

## Round 3

## Impressions in round three

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Anneke complains: "I cannot sit outside in the sun". Why? "It is too hot!" Organising gives you sometimes headaches and an important matter is the Dutch weather. This time however I could arrange with Zeus that week 13 of 2017 will be a perfect spring, almost summer time.

The Hungarian Girls-junior team had a rough start but they managed – probably especially for me – the first Dinosuarus of the event.

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N/A

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♦KQ74  
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W N O  
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♥K84  
♦AJ92  
♣AK83


♠AQ10954  
♥Q3  
♦10865  
♣Q

Maria opened 1♦ as East and South overcalled 2♠. After 4♥ by West Maria had heard enough and closed the bidding with 6NT, which certainly was the ironclad (don't forget the wise words of Hamman: "A good slam is a slam that makes") slam, with NS going one of in 6♥ at the other table: +17 imps.

In the third match I followed Guy-Thibo, one of the new Dutch junior pairs, in their encounter with Russia, that started WHJI well with two big wins. Well the theory needs some attention:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1 NT
pass	2 ♣	pass	2 ♥
dbl	redouble	2 ♠	dbl(take out)
pass	pass	pass	

In long forgotten days I knew a player who stated 'All Doubles Are Penalty'. This West, a Russian with French roots, also had that idea and doubled 2 ♥ with ♠ 10 2 ♥ K J 10 9 8 ♦ 10 5 ♣ J 10 7 4. A sporting and good double; only 2 ♥ was cold in high cards and 2 ♠ was down four: +1100 for the Netherlands (-660 at the other table).

<b>Spel 27</b> Z/-	♠KJ976 ♥32 ♦A64 ♣Q107		
♠A832 ♥AJ54 ♦KQJ7 ♣9		♠Q10 ♥1076 ♦1098 ♣A8542	
	♠54 ♥KQ98 ♦532 ♣KJ63		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			pass
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♦	dbl
3 ♦	pass	pass	pass

Thibo as West bid 3 ♦ while mortals would be content to defend 2 ♥ or 2 ♠. North led a small heart and declarer – fearing five hearts in South took ♥Q with ♥A and returned a heart. ♥K and a ruff in North who returned a club. ♣A and a club ruff. Small spade for ♠K and ♣Q ruffed. Spade to ♠Q and a club ruffed, North over ruffed and tried to give South

a spade ruff. Declarer had the advantage of the strong three card trumps in dummy and ruffed. After which the club was ruffed with  $\spadesuit K$  and  $\spadesuit 9$  and  $\spadesuit 8$  as the last two tricks fulfilling this ice mini-moysian fit. It all ended quietly: Neth 16-Russia 11.

### Germany U20 vs. Israel U26

Dennis Stuurman

In round 3 Germany U20 and Israel U26 were lined-up on BBO. In the Open Room Assaf Yekutieli – Lion Urman for Israel played against Florian Alter – Leo Vornkahl, while in the Closed Room Maximilian Litterst – Lauritz Streck (Germany) faced Amir Ezion – Ami Zamir.

Israel had started the tournament well and were first in the group, while Germany were just above average at 6th place after a first round loss and a good win in the second round.

Board 21 was passed out in the Closed Room, but in the Open Room Urman had opened an 11-count and Germany reached a normal  $2\heartsuit$  that went 1 off on a bad lie of the cards. First 2 IMPs to Israel.

Board 22 gave more action. Both North players got in quickly and reached the normal result.

#### Spel 22 O/OW

$\spadesuit 64$		
$\heartsuit -$		
$\diamondsuit AQJ98732$		
$\clubsuit AJ2$		
$\spadesuit K109853$	$\spadesuit N$	$\spadesuit Q72$
$\heartsuit J432$	$\heartsuit W$	$\heartsuit AK865$
$\diamondsuit -$	$\heartsuit O$	$\diamondsuit K4$
$\clubsuit 654$	$\spadesuit Z$	$\clubsuit KQ7$
	$\spadesuit AJ$	
	$\heartsuit Q1097$	
	$\diamondsuit 1065$	
	$\clubsuit 10983$	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Litterst</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Streck</i>
-	-	1NT	Pass
2♣	5♦	DBL	ap.

Zamir opened a heavy 1NT with a good 5-card heart suit. Ezion used stayman to try for a heart fit or else retreat to 2♠. Litterst made the normal good immediate jump to 5♦ and Zamir doubled. Ace of hearts lead and declarer lost the obvious four tricks when the defense switch to spades in time.

West	North	East	South
<i>Vornkahl</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Alter</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	-	1♣	pass
1♦	5♦	DBL	ap.

