

Round 8

During the second day the battle for a place in the top-6 went on. Netherlands Blue and Denmark were in desperate need of some points when the match started.

We start with a bidding quiz this time:

1. South/all

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	-	pass
pass	1♣	1♥	pass
2♥	DBL	??	

East: ♠ A 5 ♥ K Q 8 7 5 3 ♦ 4 ♣ A 10 9 3

2. North / NS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	1♠	pass	1NT
pass	??		

NORTH: ♠ A K J 4 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 2 ♣ A

3. East / All

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
-	-	pass	1♣ (2+)
2♥	DBL	3♥	DBL (take-out)
pass	??		

NORTH: ♠ K 10 7 4 ♥ K T 6 4 ♦ A K 8 ♣ 10 7

4. West / NS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
pass	1♠	4♥	DBL
pass	??		

NORTH: ♠ K 8 7 5 4 2 ♥ - ♦ K 9 5 ♣ K Q J 2

Netherlands Blue (the Dutch under-20s) lined-up Pim Dupont and Mette Lejeune against Denmark's Sophia Laura Bune – Victor Todd-Moir, while in the other room Dieter Goudzwaard – Tobias Westerveld played against Emil Buus Thomsen – Andreas Plejdrup.

 W Todd-Moir ♠ K983 ♥ 942 ♦ A32 ♣ J64	N Dupont ♠ QJ42 ♥ 6 ♦ KQJ10 ♣ KQ72	WEST NORT EAST SOUT Pass 1♣ 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass			
		E Bune ♠ A5 ♥ KQ8753 ♦ 4 ♣ A1093	S Lejeune ♠ 1076 ♥ AJ10 ♦ 98765 ♣ 85		

4♥ East
NS: 0
EW: 0

Bidding problem number one. Sophia Bune got a pass from North instead of double and she made a game-try with 3♣. Victor Todd-Moir felt he had enough as an Ace and King were good cards for his simple raise. Bune lost two hearts and a club, so 4♥ just made, NS -620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Westerveld</i>	<i>B. Thomsen</i>	<i>Goudzwaard</i>	<i>Plejdrup</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♥	DBL	3♥	ap.

Dieter Goudzwaard had to decide over a double and chose a simple raise. That should be a competitive bid, not-invitational. You want to compete to 3♥, but not more, so you want to bid it immediately to avoid North-South can communicate whether they have a good fit.

With this hand East has game aspirations and should make an invitational bid, like Bune did at the other table. 3♥ +1 was -170 and 10 IMPs to Denmark.

The Dutch won 5 IMPs back by staying out of a low-percentage game, while Denmark went one off because of the 4-1 trump split. 5 – 10.

D		N Buus Thoms	WEST	NORT	EAST	SOUT
25		♠AKJ4	1♦	Pass	1♥	
		♥Q102	Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
		♦Q10862	Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
		♣A	Pass	Pass	Pass	
W Westerveld			E Goudzwaard			
♠Q83			♠1075			
♥7			♥K9853			
♦AK953			♦J			
♣Q654			♣J1087			
		S Plejdrup				
		♠962				
		♥AJ64				
		♦74				
		♣K932				
4♥ South						
NS: 0						
EW: 0						

Both North players were confronted with bidding problem number two. Emil Buus Thomsen solved it by bidding 3♥, extras with 3-card heart support and therefore long diamonds. 4-3-5-1 very likely. Plejdrup now chose the game in hearts with only one club stopper.

Maybe the Ace of clubs is in the wrong suit, so 2♥ is enough here.

Westerveld led a heart, covered by the ten, king and ace. Plejdrup played a diamond and West went up with the Ace. When he saw the Jack from his partner it had to be a singleton (low – high = even for them). Westerveld gave Goudzwaard a diamond ruff now, but that meant the end of the defense as this was from a sure trump trick, while the second diamond trick was lost now for the defense. 4♥ just made, NS +420.

West	North	East	South
<i>Todd-Moir</i>	<i>Dupont</i>	<i>Bune</i>	<i>Lejeune</i>
-	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	ap.	

Pim Dupont tried 2♣ at his third turn, intended as fourth suit, but should be natural here. What else is North to do with some 4-0-5-4 hand, while partner could have long clubs as well? And besides North has an easy way to describe his hand by bidding 2♥ or 3♥. Luckily for Dupont his partner did not pass, so the bidding went to 3NT. Lejeune got a club lead and finessed the hearts, while East covered the second round. She then switched her attention to diamonds, running the seven (west had pitched the 9 on the second heart) to East's Jack. Bune continued with clubs and South ducked one round. She won the third round, but in the mean time needed some discards from the dummy. When she discarded a spade the friendly lay-out could not help her anymore. One down and -50, 10 IMPs to Denmark.

