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POLAND TAKES SECOND GOLD!

Day three of the Individual Championship saw an exciting finish. Up to board 72 **Lotan Fisher** of Israel held the lead only to lose it to **Michal Nowosadzki** of Poland after 75 boards. The new frontrunner was overtaken after 78 boards by **Gabby Feiler** from Australia who lost his lead after 81 boards to **Vassilis Vroustis** from Greece.

No more results were posted and the excitement reached a fever pitch as the tournament drew to an end.

Then the scoring team put the final foil onto the overhead projector and it materialized that a member of the Polish Schools team that had taken gold earlier this week, became a double world champion in New York City. **Michal Nowosadzki** had a strong finish to climb to the top again with **Gabby Feiler** of Australia and **Meike Wortel** of the Netherlands winning silver and bronze. The top ten is completed by **Robert Glickman** (USA), **Jan Sikora** (Poland), **Lotan Fisher** (Israel), **Vassilis Vroustis** (Greece), **Przemyslaw Piotrowski** (Poland), **Karlis Rubins** (Latvia) and **Ozan Ucan** (Turkey).

At the Closing ceremony **Bruce Reeve**, **Joan Gerard**, **Panos Gerontopoulos** and **José Damiani** thanked the organizers and congratulated the participants for 'being them' and the future of bridge. The prize-giving started with three scholarships for the



Michal Nowosadzki: twice world champion

top three North Americans in the Individual, **Robert Glickman**, **Matthew Bernardina** and **Marc Glickman** presented by James Mahaffey, the donor of the cup for the Individual Championship. Then the audience stood for the national anthems of Norway, Israel and Poland, the medal winners of the Schools Teams Championship. **Gianarrigo Rona**, President of the EBL, gave special prizes to **Jan Sikora** (Poland), **Lotan Fisher** (Israel) and **Vassilis Vroustis** (Greece). The top 15 junior players in the Individual received their gifts and the anthems of The Netherlands, Australia and Poland crowned the achievements of the winners.

