

NORDIC BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Örebro ♣ May 30th – June 1st 2023



Bulletin 2 ♣ Editor: Peter Ventura



The final day is here

– Norway and 2 x Sweden in the lead

We are down to the last day, and in all three competitions there is still much to play for. Four matches to play and still a lots of IMPs and VPs at stake.

In the Open series Norway is more than 5 VPs clear and they are followed by Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and the Faroe Islands. The latter team was reinforced with a Swede in the last match.

In the Women's series Sweden Yellow is more than 14 VPs ahead of Denmark and then come Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden Blue.

In the Youth series Sweden U26 is ahead of Norway U26 by 6 VPs and then come Finland U26, Norway U21, Denmark U26W, Sweden U21, Denmark U21 and Denmark U26.



Tonight!

20.00 Prize giving
at Conference room Harald

followed by dinner

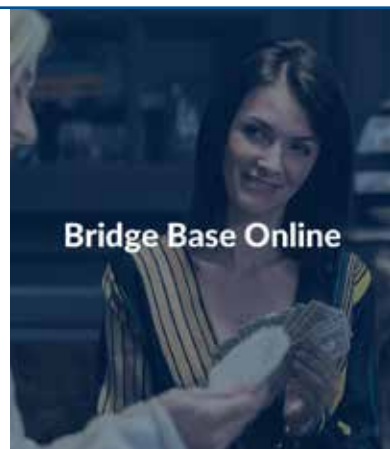
10.00–12.00

Norway U26
vs
Sweden U26

12.15–14.15

Denmark open
vs
Norway open

*15.00–17.00 to be decided
17.15–19.15 to be decided*



General information

Format Open and Women

The Championships will be played in two series – women and open teams. In each of the two series, a double Round Robin will be played.

All matches being played as single sessions – without half time – and over 15 boards. The allocated time is 2 hours.

The schedule of the second round robin is based on the rankings after the first round robin. The pairings are (6-4, 3-1, 5-2), (2-3, 4-5, 1-6), (4-1, 6-2, 3-5), (6-3, 5-1, 2-4), (1-2, 3-4, 5-6).

Both series being played with pre-dealt boards. Screens are in use at all tables and BridgeMate being used for the official scoring. Butler scores will be published after each session.

Format Youth

The Championships consist of two classes: under 21 open teams and under 26 open teams.

The tournament is played as a round robin between all participating teams in one group, followed by a gold/silver medal match for the 1st and 2nd placed teams in u21 and u26 and a bronze medal match for the 3rd and 4th team in u26. The two teams left play each other.

Each match consists of 15 boards. The allocated time is 2 hours.

For playoff matches, there will be a carryover calculated as follows:

1. First calculate the VP difference between the two teams in the final standings of the round robin.
2. Then multiply this number with 1,5 IMP.

The result will be the carryover for the higher placed team.

The higher placed team will be the home team.

NBU Trophy

The two series combined for each NBO, will determine the Nordic Champions by the lowest combined placing number.

In addition to awards given in each class, the NBU Trophy will be calculated as follows:

Each NBO designates one participating team. The NBU Trophy rankings are calculated from the

results of the matches between the designated teams only. If an NBO does not explicitly designate a team for the NBU Trophy, by default it will be the open team under 26 or open Team under 21, in order of priority.

Theimps obtained in a playoff match are converted into VPs. In addition, teams participating in the gold/silver match are awarded a bonus of 10 VPs for NBU Trophy purposes.

BBO

One match from each round, either open, women or youth, will be broadcast on BBO

Seating rights all classes

The home team sits North-South in the open room and East-West in the closed room throughout the match. The home team has the right to seat its players after the visiting team has done so. The visiting team is required to take its places 5 minutes before the start of each round.



DENMARK VS FAROE ISLAND + SWEDEN!

In the last match yesterday the Swedish junior captain, Karl Asplund, played for the Faroe Island. The reason was that one of the player got sick which can be problematic with only four players at site.



