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CAN POLAND LOSE IT FROM HERE?

In the morning match of day two of the 1st World Schools Teams Championship the leaders of the pack, Poland and Israel, met and Poland managed to open up a 25 VPs-gap to the peloton by beating their opponents 25-3. When Norway tied with USA Blue and USA Red beat Canada 17-13, all of sudden all six teams were in contention for the three medals at stake.

The picture changed completely again, when both Poland and Israel blitzed their opponents in the evening matches to virtually secure gold for Poland and make Israel a strong contender for silver.

On the other hand these results left the battle for bronze wide open as Norway won against Canada 21-9 to come from behind and take third place just 1 VP ahead of the 'Maple Leafs' with the two US teams another few VPs behind.

In the last round Poland face the tail-enders USA Blue and can only lose the title by the implausible combination of record 0VP and being fined in addition!

Norway's hopes will hinge on their securing a victory against USA Red, whilst at the same time they will be hoping that Israel do not lose to Canada. If results go according to the form book it looks as if Europe will score an impressive treble by capturing all three medals.



Table action between Norway and Poland

Registration for the World Individual

Juniors playing in the **1st World Junior Individual Championship** must register in order to receive hospitality bags and name badges.

Registration will take place in the **Morgan Suite** - 2nd floor between 3 pm and 6 pm

The Opening Ceremony is at 7 pm in the **Rotunda Room** - 3rd floor.

ROUND 3

Canada	USA Red	1st half	1	46	13	17	1 Poland 69 2 Israel 44 3 Canada 43 4 USA Red 41 5 USA Blue 40 6 Norway 32
		2nd half	50	15			
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	51	61			
Norway	USA Blue	1st half	38	24	15	15	
		2nd half	12	27			
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	50	51			
Israel	Poland	1st half	20	51	4	25	
		2nd half	11	38			
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	31	89			

ROUND 4

USA Red	Poland	1st half	19	28	3	25	1 Poland 94 2 Israel 69 3 Norway 53 4 Canada 52 5 USA Red 44 6 USA Blue 40
		2nd half	13	61			
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	32	89			
USA Blue	Israel	1st half	17	41	0	25	
		2nd half	1	73			
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	18	114			
Canada	Norway	1st half	0	27	9	21	
		2nd half	31	37			
		<i>Total IMPs</i>	31	64			

ROUND 5

Wednesday 14 July 2004, 13.00 hrs

Norway USA Red

Israel Canada

Poland USA Blue

Sports News

TENNIS - Andre Agassi will try to become the sixth player in ATP Tour history to reach 800 career wins in the Mercedes Benz Cup in LA.

CYCLING - Australia's McEwen wins *Tour de France's* 9th stage. American favourite Lance Armstrong remains in sixth place overall.

News from all over the world

BAGDAD - Militants holding two Bulgarians hostage have killed one and given the other 24 hours to live unless female prisoners in Iraq are released.

RIAD - A longtime associate with al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden surrendered to Saudi Arabian officials on Tuesday.

BANGKOK - France accused the United States of 'blackmail' tactics to pressure poor countries into ceding rights to make cheap generic HIV drugs, while the AIDS Conference issued a stirring call Monday to get more medicine to millions of needy in the developing world.

Weather - Storms, humidity 77%, temperature 70-79°F or 21-26°C

Swing Time

Round 2: USA BLUE - USA RED

The second round of the championship saw the teams of the host country facing each other. Both had lost their first match and were trying hard to regain lost ground.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

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W		E										
	S											

West	North	East	South
Yuan	Waldron	R. Glickman	Lall
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A non-discussed auction led to 3NT to be played by North. For all of you who would have expected South's 3♠ to show only a half stopper in spades, well it didn't, and for all of you who expected East to lead a spade, well he didn't.

A heart went to West's ace who fired back a small club, won by the jack. West let the ♦Q run to West's king and had ten tricks, when West cashed the ♣A. 430 to USA Red.

On a spade lead, North will go down as he has to lose two spades, the ♥A, ♦K and ♣A.

West	North	East	South
M. Glickman	Pearlman	Fournier	M. Meckstroth
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

With hearts not being mentioned in the bidding East led his longest suit, though one could argue that

the lack of entries in the East hand makes a spade lead a strong alternative. However the ♥10 went to the ace and a heart came back. Now declarer finessed in diamonds and managed to collect nine tricks; 400 to USA Blue, but 1 IMP to USA Red.

Board 2. Dealer East. North/South vul.

