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HONOURS ALL



The European Youth Pairs Medallists.

Congratulations to the medal winners in the four events.

These were:

Juniors

- Gold Alexandre Kilani & Aymeric Lebatteux (France)
- Silver Michal Klukowski & Piotr Zatorski (Poland)
- Bronze Kristoffer Hegge & Kristian Stangeland (Norway)

Girls

- Gold Sigrid Spangenberg & Magdalena Ticha (Netherlands)
- Silver Danuta Kazmucha & Natalia Sakowska (Poland)
- Bronze Aleksandra Jarosz & Izabela Weinhold (Poland)

Youngsters

- Gold Wojciech Kazmierczak & Lukasz Witkowski (Poland)
- Silver Tom van Overbeeke & Ricardo Westerbeeke (Netherlands)
- Bronze Simon Ekenberg & Simon Hult (Sweden)

Mixed

- Gold Bartlomiej Iglą & Justyna Zmuda (Poland)
- Silver Piotr Zatorski & Joanna Taczewska (Poland)
- Bronze Dennis Bilde & Signe Buus Thomsen (Denmark)

President's Cup

The winners are Kamil Madej and Adam Lonski from Poland

RESULTS

JUNIORS

FINAL RESULTS

1	KILANI Alexandre - LEBATTEUX Aymeric	60.08
2	KLUKOWSKI Michal - ZATORSKI Piotr	57.15
3	HEGGE Kristoffer - STANGELAND Kristian	55.09
4	WACKWITZ Ernst - WESTERBEEK Chris	54.07
5	HELMICH Aarnout - HOP Gerbrand	53.99
6	BILDE Dennis - JEPSEN Emil	52.88
7	BOS Berend van den - LANKVELD Joris van	52.63
8	SHPUNTOU Ilya - SHPUNTOU Yan	52.14
9	DI FRANCO Massimiliano - ZANASI Gabriele	52.07
10	KARBANOVICH Stanislav - SIAREBRANY M.	49.89
11	IGLA Bartlomiej - WOJCIESZEK Jakub	49.45
12	JASSEM Pawel - TUCZYNSKI Piotr	48.64
13	BOVET David - MARGOT Cedric	48.42
14	GULLBERG Daniel - KARLSSON Johan	48.16
15	BETHERS Peteris - ILZINS Janis	47.59
16	ERCAN Sehmus - SUZER Ugurcan	44.48
17	GANDOGLIA Alessandro - DELLE CAVE G.	44.28
18	GEORGESCU Horia - NISTOR Radu	43.89
19	HUBERSCHWILLER Matthias - TARTARIN A.	43.42
20	BIELAWSKI Maciej - NIAJKO Slawomir	43.12

Shuttlebuses to Billund Airport Saturday 07.07.2012

9:30

12:30

16:00

17:00

Please note the change of time for the first bus.

Please be ready in good time.

We hope you have enjoyed your stay in Denmark.

YOUNGSTERS

FINAL RESULTS

1	KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech - WITKOWSKI L.	58.10
2	OVERBEEKE Tom van - WESTERBEEK Ricardo	56.90
3	EKENBERG Simon - HULT Simon	55.57
4	GULCZYNSKI Michal - KOWALEWSKI Roman	54.47
5	POLAK Tobias - SCHOLS Michel	52.45
6	GRONKVIST Ida - GRONKVIST Mikael	51.69
7	BERNARD Julien - CAILLIAU Ivan	51.43
8	BEN DAVID Yuval - HERSHFANG Dan	51.36
9	COMBESCURE Baptiste - LALOUBEYRE C.t	50.64
10	CHARIGNON Fabrice - DU CORAIL Edouard	47.79
11	KOLEK Lukas - VOJTIK Jakub	46.98
12	RIMSTEDT Mikael - RIMSTEDT Ola	45.99
13	DONATI Giovanni - PERCARIO Giacomo	45.84
14	PEDZINSKI Jan - ZELAZNY Aleksander	43.40
15	BEUGIN Francois - DEHEEGER Colin	42.13
16	LOSIEWICZ Igor - TERSZAK Andrzej	39.90