Schedule

Tuesday May 30

OPEN/WOMEN

17.30	Dinner
19.00-21.00	Match 1
21.15-23.15	Match 2

Wednesday May 31

OPEN/WOMEN

U26/U21

10.00-12.00	Match 3	Match 1
12.15-14.15	Match 4	Match 2
14.15-15.00	Lunch	Lunch
15.00-17.00	Match 5	Match 3
17.30-19.30	Match 6	Match 4
19.30	Dinner	Dinner

Thursday June 1

OPEN/WOMEN

U26/U21

10.00-12.00	Match 7	Match 5
12.15-14.15	Match 8	Match 6
14.15-15.00	Lunch	Lunch
15.00-17.00	Match 9	Match 7
17.15-19.15	Match 10	Match 8
20.00	Prize Giving	and Dinner

In the short breaks there will be free coffee and tea. Free fruit and water you will find in the playing area at all times.

Where to be...

The play take place in the conference rooms according to what it says below:

Conference room Harald

Second floor, to the right of the bar.

Open room:	Open
Open room:	Women
BBO Open room:	All classes
Captains meeting:	All classes

Conference room Längteby

Second floor, through the restaurant, then to the right.

Closed room:	All classes
BBO Closed room:	All classes.

Conference room Tänkeby

First floor, to the right if you come to the lobby from your room, to the left if you just have enter the front door.

Open room:	Youth
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Please, note! If a Youth team play on BBO the team sitting in the open room will be sitting in Conference room Harald.

NBU Trophy



YEAR	WINNER	YEAR	WINNER
2023	???	1996	Sweden
2022	Sweden	1994	Denmark
2019	Sweden	1992	Sweden
2017	Sweden	1990	Sweden
2015	Denmark	1988	Denmark
2013	Denmark	1986	Norway
2011	Norway	1984	Sweden
2009	Norway	1982	Sweden
2007	Denmark	1980	Sweden
2005	Norway	1978	Sweden
2003	Sweden	1975	Norway
2000	Sweden	1973	Denmark
1998	Norway		



Open



DENMARK



Peter Westrup (captain), Rico Hemberg, Andreas Plejdrup, Christian Lahrmann & Jesper Buus Thomsen.



NORWAY



Allan Livgård, Terje Aa, Tolle Stabell (captain), Tor Eivind Grude & Christian Bakke.



SWEDEN



Fredrik Nyström, Frederic Wrang, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Simon Hult, Fredrik Kronmarker (captain) & Peter Bertheau.



FAROE ISLANDS



Árni M. Dam, Arne Mikkelsen (playing captain), Bogi Simonsen & Dánjal Pauli Mohr.



FINLAND



Jouni Juuri-Oja, Clas Nyberg, Jari Salonen, Vesa Fagerlund, Hulda Nyberg (coach) & Kauko Koistinen (playing captain).



ICELAND



*Sigurbjorn Haraldsson, Adelsteinn Jörgensen, Bjarni Einarsson, Matthias Þorvaldsson, Jon Baldursson (playing captain), Birkir Jón Jónsson.
Coaches: Elin Bjarnadóttir and Einar Guðjónsen*



Women



DENMARK



Lone Bilde, Helle Rasmussen, Peter Westrup (captain), Charlotte Koch-Palmund & Trine Bilde.



NORWAY



Gunn Helness, Ida Wennevold, Jon-Egil Furunes (captain), Tove Haugen & Torild Heskje.



SWEDEN BLUE



Ann-Sophie Andersson, Tuva Nilsmark, Linnea Edlund (captain), Lena Johansson & Ylva Pyykkö.



SWEDEN YELLOW



Klara Gustafsson, Sara Asplund Sivelind, Ylva Johansson, Louise Hallqvist, Linnea Edlund (captain) & Marie Johansson.



FINLAND



Pia Erkkilä (playing captain) Raija Tuomi, Meri Korhonen, Elina Laukkanen, Mirja Mäntylä & Anni Mäkelä.



ICELAND



Anna Ivarsdottir (playing captain), Arngunnur Jonsdottir, Anna Heiða Baldursdottir, Alda Gudnadottir, & Inda Hrönn Björnsdóttir.



