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## "WAR OF THE ROSES" WINS THE BAM



The Board-a-Match Teams was won by War of the Roses, five-sixths of USA1 Juniors and one-sixth of Sweden Juniors. Zachary Brescoll, Adam and Zachary Grossack, Adam Kaplan and Owen Lien were joined by Adam Stokka, the replacement for Marius Agica, who had returned to the United States. They cut cards to decide their partnerships for each match!
They finished 2.6 points ahead of The Boyz: Dennis Bilde from Denmark, Nabil Edgtton and Justin Howard from Australia, Nick Jacob from New Zealand and Tom Walsh from Canada.
Third were Buus Thomsen: Emil and Signe Buus Thomsen and Peter Jepsen from Denmark, Kornel Lazar from Germany and Lauren Travis from Australia.

In the three knockout championships, there are 28 boards to be played today.

In the Junior teams, Norway leads the defending champions, the Netherlands, by 133 imps to 115.5 .
Sweden had a big fourth set against USA1 in the Youngsters to take an 18.5 -imp lead: 153.5 to 135 .

And in the Girls division, France has a commanding 187.7 to 122 imp lead over China.

Let's hope for some exciting finishes, with the organisers wishing they could put all three matches on Vu-Graph.

In the 56 -board bronze medal play-offs, Poland Juniors defeated France by 133 to 111.7. Norway Youngsters triumphed over France by 151.5 to 78. And Italy Girls won against the Netherlands by 154.5 to 99 .

## Departure Details

Before leaving, you must check out in Building $S$.
And please check the departure sheets carefully to see that you are listed correctly.

The buses will leave from near the arch and the running water "fountain", close to the local bus stop at the top of the rise.

## PROGRAM TODAY


13.00-15.00

FINALS SESSION 6

### 17.00

Closing Ceremony \&
Prize Giving

## FINALS' RESULTS

| JUNIORS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Final |  |  |
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|  |  | c/o | 1 | Tot | 2 | Tot | 3 | Tot | 4 | Tot | 5 | Tot | 6 | Total |
| 4 | NOR | 0 | 23 | 23 | 42 | 65 | 30 | 95 | 38 | 133 |  |  |  |  |
|  | NED | 4.5 | 22 | 26.5 | 35 | 61.5 | 32 | 93.5 | 22 | 115.5 |  |  |  |  |



## RESULTS - BAM

| FINAL RANKING |  |  | FINAL RANKING |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FINAL A |  |  | FINAL B |  |
| 1 | WAR OF THE ROSES | 57.00 | 1 | TEAM FUDGE | 38.00 |
| 2 | THE BOYZ | 54.40 | 2 | CHINA YOUGSTERS | 35.00 |
| 3 | BUUS THOMSEN | 50.80 | 3 | CONTRACT KILLERS | 29.00 |
| 4 | TURKEY JUNIORS | 48.40 | 4 | TURKEY GIRLS | 26.00 |
| 5 | NL YOUNGSTERS | 46.60 | 5 | CHINESE TAIPEI GIRLS | 25.00 |
| 5 | CZECHOSLOVAKIA | 46.60 |  | FRANCE KIDS | 25.00 |
| 7 | TAISWE | 46.40 | 7 | SPADES | 24.00 |
| 8 | POLAND GIRLS | 46.20 | 8 | SUPERFIT | 22.00 |
| 9 | EHAA | 45.00 |  |  |  |
| 10 | HUDSON | 40.80 |  |  |  |
| 11 | CZECH REP. | 39.40 |  |  |  |
| 12 | MAJIK | 33.00 |  |  |  |

BAM, 2nd place


Team THE BOYZ: Nick Jacob (NZL), Dennis Bilde (DEN), Justin Howard (AUS) Nabil Edgtton (AUS), Tom Walsh (CAN)

BAM, 3rd place


Team BUUS THOMSEN: Peter Jepsen (DEN), Signe Buus Thomsen (DEN), Emil Buus Thomsen (DEN), Kornel Lazar (GER), Lauren Travis (AUS)

## BAM PARTICIPANTS

## ARGENTINA

RUEDA Santiago(ARG)
SANTA ANA Matias Exequiel (ARG)
SENGIALI Nicolas Miguel (ARG),
VON BRUDERSDORFF F. (ARG)

## BUUS THOMSEN

BUUS THOMSEN Emil (DEN)
BUUS THOMSEN Signe (DEN)
JEPSEN Peter (DEN)
LAZAR Kornel (GER)
TRAVIS Lauren (AUS)

## CARLOTTAS GIRLS

BRAKE Jessica (AUS)
COOPER Renee (AUS)
FULLER Kirstyn (AUS)
MOSKOVSKY Ellena (AUS)
PATTISON Ella (AUS)
TRAVIS Lauren (AUS)

## CHINA YOUGSTERS

CHEN Siyuan (CHN)
GU Sijia (CHN)
JIN Kai (CHN)
MIAO Benjie (CHN)
WANG Qingfeng (CHN)
ZHU Chenyu (CHN)

## CHINESE TAIPEI GIRLS

CHEN Kuan-Hsuan (TPE)
CHIU Yun-Ju (TPE)
TSOU Hsin-Yen (TPE)
TSOU Meng-Hsuan (TPE)
YANG Hsin-Jung (TPE)
YAO Wen-Chun (TPE)

## CONTRACT KILLERS

MITRA Sounak(IND)
SARKAR A (IND)
SNOWDEN Burke (USA)
SOUKUP David (USA)

## CZECH REP.

KLEMS Erik (CZE)
KOLEK Lukas (CZE),
MELCAK Martin (CZE)
VOJTIK Jakub (CZE)

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

JAKABSIC Jakub (SVK)
KUBICA Adam(SVK)
KVOCEK Juraj (SVK)
VODICKA Martin(SVK)

## DENMARK KIDS

BRODERSEN Jon (DEN)
BUNE Soren (DEN)
CASPERSEN Soeren Veel (DEN)
LAHRMANN Christian(DEN)
ROSAGER Oliver (DEN)

## EHAA

CHAN Philip (HKG)
HO Gordon (HKG)
LAM Leo (HKG)
LUI Barney (HKG)
TAM Rocky (HKG)
WAI Cf (HKG)

## FINLAND

AIMALA Antti (FIN)
FAGERLUND Vesa (FIN)
KOIVU Alma (FIN)
KOIVU Oskari (FIN)
MYLLAERI Maria (FIN)
FRANCE KIDS
BELLICAUD Luc (FRA)
GUILLEMIN Theo (FRA)
GUTH Romaric (FRA)
LE LEZVictor (FRA)

