comedy (*commedia*):

Board 20. Dealer West. All vul.

♠ K 7 6 3 ♥ K 9 ♦ 6 5 ♣ A Q J 8 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ J 2 ♥ A Q 5 4 3 ♦ A K Q 2 ♣ K 9	♠ A Q 9 5 ♥ 6 2 ♦ J 10 9 8 7 ♣ 10 6
N		E							
W		S							

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Taking the bidding into account South should have found the spade lead to set the contract immediately but went for ♥J instead. Declarer took the ♥K then cashed the ♥AQ still hoping the suit would split 3-3. He also spotted another chance: if hearts were 4-2 with North holding four of them and the ♠A was with South, he could still play a spade to the king without risking a heart loser. He would come to 12 tricks via 5 clubs, 3 diamonds, 3 hearts and a spade - but that was not the case on the actual layout.

However declarer started cashing clubs and all of a sudden North was in deep trouble. On the fifth club his option was to bare the ♠A or to discard his fourth diamond abandoning the suit. But whatever he did, East had his twelfth trick in the bag. This ending would be easy to foresee, because North would have to let go the ♠Q on the fifth club, so ducking a spade would be an obvious thing to do. At the table North made life even easier for East as he gave up the diamond guard and East's ♦2 became the vital 12th trick.

Board 22. Dealer East. East/West vul.

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West	North	East	South
	Montanari		Baroni
1♥	2♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	4NT
All Pass			6♠

Against the obscure contract of 6♠ - no comment on the bidding - a club lead has some significant advantages. First of all it is the normal lead and second of all it is the only one to beat the contract. Declarer no longer has the communication to draw the eight (!) outstanding trumps and develop another eight tricks in the side suits.

Unfortunately West heard of a certain theory that one should lead aces against slams, so he laid down the ♦A at trick one, just to discover that seconds later it was all over. Declarer took the club switch, cashed the ♠Q, played a heart to the ace and ran three more rounds of trumps to enjoy all the club and diamond tricks afterwards.

It must have been great fun for the spectators to see the disbelief in the defenders' eyes, when they realized that both of them followed suit in spades four times!

