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ALL MEDALS GO TO EUROPE!

After a spectacular performance, the national team of **POLAND** won the 1st World Schools Team Championship and became the first team in history to carry the *José Damiani Trophy* - symbol of supremacy at the youngest category of official world competition.

The Polish team went into the lead at the beginning of the 3-day competition, and never looked back. They scored amazingly, blitzing all their opponents, except Canada whom they also beat. Thus, it was clear before the end that

Marcin Malesa, Piotr Nawrocki, Filip Niziol, Michal Nowosadzki, Premyslaw Piotrowski, Jan Sikora and npc **Leszek Nowak** would become the first World Schools Team Champions.

Poland was followed by **ISRAEL**'s 4-player team (**Eliran Angelazi, Eran Assaraf, Alon Birman, Gilad Ofir**, npc **Amir Levin**) that took the second place without difficulty. The colourful Israeli players put up a wonderful performance to finish runners up with ease.

This was not the case with **NORWAY** who started poorly and reached their best position at exactly the right moment: third at the end!



Congratulations to **Petter Eide, Espen Lindqvist, Allan Livgard, Fredrik Simonsen** and npc **Sverre Johan Aal**.

The North American teams did not achieve the results they had been hoped for, but undoubtedly the North American and Canadian players gained experience which will prove valuable in the future.

Canada had the better run, ending in fourth place. It was followed by the two USA teams.

Congratulations must also go to the organizing committee who did miracles to present an unforgettable event at a nominal cost.

ROUND 5

Norway	USA Red	1st half	23	13	24	6	1 Poland 119 2 Israel 94 3 Norway 77 4 Canada 57 5 USA Red 50 6 USA Blue 40
		2nd half	52	13			
		Total IMPs	75	26			
Israel	Canada	1st half	20	4	25	5	
		2nd half	65	24			
		Total IMPs	85	28			
Poland	USA Blue	1st half	52	15	25	0	
		2nd half	65	11			
		Total IMPs	117	26			

Team	CAN	ISR	NOR	POL	USA B	USA R	Pen	Total	Rank
CANADA		5	9	11	19	13		57	4
ISRAEL	25		18	4	25	22		94	2
NORWAY	21	12		5	15	24		77	3
POLAND	19	25	25		25	25		119	1
USA BLUE	11	0	15	0		14		40	6
USA RED	17	8	6	3	16		2	30	5

Sports News

CHESS - Rustam Kasimdzhanov beat Michael Adams in the Tie Break game 1 and drew game 2 to win the FIDE World Championship Final Match. He now has the daunting prospect of facing Gary Kasparov in a match for the FIDE version of the world title to meet the winner of Kramnik - Leko in a reunification match to establish a single World Champion.

CYCLING - Richard Virenque became the 14th Frenchman since World War II to win a Tour stage on France's national holiday. He is trying to become the first seven-time winner of the pink spotted jersey of best climber. Lance Armstrong remains.

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News from all over the world

WASHINGTON - Efforts to pass a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage foundered today when the proposal failed to garner enough votes in the Senate to stay alive. Republicans mustered 48 votes, 12 short of the 60 they needed to overcome a procedural hurdle and move the proposed amendment to the floor.

BAGDAD - The governor of the northern Iraqi province of Ninevah was shot and killed Wednesday in an ambush on his vehicle, an Iraqi official in Mosul told the press. Earlier in central Baghdad, a suicide car bomber killed 10 Iraqis, officials said.

SYDNEY - Three children survive for six days in shark-infested waters after their dinghy capsizes off Australia's north coast.

Weather - Partly cloudy, humidity 67%, temperature 67-80°F or 19-27°C

A quiet evening? Not quite!

Round 4: Canada - Norway

With the race for the medals still in high gear, the first half of the featured match between Canada and Norway proved to be a rather flat set of boards, so everybody could sit back, relax and enjoy the 'trip'. Both pairs 'under editor's observation' played well, still some IMPs-exchanges, which will be presented in chronological order, took place.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

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

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>Anderson</i>	East <i>Simonsen</i>	South <i>Halasi</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♣
2♠	All Pass		

A fairly normal auction led to 2♠. After a club to the ace and another club back, declarer ordered a diamond. South won with the ace and played a third club. West discarded a heart and North trumped with the ♠J to continue with a heart to king and ace. Declarer played a spade to queen, king and ace and soon claimed for nine tricks; 140 to Norway.

Could this result be worth a swing? Well, a very junioresque bidding approach in the closed room made it happen:

West <i>Nyström</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Sabourin</i>	South <i>Eide</i>
	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

It's hard to figure out what the 2♦ opening in the Norwegian methods means, as the only qualification for a bid with the North hand is that 'he was here and held thirteen cards'. Apart from this being always a good reason to bid, the convention card of the pair says that 2♦ shows a weak two in one of the majors, which could be very light non-vulnerable. However, it made life very difficult for East/West not just to locate their fit but to enter the bidding at all.