## HUDSON

HERMAN Gregory (USA)
HUDSON Alex(USA)
WU Edmund (USA)
ZHU William (USA)
MAJIK
ARBIT Julie (USA)
LADYZHENSKY Asya (USA)
LINZ Marianna (USA)
TEBHA Anam (USA)
THAPA Isha (USA)
WERNIS Rebecca (USA)
NL YOUNGSTERS
COPPENS Pim (NED) DONKERSLOOT Bob (NED) SPRINKHUIZEN Thibo (NED)
STOUGIE Leen (NED)
STOUGIE Marc (NED)
TIJSSEN Luc (NED)

## NORWAY GIRLS

FROYSE Stine (NOR) HAUGE Thea Hove (NOR) INDREBO Thea Lucia (NOR) KLINGEN Marte Haugen (NOR) MIKKELSEN Charlotte (NOR)
SJODAL Sofie Grasholt (NOR)

## POLAND GIRLS

BALDYSZ Zofia (POL) DLUGOSZ Olga (POL) JAROSZ Aleksandra (POL) MADUZIA Anna (POL) SZCZYPCZYK Agnieszka (POL) ZMUDA Justyna (POL)
POLAND YOUNGSTER
KRAWCZYK Blazej (POL)
KRYSA Michal (POL)
KURZAK Przemyslaw (POL) MARCINOWSKI Piotr (POL)
PLADER Lukasz (POL) SOBCZAK Mateusz (POL)

## SINGAPORE

CHAN Ryan (SIN)
LEE Derek Cheng Feng (SIN)
LIM Kah Hong (SIN)
NG Sean Jake Peng (SIN)
ONG Jin Xiang(SIN)
SHAN Shenghao(SIN)

## SPADES

FENG Xinyu Bob (CAN)
HEBBERT Jessie (CAN)
HEBBERT Jordan (CAN) LAMOUREUX Victor (CAN) MACAULAY Ethan (CAN) YANG Xu (CAN)

## SUPERFIT

CHEN Yin-Shou (TPE)
CHUNG Tai-Che (TPE)
HUANG Hao-Wei (TPE)
LEE Shih-Yao (TPE)
TAI Yu-Tung (TPE)
WANG Jui (TPE)

## TAISWE

CHEN Yin-Shou (TPE)
EKENBERG Simon (SWE)
GULLBERG Daniel (SWE)
HULT Simon (SWE)
WANG Jui (TPE)

## TBC

COZART Darien (CAN)
TESSAROLO Jordan (CAN)
THOMPSON Jamie (AUS)
WILLIAMS Stephen (AUS)

## TEAM FUDGE

BAILEY Samuel Edward (NZL)
BOUTON Victoria (NZL)
BROWN Matthew (NZL)
COUTTS Glenn (NZL)
COUTTS Samuel (NZL)
JEPSEN Rasmus Rask (DEN)

## THE BOYZ

BILDE Dennis (DEN)
EDGTTON Nabil (AUS)
HOWARD Justin (AUS)
JACOB Nick (NZL)
WALSH Tom (CAN)

## TURKEY GIRLS

OZSEMA Habibe Guldamla (TUR)
SEKER Olgu (TUR)
TUGRUL Tugce Ceren(TUR)
USKUP Burcu (TUR)

## TURKEY JUNIORS

ALTINDAG Anil (TUR)
AYDOGDU Erkmen (TUR)
KAPUSUZ Yusuf Berkay (TUR)
KOCLAR Akin (TUR)
OZEN Berk Can (TUR)
SUZER Ugurcan (TUR)

## TURKEY MIX

CELEP Cem (TUR)
CIFTCI Ilgaz (TUR)
ENGIN Ozge (TUR)
OZECOGLU Nida (TUR)

## TURKEY YOUNGEST

GUNEYI Eylem Tugce (TUR)
IMDAT Eren (TUR)
OFLAZ Mehmet Can (TUR)
ONAL Oguzhan (TUR)

## WAR OF THE ROSES

AGICA Marius (USA)
BRESCOLL Zachary (USA)
GROSSACK Adam (USA)
GROSSACK Zachary (USA)
KAPLAN Adam (USA)
LIEN Owen (USA)

## THE SEMIFINALS - LAST SESSION

he last session of this match began with Poland enjoying a comfortable lead of 0.5 imps .
That advantage did not survive the first board of the set:

Board 43. Dealer South. None Vul.

- 73
© A J 75
$\diamond$ Q 76542
\& 8
A AK 42
© Q J 109
$\diamond$ K 103
$\diamond$ A 109
\& J 96
© Q 8
$\diamond 3$
\& AK 7543

ヘ 865
$\bigcirc 9642$
$\diamond$ K J 8
\& Q 102

| Open Room |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Ellingsen | Jassem | Eide | Wojcieszek |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | $2 \%$ | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | 35 | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | $4 \%$ | Pass |
| $4 \diamond$ | Pass | 45 | All Pass |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Klukowski | Grude | Tuczynski | Hegge |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | $2 \%$ | Pass |
| 20 | Pass | $4 \diamond$ | Pass |
| 48 | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| $5 \diamond$ | Pass | 64 | All Pass |

Both Easts suggested a slam, but only one pair got there. It is a 53.1 percent contract, approximately. However, when this was a 46.9 percent deal, Norway had gained a slightly lucky 11 imps .


After a flat board, we reached:
Board 45. Dealer North. None Vul.

- 104
© 842
$\diamond$ J 765
\& A 987
^AKQ 83
A J 97
$\checkmark 10763$
-K 5
$\diamond A$
$\diamond 1032$
\& 1043
\& K Q J 65
^ 652
$\checkmark$ A Q J 9
$\diamond$ KQ984
\& 2

| Open Room |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Ellingsen | Jassem | Eide | Wojcieszek |
|  | Pass | Pass | $1 \diamond$ |
| 10 | $3 \diamond$ | 30 | Pass |
| 40 | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Klukowski | Grude | Tuczynski | Hegge |
|  | Pass | Pass | $1 \diamond$ |
| 10 | $2 \diamond$ | 20 | $3 \diamond$ |
| 30 | Pass | 4* | All Pass |

In both rooms, North led a diamond. Kristian Ellingsen drew two rounds of trumps, then played a club. North went in with his ace and had to give his partner a ruff to defeat the contract. But not knowing that his partner had a singleton, North switched to a heart. South took two tricks in the suit, but there was then no winning defence.