26 D	N Dupont	WES	NORT	EAST	SOUT
	♠K1074 ♥K1064 ♦AK8 ♣107	2♥	Dbl	3♥	P 1♣ Dbl
W Todd-Moir	E Bune	P	P	P	
♠J83 ♥AJ8753 ♦53 ♣85	♠Q96 ♥Q92 ♦Q964 ♣J43				
	S Lejeune				
3♥x West NS: 0 EW: 0	♠A52 ♥ ♦J1072 ♣AKQ962				

Bidding problem three. North doubled 2♥, but saw his partner double 3♥ for take-out. A lot of IMPs were at stake now. Pim Dupont decided to pass and see how much it would score.

The BBO-commentators were discussing the 2♥ overcall and the raise. Both hands have very poor shape and the West hand lacks a good suit for vulnerable preempt. You need those spots and lower honors and so it proved here. The defense started with cashing a top diamond, two top clubs and the second diamond. North switched to spade and Lejeune accurately played the third club now. Todd-Moir ruffed with the Jack, but Dupont refused to overruff, pitching a diamond. Todd-Moir cashed the ace of hearts and exited

with a spade. Dupont could win and also exit with a spade to the Queen. Delcarer ruffed a diamond low and Dupont could overruff and score his King of hearts for four down, NS +1100.

At the other table Emil Buus Thomsen elected to bid 3NT in the problem situation. Eleven tricks were easy, but 10 IMPs went to Netherlands Blue.

Two tables tried 6♣. One was lucky enough to receive the Ace of hearts lead, the other wasn't. Three tables were doubled in 3♥ for -1100.

D 28	N Buus Thoms	WEST	NOR	EAST	SOUT
	♠K87542 ♥ ♦K95 ♣KQJ2	P	1♠	4♥	Dbl
W Westerveld	E Goudzwaard	P	P	P	
♠A103 ♥108754 ♦J6 ♣753	♠96 ♥AKQJ962 ♦742 ♣8				
	S Plejdrup				
	♠QJ ♥3 ♦AQ1083 ♣A10964				
4♥x East NS: 0 EW: 0					

Bidding problem four. What to do with North when partner doubles 4♥? Is this still a take-out double or could South have a good heart suit?

Buus Thomsen elected to pass, expecting or maybe hoping his partner had some heart tricks. Not today, while 5♠ and 6♣ both make. 4♥ X -1, NS +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Todd-Moir</i>	<i>Dupont</i>	<i>Bune</i>	<i>Lejeune</i>
Pass	1♠	3♥	DBL
5♥	Pass	Pass	DBL
ap.			

At the other table Bune only overcalled 3♥, maybe a bit frightened by the earlier -1100. Lejeune doubled, clearly for take-out at this level. Todd-Moir put on the pressure with 5♥ and succeeded when North-South went on to

defend that contract, whilst missing their vulnerable game or slam. This was one level higher than the other table though, NS +300 and 5 IMPs to the Netherlands Blue. The last swing was for Denmark however.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 30 D </div>		N Dupont ♠AQ3 ♥Q8 ♦AK7 ♣A10932	WES NOR EAST SOUT 2♥ P 3♥ Dbl P 3NT P 4NT P P P
		W Todd-Moir ♠9865 ♥93 ♦Q962 ♣J65	E Bune ♠K42 ♥AJ10764 ♦85 ♣Q8
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 4NT South NS: 0 EW: 0 </div>		S Lejeune ♠J107 ♥K52 ♦J1043 ♣K74	

Bune opened 2♥, weak and Todd-Moir raised to 3♥, expecting a very strong North hand. North indeed was strong and doubled for take-out. Lejeune chose 3NT with her stopper, some values and nothing else to bid. Dupont felt he had too much to pass this and made a quantitative raise to four. That proved to be one too high as West could lead a heart and declarer needed the spade finesse to make her contract. In the end she went three off, NS -150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Westerveld</i>	<i>B. Thomsen</i>	<i>Goudzwaard</i>	<i>Plejdrup</i>
-	-	1♥	Pass
Pass	DBL	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	ap.	

Goudzwaard opened a light 1♥ and Buus Thomsen protected with a double. Goudzwaard then raised himself without extra values. Plejdrup passed again, but when Buus Thomsen could show a good hand with long clubs he decided

to make a game-try. As 3NT might better be played from the North hand (as here), he tried 3♥, asking for a stop. North believed Qx did not qualify, so retreated to 4♣. Declarer lost a trick in each suit as he did not finesse the diamonds, expecting East to have the Queen for his bidding. So one down, but 3 IMPs to Denmark, closing the match at 24 – 20 IMPs, converting to 11,5 – 8,5 VP.

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