

## Welcome to the White House Juniors 2015

Welcome all to the White House Juniors International Teams Tournament 2015. We have five days of juniors bridge ahead of us. 24 teams will play for the Carrousel Cup, named after the famous location in 's-Hertogenbosch where this event took place for many years. In 2005 the tournament moved to Amsterdam and since 2006 'Het Witte Huis' (the White House) has accommodated the juniors in their bridge home.

On Monday and Tuesday teams will play in 2 groups, playing against all other teams in their group. The top 6 of each group will continue to Quarter Final A taking with them the VPs against the other top-6 teams. On Wednesday they will play the 6 teams from the other groups. The same goes for the bottom 6 teams, going into Quarter Final B.

The top 3 of the Quarter Final A and winner of Quarter Final B will go through to the Semifinal on Thursday with the other teams playing in groups of 4 for consolation prizes. On Friday, the Finals will be played.

### Round 1: Norway – Germany U20

Round 1 featured defending champions Norway against the German Under 20 squad. On board 1 Norway immediately took the lead:

G		N Harald		WES   NOOR   OOST   ZUID	
1		♠ B972		1♣ Pas 2♠	
		♥ HB92		Pas 3♣ Pas 5♣	
		♦ 8		Pas Pas Pas	
		♣ AVB7			
W Stig		O Leo			
♠ V5		♠ H864			
♥ V10843		♥ 765			
♦ H1074		♦ V952			
♣ H2		♣ 83			
		Z Christian			
		♠ A103			
		♥ A			
		♦ AB63			
		♣ 109654			
5♣ Noord					
NZ: 0					
OW: 0					

Eide and Bakke found their way to 5♣ after an inverted minor sequence with North showing an unbalanced minimum. They made 11 tricks by drawing trumps, for +400.

At the other table the Germans got to 3NT in South with a ♥ lead. Pabst as South won and took a ♣ finesse and immediately cashed 4 club tricks. Only then he took a spade finesse. The defense switched their attention to diamonds now and declarer could not score ♥ King and another spade finesse anymore. The defense got 5 tricks now for 1 down, NS -50 and 10 IMPs to Norway.

Board 2 was a slam missing ♥ Ace and King. Both tables in 4♠ +2. 4 pairs tried the slam and 2 of them were lucky enough to escape the heart lead (from ♥ AJ9xx).

On board 3 Hegge for Norway managed to make a 1NT with 12 opposite 11 hcp without overtricks, but the German declarer (also just in 1NT) went down 1, for 5 IMPs.

Board 4 was an interesting 3NT.

<b>G</b> <b>4</b>	<b>N</b> van Oosten ♠ H985432 ♥ H43 ♦ B5 ♣ 5	<b>WES:</b> 1SA Pas 3SA Pas <b>NOOF:</b> Pas Pas <b>OOST:</b> 3SA Pas <b>ZUID:</b> Pas Pas
	<b>W</b> Hegge ♠ A6 ♥ 97 ♦ AH10863 ♣ V74	<b>O</b> Grude ♠ V107 ♥ A105 ♦ V4 ♣ H10862
3SA West NZ: 0 OW: 0	<b>Z</b> Pabst ♠ B ♥ VB862 ♦ 972 ♣ AB93	

Hegge judged his hand to be a strong 1NT opening and got to 3NT in no time. North led a small ♠ and Hegge got it wrong by inserting the 10. He took the Jack with his Ace and started with a club to the King. South won and switched to a heart, won immediately. Hegge now played a club to the Queen and when nothing happened there, he just cashed his diamonds from the top to make his game. North surely would have found a bid with singletons in both minors.

At the other table Stig Jesse opened 1♦ and North overcalled 2♠, a weak jump. Leo Vornkahl as East now used 2NT as a Lebensohl to reach 3NT. South did not find the killing heart lead (should he with East denying 4 hearts in the bidding?) but instead led ♠ Jack. Vornkahl won and immediately got the diamonds right without testing clubs first. That could have been expensive if North held long clubs and South ♦Jxxx, but not here. So no score.

