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SWEDISH TEAMS AT THE TOP!

TUE-THU SWISS
RANKING AFTER ROUND 8

1	Fredin	104.66
2	Swedish Juniors	100.64
3	FLYFALCON	95.32
4	New Amateurs	93.19
5	Smart Rabbit	91.5
6	Denmark	91.42
7	Apple	91.37
8	Winter Soldiers	84.83
9	Germany Juniors	80.32
10	Seligman	79.51
11	Roiko	77.34
12	ECF Holding	76.47
13	Moses	72.89
14	Harris	72.27
15	Ferguson	71.16
16	Netbridge	64.74
17	England Juniors	64.68
18	Black	63.8
19	East - West	62.43
20	Tulips ++	61.46

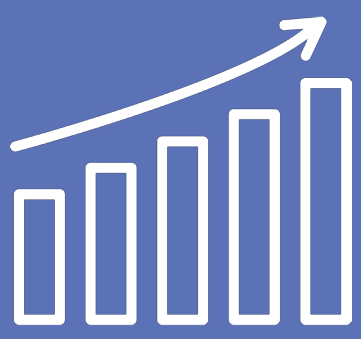
Swedish teams are leading the ranking!

Fredin (Fredin P., Apteker A., Sylvan J., Gustawsson M., Gower C., Apteker N., 2Mann C., Becklen J.) are at the top (104,66 VPs)

They are followed by yesterday's leaders Swedish Juniors (Gustafsson K., Bern T., Abragi A., Asplund Sivelind F., Lichtenstein I., Hjort Warlenius H.) (100,64 VPs).

Flyfalcon (Wilson A., Van Prooijen R., Verhees L., Gronkvist I., Gronkvist M., Sprinkhuizen T., Mendes De Leon G., Kiljan V., Tijssen L.) are third.

STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE!



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SCHEDULE TODAY

All the tables will be closed to kibitzers, but the matches will be broacast on Vugraph.
The show will be delayed by 15 minutes.

Round 9. 16.00 CET / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Fredin	VS	FLYFALCON
Swedish Juniors	VS	Germany Juniors
New Amateurs	VS	Denmark
Smart Rabbit	VS	Apple
Winter Soldiers	VS	Seligman
Roiko	VS	Moses
ECF Holding	VS	Black
Harris	VS	England Juniors
Ferguson	VS	East - West
Netbridge	VS	Tulips ++

Round 10. 17.30 CET / 11.30 a.m. EST

Round 11. 19.00 CET / 1.00 p.m. EST

Round 12. 20.30 CET / 2.30 p.m. EST

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE - THU SWISS
1 - 3 March, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 1 March	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 2 March	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 3 March	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

TUE - WED SWISS
26 - 27 April, 2022

10 Rounds x 8 boards

	CET	EST
Tuesday, 26 April	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Wednesday, 27 April	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

MAY CUP
10 - 13 May, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 10 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 11 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 12 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 13 May	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

TUE - THU SWISS
7 - 9 June, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CET	EST
Tuesday, 7 June	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 8 June	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 9 June	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

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Moving Day

by Mark Horton

If you follow the major golf championships, you may be aware that the third day of the Masters in Augusta is traditionally known as 'moving day' when the players who want to be in contention of the final day attempt to move up the leader board. In a three-day bridge event, the second day could be described in the same way. The Swedish Juniors had come out of the blocks like lightning, winning all four matches on Tuesday – could they maintain their form?

Round 5

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ K Q 7 5 ♡ 4 2 ♢ Q 8 7 5 3 2 ♣ 7	
♠ J 10 6 2 ♡ J 9 7 6 ♢ A J ♣ J 10 8		♠ 4 3 ♡ A 10 5 3 ♢ 6 ♣ A K 9 6 5 2
	♠ A 9 8 ♡ K Q 8 ♢ K 10 9 4 ♣ Q 4 3	

On this deal eight pairs reached 4♡ with the EW cards. Not a great spot as the cards lay and two of them were doubled.

Swedish Juniors v Winter Warriors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	*Gustafsson*	*A Grossack*	*Bern*
—	—	1♣*	Dble
1♡	2♠	3♡	All Pass

1♣ 3+♣

With 14 points South felt compelled to double despite his lack of a shape. If you are only going to bid once with the North hand then 2♠ is not a bad choice.