WORLD JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL • FINAL RESULTS

1	NOWOSADZKI	Michal	POL	58.01	59	WILKINSON	Alexander	SCO	50.34
2	FEILER	Gabby	AUS	57.88	60	BYRNE	Brenden	USA	50.19
3	WORTEL	Meike	NED	56.34	61	SCHWARTZ	Ron	ISR	49.98
4	GLICKMAN	Robert	USA	56.25	62	FERRARI	Francesco	ITA	49.81
5	SIKORA	Jan	POL	55.89	63	CRAUSEN	Shona	CAN	49.75
6	FISHER	Lotan	ISR	55.84	64	EIDE	Petter	NOR	49.66
7	VROUSTIS	Vassilis	GRE	55.73	65	MASSIE	Meg	USA	49.54
8	PIOTROWSKI	Przemyslaw	POL	55.62	66	MORTENSEN	Christina	DEN	49.47
9	RUBINS	Karlis	LAT	55.62	67	ROKYTA	Martin	AUT	49.47
10	UCAN	Ozan Ildeniz	TUR	55.02	68	NIZIOL	Filip	POL	49.44
11	LINDQVIST	Espen	NOR	54.94	69	PAPAROU	Aldo	ITA	49.34
12	KOPECKY	Michal	CZE	54.91	70	WONG	Henry	USA	49.19
13	BERNARDINA	Matthew	USA	54.89	71	GENSHEIMER	Michael	USA	49.09
14	GLICKMAN	Marc	USA	54.56	72	THOTONGKAM	Chirawut	THA	48.90
15	ASSARAF	Eran	ISR	54.28	73	DWYER	Kevin	USA	48.61
16	VULCAN	Bogdan	ROM	54.23	74	GARNETT	Andrew	USA	48.59
17	LAZAR	Catalin-Lucian	ROM	54.16	75	DALLEY	Ken	AUS	48.57
18	CHAMUT	Facundo	USA	54.09	76	LIEN	Owen	USA	48.46
19	OFIR	Gilad	ISR	54.09	77	GRAHAM	Michael	ENG	48.46
20	GJALDBAEK	Kare	DEN	54.08	78	FISHER	Mather	USA	48.37
21	HODEROVA	Pavla	CZE	53.75	79	MAYEFISKY	Eric	USA	48.35
22	DE ROOS	Steve	BEL	53.74	80	DOXIADIS	Konstantinos	GRE	48.34
23	DAJWLOWSKI	Michal	USA	53.64	81	SINCLAIR	Andrew	SCO	48.16
24	MANN	George	USA	53.57	82	MANNO	Andrea	ITA	47.86
25	TRIMARCHI	Giancarlo	ITA	53.07	83	BARTH	John	USA	47.72
26	BOJOVIC	Ivan	SCG	52.97	84	DUBAY	Andrew	USA	47.70
27	O'REILLY-POL	Thomas	USA	52.88	85	DAVIS	Emmet	IRL	47.69
28	FELDMAN	Jason	USA	52.85	86	DONOVAN	Matt	CAN	47.60
29	HELLER	Josh	CAN	52.79	87	SIMONSEN	Fredrik	NOR	47.54
30	KULOVIC	Sandra	CRO	52.45	88	SUNDSTROM	James	USA	47.34
31	WARE	Griffith	AUS	52.43	89	OHLIGER	Jonathan	USA	47.26
32	MALESA	Marcin	POL	52.30	90	MANSOUR	George	USA	46.86
33	MELA	Joseph	ENG	52.17	91	RECHT	Dan	USA	46.72
34	VANCE	Gregory	USA	52.13	92	COFINI	Alessandro	ITA	46.60
35	BAL	Vijay	USA	51.99	93	ZUCKERBERG	Donna	USA	46.57
36	ANASTASATOS	Aris	GRE	51.95	94	ARGELASI	Eliran	ISR	46.53
37	AAL	Sverre Johan	NOR	51.91	95	FLORES	Nicholas	USA	46.27
38	CHODCHOY	Sunisa	THA	51.76	96	VOSKO	Jeremy	USA	46.20
39	NAWROCKI	Piotr	POL	51.59	97	SCHULZ	Dieter	AUT	46.19
40	GERLI	Aldo	ITA	51.56	98	LIVGARD	Allan	NOR	46.18
41	MORGAN	Frazer	SCO	51.51	99	MANCHANDA	Nikhil	USA	46.15
42	PAHK	Joon	USA	51.48	100	SOUZA	Jonathan de	ENG	46.04
43	SORLING	Bjorn	SWE	51.39	101	BOTTA	Giorgia	ITA	46.02
44	LEANDERSSON	Per	SWE	51.36	102	INGOLIA	Gregory	USA	45.96
45	AGUOJI	Uchenna	USA	51.36	103	PFEIFER	Gerald	ENG	45.82
46	HYDES	Alexander	ENG	51.25	104	PISANO	Simone	ITA	45.74
47	ELMER	Marcin	POL	51.16	105	DE DONDER	Steve	BEL	45.71
48	WORTEL	Marten	NED	51.10	106	KROT	James	USA	45.36
49	OCALAN	Murat	TUR	51.08	107	GAFFIN	Ronald	SCO	45.27
50	ANDERSON	Erin	CAN	51.06	108	FOSTER	Zach	USA	44.88
51	MANDRUTA	Cosmin	ROM	50.95	109	RUPPIN	Elianna	USA	44.24
52	MORRISON	Philip	SCO	50.92	110	DONOVAN	Mark	CAN	43.85
53	SHAH	Shivan	ENG	50.90	111	ZIMBLER	Jonathan	USA	43.66
54	MONTANARI	Matteo	ITA	50.89	112	WALTERS	Nathan	USA	43.23
55	YUAN	Xing	USA	50.80	113	MAUGERI	Aurelio	ITA	42.65
56	BIRMAN	Alon	ISR	50.79	114	LIN	Jennifer	USA	41.53
57	BARONI	Irene	ITA	50.79	115	KAPLAN	Adam	USA	38.97
58	KARAMANLIS	Philipp	GRE	50.55	116	CAMPBELL	Andrew	USA	36.31

Closing Address

by Panos Gerontopoulos, WBF Youth Committee Chairman

Ladies and Gentlemen

Dear Friends and Dearest Juniors,

Thank you very much for being here tonight and sharing with us the joy of this special occasion.

This is indeed a great night for Junior bridge. We are here not only to celebrate and applaud the new world champions, but also to write what we believe it will prove a gold page in our sport's history with the inauguration of two new world competitions.

It took a long time and effort by many people to reach the point where the *World Bridge Federation* could launch a championship reserved to teenagers. But we finally got there! It is true that only two out of the eight geographical zones of the WBF were able to participate in the first edition. We are glad that they did so wholeheartedly. Despite the short notice, the host zone was able to pick up their teams and prepare for the event, while Europe had no problem being represented by the winners of the corresponding European competition which has its 10th anniversary this year. We trust that as from the next edition, due in 2006, at least two more zones will be able to participate, while the rest will be motivated to join as soon as possible.

