



Örebro & May 30th – June 1st 2023



Bulletin 1 * Editor: Peter Ventura

Welcome to Örebro – the Swedish 'capital' of bridge

ast time Sweden organized the Nordic Championships was back in 2011. Hence, we are very pleased and honored to once again welcome all of you Nordic friends to the Championships 2023 in the city of Örebro.

With 155,000 inhabitants, Örebro belongs to a number of Swedish cities of equal size after the four large cities. Örebro was founded in the 13th century and since the city name means 'bridge over the gravel banks' - where could be better to play bridge than here?! Hopefully not too much gravel will stuck in your bridge machinery the following days...

Many of you have probably already been here playing bridge one or more times, attending the impressive Swedish Bridge Festival, which was arranged for the first time in 1995 and is held in Örebro since 2008. You are welcome back in two months. Assemble a team for the Chairman's Cup (starts July 28th) or embrace a variety of walk in tournaments.



The Nordic countries are known to be strong and competitive bridge nations, thus we expect high level of bridge, fighting spirit as well as good camaraderie!

Enjoy the games - the 38th Championships in order - and may the Bridge God be with you!



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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.

The imps 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 rond, 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.



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 |
|------------|---|
| Match 3 | Match 1 |
| Match 4 | Match 2 |
| Lunch | Lunch |
| Match 5 | Match 3 |
| Match 6 | Match 4 |
| Dinner | Dinner |
| | Match 3 Match 4 Lunch Match 5 Match 6 |

Thursday June 1

| OPEN/WOMEN | U26/U21 |
|--------------|--|
| Match 7 | Match 5 |
| Match 8 | Match 6 |
| Lunch | Lunch |
| Match 9 | Match 7 |
| Match 10 | Match 8 |
| Prize Giving | and Dinner |
| | Match 7 Match 8 Lunch Match 9 Match 10 |

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

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



| YEAR | WINNER | YEAR | WINNER |
|------|------------|------|---------|
| 2023 | <u>???</u> | 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 | | |





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



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



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



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



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



Sigurbjorn Haraldsson, Adelsteinn Jörgensen, Bjarni Einarsson, Matthias Þorvaldsson, Jon Baldursson (playing captain), Birkir jón Jónsson. Coaches: Elin Bjarnadottir and Einar Guðjónssen

Women



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



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



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



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



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



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



Youth



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

SCHEDULE

Round 1 (Wednesday)

 Den U 21
 Den U 26

 Nor U21
 Nor U 26

 Swe U 21
 Swe U 26

 Den W 26
 Fin U 26

Round 2 (Wednesday)

 Den U 21
 Nor U 26

 Nor U21
 Swe U 26

 Swe U 21
 Fin U 26

 Den W 26
 Den U 26

Round 3 (Wednesday)

 Swe U 26
 Den U 21

 Nor U21
 Fin U 26

 Den U 26
 Swe U 21

 Nor U 26
 Den W 26

Round 4 (Wednesday)

 Fin U 26
 Den U 21

 Swe U 26
 Den W 26

 Nor U21
 Den U 26

 Swe U 21
 Nor U 26

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)

| Faroe Islands | Denmark |
|---------------|---------|
| Finland | Sweden |
| Norway | Iceland |

Round 4 (Wednesday)

| Finland | Faroe Islands |
|---------|---------------|
| Iceland | Denmark |
| Sweden | Norway |

Round 5 (Wednesday)

| Iceland | Finland |
|---------|---------------|
| Sweden | Faroe Islands |
| Norway | Denmark |

RANK AFTER 2 MATCHES

| Norway | 31,81 |
|---------------|-------|
| Iceland | 27,65 |
| Finland | 21,93 |
| Sweden | 16,65 |
| Denmark | 15,48 |
| Faroe Islands | 6,48 |

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 |
| Round 2 Denmark | Iceland | IMP 43-17 | VP 16,23-3,77 |
| | Iceland Sweden Yellow | | |
| Denmark | | 43-17 | 16,23-3,77 |