North led the ♣7 and declarer won with dummy's ace dropping the ten, played a diamond for the king and ace and a heart to the ten and queen. South won and returned the ♣Q which North ruffed as declarer unblocked the jack. Two rounds of spades saw South overtake his partner's queen and play the ♢10, but there was only one more heart to come, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abragi	*Grossack*	*Sivelind*	*Robinson*
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♢
Pass	Pass	3♡	Pass
Pass	4♢	4♡	Dble
All Pass			

Having been willing to stop in 2♡ East took the push to the next level. However, North, releasing that his partner must have a decent hand pressed on with 4♢. That tempted East into trying to find partner with a perfecto. South's double confirmed to the elements required for a Biltcliffe Coup save for the most important one – 4♡ was doomed.

North led the ♣3 and declarer took dummy's ace unblocking the ten and continued with the ♡3, South winning and switching to the ♢10. Declarer took the ace and ran the ♡J, South winning and switching the ♠A and a spade. North took declarer's jack on the second round of the suit and played a second diamond, forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer then cashed the ♣K and exited with a club but South won and now does best to play a spade for three down. When he returned the ♢K could have ruffed and drawn the outstanding trump, but he discarded a spade from his hand and that meant he was three down, -500 and 10 IMPs the poorer.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ 5 3 ♡ A Q 9 5 ♢ A J ♣ K 10 9 4 2	
♠ 10 7 ♡ K J 10 7 6 ♢ 7 6 3 2 ♣ J 3		♠ A K Q 8 6 ♡ 3 ♢ K 9 8 ♣ A 8 7 5
	♠ J 9 4 2 ♡ 8 4 2 ♢ Q 10 5 4 ♣ Q 6	

I have never considered a 5422 to be a notrump distribution, but 1NT does have certain tactical advantages which doubtless explains why so many people are more than happy to choose it with this pattern.

Swedish Juniors v Winter Warriors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwartz	*Gustafsson*	*A Grossack*	*Bern*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT*	2♢*	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠	All Pass

1NT 14-16
2♢ One major
2♡ Pass/correct

South led the ♢5 and North took the ace and returned the jack, declarer winning and playing the ♣5 for the six, jack and king. Only now did North switch to a spade, but the bird had flown, declarer winning with the ace and playing two rounds of clubs. South ruffed in with the jack and exited with a spade, but declarer had seven tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abragi	*Grossack*	*Sivelind*	*Robinson*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT*	Dble*	All Pass

1NT 14-17
Dble 'Attempt to penalty'

East led the ♠A and continued with the six. When declarer put in dummy's nine West won with the ten and switched to the ♡10. (A diamond is the only suit that is guaranteed to beat the contract). If declarer had put in the queen he would have been in a position to make seven tricks by getting the clubs right, but he put up the ace and only then played a club to the queen and a second club for the jack, king and ace. When East cashed his spades declarer parted with a heart and the ♢J but was then awkwardly placed and on the last spade he elected to pitch a club (playing for East to be 5-1-3-4 or 5-2-2-4 with ♡K3 and parting with a heart is the alternative). When East exited with a club declarer won, cashed another club and then tried exiting with a heart which allowed West to score the last three tricks for three down, -500 and 12 IMPs.

ECF Holding v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Farstad	*Seligman*	*Eide*	*Pszczola*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

This sequence occurred eight times, four players opting to respond 1NT, the others preferring 2♢.

West led the ♠10 and East won with the queen and played three more rounds of the suit, West discarding the ♡6 and dummy the ♡5. Declarer won and played a club to the three, ten and five, continuing with a club to the queen. A diamond to the ace was followed by the ♣K and the contract was secure, +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Heiberg-E*	*Kwiecien*	*Evenstad*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT*	2♠*	All Pass

1NT (14) 15-17
2♠ ♠ + ♢/♣

South led the ♡2 and North won with the queen and returned the ♠3. Declarer won with the king and played the ♣5 and South went up with the queen and exited with the ♠J. That ended declarer's interest in the hand – he could not avoid the loss of seven tricks, -200 and minus 3 IMPs.

For the record, 12 players opened 1♣, the other eight preferring 1NT.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ 8 7 6 5 3 ♡ 10 5 4 2 ♢ K ♣ J 10 7	
♠ K J 10 4 ♡ A K Q ♢ Q 8 6 5 ♣ K 5		♠ A 9 ♡ 8 3 ♢ A 10 3 ♣ A Q 9 8 6 2
	♠ Q 2 ♡ J 9 7 6 ♢ J 9 7 4 2 ♣ 4 3	

EW are sure to bid a slam, the only question revolving around whether anyone would go 'all in'.