♠ 8 7 3 ♥ A K 9 5 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ Q 4 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		♠ Q J 10 2 ♥ 10 8 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ A J 9 7	♠ A K 6 5 4 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ 10
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West	North	East	South
Yuan	Waldron	R. Glickman	Lall
		1♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

If you watch an under 20s-event and you are in 'Bergen country', you would rather expect a young player to put down something like ♠x x x x ♥Q x x x x ♦x x ♣x x for a jump raise to 3♠ then playing an invitational raise with a massive 12-count, which many would treat as a game forcing hand anyway.

But Xing Yuan picked exactly the right moment for conservatism. The air proved to be quite thin for Glickman even in 3♠, when the defenders started with a club to the jack and a club back. Declarer ruffed, ducked a spade to South's ♠9 and ruffed the club continuation again. Then East cashed the ♠A, on which North contributed the ♠Q and started to play on diamonds. After a diamond to the ♦K and a diamond to the ♦Q and ♦A, North exited with a heart. Declarer took the trick in dummy and went for an 'en passant' play in diamonds by leading the last one. North ruffed in to play a club, but now all East had to do was to ruff in dummy, cross to his hand with a

heart to the ♥Q, draw the last outstanding trump and claim nine tricks; 140 to USA Blue.

In the closed room not surprisingly East/West reached game:

West	North	East	South
M.Glickman	Pearlman	Fournier	M.Meckstroth
		1♠	2♣
Dbf	3♣	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Nine tricks was the maximum here as well, 50 to USA Blue and 5 IMPs to take the lead 5-1.

A very difficult hand was next:

Board 3. Dealer South. East/West vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
Yuan	Waldron	R. Glickman	Lall
			INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a perfectly normal ♦3 to partner's ace, won the diamond return with the ♦Q and played a third round of diamonds. Lall now played a small club to the ♣9 and ♣10. Back came a heart to the ♥J, ♥Q and ♥A, but now declarer simply ducked another club and had nine tricks: three clubs, two diamonds, ♠AK and ♥AK; 400 to USA Red.

This contract probably can only be beaten double dummy, because if you lead the wrong suit you have given the show away before you can work out an effective defence. That's why the only lead to beat 3NT is a club! Say, East wins with the ♣10, now he has to return a heart to the ♥J, ♥Q and ♥A. Declarer will duck another club, but East wins again and

now has to switch to a small spade to the jack, queen and king. After a diamond to the jack and queen (a diamond to the king isn't any better), West will knock out South's ♠A and later on East will set the contract by scoring the ♦A and ♠10.

West	North	East	South
M.Glickman	Pearlman	Fournier	M.Meckstroth
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Matthew Meckstroth also ended up in 3NT. Here West started with a small heart to the ♥9 and declarer's ♥J. After a club to the ♣9 and ♣10, East continued with a heart to the ♥A. Another club had to be lost to East's ♥Q, who unfortunately returned the ♥10 instead of a small heart. When the heart honors crashed, declarer was provided with a fourth trick in that suit. He no longer needed to guess diamonds to score nine tricks; 400 to USA Blue and no swing.

Then IMPs went back and forth on two consecutive hands. First, USA Red collected 10 IMPs for doubling the opponents on the two-level to score +1100 on board 4, then USA Blue got back 12 IMPs on board 5, when they chalked up a vulnerable game, that was lost in the other room. When USA Red collected 5 IMPs on board 6 for 2♥+1 against 4♥-1, the match was almost a tie, USA Blue leading by 1 IMP 17-16.

Board 7. Dealer South. All vuln.

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

In this board Xing Yuan was playing with fire. Though his partner, who could have jumped to 3♠ immediately but didn't, only bid 2♠, West on minimum values for a Michael's cue bid decided to compete to the three-level. How lucky he was, when

partner showed up with an unexpected four-card support. Still, 3♠ was two off; 500 to USA Red.

At the other table North/South bid the vulnerable game, which could have saved the day for USA Blue:

West	North	East	South
M.Glickman	Pearlman	Fournier	M.Meckstroth
2♦	3NT	All Pass	1♦

East led a spade to North's king and one might think that nine tricks are there to take: five clubs, three hearts and the ♠K. To take two heart finesses you need two entries to dummy, but if you play three rounds of top clubs - as seen at the table - they provide only one and declarer ended up one trick short; 100 to USA Red and 12 IMPs to take the lead, 28-17.

