



Bridge Carnival in Tianjin

On 20th of October, teams taking part in the 3rd world University Bridge Championship arrived in Tianjin on time, registering the championship and residing in the Glorious Bridge Hotel. This session has 27 teams from 22 countries and districts, including 136 athletes and 26 coaches. The next day, at 2:40 p.m. the 3rd World University Bridge Championship began officially. Before the battle, athletes seemed rather relaxed and encouraged each other. He Weilin, from Hong Kong, China, who joined international match for the first time, said that he would try his best although he was a little bit nervous.

As a matter of fact, the tournament is the carnival especially for the youth. Young people from all over the world meet old friends here, make new friends here, breathe the same exciting atmosphere of the carnival activity here. While competition makes the battle fighting cruel, the friendship is deepened.

After the first day's matches, four teams competing into the leading group. Sweden, China A, Norway and France A, these teams have done perfectly in the process and have got more than 20 VP averagely. Following closely are Chinese TPE and another world champion Italy. Surprisingly, the favorite America team, many times world junior champions, is lying in a disappointing ninth position. After all, this is only a beginning and there still long way to go for every team. All of us are looking forward to the following feverish and exciting as we are enjoying the Carnival ourselves.

Happy Birthday in China

At 6 p.m. on 20th of October, a special party was held in Glorious Bridge Hotel, for it was the shared birthday for a Thailand leader, a Holland athlete and a Chinese athlete. Everyone sat together and sang the birthday song. The three protagonists were excited and said that it was a special present for them.

Today's Vu-Graph Matches

Rd.	Time	Vu-Graph Table 1 (VG1) (Open Room ONLY)		Vu-Graph Table 2 (VG2) (Open Room ONLY)	
5	09:30-10:35	Chinese Taipei A	Japan	France A	USA
6	10:55-12:00	Germany	Netherlands	Norway	Canada
7	12:20-13:25	Italy	USA	Turkey	Denmark
8	14:40-15:45	Serbia	Poland B	China B	Belgium A
9	16:05-17:10	China A	Germany	Belgium B	USA
10	17:30-18:35	China Hong Kong	Czech Republic	Norway	Italy

REFLECTIONS

By Kees Tammens (NED)

Bright coloured flags and balloons surround the square between the players-hotel and the playing area of the 3-rd World University Teams in Tianjin. Everywhere busy bees (girls, boys, women

and men of the organization) were working hard to receive all the 27 participating teams. For the Dutch team the trip between Beijing Airport and the tournament site was an exciting adventure. The busdriver threw himself with great enthusiasm in the game called Chinese traffic. Without traffic lights and absolutely without any severe rules you have to find your way through crowdly Beijing. On that journey we encountered teams from France and Denmark and reached safely the area of the championship.

Received, welcomed and accompanied by goodlooking and very friendly Lujin-Hong and Ja Jang, two of the many volunteers, we got a nice impression of the Chinese big cities. The girls really did everything for the Dutch who soon had gotten their rooms and walked around socializing with the other participants.

Then all of a sudden a small guy tapped the Dutch captain on the shoulders and hugged him friendly. Although it is the first visit of this Dutch team; they knew one Chinese bridge player very well. To explain this a small anecdote. In april 1990 the phone rang and I (writer of this story) took it and heard a nervous voice: "I am a Chinese bridge player, just landed at Schiphol airport and I want to play bridge in the Netherlands. Where should I go to?". Being an inhabitant of Amsterdam I was not anxious to be very helpful so I told the stranger to go to

the Lombard in Rotterdam. So he did. To my surprise (and my sadness to have given away a great opportunity) the Chinese player, who learned Dutch in a couple of months) started to win many Dutch national tournaments and in June 2006 Jack Zhao won the world title in the pairs championships in Verona! What a remarkable guy.

In Tianjin you will see and notice a lot of Jack (who married, went back to China and got a beautiful son and daughter) as vuegraph commentator, editor of the bulletin and member of the appeal committee.

