

Round 6

Het Witte Huis, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

After day one Sweden and Israel U-26 seemed straight on their way to the win in their group. Many teams however are in contention for the places 2-6 in their groups, also gaining worth a place in the second phase which will be played on Wednesday. So we were looking ahead at a great day of bridge. In the first match of the day, round six, a set of hands were shuffled where even junior remained calm. So a good time for yours truly to start on some other projects, like the Saturday bridge-column for de Volkskrant, and other future activities regarding junior bridge. What will the future have in store for us? In the meantime I listen to the live report by Roland Wald on BBO; Roland sits comfortably with his headphones in the tennis lounge of Het Witte Huis.

G		N Zvezdin	WEST NOORD OOST ZUID			
Vugraph Spel 8		♠87 ♥V65 ♦A108764 ♣4	1♣	Pas	1♠	Pas
W Gundersen		♥4	2♣	Pas	2♦	Pas
♠5 ♥A102 ♦H3 ♣VB97532		♥3	3♣	Pas	3♠	Pas
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Andere Tafel: 2♠O+1 (NS) Russia: 7 IMPs (EW) Norway: 2 IMPs		♠B1064 ♥87 ♦V95 ♣AH10	O Bakke			
Andere Tafel GIB Resultaten			♠AHV932 ♥H9 ♦B2 ♣86			
			3SA West NZ 0 OW 0			

The BBO commentator predicted a small gain for Russia that stopped carefully in 2♠ making with an overtrick. As you see North, Zigfrid, surprised us with a 'canapé'- lead of a small heart, ♥J for ♥A. Declarer started with the finesse for ♥Q and when that succeeded played ♠A, ♠K and ♠Q an ♠ in the hope of spades three-three. Unlucky South had a fourth spade and had to play in the endgame. He cashed ♣K and ♣A, and simply had to play another heart so declarer had to lose ♦A and ♥Q as the last two tricks. Ivan (excuse me, who must fear for his Russian citizenship) must have been influenced by something weird when he played another club and 3NT +1. Russia-Norway ending in a peaceful draw (8-9 what have they been doing?)