Did you find out in the meantime how to win 3NT? Well, you need clubs to be 3-3 with the ♣J onside. Now declarer can overtake the ♣K with the ace to take the first heart finesse, then play a club to the ten, cash out the clubs and finesse in hearts again.

Three boards later Robert Glickman was out for a swing, when he passed 'all too early':

Board 10. Dealer East. All vuln.

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

West	North	East	South
Yuan	Waldron	R. Glickman	Lall
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass(!)	Rdb
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass(!)	2♦
Dbl	All Pass		

Like a man, East decided to play 1♥ redoubled and didn't bother to play in 1♠ or 2♦ doubled as well, when he easily could have stopped the 'double machinery' by bidding 2♣ on his second, third or fourth turn. Maybe Lall should simply have passed 1♥ doubled, but at least he was right, there was an 8-card fit available on his side. Unfortunately the opponents in the meantime had talked themselves into a 'double rhythm', so 2♦ was not to be passed out.

Luck was flirting with E/W this time. West led the ♥A and switched to the ♣K. Declarer won the ♣A and played a diamond to West's ace, who tried to cash the ♣Q. South ruffed and played another diamond to East's king, who gave his partner a heart ruff. West laid down ♠A and continued with a small spade. Had South now ordered dummy's ♠J, he would have been home, discarding the losing spades on dummy's good hearts and/or the ♣J. But North played small, so declarer had to lose a spade in the end to go one down; 200 to USA Blue.

In the closed room, East/West reached a surprise contract:

West	North	East	South
M.Glickman	Pearlman	Fournier	M.Meckstroth
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2♦
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West tried to describe his hand as 'very strong and balanced', which is probably closest to his actual holding, but East should not have jumped to 4♥ on a five-card suit. Even if partner has a doubleton heart, playing a 5-2-Fit with a weak 5-card suit doesn't mean much fun. Not surprisingly 4♥ went two down; another 200 to USA Blue who closed the gap just trailing by 2, 26-28.

An overtrick IMP in the last board of the first half of the match gave USA Red another IMP to lead 29-26 after twelve boards. The second half was a close affair as well, with USA Red adding a few more IMPs to their lead, 55-47, 16-14 in VPs, respectively.

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A Matter of Trust

Round 3: POLAND - ISRAEL

Two years ago Israel won the European Schools title in Torquay, England with Poland being a close second, but who would see the better end in New York, where the World title is at stake?

Poland drew first blood:

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

<p>♠ 7 6 ♥ K 9 5 3 ♦ Q 9 7 6 5 2 ♣ 8</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ K 9 4 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ K J 7 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ J 10 8 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ A Q 2</p>
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West <i>Birman</i> <i>(Israel)</i>	North <i>Nowosadzski</i> <i>(Poland)</i>	East <i>Argelasi</i> <i>(Israel)</i>	South <i>Piotrowski</i> <i>(Poland)</i>
	1♣	INT	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♦	All Pass		

(1) majors

Israel got overboard, when Poland bid up to 3♠. 4♦ is one down if the defenders cash their spade tricks and ♦A and patiently wait for their heart trick to come. But here was Alon Birman's chance: North lead a heart to the jack and king. Now all declarer has to do, is take a club finesse through North to get rid of one of his losing spades. When he played a diamond to the jack and another one back to North's ace, he was back to where he started. North played another heart, South scored the queen and then switched to spades to set the contract one; 50 to Poland.

After an almost identical auction the open room reached the same spot:

West <i>Sikora</i> <i>(Poland)</i>	North <i>Assaraf</i> <i>(Israel)</i>	East <i>Nawrocki</i> <i>(Poland)</i>	South <i>Ofir</i> <i>(Israel)</i>
	1♣	INT	2♣ ⁽¹⁾
2♦	2♠	3♦	3♠
4♦	All Pass		

(1) majors

Here North led the ♣7. Declarer took the finesse and had no difficulty scoring ten tricks; 130 to Poland and 5 IMPs.

There was more to come for Poland, when 22 HCP were not enough to set declarer's contract at the three-level:

Board 3. Dealer South. East/West vul.

<p>♠ K Q 5 4 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 6 5 4 2 ♣ A K 4</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 9 7 6 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ Q J 10 7</p>	<p>♠ A 10 8 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A 8 ♣ 9 8 6 5 3 2</p>
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West <i>Birman</i>	North <i>Nowosadzski</i>	East <i>Argelasi</i>	South <i>Piotrowski</i>
			1♥
Dbl	2♥ ⁽¹⁾	2NT	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

(1) heart raise, 3-6 HCP

3♥ cannot be beaten on the actual layout. When West led a trump to the queen and ace, declarer cashed a second heart and continued with a diamond to the ten and ace. The defence can now cash three spade tricks, had East played the ace and another. When East chose the ♠8 instead (a card that could only have been right if South held ♠KJ bare



Eliran Argelasi (Israel)

and West therefore a 5-card spade suit) West won with the ♠Q and tried to cash the ♣K. Declarer now was quick to ruff and discard one spade loser from dummy on his fourth diamond; one overtrick and +630 to Poland.

