

### Day 1

On Monday 21 march, 24 teams from sixteen European countries gathered in Het Witte Huis for the 11<sup>th</sup> White House Junior Internationals. After 12 years 'Den Bosch' (1993-2004) and Twee Klaveren (Amsterdam) in 2005, this is the 24th consecutive international junior team event in the Netherlands. I am convinced that playing competitive bridge in this kind of environment is a valuable experience for every bridgeplayer. And let's be frank: the staff enjoys this week as much as the juniors do.

European Junior Champion Poland hit off to a good start against the very young Israeli team (qualified for U20 world championships in August).

#### Spel 2 O/NZ

♠AK852  
♥AQ2  
♦A107  
♣J7

♠Q1074  
♥6  
♦K84  
♣AQ432



♠963  
♥K943  
♦QJ53  
♣65

♠J  
♥J10875  
♦962  
♣K1098

1♣	dbl	pass	1♥
pass	1♠	pass	1NT
pass	3♥	pass	4♥
pass	pass	pass	

A small spade ran to ♠J. Heart to ♥Q and ♥K after which East switched to clubs. ♣Q, ♣A and a third club from west. Declarer ruffed with ♥A, played a heart to ♥8, drew trumps and claimed +620.

**Spel 10**  
O/A

♠AKJ43  
♥J7  
♦1083  
♣A82

♠6  
♥A532  
♦Q762  
♣QJ103



♠5  
♥KQ864  
♦K95  
♣9754

♠Q109872  
♥109  
♦AJ4  
♣K6

A weak two in ♠ or a light 1♠ opening made South declarer in 4♠ with West on lead. After ♣Q the play was over, eliminating ♣ and playing a heart. With North as declarer East led ♥K, played a second heart and East-west played a club or spades leaving the declarer to play diamonds for one loser: inescapably one down.

Session 3. Sometimes it's not an easy game. Wat do you bid?

Spel 30)  
East/--

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♥	??	2 ♥	dbl

North: ♠ K 8 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ K 10 7 4 3 2 ♣ K 6

Spel 25)  
North/EW

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♣ (8-11) ???	2 ♥ pass	dbl 3 ♥	pass pass

West: ♠ A 9 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ J 9 8 4 3

In White House Juniors there is one certainty: everybody is hungry. So since dinner was planned at 18.00, at 17.40 the line for the kitchen was very long. The chef prepared some nice gamba's, and most of the juniors filled their plate 2 or 3 times.

Back to these nasty bidding problems with ♥J-third. As you can see below in the hand record, both times 3NT was the winning bid! After three sessions (of 11) in the qualification all remained open. The real battle still had to start.

**Spel 30**  
O/-

♠K8		♠764
♥J84		♥KQ9753
♦K107432		♦986
♣K6		♣2
♠AQ93		♠J1052
♥62		♥A10
♦J		♦AQ5
♣QJ8543		♣A1097



→ 5♦ can be made when you play East for ♥KQ

**Spel 25**  
N/OW

♠1063		♠KJ87
♥AQ9642		♥K
♦853		♦AQJ102
♣6		♣AK7
♠A9		♠Q542
♥J53		♥1087
♦K74		♦96
♣J9843		♣Q1052



→ 5♣ can only be made double dummy

Session 4. Young Ben Norton of England White became declarer in 4♥.

pass	pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	pass	pass
pass			

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

SOUTH  
 ♠ A  
 ♥ A K J 10 4 3  
 ♦ J 7 4  
 ♣ 10 3 2

West led a small spade and ♠K of East was for ♠A in South. Ben earned the praise of his captain Jonathan Cook when he smoothly played a nice card in trick two.

Spel 4  
 W/A

♠Q1087	♠642	♠N	♠KJ953
♥Q82	♥75	W	♥96
♦K105	♦93	Z	♦AQ862
♣J97	♣AKQ854	O	♣6
			♠A
			♥AKJ1043
			♦J74
			♣1032

The second card was an imaginative, technical correct and effective ♥10, which was ducked all around allowing declarer to take all thirteen tricks. Rightfully a nominee for the best played hand of WHJI 2016.

Session 5. Mikael Grønkvist did not mind to declare 3♥, with the other table in 4♠, making.

**Spel 18**  
**O/NZ**

♠QJ10982  
♥K8  
♦AJ108  
♣10

♠A76  
♥AQJ974  
♦K53  
♣3

♠K5  
♥10653  
♦7642  
♣Q85

♠43  
♥2  
♦Q9  
♣AKJ97642

W O N Z

West	North	East	South
3♥	pass	pass	3♣

After ♣10, ♣Q, ♣K, and ♣3, ♣A was ruffed and then over ruffed by North, who returned ♠Q. Declarer took ♠K, drew trumps with ♥10 (ruffing out the spades followed by a diamond would make it clear for South to go up with ♦Q) and immediately played a diamond, leaving South on play with ♦9. ♦Q would have spoiled everything but South played another club, ruffed by West. ♠A and a spade ruff followed by a second diamond, ♦Q in south, small in west and the endplay was there.