



Junior Squad Sim Pairs

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Welcome to the 2023 EBU's Junior Squad Sims Pairs. Thank you for playing and I hope you have enjoyed the event and will take pride in having supported our Junior International Teams and the Squad system which trains them. This year the World Youth Championships are taking place in the Netherlands and England will be represented by an Under-21 and an Under-26-Women's team. The EBU can only provide limited funding for these teams, and these simultaneous pairs will help pay for the event. Other important areas, such as development and teaching, also require financial backing, so that the international budgets are never as large as we would wish. We run the Junior teams as economically as possible: players, captains and coaches are unpaid, and travel and accommodation are as cheap as we can make them, but money remains very tight. I very much hope you will enjoy reading the expert commentary, which this event has been written entirely by members of our Junior Squads. Please continue to support this annual event, and encourage your club to participate in the future.

Patrick Shields, this year's Editor for this publication.

<p>♠AJ85 ♥A3 ♦J6 ♣Q10876</p> <p>♠KQ43 ♠10 ♥K98654 ♥7 ♦8 ♦AKQ105432 ♣92 ♣AKJ</p> <p>♠9762 ♥QJ102 ♦97 ♣543</p>		<p>Board 1 : Dealer North : Love all</p> <table><tr><th>West</th><th>North</th><th>East</th><th>South</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1♣</td><td>Dble</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>2♥</td><td>Pass</td><td>3♦</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>3♠</td><td>Pass</td><td>5♦</td><td>All pass</td></tr></table>		West	North	East	South		1♣	Dble	Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦	All pass	<p>Imogen La Chapelle</p> <p>Who knows what will happen on this board?! It is rather hard to predict this auction and it will inevitably cause a plethora of different results across the room. After a 1♣ opener, I'd suggest East should double first because they have too many playing tricks to bid 1♦. West will presumably bid 2♥ over this but I wouldn't blame them for forcing to game. Now, East can bid 3♦ which should be forcing and West can bid 3♠, leaving East a tough choice. 3N is a possibility due to the likely misfit but this feels like a bit of an underbid when you may only need one ace to make slam. Another possibility is 4♦ to attempt to set diamonds as trumps so that you can bid 4NT afterwards and pray partner views it as RKCB in diamonds. Or you could take a practical route and bid 5♦ (or 6♦!) Whatever option East chooses, there will certainly be a large amount of guessing involved when placing the final contract.</p>																											
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