Smart Rabbit v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Zack*	*Wenfei*	*Barr*
—	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4♡*	Pass	5♢*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
5♡*	Pass	7♣	All Pass
7♣	All Pass		

2♢ 'Ask, invitational+'
2NT 6♣
3♣ Forcing
3♢ Stopper in ♢
4♡ Cue
4♠ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards
5♡ Ask ♣Q
5NT ♣Q

South led the ♣4 and declarer won and played four more rounds of the suit, discarding diamonds from dummy. He then played two rounds of spades and claimed when South's queen appeared, +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lengy	*Yang*	*Baraket*	*Weinstein*
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♡*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

1♡ Spades
1NT 15-17

South led the ♢2 and declarer elected to play dummy's queen, which was covered by the king and ace. When the clubs divided the contract was secure and in the fulness of time declarer emerged with all the tricks, +1010 but a loss of 9 IMPs.

Roiko v Apple

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*van Mourik*	*Franceschetti*	*Lindeman*
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

South led the ♡7 and declarer won in dummy, cashed three clubs, went to dummy with a heart and played the ♢5, claiming when the king popped up, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ganness	*B Drijver*	*Rojko*	*Brink*
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♢	Pass	2♣*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

4♣ RKCB
4♡ 0/3 key cards
4♠ ♣Q ask
4NT ♣Q, no kings

South led the ♢2 for the five, king and ace and declarer claimed as soon as the trump suit behaved, +1440 and 9 IMPs.

Round 6

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q ♡ K 7 6 3 ♢ J 8 7 ♣ Q J 6 5 3	
♠ 10 8 3 ♡ A ♢ A Q 9 6 3 2 ♣ A K 9		♠ A K J 9 7 ♡ Q 9 5 ♢ K 10 5 4 ♣ 10
	♠ 6 5 4 2 ♡ J 10 8 4 2 ♢ — ♣ 8 7 4 2	

Here EW appeared certain to bid a slam but would anyone be tempted to try for all the tricks.

Apple v Swedish Juniors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Gustafsson*	*Franceschetti*	*Bern*
—	—	—	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♢	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♢	All Pass

5♣ 'Control'

That was a disappointing +640.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abragi	*B Drijver*	*Sivelind*	*Brink*
—	—	—	Pass
1♢*	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♢*	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT*	Pass	7♢	All Pass

1♢ 4+♢
3♢ '15-17 ish'
4♡ Cue
4NT '1430'
5NT Grand slam try

East accepted West's try, doubtless reasoning that in the worst-case scenario (partner holding three spades without the queen) at worst the contract would be on a finesse. For a second time on the day 'Black Maria' was kindly disposed and the swing was 17 IMPs.

Seligman v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Fredin*	*Kwiecien*	*Apteker*
—	—	—	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	7♢	All Pass

4♣ Cue
5NT '2 key cards +Q +K'
6♣ 'Invitational'

With such powerful spades, and four-card trump support East could hardly refuse the invitation.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Seligman*	*Mann*	*Pszczola*
—	—	—	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	7♢	All Pass

4♡ 'Control'
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards

East did not try anything fancy (such as bidding 5♠ over 5♢) simply advancing to what he hoped would make – a Landy Grand Slam try?

The grand slam was reached seven times, this being the only match in which both teams bid it.

Round 7

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ 9 ♡ J 9 7 ♢ K 10 9 8 6 5 4 2 ♣ 5	
♠ A Q 8 3 2 ♡ 10 8 2 ♢ A 7 ♣ A J 8		♠ K 7 5 4 ♡ Q 5 4 3 ♢ Q J ♣ 10 7 4
	♠ J 10 6 ♡ A K 6 ♢ 3 ♣ K Q 9 6 3 2	

Flyfalcon v Swedish Juniors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Abragi*	*Kiljan*	*Sivelind*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Pass	3♣*	Dble*
3NT	4♢	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
3♣ Mixed raise
Dble Clubs

East led the ♠4 and West took the ace and switched to the ♡8 for the nine, queen and ace. A diamond to the king and second diamond removed the defenders trumps and a few moments later declarer was claiming, +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lichtenstein	*M de Leon*	*Warlenius*	*Sprinkhuizen*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♠	3♢*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, may have 5♢
3♢ Preemptive

North led the ♣5 for the queen and ace and declarer drew trumps ending in dummy and played the ♢Q, putting up the ace when South followed with the three and exiting with the ♣J. South won, cashed the ♡K and exited with a club. Declarer won with dummy's ten and played the ♡4. When South went up with the ace declarer had exploited the 'power of the closed hand' to perfection, his losing diamond going away on the fourth heart, +420 and a 15 IMP gain.