Youth

SCHEDULE and RESULTS



DENMARK U21

Clara Brun Pedersen - Leah Thrane
Christian Zeeberg - Frederik Zeeberg
Aron Tylvad - Nikolaj Hammelev
Captain: Emil Jepsen



NORWAY U21

Anders Brogeland - Are Borgar Landsvik
Erleta Plana - Maren Idland Sægrov
Captain: Lars Eide



SWEDEN U21

Harry Hjorth Warlenius - Ivar Lichtenstein
Filip Asplund Sivelind - Matteo Nordqvist
Joakim Johansson
Captain: Karl Asplund



DENMARK U26

Daniel Tylvad - Viktor Kolding
Mathias Møller Larsen - Silas Weber
Daniel Brandgaard - Andreas Rolf-Larsen
Captain: Emil Jepsen



DENMARK U26 (W)

Amalie Bune - Sophie Bune
Ella Rosthøj - Julie Sigsgaard
Captain: Emil Jepsen



FINLAND U26

Oskari Koivu - Hermanni Huhtamäki
Aarne Koivu - Aapo Nieminen
Captain: Oskari Koivu, playing captain



NORWAY U26

Marius Austad - Nikolai Heiberg Evenstad
Thea Lucia Indrebø - Ida Marie Øberg
Captain: Christian Bakke



SWEDEN U26

Castor Mann - Erik Hansson
Markus Bertheau - Erik Wiberg
Klara Gustafsson - Alexander Sandin
Captain: Johnny Östberg

Round 1 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Den U 21	Den U 26	46-34	13,38-6,62
Nor U21	Nor U 26	8-45	2,13-17,87
Swe U 21	Swe U 26	25-57	2,82-17,18
Den W 26	Fin U 26	31-32	9,68-10,32

Round 2 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Den U 21	Nor U 26	30-72	1,52-18,48
Nor U21	Swe U 26	21-42	4,68-15,32
Swe U 21	Fin U 26	35-38	9,06-10,94
Den W 26	Den U 26	44-47	9,06-10,94

Round 3 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Swe U 26	Den U 21	78-21	19,91-0,09
Nor U21	Fin U 26	25-30	8,47-11,53
Den U 26	Swe U 21	45-56	6,87-13,13
Nor U 26	Den W 26	29-25	11,24-8,76

Round 4 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Fin U 26	Den U 21	29-40	6,87-13,13
Swe U 26	Den W 26	47-25	15,51-4,49
Nor U21	Den U 26	72-26	18,92-1,08
Swe U 21	Nor U 26	35-49	6,15-13,85

Round 5 (Thursday)

Den W 26	Den U 21
Nor U21	Swe U 21
Den U 26	Fin U 26
Nor U 26	Swe U 26

Round 6 (Thursday)

Den U 21	Nor U21
Swe U 21	Den W 26
Den U 26	Nor U 26
Fin U 26	Swe U 26

Round 7 (Thursday)

Den U 21	Swe U 21
Nor U21	Den W 26
Swe U 26	Den U 26
Fin U 26	Nor U 26

Round 8 (Thursday)

Gold and bronze matches



Results Open

Round 1		IMP	VP
Sweden	Iceland	34-31	10,94-9,06
Denmark	Finland	6-51	1,19-18,81
Norway	Faroe Islands	29-10	14,93-5,07

Round 2		IMP	VP
Denmark	Sweden	49-33	14,29-5,71
Faroe Islands	Iceland	10-53	1,41-18,59
Finland	Norway	21-51	3,12-16,88

Round 3 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Faroe Islands	Denmark	12-52	1,75-18,25
Finland	Sweden	18-68	0,69-19,31
Norway	Iceland	44-8	17,74-2,26

Round 4 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Finland	Faroe Islands	48-25	15,70-4,30
Iceland	Denmark	45-10	17,61-2,39
Sweden	Norway	31-27	11,24-8,76

Round 5 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Iceland	Finland	45-25	15,13-4,87
Sweden	Faroe Islands	29-20	12,62-7,38
Norway	Denmark	37-49	6,62-13,38

Round 6 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Faroe Islands	Denmark	19-36	5,49-14,51
Sweden	Norway	12-51	1,87-18,13
Finland	Iceland	21-41	4,87-15,13

Round 7 (Thursday)	
Iceland	Sweden
Denmark	Finland
Norway	Faroe Island

Round 8 (Thursday)	
Denmark	Norway
Faroe Islands	Iceland
Sweden	Finland

Round 9 (Thursday)	
Faroe Islands	Sweden
Finland	Norway
Iceland	Denmark

Round 10 (Thursday)	
Norway	Iceland
Sweden	Denmark
Finland	Faroe Islands



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RANK AFTER 6 MATCHES

1. Norway	83,06
2. Iceland	77,78
3. Denmark	64,01
4. Sweden	61,69
5. Finland	48,06
6. Faroe Islands	25,40

YOUTH RANK AFTER 4 MATCHES

1. Sweden U26	67,92
2. Norway U26	61,44
3. Finland U26	39,66
4. Norway U21	34,20
5. Denmark U26 W	32,30
6. Sweden U21	31,16
7. Denmark U21	28,12
8- Denmark U26	25,20