At the other table, Michal Klukowski played a club at trick two. Tor Eivind Grude, knowing that West was short in diamonds and therefore not also that short in clubs, ducked. Declarer then drew two rounds of trumps before leading another club.

North had two winning choices: win the trick and give his partner a club ruff or, the one he chose, duck again and let partner ruff. West ruffed the diamond return and played his last club, but North won and pushed through a heart for one down and 10 imps to Norway, now ahead by 20.5 .


Poland promptly recouped some points on a nasty deal for East-West.

Board 46. Dealer East. N-S Vul.
かA 108762
© K 3
$\diamond$ Q 43
\& 76

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { A K Q J } 93 \\ & \text { OO } 10 \end{aligned}$ |  | - 4 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\bigcirc$ J 9765 |  |
| $\diamond 10765$ |  | \&Q8432 |  |
| - 5 - |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| © A 842 |  |  |  |
| $\diamond$ A J 82 |  |  |  |
| \& K J 109 |  |  |  |
| Open Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Ellingsen | Jassem | Eide | Wojcieszek |
|  |  | Pass | $1 \diamond$ |
| 1. | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | Pass | Redble | Pass |
| 1 NT | Dble | 24 | Dble |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West North East South |  |  |  |
| Klukowski | Grude | Tuczunski | Hegge |
|  |  | 28 (a) | Pass |
| Pass | $2 \wedge$ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

(a) At least 5-4 in hearts and a minor

The trouble that Eide and Ellingsen got into happened at several tables. The best defense takes two clubs doubled five down!
South led his spade. North won and switched to a diamond. South took East's king with his ace and led another round to his partner's queen. North would have done best to lead a major, but he tried a trump. East won in the dummy and ducked a trump. Now all roads led to three down, minus 500, the defenders taking one spades, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.
In the closed room, I am surprised that South did not bid three notrumps, but I assume he wanted to give his partner some leeway and knew the breaks would be bad.
West led the queen of hearts. South ducked, took the next heart in the dummy, and played a club to his jack, which West ducked smoothly. Now declarer led the jack of diamonds from his hand. East won and returned a high heart. South took the trick, played a diamond to dummy's queen, and led a club to his ten. West won and switched to the king of spades, but declarer won with dummy's ace, came back to his hand with the ace of diamonds, and exited with his last heart. East could cash a couple of tricks, but then had to lead away from his club holding to give declarer eight tricks: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs. That was plus 120 and minus 9 imps .
The best defence was produced by Qihao Wu (North) and Bing Zhao (South) in the girls match against the Netherlands. The auction to two clubs doubled was identical to the one in the open room given above.
This time, South led her spade. North won, cashed the king of hearts, and led another heart. South won and returned the suit, North ruffing when declarer discarded a
diamond from dummy. North switched to a low diamond. If East had played low, she could have escaped for four down(!), but in desperation she tried her king. South won and gave her partner another heart ruff. North cashed the queen of diamonds and led a spade. When East pitched her last heart, South ruffed, giving the first eight tricks to the defenders. And South had two more trump tricks to come for five down, plus 1100.
Had the Chinese slipped and let East out for three down, the Dutch would have won the match by 0.5 imps .
The tense junior semifinal between France and the Ne therlands saw the lead change hands several times. But the defending champions iced the match on this deal:
Board 52. Dealer West. None Vul.

(a) Good spade raise

When you know your side comfortably has the balance of the points, but the opponents sacrifice at a high level, it is almost always right to lead a trump, and keep doing that as often as possible.

If the French defenders in the open room had done that, they would have been plus 100 . They also had other routes to one down, but not the one South chose.
North led the queen of spades. South overtook with his ace and switched to the seven of diamonds. East ruffed and led the queen of hearts. South took the trick with his ace and tried a second diamond. Happily, East ruffed and led the jack of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy when South played low. Then came a heart ruff, a diamond ruff, a heart ruff, a diamond ruff, and a spade ruff. Then dummy drew trumps and claimed the last diamond for plus 550.
In the closed room there was only one legitimate way to defeat four spades: the defenders had to take two diamond ruffs and two clubs. But when West led his heart, South raked in five spades, two hearts and three diamonds (taking two finesses) for plus 420 and 14 imps to the Netherlands.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

- 42
© AK 1042
$\diamond$ A J 104
\& 98


AK 9765
© 83
$\diamond$ Q 7
\&6542

| Open Room |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Van Overbeeke | Grude | Polak | Hegge |
|  | 18 | Dble | Pass |
| 20 | Pass | 2 | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Ellingsen | Westerbeek | Eide | Wackwitz |
|  | 10 | Dble | Redble |
| 2NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

At both tables East-West settled in two no-trumps. With a spade led and the queen of diamonds back, the contract would have been set very quickly. In the Closed Room Chris Westerbeek found the spade lead, but when South just covered dummy's spot, the queen won in hand for declarer. Five rounds of clubs followed, on which North discarded his three low hearts. Declarer now exited with a low heart towards dummy. North had to win with the king and played back a low diamond, giving declarer his eight trick. A spade shift instead of a diamond would still have defeated the contract.

In the open room Tor Eivind Grude led his longest and strongest, the two of hearts, which went to the five, eight and declarer's nine. On the run of the clubs, North discarded two hearts and a spade. Declarer tried making his contract by finessing in spades, and when that didn't work, we all believed that the first swing had arrived, since South had to know it was right to return the queen of diamonds now. Surprisingly, though, South led back a heart to endplay his partner, who had to give declarer a trick with the king of diamonds. Nine tricks in the open room gave the Dutch declarer 1 IMP.

Num: Is that a defence worthy of a would-be world champion? (Questions that start with 'num' expect the answer no, those with 'nonne' the answer yes.)

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.
A AKQ7642
$\bigcirc 4$
$\diamond$ K 7
\& A 72

| A 9 | ヘ- |
| :---: | :---: |
| Q Q 10653 | © A 872 |
| $\diamond$ Q 108543 | $\diamond$ J 96 |
| ¢ K | \& Q 96543 |

A J 10853
© K J 9
$\diamond$ A 2
か J J 108

| Open Room |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Van Overbeeke | Grude | Polak | Hegge |
|  |  | Pass | Pass |
| 10 | 4 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 50 | 5 |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Ellingsen | Westerbeek | Eide | Wackwitz |
|  |  | Pass | 1NT (a) |
| Pass | $2 \diamond$ (b) | Pass | 2 |
| Pass | 3 | Pass | $4 \diamond$ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5\% |
| Pass | 64 | All Pass |  |

(a) 10-12 points
(b) Game-forcing Stayman

Speaking about accurate defence, here comes the next masterpiece. In the open room Grude had no problem getting his eleven tricks. The real show was on display in the closed room.

