

Poland – Israel U-26

Poland had reached the quarter finals from the B-group by winning the important match against the Dutch Youngsters by 19-1. Israel U-26 had finished 3rd in the A-group. After the first half the Israelis had a small lead: 40-35 IMPs.

In the second half Poland took the lead on board 16.

Spel 16
W/OW

♠AKJ9
♥K87
♦J432
♣A7

♠1054
♥63
♦KQ109
♣K962

W N
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♠Q
♥AQJ10952
♦76
♣J84

♠87632
♥4
♦A85
♣Q1053

West	North	East	South
<i>Sobczak</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	ap.	

Urman and Yekutieli stayed low in 3♠. Declarer lost a heart, two diamonds and a club, for +140.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Majcher</i>
Pass	1NT	2♦ *	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
DBL	ap.		

Zawada opened a strong no-trump and Zamir entered the bidding. Majcher passed first, but bid 2♠ in the reboud. Zawada made a game-try and Majcher accepted. Ezion doubled and led a diamond.

Zamir won and the defense seemed on the right track as Zamir played a diamond. Majcher ducked to West. Another heart was ruffed and declarer played the Ace of spades. Next came Ace of diamonds and a second round of trumps. Majcher's next move was to play the third heart and pitched his diamond loser. Meanwhile West had to find a discard as well and pitched a club. Zamir should have continued with a fourth heart now to defeat the contract, but when he tried a club declarer guessed well by playing the ten. West played the King and declarer could now play two more rounds of clubs to set up the fourth club for his tenth trick. N-S +590 and 10 IMPs to Poland.

Spel 20
W/A

♠8
♥K732
♦KQJ52
♣J107

♠K109632
♥AQ1085
♦6
♣3

♠AJ74
♥J96
♦10873
♣Q9

♠Q5
♥4
♦A94
♣AK86542

W O Z N

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Majcher</i>
1♠	Pass	3♣	4♣
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♠	DBL	ap.	

3♣ was a Bergen Raise showing 4-card support and about 6-9 hcp. Majcher overcalled 4♣ and Zawada then bid on to game. Ezion took the push and Zawada doubled, so South would not bid 6♣. The defense scored a heart, diamond and club. N-S +200.

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<i>Sobczak</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
1♠	DBL	3♥*	3♠
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♣
DBL	ap.		

Urman made an aggressive take-out double and Yekutieli first made a cuebid and then bid game. When Sobczak competed to 5 Urman passed and Yekutieli decided the lack of a double meant North had a good hand for clubs. So he bid slam and Sobczak doubled. The defense cashed their aces for 1 down. N-S -200 and 9 IMPs to Poland. Israel had won a couple of IMPs along the way, so Poland led by 54 – 47.

Spel 22
O/OW

♠AKJ653
♥AQ84
♦A4
♣2

♠10987
♥KJ1063
♦832
♣3



♠2
♥5
♦QJ95
♣AKQJ986

♠Q4
♥972
♦K1076
♣10754

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<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Majcher</i>
-	-	1♣	Pass
1♥	DBL	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	4♣	4♠
DBL	ap.		

Zamir led the King of clubs and continued with the Jack. Ezion pitched a diamond and Zawada ruffed. Declarer played a spade to the Queen and led the nine of hearts of the table. Ezion covered with the Jack and Zawada

tried the Queen. Then he drew trumps, cashed Ace and King of diamonds and could establish a third heart trick for his overtrick. N-S +690.

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<i>Sobczak</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	-	3NT *	Pass
4♣	DBL	ap.	

Marcinowski opened 3NT to show a solid minor and Sobczak ran. Urman just doubled and 4♣ doubled became the final contract. With the long clubs in dummy the defense was quite easy. North got his diamond ruff for 2 down. So N-S scored +500, but it was 5 IMPs to Poland.

With three boards to play Poland led 63-47.

Spel 26
O/A

♠ Q752
♥ 52
♦ J85
♣ 7542

♠ 94
♥ J943
♦ 1074
♣ A1063

♠ AKJ103
♥ A1087
♦ Q6
♣ Q8

♠ 86
♥ KQ6
♦ AK932
♣ KJ9

W N O Z

West	North	East	South
<i>Sobczak</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	-	1♠	ap.

Marcinowski opened 1♠ and was left to play there. 8 easy tricks, N-S -110.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Majcher</i>
-	-	1♠	DBL
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
ap.			

Majcher made a take-out double and Zawada chose 1NT, a bid that supposed to show some values. Majcher tried for game, but Zawada had no reason to accept. Zamir just set up his spades and when Zawada played a diamond to the nine next he was three off. N-S -300 and 5 IMPs to Israel, trailing by 52-63 now.

Spel 27
Z/-

♠9864
♥1054
♦A
♣Q10743

♠J3
♥AJ9632
♦Q76
♣92

W N O
Z

♠Q7
♥8
♦KJ432
♣AK865

♠AK1052
♥KQ7
♦10985
♣J

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Majcher</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	3NT *	Pass
4♦	ap.		

Zawada made a Bergen raise and Zamir passed for the moment. When 3♠ came back to him he decided his partner should have something useful and competed with 3NT, showing both minors. Ezion picked 4♦ as the final contract. That contract went just two off, N-S +100. Would Israel bid and make 4♠ at the other table?

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<i>Sobczak</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♣ *	3♦	3♥ *
DBL	Pass	Pass	3♠
ap.			

Urman also made a Bergen raise, but Marcinowski got in immediately with 3♦. Yekutieli made a game try, but no one dared to bid it. Declarer took just nine tricks, N-S +140 and 1 IMP to Israel U-26. Poland still in the lead by 63-53.

Would the last board be decisive?

Spel 28
W/NZ

♠K109
♥A62
♦AK7
♣Q976

♠AQ63
♥J1073
♦-
♣AKJ83

♠7
♥Q84
♦QJ109542
♣42

♠J8542
♥K95
♦863
♣105

W O N Z

It seemed difficult to create a big swing on this one.

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<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Zawada</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Majcher</i>
1♣	1NT	3♦	ap.

Zamir made a weak jump and bought the contract in 3♦. He lost two hearts and two diamonds, so N-S -110.

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<i>Sobczak</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
1♣	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
DBL	Pass	4♦	ap.

Marcinowski took the slow route this time. When the opponents seemed to have found a good fit he competed to 3♦. Urman bid one more with a decent hand with fit and top cards. Sobczak doubled. 3♠ doubled would be interesting. If Urman would make it, Israel would win 12 IMPs and win the match. But Marcinowski took out to 4♦ and got to play there. He lost the same tricks as the other table. N-S +50, but only 4 IMPs to Israel U-26. Poland had won the match 63 – 57 IMPs.

In the other matches England beat Norway 68 – 47. Netherlands White won against Netherlands Red 59 – 55. Sweden beat Israel U-20 99 – 42.

In the semi finals Poland will meet England. Sweden will take on Netherlands White.