Results Women

Round 1		IMP	VP
Denmark	Finland	36-28	12,36-7,64
Iceland	Norway	39-31	12,36-7,64
Sweden Yellow	Sweden Blue	38-18	15,13-4,87

Round 2		IMP	VP
Denmark	Iceland	43-17	16,23-3,77
Finland	Sweden Yellow	23-73	0,69-19,31
Sweden Blue	Norway	18-40	4,49-15,51

Round 3 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Sweden Yellow	Iceland	39-23	14,29-5,71
Norway	Denmark	14-50	2,26-17,74
Finland	Sweden Blue	47-53	8,19-11,81

Round 4 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Denmark	Sweden Yellow	19-47	3,44-16,56
Sweden Blue	Iceland	31-52	4,68-15,32
Norway	Finland	24-59	2,39-17,61

Round 5 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Sweden Blue	Denmark	18-38	4,87-15,13
Sweden Yellow	Norway	69-10	20,00-0,00
Finland	Iceland	41-3	18,00-2,00

Round 6 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Sweden Blue	Iceland	3-41	2,00-18,00
Finland	Sweden	32-27	11,53-8,47
Norway	Denmark	26-41	5,93-14,07

Round 7 (Thursday)	
Denmark	Finland
Iceland	Norway
Sweden Yellow	Sweden Blue

Round 8 (Thursday)	
Iceland	Sweden Yellow
Sweden Blue	Denmark
Finland	Norway

Round 9 (Thursday)	
Sweden Blue	Finland
Norway	Sweden Yellow
Denmark	Iceland

Round 10 (Thursday)	
Sweden Yellow	Denmark
Finland	Iceland
Norway	Sweden Blue



Linnea Edlund – happy captain for Sweden (women).

RANK AFTER 6 MATCHES

1. Sweden Yellow93,76
2. Denmark79,46
3. Finland70,40
4. Iceland57,69
5. Norway33,73
6. Sweden Blue25,98



Wednesday's gems

First match Board 5 was exciting.

5	♠ 8		
North	♥ AKQ97		
N-S	♦ AQ87		
	♣ J75		
♠ ---		♠ KT9762	
♥ JT43		♥ 5	
♦ T94		♦ 653	
♣ AKT986		♣ 432	
	♠ AQJ543		
	♥ 862		
	♦ KJ2		
	♣ Q		

The other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mann	Hjort Warlenius	Hansson	Lichtenstein
	1♥	pass	1♠
4♣	pass	5♣	D
pass	5NT	pass	6♣
pass	6♦	pass	6♥
pass	pass	pass	

Here EW put some pressure but nonetheless NS found a way to slam. 5♣ double looks like 800 at most. However, it would not be enough compared to 1660 at the other table.

5NT asked South to pick a 'red' slam but South refused to show the heart support and bid 6♣. Maybe he still wanted to keep the spade suit in the picture.

A club lead gave the declarer a chance to make his contract, but without any double there weren't any reason not to play hearts from the top. One down, EW -100. That was 18 impressive IMPs for U26.

On the very same board Peter Bertheau (Swedish Open) thought Christmas came early:

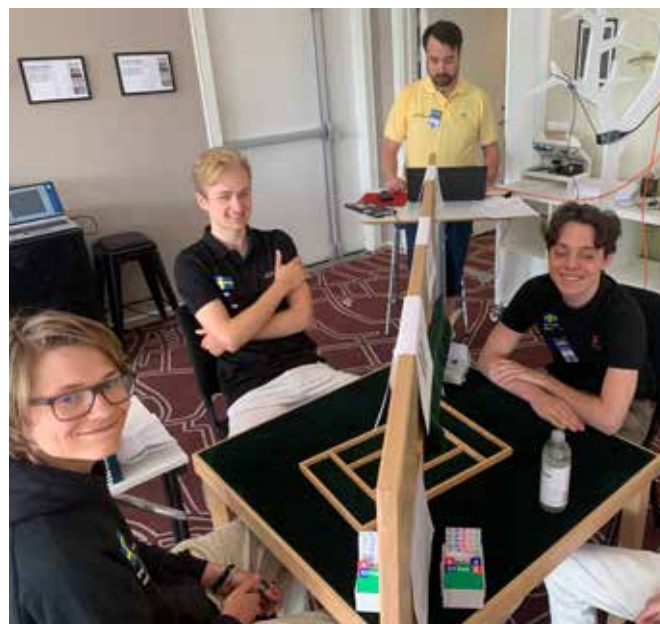
In the junior battle between Sweden U21 and U26, the morning match on BBO, West was a bit eager for blood:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
F. A. Sivelind	M. Bertheau	Nordqvist	Wiberg
	1♥	2♠	3♠
pass	4♦	pass	4♥
pass	4NT	pass	5♣
D	6♥	pass	pass
D	pass	pass	pass