The **World Schools Teams Championship** will soon find its rightful place as a separate series of the *World Youth Team Championships* which is now an established event of the international calendar. It is in this top class event that we show our respect to our top layers, the great talents of tomorrow. It is also in this event that the great talents of today got started some years ago. Indeed, we are glad that many of today's national open teams include people very familiar to us; the people who grew through our youth programme.

However, we should never forget that no matter



how celebrated the top echelon is, it is primarily the great mass of anonymous players that makes bridge what it is today: a sport, recognized by the *International Olympic Committee*, and practiced by millions of people in at least 125 countries all over the globe.

We certainly do not neglect our duty towards all these people. The World Junior Individual Championship, which was also inaugurated here in New York, is one of our answers. The Junior Camp that starts tomorrow, is another. Both these, are events open to all categories of players. They are events to

suit everybody. Above all, they are our means for motivating our young players, realize our promotion efforts and contribute to society through friendship and piece - as our President advocates.

Not everybody believes in our ideas and supports our efforts. Many thought that we will fail; others that it is simply not worthwhile. However, there were two persons who showed confidence and stood by our side. It is only fair that I mention these people tonight. They were the President of the *World Bridge Federation* **José Damiani** and the President of the *European Bridge League* **Gianarrigo Rona**. I would like to thank them both most heartily.

However, the greatest joy comes certainly from you, the Juniors themselves. We started this event, hoping to have 80 entries, then we raised our target to 100. But none of us could predict what finally happened. It is indeed incredible that some 120 Juniors from 23 countries and 4 WBF zones found they way to New York to take part in this competition. Dear Juniors, I cannot thank you enough for this. You are the protagonists in all our plans. You realize our dreams. You make it all worthwhile. You deserve a standing ovation and the greatest applause. Thank you so very much.

For a minute, I would like to turn to the administrators of bridge worldwide and tell them how much we appreciate their support to youth bridge. However, they can and must make more. Youth bridge is the future of our sport. Whatever is spent on youth bridge is not wasted, but rather deposited in a savings account. The bigger this account, the more unlikely is that bridge would ever need it as a pensioner.

There are very few people who do not see that without the youth, bridge will shrink and die. But there are many more whose action is not in line with their beliefs. Probably more here in America than anywhere else, people understand the principle that one gets what he is paying for. Youth bridge is not going to develop just because we so wish. Youth bridge is going to develop when administrators decide to devote funds generously for this purpose. And this will happen when they realize that spending on the youth is actually saving.

The *World Bridge Federation* supports the youth wholeheartedly. This is clear when you see what our President says and does. (And maybe, this is the right moment to thank Mr Damiani for a personal donation which gave birth to the nice trophies we will be awarding in a minute to the winners of the World Schools Team Championship.) It is also clear by the plans and activities of the WBF Youth Committee. However, the WBF is limited to what we can do, both because of lack of funds, means and jurisdiction.

The Zonal and National administrators need to become more active. We are at their disposal to help wherever and however we can. And we do so, not only with words and ideas, but also with the motivating events we are providing. Highly motivating, as it has proved here. If we can, we would like to extend the poles our activity to three, acting from Europe, North America and Pacific Asia which could well cover the Australian continent. With your help and the WBF Executive Council's support, we will.

I do not wish to bother you with more words, but it is important that we mention the few people who worked to put this year's youth events on their feet.

I shall start with our host, the ACBL, its President **Bruce Reeve** and CEO **Jay Baum**. Thank you very much for your hospitality and support.

Then comes our technical staff. Our Tournament Directors **Guillermo Poplawsky** and **Marc van Beijsterveldt** who did an excellent job. Sincere congratulations.

Our Daily Bulletin Editor, indefatigable worker of Junior bridge and dear friend **Stefan Back**. Thank you so much, Stefan.

An excellent organizer and most devoted person to our work, my close friend and collaborator, our Director of Operations **Dimitri Ballas**. Thanks Dimitri.

Two persons who worked very hard on the sidelines of the organization, **Harley Bress** and **Jeff Johnston**.

An incredible and most effective personality whom we are privileged to have always willing to undertake the most tricky problems, **Barbara Nudelman**, my dearest friend.

Finally, there are two fantastic ladies whom I have deeply into my heart. I could say - and it would be entirely true - that without them these events would not have taken place. But even that is not enough. They did whatever necessary to see the events realized. They suffered emotionally with the lack of support and indifference of people, but the quality of their work was not affected. Besides being such close friends, together we were a team where one supported the others whenever needed. I could say a lot, but prefer to condense everything in just one phrase. Junior bridge in North America will have a chance for as long as there are around people like **Joan Gerard** and **Charlotte Blaiss**.