Ernst Wackwitz ended as declarer in six spades. Kristian Ellingsen led the five of diamonds. After dummy's king won the trick, the ace of spades was cashed, and a heart played from dummy. East rose with the ace and continued with a club to the ten, king and ace.

Declarer continued with trumps to leave the following position:

|  | - 76 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc-$ |  |
|  | $\diamond 7$ |  |
|  |  |  |
| A- |  | a - |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 10 |  | 08 |
| $\diamond$ Q 108 |  | $\diamond$ J 9 |
| ¢- |  | -1 Q 9 |
|  | a- |  |
|  | $\bigcirc \mathrm{KJ}$ |  |
|  | $\diamond$ A |  |
|  | \& J 8 |  |

When Wackwitz called for the seven of spades from dummy, West discarded the ten of hearts! Declarer could now claim his contract. 11 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Nonne: Is this a defence unworthy of a would-be World Champion?


Ida Grönkvist
Ida Grönkvist for Sweden in the youngsters played the deal very nicely. East led a diamond, and she won with the ace, played a spade to the ace, and took two more trumps before cashing the king of diamonds and leading a heart towards dummy. When East played low she called for the king, which held the trick. She now ruffed a heart, played a trump to dummy, and ruffed the last heart to reach this position:

|  | 4 Q |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |
|  | $\diamond$ - |
|  | \& 72 |
| a- |  |
| $\checkmark 6$ |  |
| $\diamond$ Q 10 |  |
| \% K |  |
|  | A 8 |
|  | $\bigcirc$ |
|  | $\diamond-$ |
|  | \& J 108 |

She now played a low club to dummy's jack and West was had to give a ruff-and-sluff for twelve tricks.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.


With spades breaking badly and the king of diamonds offside, this wasn't that pleasant a deal for declarer to play. Two off in both rooms for no swing. But in another match we saw the bidding go one club from North, two spades from East, pass, pass, and a take-out double. What to bid with South?

Pass wasn't a World Champion bid, that's for sure, but when their teammates managed to get doubled in three diamonds at the other table for 500, they had had two disasters at the same time costing 15 IMPs. It is good luck to combine disasters - but one can't afford that sort of good luck every day!


Australia has a very active junior bridge program with an excellent quarterly magazine edited by Andy Hung, who is the non-playing captain of the Australian Junior Team here.

Here is the link to see the latest edition:
http://www.abf.com.au/ australian-youth-bridge-bulletin-july-august-2014/

## MEET THE DANISH JUNIORS

The Danish Junior Team here in Istanbul is almost identical to the team that qualified from the Europeans in Wroclaw. We have exchanged one Emil (Jepsen)with another Emil (Thomsen), and then put the old Emil in as our coach.


## Majka Bilde

Majka is 22 years old, and studies math-economics at the University in Aarhus.

She is out of a bridge-playing family, her two brothers (Dennis and Søren -- she is in between them) are also playing and competing with her for who is the

## best

Majka is small and smiling, but as Peter says, "It just makes the opponents even more surprised when they see what she has for her bidding."
Majka has been playing bridge for eight years, and has been playing the last four years with...


## Peter Jepsen

22 years old, living in Aarhus, where he studies chemistry.
Peter, who has been playing bridge for approximately nine years, is a genuine natural with cards, making him very dangerous at the table. He is also very lazy: reading system and practicing are not among his favourites - this also makes him dangerous at the table.
If there is a choice between a simple finesse or a difficult double squeeze, Peter always goes for the squeeze...


## Signe Buus Thomsen

22 years old, living in Copenhagen, where she studies English and organizational communications at Copenhagen Business School.

Signe has been playing bridge since she was 11, and has been playing with Rasmus for about four years. She is a real fighter, and you can be sure she will give $110 \%$ every time. She is probably the most talkative junior in history, but at the table she will always concentrates on killing the opponents.
Signe plays with the new kid on the team:


## Emil Buus Thomsen

20 years old, Emil has been playing on the U20 team for many years, and is now ready to help the U25 team.
Emil is Signe's younger brother, so he is used to handling his sister. But now they have decided to form a serious partnership, and it is very exciting to follow this new brother/sister combination.
Emil is a very happy guy, and is always helping the team to stay in a good mood and have fun. He and Majka seem to have a special code for having fun, maybe there is something about being the younger sibling on the team...

## Rasmus Rask Jepsen

22 years old. Lives in Aarhus, where he has studied political science for three years.
Rasmus has been playing bridge since he was 13 years old, and is a very calm and solid player. He is also nicer than the nicest,
 everyone likes him, and he is a great guy to have on a team.
Rasmus used to play with Signe, but she fired him in favour of the young Emil, so Rasmus looked around and found Dennis. He is a partner not completely like Signe, but almost, so Rasmus seems to be OK with the partner switch.

## Dennis Bilde

24 years old, living in Aarhus, and after trying out various educations, he has now settled for the one thing that interests him bridge.
Dennis is always playing bridge. This summer he has been home something like five days --
 only to use his washing machine. He is now a full-time bridge professional, and even though it is sad that this is his last junior tournament as a player, we hope to see him in many more junior events, helping the junior players with his knowledge and experience.

## Emil Jepsen

25 years old, Emil has been playing bridge since he was 11 and has partnered Dennis since he was 12.
Emil lives in Aarhus and studies electrical engineering at the University.
Emil won the Under 25 Junior
 World Championship at the age of 19 and has been playing at the top level ever since. He has promised to help the team to win some IMPs, even though we would have liked him to play instead of coaching -- but coaching is all we can get from him now.
Emil is also coaching our U20 team, as their coach was unfortunately not able to come here to Istanbul.

## Morten Bilde (Captain)

50 years old, living on a farm outside Aarhus -- now with not so many kids at home anymore.

He has been playing bridge since he
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The first set of this match had seen China take a small lead. But the second set was virtually one-way traffic in the other direction. It started out in bizarre fashion:

Board 15. Dealer North. None Vul.


It seems nit-picking (but then we are the experts at that) to say that I prefer Wu's initial rebid to Jennifer Mourgues' choice, given how disastrously the auction progressed, but since game might be excellent for East-West facing the right 6-7 count, setting up an auction stronger than a jump to three clubs feels right to me.
In the Closed Room the defenders cashed their diamonds against three clubs and shifted to spades. Mourgues intelligently but unluckily elected to play South for club length, so used her spade entry to dummy to take a first-round club finesse and then suffered the indignity of a spade ruff for two down.