West doubled 6♥ but didn't receive a spade lead. Likely the double over 5♣ confused East. Declarer Markus Bertheau (picture on the left) took the deep finesse in hearts, ruffed a club, drew trumps and finessed in spades, contract made.

NS +1660. Well done!



Sweden U21 and U26. From left Harry Hjort Warlenius (U21), Erik Hansson (U26), Ivar Lichtenstein (U21) and a part of Castor Mann (U26). BBO operator: Björn Holm.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nyberg	Hult	Juuri-Oja	P. Bertheau
	1♥	3♠	pass
pass	D	pass	pass
pass			

Five down, +1100. That was worth 10 IMPs when NS bid and made 4♥ at the other table.

Both Sweden Yellow (women) and Faroe Island (open) had a misunderstanding reaching 7♥ on board 15:

15	♠7432	
South	♥95	
N-S	♦KJ7643	
	♣6	
♠AT9		♠85
♥A4		♥KQJT62
♦9		♦Q52
♣AKQJ932		♣75
	♠KQJ6	
	♥873	
	♦AT8	
	♣T84	

A diamond lead at both tables crushed declarer's hope.

Sweden U26 won 10 IMPs when Castor Mann jumped to slam.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mann	Hjort Warlenius	Hansson	Lichtenstein
	pass	1♥	pass
1♣	pass	2♥*	pass
2♦*	pass	4♥	pass
2NT*	pass	pass	pass
6♣	pass	pass	pass

2♦, 2♥ and 2NT were conventional bids. 4♥ was the key bid, since it must show quite a solid heart suit. West had a firm suit of his own and chose clubs as trumps. There were twelve easy tricks after a diamond lead.

The other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
F. A. Sivelind	M. Bertheau	Nordqvist	Wiberg
			pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	2♣*
3♦*	pass	3♥	pass
5♣	pass	pass	pass

After West's forcing 3♦ East could have jumped to 4♥, then West might have pushed for a slam here as well.

Second match Vulnerable against not, Erik Hansson (Sweden U26) heard 2♠ from his right hand opponent and chose to double for take-out with

♠10 ♥EK32 ♦K865 ♣9763

What do you do when partner jumps to 5♥?

Even though Hansson didn't have any extra values he accepted the slam try and bid 6♥. That was a correct view as the layout was as follows:

9	♠KQ8732	
North	♥---	
E-W	♦T74	
	♣KJ52	
♠AJ54		♠T
♥QJT95		♥AK32
♦A9		♦K865
♣AT		♣9763
	♠96	
	♥8764	
	♦QJ32	
	♣Q84	



Declarer was able to ruff three spades in dummy (two with A-K in hearts) only losing a club trick. The bad trump split didn't cause any problem since West's hearts were solid. When the Norwegian U21 pair at the other table stopped in game that was 13 IMPs to Sweden U26.

Bogi Simonsen of Faroe Islands made a tactical bid on board 13 in the match against Finland. With

♠ 43 ♥ 64 ♦ AKQ ♣ QJ10963

all vulnerable he opened 3♣ after two passes. West felt urged to double which led to a forced game for EW, as East tried 3NT. That was too high. This was the full deal:

13	♠ JT765	
North	♥ QJT2	
All	♦ 932	
	♣ 7	
♠ AKQ8		♠ 92
♥ 975		♥ AK83
♦ JT75		♦ 864
♣ A5		♣ K842
	♠ 43	
	♥ 64	
	♦ AKQ	
	♣ QJT963	

Declarer took eight tricks, one down, and that was 5 IMPs to Faroe Islands when EW bid and made 2♥ (-110) at the other table. Despite this board Finland won the match: 48-25.