Dear Juniors,

Once again, thank you so much for coming, and thank you for responding so positively to our calls. I know that a wonderful week lies ahead for most of us participating in the Junior Camp that starts tomorrow. To those who could not make it this time, I wish a safe journey back home and look forward to seeing you in one of our future events.

Difficult decisions

Individual, Session 3

It is now time to follow the leader of the event, **Michal Nowosadzki** from Poland, who undertook all efforts to stay in this enviable position. But the way through the third session was stony and not always to his liking.

He started the set playing in a 5-2 fit:

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

♠ J 4 ♥ A K 9 5 2 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ Q 10 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ J 9 4 3 ♣ A 9 8 5 3	♠ A 8 6 5 ♥ 8 4 ♦ Q 10 8 6 ♣ K 6 4
		♠ K Q 9 7 3 2 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ J 7	

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Mortensen</i>	<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>de Roos</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♠
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Michal Nowosadzki ended up in 4♥, when his compatriot was unwilling to bid 3NT on just one stopper. Christina Mortensen led her singleton spade and declarer went up with the ace. The key play of the hand now arrives as declarer has to duck a trump through to North who can't play another spade. Only if South goes up with the jack should declarer play an honour to shut South out.

At the table declarer played the ♥AK and another and was lucky North did not find the unblocking play of the ♥Q at trick three. In with the queen North returned a club to the jack and queen. Declarer now played a diamond to the ten and king and South was able to cash his spade trick which along with the heart, diamond, and club set the contract by one.

Had Nowosadzki, after winning the ♣Q, played

another club, he could still have succeeded. North wins the trick with ace and exits in clubs. Now declarer has to duck a diamond through to North and later on cash the ♦A to fell the stiff king in the South hand. A diamond finesse to the ten to discard a spade on the ♦Q would have been a routine play at that point.

Maybe this is just a double dummy solution, but it was a chance for fame.

Two boards later Nowosadzki was put to the test on a lead problem:

Board 3. Dealer North. None vul.

♠ Q J 6 2 ♥ A 6 ♦ J 10 6 4 3 2 ♣ J	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 8 ♥ K J ♦ A Q 7 ♣ 10 9 7 6 3 2	♠ A K 7 4 ♥ Q 10 4 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ A K 4
		♠ 9 5 3 ♥ 9 8 7 5 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q 8 5	

West	North	East	South
<i>Piotrowski</i>	<i>Mortensen</i>	<i>de Roos</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South went for the ♦K and the hand was over soon. North won the second diamond and tried a third round, but declarer ruffed with the ace, drew trumps and claimed for one overtrick.

Only a heart lead would have saved the day for the defence, as it holds declarer to ten tricks. Difficult to find, to say the least, taking the auction into account.

In the second round another 5-2 fit was waiting for the Polish declarer:



Michal Nowosadzki

Board 6. Dealer East. East/West vul.

♠ K 8 7 6 3 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #333; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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 5 ♥ 10 4 3 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ A 8 3	♠ 10 ♥ K Q J 7 2 ♦ A K 8 7 5 ♣ 6 4 ♠ A 4 2 ♥ A 8 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K Q J 10 9 7
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West Mayefsky	North Pahk	East Baroni	South Nowosadzki
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

South decided to declare another hand, when he opened 1NT semi-balanced, but he got in trouble when his partner showed at least nine cards in the red suits. After some time South bid 3NT, but his partner did very well to continue to describe his hand, so South ended up in 4♥.

3NT is down on a spade lead, so Nowosadzki felt comfortable playing in hearts. West not knowing about South's six card club suit led a small club to his partner's ace. From here the play was plain sailing. Declarer won the spade return, drew trumps and enjoyed his club suit.

An excellent result for Nowosadzki and Pahk as many North/South pairs ended up in 3NT going down, but it would be interesting to know if anybody got to 6♥ here.

Another difficult decision had to be made in the bidding on board 8:

Board 8. Dealer West. None vul.

♠ A K 8 6 2 ♥ J 9 2 ♦ 9 7 5 4 ♣ A	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #333; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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		♠ 7 4 ♥ K Q 6 3 ♦ A J 10 3 2 ♣ 7 5 ♠ J 5 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K ♣ K Q J 10 9 6 3	♠ Q 10 9 ♥ A 10 5 4 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ 8 4 2
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West Nowosadzki	North Sikora	East Ofir	South Dwyer
1♠	Pass	2♦	4♣
4♦	Pass	?	

Kevin Dwyer found a good bid as it left East/West in the dark as far as their combined strength was concerned.