As to who was to blame for the debacle that followed in the Open Room, all one can say is that West thought that when she had not redoubled two hearts, she could not possibly want to play in three hearts. Maybe we should not intrude into private grief any more closely.
The defenders against three hearts redoubled cashed three diamonds and, when South discarded a spade, shifted to spades. North got to ruff the third club with the eight of hearts

(why not the seven?), and when declarer overruffed and played a second spade, South could ruff. A low club now would have collected 2200, but South cashed out the hearts and "settled" for 1600 and 17 IMPs. I wish when I dropped 600 points on defence that it cost me so little...

Brian Senior reported how on our next deal France earned 10 IMPs where Aurelie Thizy outplayed her Chinese counterpart to bring home a game contract.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

- Q 8

๑10876
$\diamond$ K J 84
\& K 72
A J 104
A 72
©K432
©J 95
$\diamond 9753$
$\diamond \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{Q}} 6$
\&6 6
\& Q J 854
-AK 9653
$\checkmark$ A Q
$\diamond 102$
\& A 109

| Open Room |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Wu de | de Tessières | Zhao | Thizy |
|  | Pass | Pass | 19 |
| Pass | 1 NT | 24 | 34 |
| Pass | 49 | All Pass |  |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Morgues | s Fu Huberschwiller Li |  |  |
|  | Pass | Pass | 19 |
| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 30 |
| Pass | 49 | All Pass |  |

Both Wests led the six of clubs to the two, jack and ace. Li Hanxiao, for China, crossed to the queen of spades to take the heart finesse. Morgues won with the king of hearts and led a second club, and, with the diamond honours both offside, the contract had to fail by a trick, declarer losing two diamonds, one heart and one club, for minus 50 .
In the other room, Aurelie Thizy also led a spade to the queen at trick two. However, she continued by drawing the remaining trumps, before running the ten of
 diamonds to East's queen. Back came a heart. It would have been easy to take the finesse without thinking, but that would have cost the contract - West would have won with her king and led a second club through to set up a fourth defensive winner before the diamond had been established. But Thizy knew exactly what she was doing.

Playing safely, she rose with the ace of hearts and led a diamond to the jack and ace. She just had to lose a heart, as the club loser went away on the king of diamonds. That was nicely played for plus 420 and 10 IMPs to France.

That wasn't the only nice play possible on the deal. It was pointed out from the Vu-Graph audience that East might have won the first diamond with the ace to play a heart. Now declarer might relax and finesse, playing for 12 tricks. When West wins and returns a club, declarer hops up with dummy's king, unblocks the hearts, and runs the trumps. In the two-card ending, she has the ten of clubs and a diamond in hand, while West keeps two diamonds and dummy the king-jack of diamonds. East painlessly comes down to both minor-suit queens. Then, could you blame declarer for taking the diamond finesse?

Board 18. Dealer East. North-South Vul.
AK Q 72
○A Q 1085
$\diamond A K Q$
42
A 10965
$\bigcirc 642$
$\diamond 984$
\& A J 5
The next deal saw another giant swing to France - but this one required some good card reading after reaching an inferior contract. For China Fu-Li stopped in two spades after East had opened one diamond. Cui culpa on this auction: $(1 \diamond)$ - Pass - $(1 N T)$ - Dble - $(2 \&)$ - Pass (Pass) - Dble - $2 \mathbf{~ - ~ A l l ~ P a s s ? ~ I ~ g i v e ~ S o u t h ~} 70$ percent, since she might easily have bid two spades over two clubs or three spades over the double.
In the other room, with East-West silent, de Tessières - Thizy bid $1 \odot-1 N T-3 N T-4 \bigcirc$. De Tessières won the king-of-clubs lead and guessed well, given her silent


opponents, to lead a heart to the queen. When this held and trumps were 3-2, she didn't need her subsidiary chance of either ma-jor-suit jack dropping in two rounds.

On the next deal Mourgues misguessed a partscore badly (her teammates had competed one level higher to go minus 50) to give China their first IMPs of the set. Then both North-South pairs missed a golden opportunity; again there will be plenty of blame to go round!

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.


In the Closed Room, South's hurry to get to three notrumps looks extremely ill-judged (imagine partner with a singleton spade, for example). In the Open Room, Thizy could only show her heart stopper over the Michaels Cue -Bid. So it was hard for de Tessières to remove three notrumps. If three diamonds were forcing by South, could that be a poor choice? (And if it wasn't, a change of methods might be in order!) As you can see, six diamonds is cold despite South's wasted king of hearts.

Both tables made plus 630, but for bonus points, how would you play in six diamonds as North on the ace-ofhearts lead? After you ruff (nice play!), it looks best to draw one round of trumps, then to lead a club to the ace, and duck a club coming back. This seems to protect you against all normal and abnormal breaks.

China picked up another partscore swing when they stayed low and were gifted a trick or two in the play. But France immediately struck back with ferocity, having just the right club in their bag to reach a fine slam.

Board 22. Dealer East. Both Vul.
A K J
-A Q 10932
৩AKQ43
$\checkmark$ J 10
$\diamond 872$
$\diamond 10$
\& A K 2
\& Q J 84

What looks like a perfectly normal one-spade opening to this commentator was opened a Multi two diamonds by Zhou, and Wu settled for four spades. Huberschwiller opted for a three-spade pre-empt, and Mourgues could use an asking bid of five diamonds, allowing East to jump to slam. Nice work!

There were plenty of opportunities for the carping, critical and caviling commentators to find fault. As witness the next deal:

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

- K 73

○K85 2
$\diamond 8$
\& A 9875

| A A 1092 | A 86 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 106$ | $\bigcirc$ Q J 97 |
| $\diamond$ J 1054 | $\diamond$ K Q 976 |
| \& Q 43 | \& 102 |

A Q J 54

- A4 3
$\diamond$ A 32
\& K J 6
Open Room

| West | North | East | South <br> Wu |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| De Tessières | Zhou | Thizy <br> 1NT |  |
| Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ | Pass | 24 |
| Pass | $3 \mathbf{4}$ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |



| Closed Room <br> West | North East |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad$ South

I must be getting grumpy in my old age (no, my wife tells me that I was always grumpy) but three notrumps over three clubs seems incredibly unilateral. Since in standard French bidding South has denied both majors already, three hearts gives partner the chance to bid three notrumps with her spades and diamonds switched, or on the actual deal, over three hearts, she can bid three spades and let South raise or bid three notrumps (which here North would not sit for, of course).