Obviously prepared for these kinds of partner's hands, South's 2NT was not a forcing relay but a simple Lebensohl used to reach these in a minor as final contract. North had to respond 3♣ and South simply passed that out. Neither East nor West were able to reopen on the three level, so North played in 3♣. When the ♠K was onside and the trumps behaved, declarer had nine tricks in the bag, 110 to Norway and an early 6 IMPs to them.

On the next board Norway reached another partial, when the Canadian North player could have been a little more active in the bidding:

Board 2. Dealer East. North/South vul.

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

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>Anderson</i>	East <i>Simonsen</i>	South <i>Halasi</i>
		Pass	1♦
INT	Pass	2♣	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♥	All Pass

South opened 1♦, West described his hand as a balanced 15-18 count, North doubled to show points

and East started a Stayman inquiry. South's double showed clubs and surprisingly West passed instead of bidding 2♥. North passed as well and now East ran to 2♥ which was passed out.

North probably could have bid 3♣, which should make - careful play provided - but it is quite possible that in that case West would have found 3♥ which is down one on a spade or club lead. Anyway, at the table South started with a spade to his partner's ♠Q. Erin Anderson switched to a trump instead of promoting her ♥10 by playing ♠A and another. Declarer played low from hand, took South's ♥Q with the ace and continued with ♠K. North won with the ace and played a second trump. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a diamond and played ♠J8 to get rid of the clubs in dummy. He then ruffed a club, played a heart to the jack, cashed ♠7, ruffed another club and conceded a club in the end; 140 to Norway.



Fredrik Simonsen

At the other table West tried out another approach to describe her hand:

West	North	East	South
Nyström	Livgard	Sabourin	Eide
		Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	4♥	All Pass

After West's 1♥ overcall on a 4-card suit, East was quick to follow the law and raised his partner to the four-level. North led ♦10 and dummy discarded a club. South won with the ace, cashed ♣AQ and continued with a spade to North's queen. North then played ♠A and found another spade to execute the trump promotion mentioned above; 150 to Norway and 7 more IMPs to lead 13-0.

Then Norway missed a slam and the Canadian supporters were hoping for a double digit-swing:

Board 5. Dealer North. North/South vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lindqvist	Anderson	Simonsen	Halasi
	Pass	1♠	Dbf
Rdb	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Maybe a pass or jump to 3♠ would have worked out better for East when responding to partner's redouble, as 4♠ didn't leave much bidding space for West to inquire about slam without holding a heart control. However, when West found a club cue bid, East, controlling both red suits, could have jumped to 6♠ as his partner has to have a very decent hand to advance over 4♠. At the table East went for a conservative 5♠ and this understandably ended the auction. Declarer took twelve easy tricks; 480 to Norway.

Would the Canadians in the closed room take their chance?

West Nystrom	North Livgard	East Sabourin	South Eide
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Unfortunately - from Canada's point of view - East/West never got close to bidding the small slam. East did not jump to 3♠ on his second turn and failed to take any initiative after partner's raise to 3♠. This should show a stronger hand than just bidding game, since 2♥ was game forcing the round before. Maybe there was some disagreement or misunderstanding about this sequence within the partnership. Declarer took the same twelve tricks as his opponent in the other room; 490 to Canada and no swing.

Two boards later the players were confronted with a five-level decision:

Board 7. Dealer South. All vul.

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

West Lindqvist	North Anderson	East Simonsen	South Halasi
			1♠
2♦	Dbl	3♦	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dbl	All Pass		

It didn't take East/West very long to reach their best spot as 5♦ is laydown on the actual layout. South, who already had played superman on his second turn, couldn't hold himself back and advanced to the five-level, not taking into account that usually a 4-4 fit with a 7-card side suit plays terribly. 5♥ could



Charles Halasi

have gone down four had West started with the ♣A, but here South escaped for down three, when both sides committed multiple errors.

West led a diamond to declarer's ace who played one round of hearts instead of turning his attention to spades (Norway back to +1100). East took the king and tried to force declarer with a diamond, but South simply discarded the ♣K. West took the ♦K and played a third diamond (Canada back to -800) instead of laying down a high club. Declarer ruffed in dummy, and drew another round of trumps (Norway back to +1100) instead of now developing his spades. In with the ace, West laid down the ♣A, ruffed by declarer who now played a spade to East's ace (Canada back to -800 as East should duck at this point). East now gave his partner a spade ruff and that was that; down three and 800 to Norway.

5♠ isn't a profitable save either if East/West score a heart ruff for down three.

West Nystrom	North Livgard	East Sabourin	South Eide
			1♠
2♦	Dbl	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

At the other table South only bid once (what difference in temperament!) and West was allowed to play in 5♦ making; 600 to Canada, but 5 more IMPs to Norway who now led by 20.

Even the last swing went to the Scandinavians, who produced another decent result in the open room:

Board 9. Dealer North. None vul.

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

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>Anderson</i>	East <i>Simonsen</i>	South <i>Halasi</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

(1) weak two in diamonds

South started with the ♦A and then switched to the ♣10. Declarer won with the king, played a spade to the ace and another spade to North's king. Now Erin Anderson tried the effect of a small heart, but East overcame the hurdle and played the ♥K. Then he cashed the ♠Q and played three more rounds of clubs to discard his last diamond. In the end he conceded three more tricks to score his contract on the nose; 110 to Norway.