Gilad Ofir couldn't find any additional values and finally passed. He knew that he had done the wrong thing when West came down with the ♠AK and a stiff ♣A. Not quite what Ofir had hoped to find, as all he had to do was to play the trumps for one loser (he finessed twice) and claim for eleven tricks on a combined 22 count.

Not many got to game on this one, so nothing was lost, but at the table one was under the impression that Ofir was very, very close to bidding one more.

Another bidding problem, another setback for the young leader who had had a 50% game so far:

Board 10. Dealer East. All vul.

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

West <i>Nowosadzki</i>	North <i>Ucan</i>	East <i>Recht</i>	South <i>Wong</i>
		1♠	3♣
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

West found it hard to believe that East held no ace for his opening bid (funny, South held two for his preempt!), but made a disciplined pass. Lady Luck must have been someone else's guest that night, as although 5♠ can be made, declarer was unlikely to follow the winning line.

South led a trump to the ace and declarer ordered the ♣Q. South took this trick and insisted on another spade, which declarer won in his hand. After discarding a diamond on the ♣K, all declarer needed was a 3-2 split in the heart suit, but it wasn't to be. Dan Recht played a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart with the ♠9, played a spade to the king and cashed

the ♥K. Then, he played a diamond to the king and South's ace. Henry Wong exited with a club and declarer lost two red queens and ended up two down.

Better times were to come back, when in the same round Nowosadzki's opponents missed a laydown slam.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S vul.

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

West <i>Recht</i>	North <i>Ucan</i>	East <i>Wong</i>	South <i>Nowosadzki</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

All declarer had to do to come to twelve tricks was to ruff two clubs in dummy, draw trumps and cash all the hearts. It seems a 4♣ splinter would have been a much better choice (in direction of slam) than West's very cautious invitational raise to 3♠. South scored above average here, but was still waiting for some 'big points' to come in.

Michal Nowosadzki finished the third session with 50.1% to drop to second place in overall ranking, which leaves him still in contention for the gold, as he is just 1.1% behind the leader, Lotan Fisher of Israel.

ATTENTION JUNIORS GOING TO THE CAMP!

On **Saturday**, the bus will leave at **1.30 pm** from the Hilton.

On **Sunday**, the bus will leave at **10.30 pm** from the Hilton.

Don't be late!

Touch?!

Facundo Chamut of the USA, an Argentinian ACBL member to be precise, played a hand extremely well in the last session of the Individual:

Board 12. Dealer West. North/South vul.

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

West	North Chamut	East	South
2♥ All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

East led the ♣Q and declarer took with the ace, to play a small spade to the queen, which held. Next he played a heart to the queen and ducked a diamond. East exited with another diamond to the king and North played a spade to the ♠10 and East's ♠Q. Again East got off lead in diamonds, but now North started the final 'coup de grace'. He cashed the ♥A and the ♠A to arrive at the following ending:

<p>♠ - ♥ K 10 8 ♦ Q ♣ -</p>	<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		<p>♠ 5 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ J 10 7</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ 9 ♦ - ♣ K 5 3</p>
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He now led the ♣9, which East had to cover with the ten, and ducked in dummy. East cashed the ♠5 but the had to lead away from ♣J7 to give declarer

Life is unfair!

Sometimes your bidding can be just too convincing:

Board 22. Dealer East. East/West vul.

<p>♠ A Q 2 ♥ A K 3 ♦ - ♣ A Q 8 7 5 3 2</p>	<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		<p>♠ 6 ♥ 10 9 5 4 ♦ A 9 5 2 ♣ K 9 6 4</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 5 3 ♥ 6 2 ♦ J 10 8 6 4 3 ♣ -</p>
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James Krot held the West cards in the last round of the third session and due a trick count only known to him he opened a 'ten and a half tricks' 6♣! When Partner raised this to 7♣, they had reached the top spot within two bids.

If you think that this ended the bidding, then you are mistaken, because East/West's bidding was too convincing, North thought! After two passes, believe it or not, he protected at the seven level on ♦J10xxxx with 7♦, which would have only gone down for 1400 (for down six), as partner nicely cooperates by contributing the ♦KQ.

Not willing to give away a grand slam bonus for a few doubled undertricks, East now tried 7NT.

Here is the full bidding sequence:

West	North	East	South
6♣ Pass	Pass 7♦	7♣ 7NT	Pass All Pass

When declarer tried an all too early spade finesse, 7 NT was down five, not quite what West thinks he deserved for opening 6♣ and as a consequence reaching a laydown grand. Life simply is unfair!

the last two tricks with the ♣8 and ♣K for 49 of 56 MPs.

By the way, 3NT can only be made on a club lead - anyone for textbook leads after this?