Board 5 was another push, but on board 6 Norway scored again:

<b>G</b> <b>6</b>	<b>N</b> van Oosten ♠ HV ♥ 73 ♦ AB7642 ♣ V85	<b>WES:</b> 2♥ 3♦ Dbl <b>NOOF:</b> 2♥ 3♦ Pas <b>OOST:</b> Pas Pas Pas <b>ZUID:</b> Pas Pas Pas
	<b>W</b> Hegge ♠ AB1075 ♥ V ♦ H1093 ♣ AB3	<b>O</b> Grude ♠ 93 ♥ AHB864 ♦ 85 ♣ 1074
3♦ x Noord NZ: 0 OW: 0	<b>Z</b> Pabst ♠ 8642 ♥ 10952 ♦ V ♣ H962	

Grude opened a Multi 2♦ and Hegge was not interested in game opposite hearts. Van Oosten came in with 3♦ and Hegge doubled. 3 down was the result, so NS -500. The other table started along the same lines, including Wests double. But Vornkahl as East decided to rebid his hearts, so Germany U20 got to play 3♥, just made. NS -140, but Norway added 8 IMPs to their total, 23-0 now.

Board 7 was hard to handle. Going down in a 5 level contract you bid all by yourself is breaking one of the three bridge rules Dutch U20s learned. Hegge and Grude broke that rule by bidding up to 5♣ and then going down:

Board 7

N van Oosten  
 ♠ V  
 ♥ 1086  
 ♦ V8632  
 ♣ AB74

W Hegge  
 ♠ A6  
 ♥ AHB92  
 ♦ A1075  
 ♣ H9

Z Pabst  
 ♠ B873  
 ♥ V7543  
 ♦ B  
 ♣ 1086

O Grude  
 ♠ H109542  
 ♥  
 ♦ H94  
 ♣ V532

WES	NOO	OOS	ZUID
1♥	Pas	1♠	Pas
2♠	Pas	3♥	Pas
3♠	Pas	4♠	Pas
5♣	Pas	5♠	Pas
Pas	Pas		

5♣ Oost  
 NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Grude did not get everything right, so he went 1 off.

At the other table the Germans started with a strong 1♣ opening in West, but things got out of hand:

West	East
Jesse	Vornkahl
1♣	1♠
2♥	2♠
3♠	4♦
4NT	5♦
6NT	pass

That was too high as well. North lead ♠ Queen, South gave up ♠ Jack and the defense quickly cashed ♣ Ace as well.

On board 8 Jesse did not open in the 1<sup>st</sup> hand, NV-NV with:

♠ T83  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ KQ  
 ♣ KJ97543

A bit surprising for a junior (even U20). But NS reached 4♥ anyway when South took an aggressive invite. 4♥ -3 at both tables, so another push.

Board 9 was a matter of overtricks in 3NT, but board 10 gave Norway another small swing.

Spel 10	♠ 543		
O/A	♥ QJ74		
	♦ K3		
	♣ AKQ7		
♠ KQJ6		♠ A7	
♥ 865		♥ AT3	
♦ J754		♦ AT982	
♣ J8		♣ T52	
	♠ T982		
	♥ K92		
	♦ Q6		
	♣ 9643		

Norway bid to 2♦ to score an overtrick, but Jesse and Vornkahl decided to play 1NT, as West did not retreat to diamonds when East rebid 1NT. The defense was rather easy on a club lead and timely hearts play. So 1NT -1 gave Norway another 5 IMPs.

The match ended in 32-0, making it 18,15 – 1,85 VP.

You can find tournament info on <http://www.jeugdbridge.nl/index.php?id=white-house-juniors>

Results will be posted here after each round: <http://nbbclubsites.nl/club/1003/pagina/470736>

You can click on Group A or Group B in the left menu to see the scores in each group. Or click on 'uitslagen' (results) to see the results per round.