South can beat 2♠ if he switches to a heart at trick two, setting up two hearts to go with two diamonds and two trump tricks.



Espen Lindqvist

West <i>Nystrom</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Sabourin</i>	South <i>Eide</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
All Pass			

At the other table South opened on the one-level, North bid spades first and so South ended up playing 1 NT. West led the ♥J to South's queen, who cashed the ♦A and played a spade to the jack and queen. The ♥K came back and declarer took the ace to play another diamond. Declarer ended up with eight tricks; 120 to Norway and 6 IMPs.

With one more overtrick to come in, Norway had built up a comfortable 27-0 halftime lead over Canada. This proved to be the base with which the match was won 64-31, 21-9 in VPs respectively.



Erin Anderson

Determination

Round No.5: Norway - USA Red (with an eye on Canada - Israel as well)

Here are a few hands from the last round, closed room. We start with the well-known Norwegian 2♦ openings (see bulletin no.2) non-vulnerable.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

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

West <i>Eide</i> (Norway)	North <i>M.Glickman</i> (USA Red)	East <i>Livgard</i> (Norway)	South <i>Fournier</i> (USA Red)
	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

(1) Weak two in one of the majors

North started with the ♣A and switched to a trump to West's ten. Declarer tried a diamond to the queen and ace and back came another trump. Declarer now played ♠A, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the king, cashed the ♠K to pitch a diamond and ruffed a diamond. Seconds later he was one down; 50 to USA Red.

In the Open Room North played in INT making two, 120 to Norway and 2 IMPs.

In Canada vs Israel, the Israeli team picked up 5

IMPs, when they won INT +2 in one room and set 3♣ one trick in the other.

Board 2. Dealer East. North/South vul.

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

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>M.Glickman</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Fournier</i>
		2♦	Pass
3♦ ⁽¹⁾	3NT	All Pass	

(1) preempt for both majors

East led a heart to his partner's ace and declarer won the second round of hearts with the king to play a small club to the king. Next he ordered the ♣Q from dummy, but West showed out (discarding a heart!) and East won to clear the heart suit. North then played a diamond to the ace and a spade to the queen. When he cashed the ♠A he saw the ♠10 fall, so he continued with another spade to West's jack who could no better than return a diamond. Declarer finessed, played a spade to West's king and claimed; nice recovery and 600 to USA Red.

At the other table declarer in with a heart played a

Lost camera

A black camera, MANUAL ZI, was lost at the line-up desk right in front of the playing area of the World Schools Teams Championship.

If you have any information about the camera, please turn to the WBF Youth Committee (Morgan Suite), as it belongs to one of the juniors playing in the event.

club to the king, went back to his hand and played another club; 660 to Norway in lead by 4 now.

1 IMP went to Canada, when they scored one more trick than their opponents in 3 NT.

The busy Norwegians bidders exaggerated in the next hand:

Board 3. Dealer South. East/West vul.

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

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>M.Glickman</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Fournier</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾	Pass
3♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(1) ROMEX (any short suit trial bid)

(2) Relay

(3) Short suit trial bid in hearts

Holding a hand on which many players would have wished to bid 2♠ over 3♥, East found a jump to the four-level. North led the ♥J and West desperately tried a finesse, but South won with the king and played back a trump to North's ace. Two more rounds of trumps followed and declarer cashed a fourth one before playing the ♦A, small diamond to the queen, ♥A (club discard) and another diamond to the king. North showed out, so declarer had to concede two down; 200 to USA Red.

When USA Red stopped in 3♠ making in the other room 8 IMPs went to USA Red, taking the lead 8-4.

Israel increased the lead in their match against Canada, when they won 3♠ at one table and beat 4♠ at the other; Israel - Canada 11-1.

Norway had more IMPs to make up after this hand:

Board 4. Dealer West. All vul.

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

West <i>Eide</i>	North <i>M.Glickman</i>	East <i>Livgard</i>	South <i>Fournier</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	All Pass	

East led a heart to the king, but declarer ducked and won the heart continuation with the ace. Now North played a spade to the eight and ten and West insisted on a third round of hearts. North took the trick and played another spade to the queen, king and ace. Now all West has to do is switch to a diamond clearly indicated by partner who followed suit in hearts with the jack and the nine. But West went for sort of a Merrimac coup and put the ♣K on the table. When North ducked, he still thought he was on the right track and played another club. Now declarer had the time to play another spade and enjoy three clubs, two hearts, a diamond and a spade; 90 to USA Red.

Quite expectedly, the Norwegian declarer in the open room went one off in 1 NT, so USA Red picked up another 5 IMPs, now leading 13-4.

Both the Israeli and Canadian declarer went down in 1 NT. Canada scored six, Israel only five tricks, so that was 3 IMPs to Canada, trailing by only 7.

When the rest of set proved to be quite flat with Norway picking up a few IMPs here and there, the standing at half time was 23-13 in favour of Norway. In the other matches Israel led Canada 20-4 and Poland outscored USA Blue 52-15, so twelve boards before the end of this event, Europe had put a hand on all three medals.