Round 3 (Wednesday)

Sweden YellowIcelandNorwayDenmarkFinlandSweden Blue

Round 4 (Wednesday)

Denmark Sweden Yellow Sweden Blue Iceland Norway Finland

Round 5 (Wednesday)

Sweden BlueDenmarkSweden YellowNorwayFinlandIceland

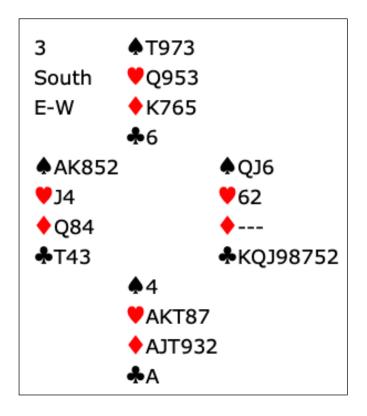
RANK AFTER 2 MATCHES

| Sweden Yellow | 34,44 |
|---------------|-------|
| Denmark | 28,59 |
| Norway | 23,15 |
| Iceland | 16,13 |
| Sweden Blue | 9,36 |
| Finland | 8,33 |

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Round 1 and 2



Round 1 In the Open four tables out of six bid slam on board 3; two were in 6 and one in 6. In 6 avoiding a trump loser is crucial.

The Rimstedt twins doubled 6♥ played by South. The bidding had revealed East likely to be void in diamonds. Ola Rimstedt led a safe spade king then switched to a diamond. A diamond lead could have scored +300 but the twins was happy for their two tricks; one down. 11 imps to Sweden against Iceland.

Allan Livgård-Terje Aa (NO) sacrificed in 6 – two down for -500 – but that was 1 IMP for Faroe Islands when 5♥ with an overtrick was played at the other table.

Tuva Nilsmark–Ann-Sophie Andersson, Sweden Blue, was the only pair reaching slam in the Womens series. The bidding:

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------|----------|------|-----------|
| | Nilsmark | | Andersson |
| | | | 1♦ |
| 1 | 2♦ | 4♣ | 4♥ |
| pass | 5♦ | pass | 6♦ |
| pass | pass | pass | |

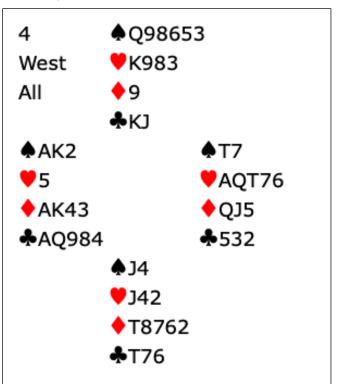
After getting trump support, South with her powerful hand took a chance on slam.

The play is all about avoid giving West a trick for the trump queen. Andersson got a spade lead and when getting in duly started with the trump ace. Voilà!

After East's preempt West is in favour to hold three trumps, but when asking the pair why they found the right path and made the slam for +920 and 11 IMPs, the answer was a bit surprising:

- Female intuition!

In the Open all tables except one bid 3NT on the following:

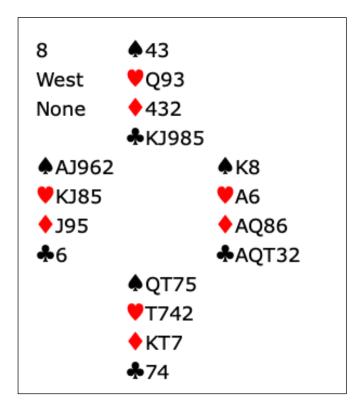




At the twin's table Ola opened 1⁴ as West, North intervended 1⁴ and Mikael bid 2⁴ showing hearts. Over 2⁴, forcing, Mikael came up with club support then Ola was unstoppable under slam, thus he jumped to 6⁴ after some more bidding.

Ola won the spade lead, cashed the trump ace noticing the jack from North. Ruffing a spade was not an option, after North's overcall in spades, thus declarer took a winning heart finesse then played a club to the eight – a likely winning line since North should have all defence's values including the king of clubs.