Florian Alter had to open 1♣ and could not do much more than double either after Urman also jumped to 5♦, which is even more effective when the opponents have exchanged even less information. Down two als, no score.

### Spel 24 W/-

♠84  
♥1082  
♦Q863  
♣KQ73

♠96  
♥Q53  
♦A942  
♣A652

W N O Z

♠K3  
♥AKJ97  
♦J107  
♣J98

♠AQJ10752  
♥64  
♦K5  
♣104

On board 24 Lauritz Streck got himself in trouble when he preempted his opened into a thin game.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Litterst</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Streck</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	3♠
4♥	ap.		

Streck put the pressure on with 3♠ and Ezion took the push to 4♥. On a good defense that would be 2 down and a nice plus score could be credited to the 3♠ overcall. But Streck tried the Ace of spades as his lead, costing his side a trick and a tempo. The club switch would be too late now. Streck instead led another spade Zamir took his chance by winning the King and setting up the diamond winner to discard a club loser. 4♥ made, NS -420.

West	North	East	South
<i>Vornkahl</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Alter</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♠	Pass	3♥	ap.

At the other table Yekutieli showed how the defense should be. Against 3♥ he led the ten of clubs, ducked to the Queen. North switched to a spade and after two rounds of those Yekutieli played another club to set up the second club winner before declarer could set up a diamond. 3♥ -1, so +50 to North-South en 10 IMPs to Israel.

**Spel 25**  
**N/OW**

♠AJ85		
♥Q83		
♦KJ5		
♣1095		
♠K97		♠Q10632
♥K6		♥7
♦Q62		♦10873
♣AKJ62		♣743
	♠4	
	♥AJ109542	
	♦A94	
	♣Q8	

West	North	East	South
<i>Vornkahl</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Alter</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	1NT *	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	ap.	

Urman opened a weak no-trump and Yekutieli transferred with 4♦ to 4♥. That silenced East-West. The play was normal, so +420 to North-South.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Litterst</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Streck</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♥
DBL	Pass	Pass	Pass

At the other table Litterst did not open the North hand and Streck decided to put the pressure again by opening 4♥. Not to strange with his short spades. Ezion doubled and Zamir took the interesting decision to pass this, instead of bidding 4♠. 4♥ doubled made here also, so Germany had +590 and 5 IMPs. Bidding 4♠ wouldn't have fared better for East-West.

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-	Pass	1 ♣	2 ♠
4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥	ap.

Zamir opened 1♣ and took the push to 5♥ when Ezion could jump to 4♥ over 2♠. A calm -650 for North-South on a spade lead.

West	North	East	South
<i>Vornkahl</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Alter</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	Pass	1 ♣	3 ♠
4 ♥	4 ♠	DBL	ap.

Alter opened 1♣ again and Yekutieli decided to jump to 3♠, vulnerable. Urman took the save over 4♥ with 4♠ and Alter doubled. Vornkahl led his singleton diamond, to the King and Ace and got his club ruff with Alter showing club preference with the diamond 2. Vornkahl crossed clubs and got another ruff. He then exited with a low heart, ruffed in the dummy. Yekutieli now ruffed a club and cashed the Ace of spades. Now he lost the King of spades as well. Down 2 and N-S -500. Still a good save against 4♥. 4 IMPs to Israel.

**Spel 30**  
**O/-**

♠5  
 ♥-  
 ♦Q87532  
 ♣KJ8654

♠AQ10642  
 ♥J62  
 ♦1064  
 ♣A



♠J983  
 ♥K974  
 ♦K9  
 ♣Q72

♠K7  
 ♥AQ10853  
 ♦AJ  
 ♣1093

West	North	East	South
<i>Vornkahl</i>	<i>Urman</i>	<i>Alter</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	-	Pass	1♥
1♠	DBL	2♥	DBL
3♠	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	DBL	ap.

North had an exciting hand and Urman decided to double 1♥ on the first round. Alter showed a sound raise with 2♥ and Yekutieli doubled to show his long(er) hearts. Vornkahl jumped to 3♠ and Urman in turn to 4NT to show an extreme two-suiter. Yekutieli gave preference for clubs and got doubled for 1 down after the Ace of spades lead.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ezion</i>	<i>Litterst</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Streck</i>
-	-	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	DBL	ap.

Litterst took a different approach by passing on the first round. When East-West settled in 4♠ he took the save anyway. Also 1 down, so no score.

Israel U26 won the match by 19 – 8 IMPs, making it 13.72 – 6.28 VP.