Third match Board 10 gave Sweden 78 IMPs (!) in total, since all Swedish teams bid and made slam while all their opponents failed – either not reaching slam or going down playing in the wrong trump suit.

10	♠ AKT7	
East	♥ QJ63	
All	♦ ---	
	♣ AKQT8	
♠ 8		♠ J965
♥ A542		♥ T987
♦ QT732		♦ J985
♣ 642		♣ 3
	♠ Q432	
	♥ K	
	♦ AK64	
	♣ J975	

All Swedish pairs avoided slam in spades – essential with the bad spade break. Lena Johansson–Ylva Pyykkö (Sweden Blue) bid 6♣.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>T. Bilde</i>	<i>Johansson</i>	<i>Koch-Palmlund</i>	<i>Pyykkö</i>
pass	2♣	pass	1♦
pass	3♥	pass	2NT
pass	4♠	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	6♣

1♦ could be as short as one card. When North showed a three-suiter South judged the heart king to be an important card in case of a bad spade break. It was important not to bid 6♠. In 6♣ dummy could discard a spade on a top heart.

Matteo Nordqvist–Joakim Johansson (Sweden U21) would have been awarded with 11 points out of 10, if there had been a bidding contest, since there were twelve tricks in 6NT – and that was what they indeed bid.



Fourth match In the evening BBO match from the Open series Norway defeated Sweden by 51-12.

4	♠ J95		
West	♥ K64		
All	♦ Q86		
	♣ AJT2		
♠ 8		♠ AKT7632	
♥ AQ32		♥ 7	
♦ A2		♦ J94	
♣ KQ8763		♣ 94	
	♠ Q4		
	♥ JT985		
	♦ KT753		
	♣ 5		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bakke	O. Rimstedt	Grude	M. Rimstedt
1♣	pass	4♠	pass
pass	pass		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P. Bertheau	Livgård	Hult	Aa
1♣	pass	1♠	pass
2♥	pass	2♠	pass
3♣	pass	4♠	pass
pass	pass		

South led the singleton club to queen and ace. Both declarers tried to make life hard for North when they followed with the club nine at the first trick. North had to decide how to continue.

Allan Livgård gave South a ruff. NS had to get a diamond trick as well as a trump trick. One down; NS +100.

At the other table Ola Rimstedt tried a spade at trick two. Declarer could win the ace, cash another trump trick then play a club up, eventually establishing club winners and make an overtrick losing

only one trick in clubs and trump respectively; EW -650. 13 IMPs to Norway.

Norway followed this up with 9, 10 and 1 IMPs leading by 33-0 after seven boards.

Here both tables played the same contract – but in different directions.

9	♠ AJ62		
North	♥ J		
E-W	♦ AT2		
	♣ JT952		
♠ KT74		♠ Q3	
♥ Q5		♥ K9742	
♦ 863		♦ KJ54	
♣ A643		♣ KQ	
	♠ 985		
	♥ AT863		
	♦ Q97		
	♣ 87		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bakke	O. Rimstedt	Grude	M. Rimstedt
	1NT	D	2♥
D	pass	pass	pass

After Norths unbalanced mini-notrump (!) South had to play 2♥ doubled.

The lead was spade seven, dummy played low and East won trick one with the queen. To get seven tricks, the defence has to cash one club before returning a trump. At the table East won two club tricks then played a heart to West's queen. A diamond to the king was the fifth trick for EW. Declarer won the diamond continuation in hand, played a spade to the jack then ruffed a club. A diamond to the ace and another club followed. East ruffed with the nine, overruffed by South, then declarer exited with a spade, which East with only trumps left had



to ruff. Declarer took the last two tricks with A-8 in hearts when East held K-7, escaping only one down; EW -100.

The bidding at the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>P. Bertheau</i>	<i>Livgård</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Aa</i>
	1♣	1♥	pass
1♠	pass	2♣	pass
2♥	pass	pass	pass

Here the same contract was played but by EW. Declarer scored six tricks, thus two down; also EW -100 and that was another 5 IMPs to Norway.

From the match Norway vs Denmark 'Charles' observed a nice defence by the Danish women.