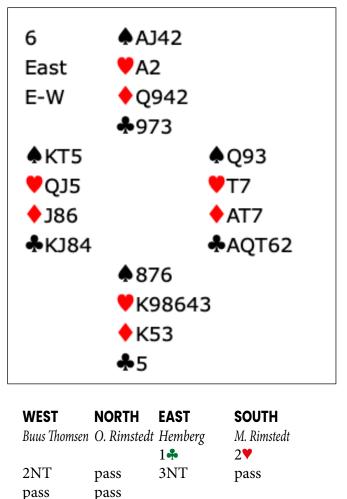
Contract made; EW -1370 and 13 IMPs to Sweden.



On board 8 we could note a different approach between the two classes. In the Open five tables out of six stopped in 4NT, assumable after an invitational quantitative bid by West. That was wise since there are a maximum of eleven tricks in theory and likely less in practice. In the Women, on the other hand, only one table out of three stopped in 4NT while two tables pushed to 6NT with no success as East-West's hands didn't fit.

Round 2

In the Open Denmark beat Sweden 45-33. Here came 11 IMPs:



A heart was led to the ace. North continued hearts to South's king and a third round cleared the suit. With one heart trick, five club tricks and a diamond trick, the spade suit had to generate two tricks. At the same time South, with winning heart tricks on hand, had to be left outside the play. Declarer played a club to the queen, then a spade to the king and ace. North returned a spade but Hemberg was up to the task playing low which hold the trick. That was the ninth trick; -600 for EW.

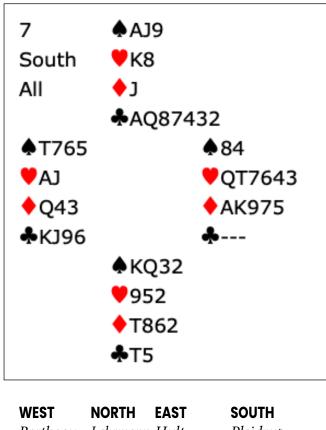
The other table:

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|----------|----------|------|----------|
| Bertheau | Lahrmann | Hult | Plejdrup |
| | | 1♣ | 1♥ |
| 1♠* | D | pass | 2♥ |
| pass | pass | pass | |

Here Andreas Plejdrup stole the board by 'only' bidding 1♥. After North's double EW did not see 3NT as an option and Plejdrup could end the auction by bidding 2♥. Declarer took only seven tricks but that was, as we mentioned earlier, worth 11 IMPs.

Also Tor Grude–Christian Bakke bid and made 3NT likewise Louise Hallqvist–Klara Gustafsson in the Women.

On the next board Sweden regained lost ground.



| Bertheau | Lahrman | in Hult | Plejdrup |
|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| | | | pass |
| pass | 1 🗭 | 2NT* | pass |
| 3♥* | pass | 4♥ | pass |
| pass | pass | | |

2NT was for the red suits and 3♥ invited to game.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|--------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Buus Thomsen | O. Rimstedt | Hemberg | M. Rimstedt |
| | | | pass |
| pass | 1 🗭 | 1♥ | pass |
| 1NT | 2♣ | 2♦ | pass |
| pass | pass | | |

In the Open Room North led the club ace against 4♥ and then it was pretty easy to take ten tricks; EW -620.

At the other table the Danes stopped in partscore just making, and that was 11 IMPs back to Sweden.

Peter Bertheau had to find a clever bid on board 11:

♠ AKQ102 ♥ AJ3 ♦ - ♣ AK752

| WEST Bertheau | NORTH Lahrmann | EAST Hult | SOUTH Plejdrup |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | pass | 1NT* | pass 2♦ |
| D ? | 3♦ | pass | pass |

1NT could be weak support in spades. Any ideas? Double, 4♣ or 4♦ maybe?

Peter jumped to 6⁺! Unfortunately for him the contract had no play as the cards lie.

The whole deal which created only eleven tricks was:

