

Thursday 21 march

Het Witte Huis, Amsterdam (still too cold for the first day of spring but some sunshine outside)

Argentina-France

Netherlands 'Red'-Hungary

A nice poster for the semifinals of WHJI-2013

Three sessions of 14 boards

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12	Romania	268
13	Denmark	268
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15	Israel	265
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17	Belgium	252
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20	Croatia	241
21	Ireland	232
22	Austria	230
23	Scotland	207
24	Netherlands Orange	183
25	Portugal	152
26	Germany	142

The non qualifying teams are divided in four groups of four teams (based in the final ranking of the round robin) and a group of six, to battle for the cups in B/C/D/E/F final. Three matches of 14 boards.

In all matches, except the semifinals, the same boards are played, so there is again a Butler over the whole room). We hope that the data saved will help the captains and coaches to

analyse the play of their own juniors. Really, we are not only - although you might get that impression - interested in the result; also in the game itself!

With all four tables of the semifinal at BBO, a lot of action may be expected. Dennis will follow this while I will also see some of the matches in the other finals.

### Semifinals session 1

NL Red - Hungary

Board 1

Spel 1 ♠ AK52  
N/N ♥ K  
♦ A8754  
♣ KQ4

♠ QT73  
♥ QJT8  
♦ T62  
♣ AJ

♠ J9  
♥ 9762  
♦ KQ93  
♣ T95

♠ 864  
♥ A543  
♦ J  
♣ 87632

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Wagner	Westerbeek	Fisher
-	1♦	pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	pass	pass
1NT	DBL	pass	pass
Pass			

North opened 1♦ and rebid 1♠ on his 19-count. Usually partner will not pass, but if he does game won't be that good. Wackwitz expected the points to be divided more evenly and balanced with 1NT, doubled by North. After spade lead, Wagner found the excellent defense of leading a top club. Wackwitz won and played the ♥Q for Wagner's King. Now two more rounds

of clubs and then North ducked the diamonds twice. Then he gave declarer his spade trick and Wackwitz had to lead a heart for South, who had a club for the setting trick. NS +100

Open room

West	North	East	South
Szirmay-Kalos	Spangenberg	Konkoly	van Lankveld
	1♦	pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	pass	4♠

Spangenberg rebid 2♠, GF and unbalanced, over 1♥. Now van Lankveld judged his hand to be more useful in 4♠ than in 3NT.

Konkoly led a club and Szirmay took his Ace to return a spade. Now Spangenberg could have made the contract by cross-ruffing the hand. Win the Ace and take ♥K and ♦A and ruff a diamond. Then cash ♥A and ruff a heart, a diamond and another ♥, cashing the ♣K along the way. Now you score 4 trumps in hand, 2 in dummy, along with 2 hearts, 1 diamond and 1 club. But she forgot to unblock the ♥K and could now only make one heart ruff in hand, leaving herself a trick short in the end. NS - 100 and the first 5 IMPs went to Hungary.

Board 4

Spel 4    ♠ AKT2  
W/A        ♥ 9  
              ♦ J4  
              ♣ KQ8642

♠ 4  
♥ QT4  
♦ A9862  
♣ J753

♠ Q9876  
♥ K85  
♦ KT7  
♣ T9

♠ J53  
♥ AJ7632  
♦ Q53  
♣ A

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Wagner	Westerbeek	Fisher

Pass	1♣	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♣	pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	all pass	

Westerbeek overcalled 1♠ on his bad suit, vulnerable. No real harm was done, as North-South reached the normal contract, albeit in the North hand. Westerbeek led ♠9 and declarer could set up his clubs, so NS +600.

Open room

West	North	East	South
Szirmay-Kalos	Spangenberg	Konkoly	van Lankveld
Pass	1♣	pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	pass	3NT

Konkoly did either see the vulnerability or his spade holding and did not make the overcall. Now NS investigated what game to play and landed in 3NT, played by South. West had an easy diamond lead and 3NT was one down, NS -100. 12 IMPs to Hungary.

Board 8

Spel 8 ♠ J6  
W/N ♥ KQJ2  
♦ Q42  
♣ QJ76

♠ AT73	♠ -
♥ A864	♥ 95
♦ 63	♦ AKJT85
♣ KT3	♣ A9542

♠ KQ98542  
♥ T73  
♦ 97  
♣ 8

Open room

West	North	East	South
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Szirmay-Kalos	Spangenberg	Konkoly	van Lankveld
1NT	pass	3NT	all pass

1NT = 10-13NT

West opened a mini no trump, 10-13 and East just bid the game he wanted to play. Luckily for him his partner had the spades well stopped and nine tricks were made, NS -400.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Wagner	Westerbeek	Fisher
1NT	pass	3♣	pass
3♦	pass	3♠	DBL
RDBL	pass	5♣	pass
6♣	all pass		

1NT = 9-12

3♣ = transfer to ♦, weak or strong

3♠ = short ♠

Wackwitz also opened a mini no-trump, 9-12 in their system. Westerbeek decided to investigate, by bidding his diamonds, then short spades. Wackwitz redoubled to show ♠A and Westerbeek completed his pattern by jumping to 5♣. Now Wackwitz had an enormous hand, though the value of ♠A was questionable and trump support was moderate. So Wackwitz raised to slam. ♠K lead taken by the Ace and Westerbeek cashed ♦A. Then a club to the King and another diamond from the table to the King. From this point declarer could not make his contract anymore and went 1 off, NS +100.

After the first set Hungary was in the lead by 36 - 16 IMPs.

Meanwhile in the other semifinal Argentina led France by 43 - 31.