Apple v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Gu*	*Franceschetti*	*Lo*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	Pass
3♠	4♢	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣

The defenders started with two rounds of spades and declarer ruffed, played a club to the king and ace, won the heart return in dummy (beating East's queen) and played a diamond, West taking the ace and trying a second heart. Declarer could win with the jack and cash the ♢K for +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	*B Drijver*	*Weinstein*	*Brink*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♠	3♢*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
3♢ Weak

Sjoert Brink

After a club to the queen and ace declarer drew trumps and ran the ♢J, North winning with the king and exiting with a diamond. In due course declarer lost three tricks in hearts for -100, and a single IMP changed hands.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 8 6 4 3 ♡ A ♢ 10 8 2 ♣ A J 8 4 2	
♠ 10 ♡ Q 9 6 2 ♢ 6 3 ♣ K Q 9 7 6 3		♠ A K 2 ♡ K 10 4 3 ♢ A K 7 5 4 ♣ 5
	♠ Q J 9 7 5 ♡ J 8 7 5 ♢ Q J 9 ♣ 10	

This is deal with potential – EW have a heart fit, but NS have one in spades. 12 pairs played in hearts, 6 in spades.

Netbridge v Smart Rabbit

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Been	*Bareket*	*de Haas*	*Saada*
—	—	1♢*	Pass
1♡	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

1♢ 5+♢ or 4441
4♣ Splinter

North led the ♠6 and declarer won in dummy and played a club for the king and ace, North returning the ♠3 to dummy's king. Declarer continued with a heart to the nine and North won perforce and played a third spade, forcing declarer to ruff. When he tried to cash the ♣Q South ruffed and switched to the ♢J, declarer winning in dummy cashing the ♢A and playing a heart to the queen. When declarer next ruffed a club with the ♡10 South overruffed and could have played a spade for an extra undertrick, rather than cashing the ♢Q which meant +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Braunstein	*van der Starre*	*Zack*	*Huber*
Pass	Pass	1♢*	1♠
Dble*	4♠	Dble	All Pass

1♢ 4+♢

West led the ♢6 and East won with the king, cashed the ace and exited with the seven, West ruffing and returning the ♣K. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a spade, but East won and played two more rounds of the suit leaving declarer short of tricks, -1100 and 15 IMPs away.

East – West v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Freeman	*Root*	*Lavee*	*Igoe*
Pass	Pass	1♢*	1♠
Dble*	3♣*	4♡	Pass
Pass	Dble*	All Pass	

1♢ 4+♢ unless 4432
3♣ Fit jump, ♠+♣
Dble 'Do something sensible'

South led the ♣10 for the king and ace and North switched to the ♢8. Declarer won and played the ♡10 for the jack, queen and ace and North switched to the ♠6. Declarer won, ruffed a spade, and played a diamond to the king. He cashed the ♡K, ruffed a diamond and played the ♣Q but South was looking at two trump tricks with the ♡87 so that was -200.

If declarer leaves the ♡K in dummy, he can ruff a diamond and then play the ♣Q pitching a diamond. South can ruff, but has to surrender the lead to dummy which is hight once the last trump has been drawn.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Malhasyan	*Macura*	*Tiholov*	*Teichmann*
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Dble*
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