At our first dinner – with a lot of delicious dishes – our host girls surprised us again. It happened to be the birthday of Jeroen Bruggeman, one of the Dutch players, and of course he was presented with an enormous cake with 27 candles. In one blow they were extinguished. The next very nice move by the organization. Hopefully our bridge will flourish by all this good attention.

Just when I moved to my room another fine moment: outside big fireworks which initiated the coming championship. Will it be the omen for strong and adventurous bridge by the students of so many universities?

Match 1

Canada vs Indonesia

Usually, the first match on viewgraph should be one of the host teams. However, this year, FISU decided to let the two teams from the same country play the first round against each other, which may not attract any attention whomever. So, we are broadcasting Canada against Indonesia, two teams from different zones in match 1. For both of them, this is the battle against unfamiliar opponents. However, we are not here as bridge competitors, but try to establish new friendships.

Both sides missed a close small slam on board one, then this one comes up:

♠ AJ753	N	♠ Q6
2/NS ♥ QT6	W	♥ K985
♦ A976	E	♦ 42
♣ 4	S	♣ AQJT9
♠ T9		♠ K842
♥ A43		♥ J72
♦ KQJ83		♦ T5
♣ K86		♣ 7532

N(Blagov)	E(Murniati)	S(Halasi)	W(Dewi)
	1♣	P	1♦
1♠	P	2♣	3♣
X	P	P	4♣
P	5♣	All pass.	

With 3 unavoidable losers, it was a quick one down. The bidding was understandable, as they both did not have a stopper in the opponent's suit. However, they could have done better by stopping in 4♣, despite holding 13HCPs facing an opening bid. We believe that the 3♠ bid took a lot of bidding space of their side, a value showing X might have worked much better. After 3♣ from E, W could give it another try with 3♠ and will pass on 4♣ from partner. Now, after 3♠ cue bid, E wasn't sure whether 4♣ was forcing or not, so he bid one more for the road. We don't always make a game with 25 combined points or even more. In the closed room, EW also avoided 3NT but they tried their 43 fit in ♥. We can't see what happened to the play, but that went down two. So the Indonesian pair still gained 2 imps for their side.

On the 3rd board, the Indonesian W found an excellent lead of ♦7 to beat 1NT by a trick, on

which the Canadian EW let it through. Another 5 imps, 7-0, a good start for the Indonesians. Alas, the next two boards went to their losing column.

	♠ K2												
4/Both	♥ AKT9												
	♦ AT963												
	♣ T3												
♠ AT743	<table border="1" style="background-color: black; color: white; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q986		
	N												
W		E											
	S												
♥ 32		♥ 75											
♦ QJ		♦ K82											
♣ 9865		♣ KQ72											
	♠ J5												
	♥ QJ864												
	♦ 754												
	♣ AJ4												

In the open room, the Canadian N decided his hand looked like a 15-17 NT, so he did. And they duly reached 4♥ after a transfer auction. E led a ♠ to the A and W made the first right move: ♦Q back. This removed the possible throw-in and ruff-sluff. However, when declarer ducked this, E gave a standard counting with ♦2, he should have realized a possible 5 card ♦ suit in declarer's hand, therefore, and the ♣ losers would disappear. The next right play should be a ♣ to set up the setting trick before declarer sets up his discards. That was perhaps difficult to see at the table as he duly continued with ♦J and 4♥ was made. At the other table, NS stopped in 2♥, making 4. So the defense here was worth 17imps!

	♠ A85												
5/NS	♥ AK5												
	♦ QJ982												
	♣ KJ												
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	N												
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♦ --		♦ T6											
♣ QT943		♣ A752											
	♠ QT6												
	♥ Q8												
	♦ AK7543												
	♣ 86												

On board 5, both sides reached the unmakeable 6♦ and it was one down in the closed room. In the open room, E led ♣A and continued with the suit. Declarer won his K and started running his trumps suit. W had to find 6 discards. In order to keep J 4 times ♥, she decided to bare her ♠K! and declarer made it! All commentators on BBO thought it was an operator error but it wasn't the case. In fact, if declarer had 4♥ and 2♠, the hand was cold on a real squeeze. So baring ♠K didn't look like a good idea to me. But, who am i?