In the other room Fu's decision to convert three notrumps to four spades implies no faith in partner (how would South bid with better diamonds and jack-fourth of spades if not three notrumps now?), but four spades had play while three notrumps on a diamond lead was hopeless. Three notrumps went down 200, while Li played to ruff two diamonds in dummy and used her club and heart entries back to hand, without taking the club finesse for some reason. She lost a club, a heart, and two spades but gained 3 IMPs.

The best single-dummy line in four spades is not clear. If you win with the ace of diamonds, ruff a diamond, come to the ace of hearts and ruff another diamond, you can then play the king of spades. The defenders do best to duck, though winning and returning a spade is also perfectly sensible. Now when you play the king of hearts and another heart, you may go down on the actual layout, but you have given yourself almost every chance.

Both North-South pairs then stayed out of a playable major-suit slam -- down on best defence unless declarer took a very good view -- though the Chinese made overtricks after friendly defence. Then France added one more partscore when they had, yet again, the right competitive gadget at their disposal. After passing initially, Mourgues heard one spade to her left, two hearts to her right, and could compete with two notrumps to show an undefined two-suiter, holding:

- Q 8

๑Q10976
$\diamond 8$
\& K 10542
That got her side to three clubs for plus 110 while de Tessières collected an untroubled plus 140 in spades the other way. At the end of the set France had scored 61 IMPs while conceding 15 , and although they had undeniably not been unlucky, they were full value for their lead in the set.

## FINAL 3 YOUNGSTERS - SWEDEN vsUSA1 by Maurizio Di Sacco

(1)
fter two segments out of the scheduled six, Sweden led USA1 by 88,560. With 56 boards still to be played, though, the match was wide open.

The first board was quite an interesting three notrumps, which featured arguable moves from both declarer's and defenders' sides.

Board 29. Dealer North. None Vul.
A A J 106
$\bigcirc 54$
$\diamond$ Q 1042
-\& 1085

| ¢95 | AK8743 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 9$ | $\bigcirc$ AK J 86 |
| $\diamond$ AKJ 876 | $\diamond 9$ |
| \& K Q 93 | \& J 7 |
|  | A Q 2 |
|  | - Q 10732 |
|  | $\diamond 53$ |
|  | \& A 642 |

At both tables, West was in three notrumps.
Against Kevin Rosenberg, Ida Grönkvist led the five of clubs, won by Mikael Rimstedt's ace. Legitimately to beat the contract, South had to switch to a diamond, but, instead, he tabled the two of spades, which went to five, ten and king.

It was now time for Rosenberg to be under the spotlight: with this layout, he had to work on spades sooner or later, but understandably he tried instead to set up his best suit, diamonds, playing three rounds. The last proved to be fatal: North's ten won, and from that point onward the defence was very easy, and the contract eventually drifted two off.

The lead was the same against Ola Rimstedt, but upon winning with his ace of clubs, Kriegel played back the suit. To make the contract, Deep Finese tells us that West should have won the second club in his hand and advanced a spade toward dummy's king. But that is not right at single-dummy. Rimstedt ducked the trick around to the dummy and played a spade.

The fencing fight continued: to beat the contract, South was now called upon to put his queen up, but this proved too difficult for him. Back came a heart from North, which should have been won, but Rimstedt finessed and his fate was now sealed: the defense was automatic from that point, and declarer finished the same two off as Rosenberg.

On the next board, USA1 picked an IMP when the defense slipped a trick in the normal three notrumps, while in the other room the contract was five diamonds just made.

Next came a longer American step, thanks to some better dummy play in the same, very low-level contract of one spade.


Board 31. Dealer South. E-W Vul.
A Q 10
© J 98
$\diamond$ J 874

* A 942

| *973 | AK54 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ A Q | $\bigcirc 10543$ |
| $\diamond 109652$ | $\diamond$ A K Q |
| \& K 85 | \& J 106 |

A A J 862
○K 762
$\diamond 3$
\& Q 73

| Open Room |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rosenberg | Gronkvist Kristensen Rimste |  |  |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| Pass | 1\% | Pass | 14 |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |


| Closed Room <br> West | North | East | South <br> Rimstedt |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Huber | Safsten |
| Kriegel |  |  |  |
| Rass |  |  |  |

In both rooms, the lead was the normal ten of diamonds. Each East won and played a heart.

Mikael Rimstedt put up his king, while Oren Kriegel played low. The overtrick available by ducking was now gone for Rimstedt, but something worse was coming. Both Wests played two rounds of the suit, then the play diverged. The Swedish defender led a diamond, while the American switched to a spade.

Rimstedt played low from dummy and won East's king with his ace. A further spade to dummy's queen followed, then a club to declarer's queen and West's king. A second round of clubs was won by dummy's ace, and all declarer needed to do at that point was to ruff a diamond, cash trumps, and enjoy his jack of hearts winner. When, however, he played the jack of hearts straight away, his seventh trick vanished and he had to go down one.

Kriegel had no further problems. He ruffed the diamond in hand, went to dummy with the ace of clubs, and simply drew trumps thanks to the finesse. He was soon claiming eight tricks and 4 IMPs.

Some more points went in the same direction immediately afterwards, when Grönkvist-Rimstedt stretched to a poor three notrumps with a combined 23 HPC and bad fit, that ended up two down, vulnerable, and cost 7 IMPs when paired against two spades just making in the other room.

Both teams did very well in the following board, flat at 980 in a good heart slam missed elsewhere in the room.

Then, Kriegel earned his side a huge swing, when he found the texbook defense to beat Johan Safsten's fourheart contract, while his teammates were scoring 500 against five diamonds doubled, a non-vulnerable save by Grönkvist-Rimstedt.

Here you are:

## West

A A Q J 974
○1085
$\diamond 4$
\& Q 52
South
a K 10
○ J 3
$\diamond$ A J 1032
of K J 93
Open Room
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { West } & \text { North East } & \text { South } \\ \text { Rosenberg } & \text { Gronkvist Kristensen } & \text { Rimstedt M. }\end{array}$

|  |  | $1 \bigcirc$ | $2 \diamond$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | $5 \diamond$ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rimstedt O. Huber |  | Safsten | Kriegel |
|  |  | 10 | $2 \diamond$ |
| 20 | $4 \diamond$ | Pass | Pass |
| 40 | Pass | Pass | Pass |

You lead the ace of diamonds: four, five, six. What next?
It didn't take Kriegel much time to identify the deal as one that appears in newspaper columns (like today's New York Times!). He tabled the jack of clubs and hit the jackpot.