GIRLS

FINAL RESULTS

1	SPANGENBERG Sigrid - TICHA Magdalena	56.98
2	KAZMUCHA Danuta - SAKOWSKA Natalia	55.44
3	JAROSZ Aleksandra - WEINHOLD Izabela	55.10
4	HOLEKSA Magdalena - WESOLOWSKA Kamila	54.51
5	BIRD Sinead - O'CONNOR Sarah	53.06
6	BRINCK Katharina - EGGELING Marie	50.35
7	NAB Judith - SPANGENBERG Jamilla	49.26
8	TACZEWSKA Joanna - ZMUDA Justyna	48.96
9	CHAVARRIA Margherita - LANZUISI Flavia	48.52
10	DUFRAT Katarzyna - KEDZIERSKA Urszula	47.23
11	BUDZYNSKA Magda - SROKA Joanna	41.05
12	BUTTO Federica - COSTA Margherita	35.70

PRESIDENT'S CUP

FINAL RESULTS

1	MADEJ Kamil - LONSKI Adam	58.60	34	KAYA Deniz - KAPUSUZ Yusuf Berkay	50.37
2	GINOSSAR Itamar - REITER Adam	57.31	35	ELLINGSEN Kristian - EIDE Harald	50.26
3	WADL Raffael Daniel - WEINBERGER Simon	57.00	36	CHARKOW Alischa - CHARKOW Tamara	50.00
4	WAHLESTEDT Catrin - PETERSEN Moa	56.95	37	SEGUIN Pauline - LELEU Anais	49.94
5	STOUGIE Leen - STOUGIE Marc	56.32	38	PAUL James - JONES Edward	49.80
6	BJORKSTRAND Robin - FRYKLUND Erik	56.07	39	BOURA Patrik - KRALIK Frantisek	49.79
7	TOFTE Lars - BILDE Majka Cilleborg	56.04	40	VAN DEN HOVE Wouter - VAN OVERMEIRE J.	49.74
8	GRUENKE Paul - WEYAND Sebastian	55.37	41	SEVEREIJNS Luc - TIJSSEN Luc	49.70
9	RATNIEKS Janis - BEKERE Liga	55.16	42	KRONSCHLAEGER Florian - KOFLER Thomas	49.29
10	BOYD Richard - O'CONNOR Kelan	55.15	43	PUILLET Carole - LE PENSEC Alice	49.09
11	ROBERTS Alex - ILLINGWORTH Frederick	54.69	44	VERBEEK Rik - VERBEEK Thijs	48.58
12	BAHBOUT Sam - LIETAERT Pieter	54.62	45	BYRA Aleksandra - BYRA Joanna	48.33
13	LEROY Christian - ALTER Florian	54.55	46	SMID Tom - NIJSSEN Oscar	48.21
14	HALAT Tomasz - KAZMIERCZAK Remigiusz	54.35	47	DJILOVIC Josko - MIJIC Ante	47.93
15	JEDRZEJEWSKI Grzegorz - POLOWCZYK P.	54.15	48	BUUS THOMSEN Signe - JEPSEN Rasmus Rask	47.03
16	COPPENS Pim - DONKERSLOOT Bob	54.02	49	KOCH-PALMUND Sofie - JUSTESEN R.	46.75
17	PHILIPSEN Rens - BROERSEN Vincent	53.54	50	BOTTA Giorgia - SALVATO Michela	46.37
18	FISCHER Brigitta - ZIMMERMANN Felix	53.31	51	THORSEN Rasmus - BRODERSEN Jon	46.14
19	ZVEZDIN Zigfrid - ERASTOVA Anastasia	53.29	52	EGE Niclas Raulund - BUUS THOMSEN Emil	46.01
20	CHOJNICKA Agata - CHUDY Agnieszka	53.14	53	ELLISON Ruaridh - McLEOD Alisdair	45.99
21	OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis - VOVOS K.	53.09	54	JANTZEN Britt - RODIN Erika	45.32
22	BANAS Natalia - WACKWITZ Janneke	53.04	55	VLAANDEREN Floris - VLAANDEREN Frits	45.26
23	JEPSEN Peter - PETERSEN Irma	53.00	56	RUITER Emma de - DELFT Doris van	44.74
24	GOTINK Kevin - ENGELEN Bas van	52.83	57	JAKABSIC Jakub - KVOCEK Juraj	43.67
25	BRODERSEN Jon - SAFSTEN Johan	52.69	58	TAYLER Angus - WOLSTENHOLME Arthur	42.35
26	BILDE Soren Cilleborg - PLEJDRUP Andreas	52.47	59	THORSEN Matilde - WAGNER Zsolt	42.03
27	ROHRBERG Matias - MORTENSEN M.	52.23	60	THUILLEZ Mathilde - DUFRENE Beryl	41.68
28	BASA Marusa - RUS Gregor	52.04	61	CASPERSEN Soeren Veel - ROSAGER Oliver	41.23
29	SCHOONEN Ludo - FITSKI Wouter	51.66	62	SKOVLY Frederik - NIELSEN Tobias Hinz	40.16
30	PALCZYNSKA Liliana - SKUBICH Karolina	51.57	63	GANZEVLES Barbara - LEJEUNE Mette	39.77
31	JANSEN Sander - RAMER Milan	51.55	64	LAHRMANN Christian - BUNE Soren	39.65
32	AYDOGDU Erkmen - USKUP Burcu	50.63	65	CHRISTENSEN M. - GRAVERSEN Kira Oland	33.47
33	BIJSTERVELDT Niels van - KILJAN Veri	50.39			