West	North	East	South
Sikora	Assaraf	Nawrocki	Ofir
			1♥
Dbl	2♥	3♣	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

In the replay Israel got to 3♥ as well, but neither got doubled, nor scored an overtrick; 140 to Israel, but 10 IMPs to Poland.

Trailing by 26 IMPs after four boards it was finally Israel's time to shine:



Board 5. Dealer North. North/South vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Birman	Nowosadzski	Argelasi	Piotrowski
	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		


East found a typical junior's overcall and had to rebid his suit to show 'minimum or less', when forced by the 2♣ cue bid. West's straight jump to 3NT ended the auction and now the spotlight was on North. Would he be able to find the diamond lead to score four diamonds and two hearts to put the contract two down? Honestly, would you? North simply led his fourth best heart and West quickly claimed for ten tricks; 430 to Israel.

West	North	East	South
Sikora	Assaraf	Nawrocki	Ofir
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Once again, the same contract was reached at the other table. Again North did not find the diamond lead, but went for a diabolical spade that challenged West's communication. Declarer went up with the ace, unblocked the ♣J and let the ♥J run to North's queen. When North insisted on spades, declarer had to win with the queen and cashed five clubs, but lost the ♥A and the diamond tricks in the end. Of course, we all can see, that winning the first trick in hand and hoping for clubs 3-3 would have made a happy declarer, but it wasn't to be; 50 to Israel and 10 IMPs to cut the deficit down to 10-26.

Israel collected another 9 IMPs for a good save on the next board and was just about to come back into the match, when another save could have almost tied the score:

Board 7. Dealer South. All vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 8 4 ♥ 7 2 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ Q 5 3 2</p>		<p>♠ K 6 3 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ A Q J 7 3 ♣ 8 6</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 5 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ 9 2 ♣ 9 7 4</p>
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West <i>Birman</i>	North <i>Nowosadzski</i>	East <i>Argelasi</i>	South <i>Piotrowski</i>
			1♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

As the diamond finesse is on, 4♥ cannot be beaten, so East's action proved to be quite successful. 4♠ doubled went down two; 500 to Poland.

But, bad luck for Israel's braveheart, as his compatriots missed game at the other table:


West <i>Sikora</i>	North <i>Assaraf</i>	East <i>Nawrocki</i>	South <i>Ofir</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♥
All Pass			

South collected ten tricks; 170 to Israel, but 8 IMPs to Poland, when it could have been 3 to Israel; the standing being 34-19 in favour of Poland.

Then it was grand slam time in New York City:

Wear your badge at all times.
People need to know you,
so help them out!

Board 9. Dealer North. East/West vul.

<p>♠ Q 7 4 3 ♥ 10 8 5 2 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ 10 2</p>		<p>♠ A 5 ♥ A K Q J 9 4 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ J 7</p>	<p>♠ J 10 9 8 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 8 6 ♣ K 8 6 4 3</p>
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West <i>Birman</i>	North <i>Nowosadzski</i>	East <i>Argelasi</i>	South <i>Piotrowski</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♥ ⁽²⁾
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

(1) Keycard Blackwood for diamonds

(2) 3 out of 5 keycards

Very competently North used Keycard Blackwood for diamonds to find out about the ♦K only to settle for his solid hearts afterwards. As the 7♥ would even have made with diamonds 4-1, North/South reached their best spot. East led the ♣8, but declarer simply took the ace, drew trumps, tested diamonds and claimed; 1510 to Poland.

West <i>Sikora</i>	North <i>Assaraf</i>	East <i>Nawrocki</i>	South <i>Ofir</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

In the open room it seems that Israel never really got close to reaching the grand, when North did not bid 4♦ over 3NT, but chose 4♥ instead. Thirteen tricks were there as well; 940 to Israel but another 11 IMPs to Poland, now in the lead by 26; 45-19.

At halftime Poland led Israel comfortably 51-20, and had another strong half outscoring their opponents 38-11 to win the match 89-31, 25-4 in VPs, respectively.