Board 34. Dealer East. E-W Vulnerable.
A 52
$\bigcirc 762$
$\diamond$ K 9875
\& A 87

| ¢ A Q J 974 | A 863 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 1085$ | $\bigcirc$ AKQ 94 |
| $\diamond 4$ | $\diamond$ Q 6 |
| Q 52 | \& 1064 |

© K 10
© J 3
$\diamond$ A J 1032
\& K J 93
USA1 had scored 23 unanswered IMPs and got to within 5,5 , but Sweden gained when Kriegel-Huber bid to a close slam.

Board 35. Dealer South. All Vulnerable.


Six notrumps was a playable slam, with circa a 50 percent chance of success. It required diamonds to come in, plus the spades to generate three tricks (which required a 3-3 split, or the ten dropping early, or West having acedoubleon; you know, of course, that the right play is to lead twice towards the hand with the two honours), or some unlikely black-suit squeeze. It was not to be, and Sweden had 12 IMPs, which were followed by a further IMP thanks to a third overtrick in the otherwise normal three notrumps.


Board 37. Dealer North. E-W Vulnerable.

|  | A 10843 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc$ AKQ |
|  | $\diamond 10842$ |
|  | \& A 2 |
| A- | A K Q J 52 |
| ๑J9852 | $\bigcirc 7643$ |
| $\diamond$ J 63 | $\diamond 9$ |
| \& K 8753 | \& J 96 |
|  | A A 976 |
|  | $\bigcirc 10$ |
|  | $\diamond$ A K Q 75 |
|  | \& Q 104 |


| Open Room |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rosenberg | Gronkvist | Kristensen | Rimstedt M. |
|  | 1\% | 14 | 2\% (b) |
| Pass | $3 \diamond$ | Pass | 4® |
| Pass | $5 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |
| (a) Diamonds |  |  |  |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rimstedt O. Huber |  | Safsten | Kriegel |
|  |  | 14 | $2 \diamond$ |
| Pass | $3 \diamond$ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

Grönkvist-Rimstedt, in five diamonds, were not too lucky here, since the ace of spades was ruffed away after the lead, and their contract had to go one off. When Huber and Kriegel stopped in three notrumps, 11 IMPs went to USA1.

Blood kept flowing, but the swing switched directions once more. This time, Rimstedt-Safsten had the opportunity to shine on defence, and they didn't miss it.


Board 38. Dealer East. All Vulnerable.
A J 9642
○ A K 10
$\diamond$ K 1092
\& 5

| ¢ K 8 | A A 73 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 9863$ | ৩QJ 5 |
| $\diamond$ A 854 | $\diamond$ Q |
| ¢ 82 | ¢ A J 10764 |

A Q 105
$\bigcirc 742$
$\diamond$ J 763
\& K Q 9

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rosenberg | Gronkvist | Kristensen | Rimstedt M. |
|  |  | $1 \%$ | Pass |
| 10 | 10 | Dble | 20 |
| Pass | Pass | 3\% | Pass |
| Pass | 30 | Pass | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| $4 \%$ | Pass | Pass |  |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rimstedt O. | Huber | Safsten | Kriegel |
|  |  | $2 \%$ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | $2 \diamond$ |
| 3\% | $3 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |

In the open room the auction was rather crowded, probably too much. Kevin Rosenberg's three notrumps looks like a serious overbid to me, but the American was at least very right when he ran to four clubs, even though that proved to be too high.

The Precision style two-club opening caused some troubles in the other room, and the American pair landed in a quite uncomfortable spot. The Swedish defenders were brilliant, starting with Rimstedt's excellent idea of leading a heart instead of his partner's suit.

This proved to be very effective. Dummy won, and a club was led. East won it and continued hearts, dummy winning. A spade went to the ten and king, then came a heart to the queen, the ace of spades, a spade ruff and, finally, the fourth heart to promote the queen of diamonds into the seventh trick for the defense, worth a total of 9 IMPs.

It was the last time Sweden scored in the segment, while USA1 added 33 IMPs in the following three boards.

USA1 took 6 IMPs when a serious defensive mistake allowed Christopher Huber to make a three-heart contract that should have been down off the top, and which failed by two tricks in the other room.

As for the next 12 IMPs, let me first ask you a couple of questions. Your partner opens one notrump and you hold:

A A 83
© Q 92
厄J 976
\& Q 64
What is your choice?
Then, suppose you hear one notrump on your right and three notrumps on your left. What would you lead from:

- J 52
$\checkmark$ A J 10
$\diamond 1083$
\& 10985
Mikael Rimstedt decided, quite oddly, to Stayman, then to jump to three notrumps over his partner's two-spade rebid. Kristensen, had he been contemplating a spade lead, wouldn't now given the opponents' bidding sequence. He chose the more normal ten of clubs and the contract went peacefully one down.

Without the help received by his counterpart, Saftsten talked himself into the spade lead, and that proved to be fatal to the defence's hopes.


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The last heavy swing of the bloody set was just around the corner.

Board 41. Dealer North. All Vulnerable.
© K Q J 743
$\odot \mathrm{Q}$
$\diamond J 1085$
\& 64

| 4 2 | A 1095 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ J 10987642 | $\bigcirc 3$ |
| $\diamond$ Q 3 | $\diamond$ A 742 |
| \& Q J | \& A K 1087 |

A A 86
$\checkmark$ AK 5
$\diamond$ K 96
\&9532

| Open Room <br> West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rosenberg | Gronkvist | Kristensen | Rimsted |
|  | $2 \diamond$ | Pass | $3 \checkmark$ |
| Pass | $3 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rimstedt | O. Huber | Safsten | Kriegel |
|  | $2 \uparrow$ | Pass | $2 N T$ |
| Pass | $3 \diamond$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

The Swedish auction was a bit mysterious to me. As three hearts was the usual pass-or-correct pre-emptish bid, then the North-South weak-two-bid opening style must be rather erratic, for South not even to make a try for game. Missing game was not, however, the only bad news for the Scandinavians, since Ida Grönkvist, perhaps not happy with dummy, lost her concentration for a little while, seriously misjudged the play, and finished one off. After two rounds of clubs, East swiitched to a heart. Declarer won, drew two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, then tried to cash the king of hearts. When it was ruffed away, Grönkvist could have still saved a few IMPs had she guessed diamonds correctly, but when she ducked the diamond continuation, the contract's fate was sealed.