	♠ T9654												
6/EW	♥ A84												
	♦ 5												
	♣ 9763												
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	N												
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♥ 7653		♥ T2											
♦ A974		♦ JT832											
♣ QT84		♣ J											
	♠ AJ												
	♥ KQJ9												
	♦ KQ6												
	♣ AK52												

They both reached 3NT on board 6. the Indonesian W led her 4th best ♣ to the J and declarer's A. Then she went up the ♣10 when declarer played back the suit. E discarded ♦8 on this trick, implying some strength in ♠. W duly returned one allowing the contract to make. Actually, this is one of those hands that a passive defense would have worked much better. A ♥ back would ensure the defeat of the contract. We do not have the playing record from the other room, but it seemed that the EW also made the same mistake here. So it was a push at +600.

7/Both	♠ T92		
	♥ 6		
	♦ AJ96		
	♣ K9632		
♠ AQ8754	N	♠ J3	
♥ K4	W	♥ AQT932	
♦ K542	E	♦ Q3	
♣ T	S	♣ J54	
	♠ K6		
	♥ J875		
	♦ T87		
	♣ AQ87		

Once again, defensive errors from both sides produced another push on board 7.

N(Blagov)	E(Murniati)	S(Halasi)	W(Dewi)
		P	1♠
P	1NT	P	2♠
P	3♠	P	4♠

All pass.

The 3♠ raise looked reasonable to me, although many may not agree. Against this sharp 4♠, N led his singleton ♥6 as we might all do. S gave a suit

preference ♥5 when dummy played the 9. Now, declarer was in good position to make this contract. She tried the ♠J from dummy, covered with the K and A. she could have made it by cashing both ♠Q and ♥K believing ♥6 was a singleton, then she had to hope ♦A was onside. But, instead, she tried 3 rounds of trumps. S discarded a discouraging ♦10, and N returned ♣2 for the A. that was a good move by the defense. With the ♥ suit blocked, all defense had to do was to play a ♦ back to get rid of the possible entry of dummy. But I think NS did not have clear agreement about whether the 2 was attitude or count. S tried to cash 2nd trick in ♣. That was the end of defense. Declarer cashed ♥K and played ♦ up. N had to go up the A otherwise all ♦ would disappear. But that was still -620. the same contract was reached and made in the other room, another push but one might feel that a chance was missed.

The match ended 27:8 for Canada which resulted to 21:9 in VP.

Match 4

USA vs Chi na A

Match 4 of the day we have the world junior champions USA against the host team China A. one would expect a one-way traffic for the world junior champions, with a little hope that the local team can hold on some VPs since 8 boards match might not be enough to create big swings. However, it went totally out of expectation for the home side.

After a push at well bid 4♥ from both sides, board 2 was a missed chance for the Americans:

2/NS	♠ K5		
	♥ AK62		
	♦ KJ86		
	♣ 954		
♠ QJ4	N	♠ AT83	
♥ 9	W	♥ J7543	
♦ QT9753	E	♦ 2	
♣ AJ8	S	♣ T63	
	♠ 9762		
	♥ QT8		
	♦ A4		
	♣ KQ72		

N(Greenberg)	E(Li)	S(Feldman)	W(Liu)
	2♥*	P	2♠
X	P	3♥	P
3NT	All pass.		