The Junior Final Session I

The Junior final was of 20 pairs playing 57 boards. The carry-over for the leaders, Ernst Wackwitz, 22, & Chris Westerbeek, 20, of the Netherlands, gave them a start of 2 tops over the bottom qualifier.

The leaders are a relative new pairing for Wackwitz used to partner Bob Drijver who is now too old for Junior bridge (Drijver's elder brother, Bas, is already a world champion.) Wackwitz & Westerbeek will represent their country in China later this month. Their system is 5-card majors, 14-16 notrump, and transfer responses to 1♣.

Their first round was against the Belarus pair Stanislav Karbanovich, 18, & Michail Siarebrany, 24 who play 5-card major with strong notrump.

Wackwitz immediately faced a typical matchpoint decision:

Board: 1. Dlr: North/None

♠ 7 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ A Q J 6 5 2	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 9 ♥ K Q 10 9 ♦ A K J 2 ♣ K 9 4	♠ K 10 8 6 5 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ 10 3
	♠ Q J 4 3 2 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ 8 7		

West	North	East	South
Karbanovich	Westerbeek	Siarebrany	Wackwitz
	2NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Playing teams South would show his spades and end in 3NT with East avoiding a spade lead. Westerbeek instead raised to 3NT. On a bad day the defence would lead a club, partner would have three spades to the king, and the defence would cash some clubs.

But it was not a bad day for the Dutch. East, unwarned, led a spade taken by the nine. Declarer cashed the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond, and set up a spade trick. East exited with a heart and declarer had 11 tricks for an excellent matchpoint score, 14/18.

The second board was almost a top for Belarus:

Board: 2. Dlr: East/NS

♠ K 10 7 6 ♥ Q 9 3 2 ♦ A Q 7 4 3 ♣ -	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 9 2 ♥ K 6 ♦ J 9 8 5 ♣ Q 10 7 3	♠ Q 4 3 ♥ J 10 7 4 ♦ K 6 ♣ A J 9 6
		♠ A 8 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K 8 5 4 2	

West	North	East	South
Karbanovich	Westerbeek	Siarebrany	Wackwitz
		Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

East did well to show his delicate heart suit (most would bid notrumps we think). West considered his options and then chose a very conservative raise to 2♥. East would now try 2NT, you might think, but actually raised to 3♥ and West tottered on to Four.

A low trump lead would beat this but South naturally began with a club. Dummy ditched a spade and declarer won the ace over North's queen. Next came ♥10 run to North's king. A trump back would still beat the game but, of course, North was expecting East to have five trumps and thought he needed to play South for ♠A Q x before the diamonds were set up. So North made the fatal switch to spades. Declarer was able to draw trumps and set up the fifth diamond to make his game. -420 for N-S was worth only 1 matchpoint.