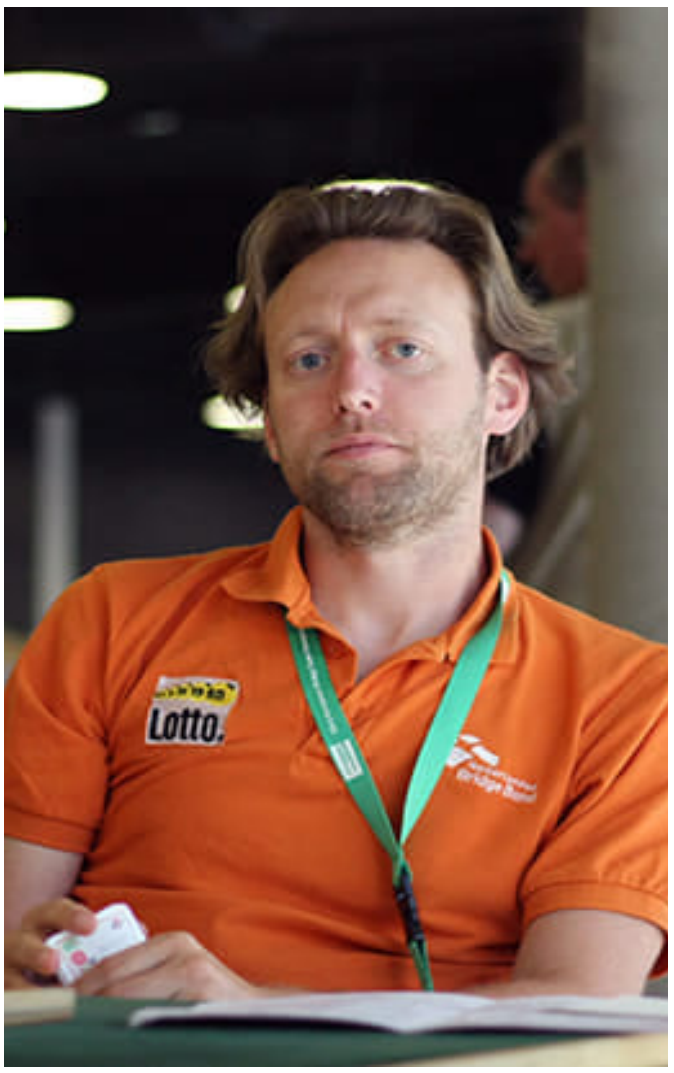
1♣ 16+, artificial
Dble '3+ cards in others'
2♣ Natural
2NT 'Natural, waiting, no special agreements'

North led the ♣A and continued with the four, South ruffing with the ♠5 as declarer pitched the ♢4 from dummy. When South switched to the ♠Q declarer won in dummy and played the ♡K, but North won and returned the ♣2 enabling South to overruff the dummy for one down, -400 and 5 IMPs.

Once the defenders have taken an early club ruff one option for declarer is to win the spade switch in dummy, ruff a spade and play a low heart after which the rest is easy.

If the defenders start with a passive spade lead and declarer guesses to lead a heart to the nine at trick two, or plays three rounds of diamonds, ruffing and then playing a low heart prospects will be good. However, some care is still required – in the first case after a second spade declarer must ruff, cash the ♡Q and then play to ruff a diamond.

It's a tough hand – only one declarer made 4♡ and they were favoured by the lead of the ♡A.



Bas Drijver

Round 8

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ 9 6 4 3 ♡ 9 8 5 3 ♢ Q 2 ♣ J 7 3	
♠ K J 10 7 5 2 ♡ K 10 2 ♢ K 7 3 ♣ 4		♠ A ♡ A Q J 6 4 ♢ 9 5 ♣ A K Q 9 8
	♠ Q 8 ♡ 7 ♢ A J 10 8 6 4 ♣ 10 6 5 2	

On this layout you would like to reach 6♡, preferably played by West, to protect the ♢K should North happen to have the ace.

Germany Juniors v Denmark

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Alter	*D C Bilde*	*Streck*	*Thomsen*
—	—	1♣*	1♢
1♡*	Pass	2♡*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

1♣ 15+, 17+ if balanced
1♡ 5+♠, game forcing
2♡ Natural
4♣ Splinter
5♢ Cue

North led the ♢Q and South took the ace and returned the ten, but North could not ruff and having won with dummy's king declarer unblocked the ♠A, cashed the ♡A, went to dummy with the ♡K and cashed the ♠K pitching a club. When the queen fell it was all over, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	*Pieper*	*Konow*	*Otto*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♡*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Dble
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♢*	Pass	3♡*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

1♣ 16+
1♡ game forcing, 5+♠ or 14+ balanced
1♠ Ask
2♣ Any 8-11, 5+♠
2♢ Ask
2♠ 6+♠
2NT Ask
3♢ 6331 type, any singleton
3♡ Ask
3♠ Single ♣
4♣ Ask
4♡ No aces

With no idea that West held a diamond control, East did not advance beyond game and 11 IMPs were lost.

Roiko v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malhasyan	*Ganness*	*Tiholov*	*Rojko*
—	—	1♣*	1♢
1♠*	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

1♣ Artificial, any 16+
1♠ Natural, game forcing

Should West rebid his spades or support hearts? Having decided to rebid spades West then had a choice on the next round. Imagine that the bidding had gone 1♡-1♠-3♣ – what should West do? If you jump to 4♡ I think you are suggesting good trumps but a modest hand, so a simple 3♡, keeping the ball in play is a better choice.