Li Xin, China A

At favorable, the Chinese W, Lixin who just had his 25th birthday yesterday opened the bidding with 2♥, weak with both majors, could be 44 at this Vul. W corrected to 2♠ and N made a sensible take-out X, S bid 3♥ which showed a ♥ stop and asking for a ♠ stop. N was happy to bid 3NT after that. We could see that the contract was unmakeable without a ♠ lead. However, after this bidding it was not easy to avoid one. Li duly led a ♠ which was fatal. That was the 9th trick for the declarer if he guessed everything. Specially that was not that difficult after this auction. N, Greenberg played back a ♠, trying to figure out more about the missing distribution. The Chinese W, Liuqing won with the ♠J and played back the suit as E cashed his remaining ♠ tricks. W discarded a ♦ and N one each in the minors. Li played back ♣10 for the K and cleverly ducked by Liu. Now it seemed that declarer had an easy way home by guessing the ♥ position and he did the right way by playing a ♥ back to the A and a ♥ to the 10, then cashed ♥Q, W discarded 2 ♦s on those 2 tricks. Now all he had to do was to finesse ♦Q for his 9th trick. We all thought he couldn't get this wrong after he played ♦A and ♦, when W followed with the 10 he stopped. What was he thinking about? Yes, if he trusted the ♣10 was a "true" card, then E's distribution must be 5422. The ♦Q should fall on this trick. After

some thought, he played ♦K and the roof fell in. The Chinese pair in the other room doubled 3♦ for 500 which looked a great result for them as 3NT can only be made on double dummy basis. The wrong guess gave the home team 12 imps instead of losing 3.

		♠ AT2	
3/EW		♥ QJT82	
		♦ J432	
		♣ 6	
♠ J83			♠ KQ9
♥ 75			♥ K
♦ AK95			♦ QT87
♣ QT84			♣ A9753
		♠ 7654	
		♥ A9643	
		♦ 6	
		♣ KJ2	

N(Greenberg)	E(Li)	S(Feldman)	W(Liu)
		P	P
1♥	X	4♥	X
All pass.			

The bidding looked reasonable from both sides. However, the Chinese pair needed to defend this very carefully. Li had a good start with ♠K, 4,3 and won by the declarer with the A. Although EW are two young and talented players in China, they are a new partnership. They seemed to have a mess up in this situation. Liu thought it was more important to give count in this situation and Li thought it was discouraging! It looked EW had 4 top tricks but when the American N, Greenberg tried a small ♣ from hand, Li, without knowing there were 2 ♠ tricks for them (the ♦A was marked with W for his X) ducked this smoothly, thinking they needed 2 ♣ tricks to beat this. That was all Greenberg needed! He went up with the K and the 4th defensive trick for defense was vanished in the air. The Chinese girls in the closed room stooped accurately in 3♥ and made an overtrick, but that was still a 9 imp loss.



Feldman, USA

4/Both
 ♠ A52
 ♥ QT652
 ♦ K83
 ♣ A5

♠ K7	N	♠ QJ64
♥ 987	W	♥ AJ3
♦ AT52	E	♦ Q6
♣ 9876	S	♣ JT42

♠ T983
 ♥ K4
 ♦ J974
 ♣ KQ3

N(Greenberg)	E(Li)	S(Feldman)	W(Liu)
			P
1♥	P	1♠	P
1NT	All pass.		

When this hand appeared in the viewgraph, the audience all predicted 7-9 tricks but it did not go the way it should. N won the ♣ lead in his hand and played a ♥ to the K and a ♥ back to the 10 and J. Li continued with a ♣. Then Greenberg played ♠10 from dummy and ducked it to the J. Li played the 3rd ♣ to set their ♣ trick, not believing the ♥ behave, N discarded a ♥ on this trick. Declarer played two more rounds of ♠, Li won his Q and played the well kept ♣4 to his partner's 8, N felt some pressure and discarded his 3rd ♦. Liu played back a small ♦ and Greenberg guessed wrong to play small from hand. That was that! Li won his Q and cashed ♥A, on which dummy got squeezed in ♠ and ♦. He had to discard a ♦ and Liu made both of his remaining ♦. -2 and a loss of 7 imps as the Chinese girls made 1NT in the closed.