The EBL President Yves Aubry with the EBL Treasurer David Harris

The pendulum swung again here:

Board: 3. Dlr: South/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Karbanovich</i>	<i>Westerbeek</i>	<i>Siarebrany</i>	<i>Wackwitz</i>
INT	4♥	All Pass	1♥

The INT overcall was alerted as showing a 4-card spade suit with a 5-card or longer minor. Where West overcalled in clubs East had an easy raise to Five over North's preemptive raise. Instead now East had a more difficult decision as West's minor could have been diamonds. East might have risked 4♠, West might have re-opened with a double, but in practice they both Passed and the Dutch had stolen the pot.

Better was to come for the Dutch. The contract can go three light if the defence find all their three diamond ruffs. West actually did lead ♦A seeing 3, 8, 6. The layout was unclear for West made the odd switch to ♠J. Declarer won the king, drew trumps, and led a second spade. He lost only the three aces for +420 when the other side can make a slam in clubs. This collected all the matchpoints for the Dutch. The normal result was 620 to E-W.

For the second round the Dutch met their compatriots and good friends Berend van den Bos, 25, & Joris van Lankveld, 23. They play 5-card major, strong notrump and 2♣ response to one of a major game forcing.

Board: 4. Dlr: West/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lankveld</i>	<i>Westerbeek</i>	<i>van den Bos</i>	<i>Wackwitz</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Although North-South can make nine tricks in spades they actually do better to defend 2♥. South led a diamond to the jack and ace. North returned the jack of spades to the king and ace. South continued with the ♦10, covered by the king, and North ruffing. North cashed his winning spade and switched to a club. Declarer won with the jack and played a trump, North contributing the eight.

If East tries the king he will lose three more trump tricks because South can win, cash his top diamond, and then lead a fourth diamond for North to ruff with the jack of trumps. But van den Bos correctly ducked the first trump. This meant the defence made only two more trump tricks as when North ruffed the fourth diamond East was able to over-ruff.

That was well-played but E-W still had the dreaded -200 giving N-S 12/18 matchpoints.

How would you like to hold a decent 8-card suit, hear partner open the bidding and feel you must Pass? That was West's fate here:

Board: 5. Dlr: North/NS

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lankveld</i>	<i>Westerbeek</i>	<i>van den Bos</i>	<i>Wackwitz</i>
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

2♠ showed 5♠ with at least a 4-card minor and limited strength. West was playing a 3♣ response as Pass or correct, and 4♣ as some sort of spade raise. Perhaps he even played 5♣ as Exclusion Blackwood!

So he was a little lucky perhaps on two matters. First, East held good spades and a singleton club. (Horrible to think he might have had four!) And N-S can make 3NT, though they are more likely to be in a heart partscore making 140.

Against 2♠, South cashed two top hearts and switched to ♦10 ducked round to the jack. A second high trump was taken by the ace, and North cashed ♥Q and followed with a fourth heart, ruffed by declarer with the seven and over-ruffed by South with the nine. South switched to a club won in dummy. Declarer ruffed a club (as North threw a diamond), cashed his top trump, South throwing a dia-

1♣ was Polish style and 2NT was explained as hearts and minor and maximum invitational values. To most players' surprise Dufprat passed this when she realized that they most probably had no common suit.

Ticha led the eight of spades, declarer jumped up with the ace and played a club to the queen that held the trick. Nine, ten, jack and ace followed in clubs. When the defence continued with spades to clear the suit declarer cashed out her winners. One club, five diamonds and two spades summed it all up to the very much needed eight tricks. That was a huge score, when there only were nine tricks available in clubs.

Board 17. Dealer N. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Costa	Rodin	Butto	Petersen
	Pass	INT	2♦*
Dbf*	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dbf*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♦ from Irma Petersen was a Multi promising one weak major. The Italian pair who was fighting in the top of the girls finally managed to get into the right contract, but had to struggle a bit to find their way there because of the interference.