In the other room a more normal auction led to the odds-on four-spade contract, which was made when Huber drew three rounds of trumps before taking his discards, then proceeded to put up the king on the first round of diamonds. 12 IMPs to USA1. Since the last board was a very flat four spades, where both defending pairs slipped a trick (nothing worth commenting on, though), the set ended 65-22 in favour of the Americans, who had taken over the lead by 14,5: 125-110,5.

## CRASH！BOOM！BANG！

by Micke Melander

Three boards from the second segment of the finals really made sure that the IMPs started to flow in all directions．

Board 20．Dealer West．All Vul．
AK 92
○－
$\diamond$ AK J 64
\＆K 10632

| A 43 |  | ¢ Q J 875 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 10765$ |  | $\bigcirc$ AQJ 98 |
| $\diamond 1093$ |  | $\diamond 8$ |
| \＆Q J 95 |  | \＆ 84 |
|  | A A 106 |  |
|  | ๑K432 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ Q 752 |  |
|  | \＆ A 7 |  |

Open Room

| West | North East South |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rosenberg | Grönkvist | Kristensen M．Rimstedt |


| Pass | $1 \diamond$ | $2 \diamond *$ | Dble |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 3\％ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |
| Closed Room |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| O．Rimstedt | Huber | Säfsten | Kriege |
| Pass | $1 \diamond$ | $3 \diamond$（a） | Dble |
| 30 | $4 \%$ | Pass | 49 |
| Pass | 6\％ | Pass | $6 \diamond$ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

（a）At least 5－5 in the majors
The Swedish pair in the open room had enough bidding space to evaluate what was going on and decided to play in three notrumps．In the closed room Säfsten pre－ empted his opponents to the four－level when North wan－ ted to show his second suit．Four spades from South put the American pair in slam．

Huber got the ace of hearts as the opening lead from East．Declarer ruffed，cashed the ace of diamonds，and played a diamond to the queen．If trumps would have been $2-2$ ，it would have been an easy claim，but they weren＇t．Though since declarer knew East was 5－5 in the ma－ jors，it was fairly safe to play to ruff the clubs good．Ace of clubs，club to the king，and a club ruff in dummy proved that clubs 4－2． Satisfied with twelve tricks，de－ clarer played a trump to the king and gave away a trick in clubs for 1370．Crash！ 12 IMPs to the USA1 team for that effort when three no－ trumps was made with two overtricks in the open room．

Board 22．Dealer East．E－W Vul．
ヘ 875
$\checkmark 87652$
$\diamond$ K 643
\＆ 5

```
© K J
A A Q 10932
\(\checkmark\) AKQ4 3
\(\diamond 872\)
\(\checkmark\) J 10
\＆A K 2 \＆Q J 84
\(\diamond 10\)
か 64
\(\bigcirc 9\)
\(\diamond\) A Q J 95
\＆ 109763
```

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rosenberg | Grönkvist | Kristensen | M．Rimstedt |
| 3\％（b） | $5 \diamond$ | $1 ヵ$ | 2NT（a） |
| 5NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | All Pass | Pass |


| Closed Room <br> West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O．Rimstedt | Huber | Säfsten <br> 1 | Kriegel |
| 3ヶ（b） | $4 \diamond$ | Pass | 2NT（a） |
| $5 ヶ$ | Dble | Pass | Pass |
| $5 \diamond$ | Pass | $5 \checkmark$ | All Pass |

（a）At least 5－5 in the minors
（b）Good heart hand
Six spades was unbeatable－－but here both tables mana－ ged to play in the 5－2 heart fit．In the closed room Ola Rimstedt tried his best to get partner to bid slam，but eventually gave up when partner didn＇t bid anything mo－ re than five hearts．When a club was led，declarer had no problem in cashing trumps and claiming since he had all tricks．

There was more action in the open room，where the American pair got to six hearts doubled．Mikael Rimstedt cashed the ace of diamonds and went into the tank before he finally played a second diamond．Not a trump，or a club，or a spade looked like
 pleasant returns．This was in fact the only way to defeat the contract since it gua－ ranteed partner a later trump trick when East now had to ruff for the ten and the suit broke 5－1 for the defen－ se．Boom！ 14 IMPs back to Swe－ den．

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.
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$\diamond 5$
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| A 5 | ¢ 932 |
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| $\bigcirc$ K J 108 | $\bigcirc 652$ |
| $\diamond$ Q 8742 | $\diamond$ A K 6 |
| 93 | \& Q 1042 |

A A Q 86
$\checkmark$ A
$\diamond$ J 109
\& AK J 87
Open Room
West North East South

Rosenberg Grönkvist Kristensen M. Rimstedt

|  |  | Pass | $1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2 \diamond$ | $2 \uparrow$ | $3 \diamond$ | $6 \uparrow!$ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O. Rimstedt | Huber | Säfsten | Kriegel |
|  |  | Pass | $1 \%$ |
| 10 | 14 | 20 | $4 \bigcirc$ |
| Pass | 4か | All Pass |  |

Mikael Rimstedt had a very good hand with three low diamonds in his hand when the opponents bid as they did, and so he suddenly just jumped to six spades in the middle of the auction.

Kriegel had a much more difficult decision to make when his Swedish opponents, instead of bidding diamonds, started to bid hearts. But maybe North should have realized, after his partner bid four hearts and a maximum raise in spades, what was going on. He did have five hearts in his hand and a singleton diamond.

Ida Grönkvist received the defence of the aceof diamonds followed by the king of diamonds led. After ruffing in her hand, she cashed the ace and king of clubs, then ruffed a third round in her hand. A heart to the ace and a cross-ruff followed for twelve tricks. Bang! 13 IMPs to Sweden when Huber pulled trumps and could get only ten tricks in the closed room.

* Crash! Boom! Bang! was the Swedish Pop-group Roxette's fifth studio album, released on 9 April 1994.


## WHAT IS THE NEXT?



In yesterday's bulletin we published this quiz. We are going to reveal the solution in the last bulletin (which you will receive later in the afternoon, before the prize-giving ceremony).

For the moment, we add the next number in the sequence:


What is the connection among these numbers?

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## Provisional Programme for 2014 World Bridge Series，Sanya

a）The exact format and timing of the day－to－day schedule will be published nearer the time when numbers are known
b）For all pairs events，players will participate throughout the event
c）It is anticipated that play will start daily at 10.00 am and end at approximately $19.30 / 20.00$ hours