5/NS
 ♠ 92
 ♥ AJT976
 ♦ 92
 ♣ A93

♠ AKQ76	N	♠ JT854
♥ 532	W	♥ KQ4
♦ J	E	♦ A4
♣ Q642	S	♣ JT7

♠ 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ KQT87653
 ♣ K85

N(Greenberg)	E(Li)	S(Feldman)	W(Liu)
2♥	P	P	2♠
P	3♥	P	4♥
All pass.			

Board 5 produced another swing for the home side. Had N started with one of his A, the contract would have been beaten by 1 or 2 tricks. But the ♦9 looked more natural to me. Declarer quickly grabbed 10 tricks for an easy 420. At the other table, the Chinese girls bid all the way to 5♦, nobody was willing to double that and it went a painless one down. -100 meant another 8 imps for China A.

7/Both
 ♠ A742
 ♥ AQJ76
 ♦ J
 ♣ T98

♠ JT986	N	♠ Q
♥ 4	W	♥ KT985
♦ KT9	E	♦ A753
♣ J763	S	♣ K54

♠ K53
 ♥ 32
 ♦ Q8642
 ♣ AQ2

N(Greenberg) E(Li) S(Feldman) W(Liu)
 P P P P
 1♥ P 2♦ All pass.

Although NS are playing one way Drury, I still don't agree with Feldman's decision in bidding 2♦ with this suit. 1NT would have been my choice. As expected, the 2♦ silenced everybody. After the natural ♠J lead, declarer didn't handle the hand well and went down two for -200. The Chinese girls bid well to stop in 1NT at the other table, making exactly for 90 and 7 imps.

The light 1NT response made life difficult for NS. They stopped in an unmakeable part-score with 3NT cold their side! E made a surprising lead of ♥5. Declarer was never in danger after that. He even managed an over trick for +130, but that was still a 7 imp loss as the Chinese girls bid well to reach their thin game and made it!



Liu Jing, China A



Greenberg, USA

8/none	♠ 74		
	♥ QT		
	♦ Q943		
	♣ AQ943		
♠ AJ853		♠ Q62	
♥ 9		♥ J87654	
♦ AKT8		♦ 65	
♣ 872		♣ J5	
	♠ KT9		
	♥ AK32		
	♦ J72		
	♣ KT6		

The final score was 41:10 to China A or 25:5 in VPs. This is definitely a surprising result for everybody. But I don't believe this is the real reflection of both team's standards. I believe that the Americans are suffering seriously from Jet-lag. I play very often in the US and had the same problem every time. They will show their real strength in the later stage, just needing some time to recover. I told the American NPC, my good friend Ron Smith while live broadcasting this match, that the teams playing USA in the early rounds should feel lucky themselves because of this Jet-lag problem. But, I really hope the American boys will prove me wrong tomorrow!

N(Greenberg) E(Li) S(Feldman) W(Liu)
 P 1NT X 1♠
 3♣ All pass. 2♦

Big impressions and first moves

By Kees Tammens (NED)

The opening of the tournament was very special. Of course we all listened carefully to the speech of the minister of education and member of Chinese Olympic committee. All the juniors understand him (and probably will too soon forget his wise words!). The dancers and drummers were beautiful. Even more spectacular were the very skilful acrobats and the amazing girls and their act with the balls. Above all this fine things was an event that created breathtaking effects on all the students. During the bus drive from the old university to the new complex of the new university the busses were escorted by police cars and greeted on their way by many saluting soldiers and inhabitants of Tianjin who waved to us. At all light posts were posters of the championship. And the most special happening: there was free passage; all the cars in this mega city stopped and waited until the bridge bus has passed by. This had no precedent: normal people causing a huge traffic jam to make the road free for bridge players from all countries of the world. So after only one and a half day in Tianjin we have already experienced the great hospitality of the Chinese people.

But the reason we came to Tianjin was after all the game itself and at 14.40 in the afternoon the first matches started and the main objective was bridge itself.