Costa got a "greek gift" in the lead from Erika Rodin which probably made her feel more secure than she should have been. Rodin kicked off with the seven of spades that went to nine, queen and ace. Costa now cashed ace and king of trumps, played a spade to dummy's king and realized that she had no good way of getting back to her hand. Therefore she cashed also ace and king of clubs and ruffed a third round of the suit in hand. When declarer then decided to run the nine of diamonds, she was in real trouble. Petersen won with the queen, played a diamond to partner's ace who now could cash the queen of trumps and safely exit with the queen of clubs. Declarer had lost three tricks so far and still had a spade loser left in hand, so the contract had to go down.

Costa/Butto had a terrible sixth session and only scored 37.61% in average. That made them drop to fourth in the ranking. The hunt was on for who was going to qualify to the finals.

Not Merely Young

The Bulletin has already mentioned Christian Lahrman, 9, of Denmark as being the youngest competitor. We now know he is brave and talented as well.

He is staying with mentors near the venue and en route to the second day he was giddy and sick. He played a couple of boards and then had to leave the room to be sick again. When he returned the TD's advised him he could drop out but he played on. This was the next deal:

Board 5. Dealer N. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lahrman	M. Stougie	Bune	L. Stougie
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Our young man opened a strong notrump, completed the transfer and in no time was declarer in 4♠.

With little to choose between leading one minor or the other North selected the stronger one.... clubs. The play took no more than a couple of minutes. Lahrman won the club ace over South's king, played a trump to the ace and back to the king, cashed the queen of clubs ditching his losing diamond and cleared the hearts for 11 tricks. This was worth 33/40 for the youngest pair.

Well done, Christian. We expect to hear much more of you in later years.



Christian Lahrman, Denmark

The French Rally

Alexandre Kilani and Aymeric Lebatteux, like so many French players from the past, did not make a particularly good start to today's Juniors' Final. We had to wait till halfway the second session of the morning before they really started to get going. It seems that French players in general do not like to play early in the morning. In their seaside resorts, a day's play in the annual bridge tournament would not start before 4 p.m...

By board 14, they were fully awake. We saw a good inferential auction and correct declarer play, be it against less than perfect defence.

Board: 14. Dlr: East/None

<p>♠ Q 7 5 2 ♥ 10 5 ♦ K Q 9 8 5 ♣ J 5</p> <p>♠ J 10 6 4 ♥ K 7 6 2 ♦ A J 10 ♣ 8 6</p>	<p>♠ K ♥ A J 9 ♦ 7 4 3 2 ♣ K Q 10 7 2</p> <p>♠ A 9 8 3 ♥ Q 8 4 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A 9 4 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Gullberg	Lebatteux	Karlsson	Kilani
		1♣	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♥	1♠
INT	2♠	All Pass	

1♦ was a transfer and North's double thus showed diamonds. From East's 1♥ response, South knew that North could not have more than two hearts, so he ventured a bold 1♠. West tried INT, hoping to win the partscore battle, but North raised to 2♠ with his four-card support and there it rested.

West led a club to jack, queen and ace and declarer next tried his singleton diamond. West rose with the ace, which does not look the best defence either, and played another club. East took his ♣10 and continued ♥A, ♥J which was covered by queen and king. West exited with a low heart which was ruffed in dummy, East contributing the nine (perforce) and thus establishing declarer's ♥8. The rest was easy: two top diamonds shedding two clubs, trump to the ace and a low trump through West. Just made for +110 and 14 out of the 18 available matchpoints on their way to a medal.

At another table, EW showed how to deal with a hand like this:

West	North	East	South
Suzer	Delle Cave	Ercan	Gandoglia
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Dble	All Pass		

Suzer immediately doubled 2♠ and led a low trump. He surely knows his theory: most of the time a trump lead is best against doubled partscores. Dummy played low and East's ♠K forced declarer's ace. A low diamond came next, dummy's king winning. This was another good move by West, who of course could see that rising with the ace would at once establish dummy's suit. Declarer then played the ♣J to the king and ace and a low club back from hand. When Suzer could win the trick with his eight, we immediately continued the ♠J which was won by dummy's queen. Declarer then ruffed a diamond in hand and tried to ruff a club in dummy but Suzer jumped in with his master trump to lead yet another trump, removing declarer's last trump. Declarer was stranded in his hand now, so he had to play a rounded suit. When declarer exited in clubs, the only other trick he could get was dummy's last trump, as West still held the ♦A. Down one, +100 and 11 mp to EW.