8	♠KQJ8
West	♥Q6
None	♦K8
	♣KT863
♠AT954	♠763
♥KJ92	♥A75
♦972	♦53
♣Q	♣AJ942
	♠2
	♥T843
	♦AQJT64
	♣75

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Koch-Palmlund</i>	<i>Haugen</i>	<i>T. Bilde</i>	<i>Heskje</i>
Pass	1♣	pass	1♦*
1♠	1NT	2♠	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

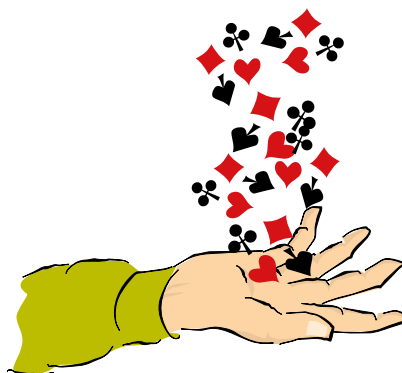
1♦ was transfer for hearts and 1NT denied three or more hearts. South hoped the diamond suit would create a lot of tricks and boldly took a chance on 3NT.



Charlotte Koch-Palmlund, Denmark.

East led spade six (2/4) to West's ace. Charlotte Koch-Palmlund knew declarer held two hearts at most, hence she cashed the king of hearts playing East to have either the queen or the ace. Jackpot! The king won the trick and the heart continuation went to the ace and another heart through dummy meant four heart tricks for the defence. Next came club queen to king and ace. The jack of clubs was the defenders seventh trick. Three down, EW -150.

At the other table the Danish declarer was allowed as North to make 2NT after a club lead; NS +120. That was 7 IMPs which played a part in Denmark's win by 41-26 IMPs.



'Charles' gave us two more boards, both from the match between Norway U26 and Denmark U26W.

9	♠K72
North	♥85
E-W	♦KJ4
	♣AK762
♠AQ84	♠6
♥AQ742	♥K96
♦52	♦AQT983
♣95	♣Q84
	♠JT953
	♥JT3
	♦76
	♣JT3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosthøj	Austad	Sigsgaard	Evenstad
	1♣	1♦	1♠
2♥	2♠	D	pass
4♥	pass	pass	pass

The double promised three hearts. North led the club ace and king then switched to a trump. EW -620.

At the other table EW stopped in 3♦ making three overtricks; EW -170. 10 IMPs to Denmark.

Only three pairs bid the heart game.



Good team spirit is important. Denmark W26 celebrate a minor loss as a victory.



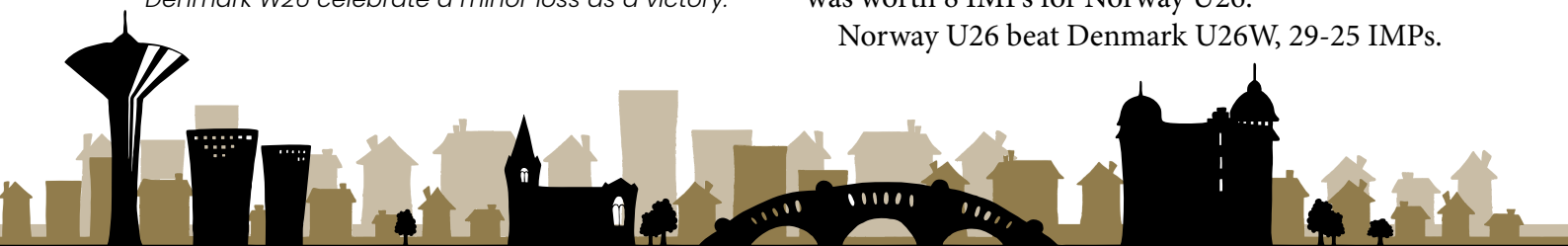
14	♠J9842
East	♥---
None	♦95
	♣AKQJ62
♠6	♠AK5
♥KQT8753	♥AJ96
♦K2	♦AJ63
♣T54	♣83
	♠QT73
	♥42
	♦QT874
	♣97

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosthøj	Austad	Sigsgaard	Evenstad
4♣	D	1NT	pass
pass	4♠!	4♥	pass
pass	pass	5♥!	5♠!
		pass	

4♣ was Texas for hearts. NS found the sacrifice. East led the ace and king in trumps then tried to cash heart ace, but that was ruffed and the defence got only one more trick. EW - 100.

At the other table 5♥ was played; EW -450. That was worth 8 IMPs for Norway U26.

Norway U26 beat Denmark U26W, 29-25 IMPs.





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