The writer of this report acts as captain of the Netherlands so inevitably his interest turned to the match against the USA, as reigning junior world champions a fierce competitor.

Board 1

♠ K73

♥ AKJ

♦ T94

♣ AQ86

♠ 865

♥ QT9654

♦ J

♣ KJ9



♠ JT942

♥ 872

♦ A62

♣ 43

♠ AQ

♥ 3

♦ KQ8753

♣ T752

	Drijver		Bruggeman
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 NT	pass	2 NT
pass	3 ♦	pass	3 NT
pass	4 ♣	pass	4 ♥
dbl	redbl	pass	4 ♠
pass	4 NT	pass	5 ♠
pass	6 ♦	all pass	

2 NT was a transfer to diamonds and north was requested to sign-off without A/K in that suit; so he did. 3 NT showed a hand better than the direct jump to game. Now north had, even with poor diamond support a real maximum. A couple of cuebids, RKCB, and a helpful double at 5♥ which made life easy for declarer in slam. The heart lead went to Q en A and declarer played the king. The drop of ♦J was a pleasant sight and declarer could claim the slam without the finesse on ♣K. This helped the Dutch to a small win.

In the second match the Dutch was opposed by Poland, certainly one of the teams with a big chance for the gold. Again a big swing on board 1; It was Jeroen Bruggeman of the Netherlands who made the difference.

There was more in the 2nd match:

Board 1

	♠ 843		
	♥ KT32		
	♦ 6543		
	♣ A3		
♠ -----	N	♠ QJT5	
♥ J765	E	♥ Q984	
♦ AKQJT87	W	♦ 9	
♣ 94	S	♣ KQ76	
	♠ AK9762		
	♥ A		
	♦ 2		
	♣ JT852		

	Drijver	Bruggeman	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	pass	pass	1 ♠
2 ♦	dbl	redbl	4 ♣
4 ♦	4 ♠	dbl	pass
pass	pass		

After some informative bidding (that is: declarer gets as much information as possible) south, Jeroen, declared 4 doubled. After ♦A and ♦K (east discarding a heart), ruffed by declarer with ♠2, south unblocked ♥A and played ♣J ducked in dummy for ♣Q in east who returned a club for the ace in north. ♥K, for a club discard in south) and a heart ruffed with ♠6. A club ruffed in north followed by a small spade from dummy. East gave declarer a tough choice by playing ♠5. Declarer could and would not be fooled; he played ♠6 in south. A second club ruff was enough to make the 4♠ contract. Since the bidding (5♦ is probable two down) brought north-south at the other table to 5♣ (doubled down two when declarer missed the line for ten tricks) this was 13 imps for the Dutch on their way to a useful 20-10 win.

In the meantime the third pair of the Netherlands arrived in the University Hotel. Marion

Michielsen-Meike Wortel flew straight away from Wuxi (where they reached the final of the Women Elite Tournament, but unfortunately lost to the strong Chinese squad) to participate in this World Championship. Those girls really become globetrotters. Even after the long trip they were eager to play in the third match. Their opponents were Chinese Taipei who turned out to be strong competitors. Maybe they were a little unlucky to lose points on the next board; or was it merely an example of ingenious scientific bidding?

In the 3rd match:

Board 4

	♠ AK85		
	♥ T9		
	♦ AT3		
	♣ 9862		
♠ JT7	N	♠ Q2	
♥ K763	E	♥ Q852	
♦ J2	W	♦ K9874	
♣ KQJ7	S	♣ T3	
	♠ 9643		
	♥ AJ4		
	♦ Q65		
	♣ A54		

West	North	East	South
pass	1 ♣	pass	1 ♥
pass	1 ♠	pass	1 NT
pass	2 ♠	pass	pass
pass			

For the old fashioned bidder is nearly impossible not to make a game try as south after partner opens the bidding. Science has improved the bidding the last years. 1♥ showed four or more spades. 1♠ is a sort of minimum hand usually with three or four spades. 2 showed fourcard in spades and the worst possible opening bid so south confidently decided to pass. 2 was just made. With the north-south pair from Taipei in 4♠ down two this was the most

important swing in the match and a third Dutch victory.