THANKS FROM THE EDITOR

It is some years since I last acted as Editor for one of these Championship Bulletins, and I was very impressed with the team of four that we had here in Vejle. Furthermore, we all had at least two jobs.

Micke Melander not only provided most of the photos, and some excellent ones too, he also provided copy. Jos Jacobs was our main reporter, usually watching the BBO table to produce much of our material. But the star, perhaps, was Fotis Skoularikis, who not only had the job of Scorer IT, but also acted as Layout Editor for every page of the Bulletin. Thank you indeed the three of you.

We also had contributions from outside the four staff. In particular I thank Kees Tammens who provided an article a day. Maurizio Di Sacco added some educational material from outside this event.

We invited contributions from the players. But after dinner they were active playing beach volleyball or football in the light evenings and helping to keep the bar and pool tables busy, so had little spare time to test their skills at journalism. The prize for a contribution from a player goes to Bob Donkersloot of the Netherlands. He is the youngest member of the International Bridge Press Association.

Patrick Jourdain, Editor

The Hunt is on!

Sigrid Spangenberg and Magdalena Ticha had been on top in the Girls Qualifier for the first six sessions. They had at times been in the lead by more than 10% ahead of a group of two Polish and two Italian pairs, who were doing their best to close the gap.

Board 6. Dealer E. E-W Vul.

♠ 9 7 3 2 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q 9 7 2		♠ J 6 4 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ 10 8 6 4 ♣ A J 10	♠ 10 8 ♥ K J 7 6 3 ♦ K J 2 ♣ 5 4 3
West <i>Byra</i>	North <i>Spangenberg</i>	East <i>Byra</i>	South <i>Ticha</i>
INT*	3♦	Pass	1♦ All Pass

INT was conventional and promised a four card major and a longer club suit. That didn't disturb the Dutch pair much and Spangenberg's preemptive raise ended the bidding. The king of clubs was led, ducked by declarer. Byra didn't like her options at all and finally switched to what looked to be the safest suit, spades. Ticha won in hand with the ace and realized that she now had the chance to score an overtrick. That's always very welcome in pairs. Ticha cashed the ace of diamonds, played a club to the jack, called for the ace of clubs and discarded one of her losing hearts. Her safety play in trumps cost them a trick, but it wasn't

that strange to cash the ace of diamonds before taking the club finesse as the bidding had been. Still they scored 61.5% for that effort.

Board 10. Dealer E. All Vul.

♠ K 6 3 ♥ J 6 5 2 ♦ Q 8 3 ♣ J 3 2		♠ Q 8 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ 10 5 4 ♣ K 9 7 6 4	♠ A 4 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ A K 9 7 6 2 ♣ 8 5
West <i>Ticha</i>	North <i>Duftrat</i>	East <i>Spangenberg</i>	South <i>Kedzierska</i>
Db1* All Pass	2♠	1♦ 3♦	1♠ 3♠

A lot of bidding from Ticha/Spangenberg made life difficult for Duftrat/ Kedzierska. The double from West was surely one of the reasons why Kedzierska didn't take a chance of playing in game.

The defence attacked in diamonds, declarer ruffed the second round of diamonds and played on trumps as soon as she had the chance. It was impossible to keep the Polish declarer to less than 10 tricks. 13 MP:s to both pairs.

Board 12. Dealer W. N-S Vul.

♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A K 8 7 3 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ 10 2		♠ A K 9 6 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A 4 ♣ J 8 7 6 3	♠ Q J 7 5 4 ♥ 10 6 ♦ J 9 8 ♣ A K 4
West <i>Ticha</i>	North <i>Duftrat</i>	East <i>Spangenberg</i>	South <i>Kedzierska</i>
Pass 2♠ All Pass	1♣* Pass	1♠ Pass	Db1 2NT*

Clothes Website
papfar.com

The Danish Junior Committee announces it has an offer from clothing manufacturer Papfar to offer their product with a 50% discount until 20th July 2012 to those quoting the code BF96D8AD on the website papfar.com

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mond, and led a diamond to the king. A finesse of the $\diamond 10$ lost to the jack and the defence claimed the rest for three off. 150 to N/S was normal: 10/18.