In the fourth match the next dish on the Dutch menu was Norway. All the pairs know each other very well and fought many battles with each other. It start well for the Norwegian pair: bidding and making three games on the first three boards while the Dutch pair in the same line missed a game and went down in the two other.

One of the game swings was created by a preemptive opening bid. Or was it just a deserved award for the great effort by the north player, Ivar Berg?

Round 4:

Board 2

♠ K5		♠ AT83									
♥ AK62		♥ J7543									
♦ KJ86		♦ 2									
♣ 954		♣ T63									
♠ QJ4	<table border="1" style="background-color: black; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		E		W		S		♠ 9762
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E		W									
	S										
♥ 9		♥ QT8									
♦ QT9753		♦ A4									
♣ AJ8		♣ KQ72									

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		2 ♥	pass
2 ♠	2 NT	pass	3 NT
pass	pass	pass	

2♥ was weak with both majors and it was not obvious to bid with the north hand: only 14 HCP without a great suit. After the automatic raise to game the lead of a small spade did not harm declarer at all. A small heart to ♥10 in dummy followed by ♠K and an finesse on ♦Q was nine quick tricks. At the other table the Dutch also

played 3NT by north but got the lead of a small heart. The defense gave no trick to ♠K so eight tricks was the most declarer could achieve. After some study all the credit must go to the Norwegian north for his brave bid and excellent play.

That was +28 imps for Norway who seemed to overmaster the Netherlands completely. A nice Lead by Bob Drijver cut the deficit a little.

Board 5

♠ 92		♠ JT854									
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2 ♥	pass	pass
2 ♠	pass	4 ♠	pass
pass	pass		

The obvious 4♠ was reached quickly and north, Bob, thought the time there to lead ♥A. He returned a heart and saw to his enjoyment that south ruffed this trick. A club for ♠A and a second ruff plus ♣K good for down two and +11 imps because 4 made at the other table. But maybe there was more reasons to defeat 4 after:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	2 ♦(multi)	pass	pass!!
2 ♠	pass	4 ♠	pass
pass	pass		

North lead was a diamond but how long will partner be in hearts after he passes your

multicolored 2♦ opening bid? It helped the Dutch a little but the Norway had the better of this match and took a 20-10 victory. So the first day ended

with the Netherlands at 67 vips, 20 behind the leaders but there is till a long way to go.

Bridge building up during the 3rd Bridge Championship

The Opening Ceremony of the 3rd Bridge Championship starts in the golden autumn, which is the most attractive season of Tianjin. Following the dances of Chinese traditional brandishing, all the officials and teams arrived at the beautiful campus of Tianjin Normal University on October, 21st.

Sparkling programs make a bridge of culture

All the guests who have attended the opening ceremony may smell the strong ‘smell of Chinese culture’. The famous traditional music and dances make a special explanation of Chinese culture and reveal a friendly introduction of Tianjin. Members of the tournament come from different places, but they share the same smile, communication and feelings at the moment, as the attractive atmosphere shown through the opening ceremony has built up a bridge of culture among people in the 3rd Bridge Championship.

Warmly volunteers make a bridge of friendship

‘They are quite warmhearted careful and professional. I believe they may help me so well during the time.’ said by one of the athletes Nicola MacDougall from Great Britain who sprained her ankle before arriving. But Nicola feels no more inconvenience as the volunteers really take special care of her through supporting her with arm to help going around. Not only the volunteers, but also all the staffs are well prepared to give their hands to any needed one at any needed moment. Accordingly, there are nearly more than 300 Tianjin Normal University students attending the team of volunteers. These young people really show us a beautiful view sight with their warmly voluntary help and they make the bridge of friendship during the tournament.