Declarer might have managed two off if at trick four he had taken club ace, ruffed a club, led a diamond to the king and ruffed another club. -100 beats the -140s and would have been a near top.

N-S were in the top spot here:

Board: 6. Dir: East/EW

<p>\spadesuit 7 2 \heartsuit 2 \diamond A K 10 8 6 3 2 \clubsuit 7 6 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit A K J 6 5 \heartsuit 9 7 4 3 \diamond 5 \clubsuit A Q 2</p>	<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	<p>\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit A K Q J 8 \diamond Q J 9 7 \clubsuit K 5 4</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Lankveld	Westerbeek	van den Bos	Wackwitz
		$1\spadesuit$	$2\heartsuit$
$4\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	$5\diamond$	All Pass	

There was an element of luck here. The way the wallets are placed on the tray is very confusing for both recorders and players. Your bidding card appears immediately opposite the opponent's direction name, and with Danish wallets the vulnerability is shown only by the colour of that name. When the vulnerability is different for the two sides we have had several cases of the players misreading, believing the vulnerability shown in front of their bids is their own rather than that of the opponent. The confusion is made more likely by the movement, as players switch from one direction to another rather than staying the same as they would with teams.

North, with the excellent seven-card diamond suit, thought he was vulnerable against not instead of the opposite. That makes his bidding much more understandable. Anyway the play was quick. East cashed his two aces and declarer claimed. +400 was worth 13/18 matchpoints to N-S.

SPORTS NEWS

Wimbledon

Men's Semifinal

Federer beat Djokovic in 4 sets, 6-3 3-6 6-4 6-3.

Murray beat Tsonga also in 4 sets, 6-3 6-4 3-6 7-5.

Tour de France Stage 6

Peter Sagan achieved his third win.

Closing Speech by EBL President Yves Aubry

Dear Young bridge friends,

I am pleased to welcome you for the EBL Youth Pairs Championships Closing Ceremony. This year, you have been 172 pairs coming from 26 countries.

You played in a very good spirit with a lot of fair-play. There were few appeals.

This year, the EBL added a new Mixed Pairs competition and it has been the one that had the most registered pairs. Two years ago, in Opatija, I have been asked to add this new competition and it starts from 2012. This is a real success and I think that we should be able to double the number of participants in 2014 because some Federations were not aware of it and they did not register any Mixed Pair.

The second new competition is the President's Cup that replaces the Final B and enables the 3 categories to mix. Many of you thanked me for this initiative but I regret that the majority of pairs played with their usual partner and that they did not take the opportunity to move to another partner from a different country.

Next week some of you will play in Reims and at the end of this month in Tai Can. I wish you all a great success and numerous medals for the European countries during those two World Championships.

Next year the Team Championships will be held in Wroclaw-Poland from 11th to 20th July. Some of you also suggested adding a Mixed competition but it won't be possible for 2013.

In 2014 the Youth Pairs Championships will be organised within the same format with 2 days in the Mixed and 3 days for the Junior, Youngsters and Girls. Hungary is a candidate to organise these Championships but other countries can still send their candidacy until beginning of 2013.

Since 2006, there has been no Youth Camp following the Youth Championships; I hope that starting 2014 the EBL could organise again a Youth Camp.

I want to thank the Danish Federation and its Secretary-General Flemming Bøgh-Sørensen, the organising committee led by Per Egelund, and all the staff from Denmark and EBL who worked with enthusiasm and professionalism to make this event in Vejle such a success.

I hope that you will all keep a great memory of your stay in Denmark.

Tomorrow, you will go back home.

Have a safe journey and enjoy your evening.

I officially declare closed the 11th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships.

Yves Aubry
EBL President



The Junior Pairs Medallists



The Youngsters Pairs Medallists



The Girls Pairs Medallists