South led the ♢A and declarer had no trouble collecting 12 tricks, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pessoa	*Root*	*Barbosa*	*Igoe*
—	—	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♣ 1/4 key cards

South started with two rounds of diamonds and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the ♠A, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, cashed the ♡K then took the ♠K pitching another club and drew trumps, +980 and 11 IMPs.

13 pairs bid a small slam (one played in spades).

On Board 9 EW held ♠A875 ♡A10982 ♢6 ♣K72 opposite ♠K42 ♡Q43 ♢AKJ43 ♣A8.

Three pairs bid up to 6♡, but although the ♢Q was onside North held ♡KJ5 and the 74% line of taking two finesses failed to deliver the goods.

It had been a thrilling day with some dramatic deals. The main movers were Flyfalcon who had jumped from 14th to third and Denmark, climbing from 15th to sixth. Meanwhile Fredin had replaced the Swedish Juniors at the top of the table.

Michael Askgaard

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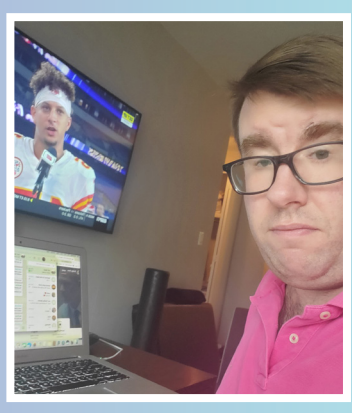

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ROUND 5

Swedish Juniors	10 VPs 16 IMPs	10 VPs 16 IMPs	Winter Soldiers
Fredin	9.23 VPs 19 IMPs	10.77 VPs 21 IMPs	Moses
Roiko	2.49 VPs 9 IMPs	17.51 VPs 37 IMPs	Apple
Smart Rabbit	6.86 VPs 10 IMPs	13.14 VPs 19 IMPs	New Amateurs
Netbridge	4.25 VPs 1 IMPs	15.75 VPs 20 IMPs	Germany Juniors
Seligman	10.77 VPs 16 IMPs	9.23 VPs 14 IMPs	ECF Holding
Harris	4.48 VPs 3 IMPs	15.52 VPs 21 IMPs	Denmark
FLYFALCON	15.05 VPs 29 IMPs	4.95 VPs 13 IMPs	England Juniors
Black	2.66 VPs 7 IMPs	17.34 VPs 34 IMPs	Ferguson
East - West	5.2 VPs 1 IMPs	14.8 VPs 16 IMPs	Tulips ++

ROUND 6

Swedish Juniors	15.52 VPs 33 IMPs	4.48 VPs 15 IMPs	Apple
Winter Soldiers	13.14 VPs 29 IMPs	6.86 VPs 20 IMPs	Moses
New Amateurs	17.34 VPs 33 IMPs	2.66 VPs 6 IMPs	Germany Juniors
Fredin	13.14 VPs 21 IMPs	6.86 VPs 12 IMPs	Seligman
Smart Rabbit	6.86 VPs 21 IMPs	13.14 VPs 30 IMPs	FLYFALCON
Denmark	14.54 VPs 36 IMPs	5.46 VPs 22 IMPs	Roiko
ECF Holding	6.86 VPs 17 IMPs	13.14 VPs 26 IMPs	Netbridge
Ferguson	11.85 VPs 25 IMPs	8.15 VPs 20 IMPs	Harris
England Juniors	9.61 VPs 9 IMPs	10.39 VPs 10 IMPs	Tulips ++
East - West	8.15 VPs 15 IMPs	11.85 VPs 20 IMPs	Black

ROUND 7

Swedish Juniors	4.71 VPs 16 IMPs	15.29 VPs 33 IMPs	FLYFALCON
Winter Soldiers	1.85 VPs 15 IMPs	18.15 VPs 47 IMPs	Fredin
New Amateurs	14 VPs 13 IMPs	6 VPs 1 IMPs	Apple
Denmark	13.72 VPs 20 IMPs	6.28 VPs 9 IMPs	Moses
Germany Juniors	13.72 VPs 24 IMPs	6.28 VPs 13 IMPs	Seligman
Smart Rabbit	19.1 VPs 40 IMPs	0.9 VPs 1 IMPs	Netbridge
Ferguson	8.15 VPs 11 IMPs	11.85 VPs 16 IMPs	England Juniors
ECF Holding	9.61 VPs 12 IMPs	10.39 VPs 13 IMPs	Roiko
Harris	13.72 VPs 23 IMPs	6.28 VPs 12 IMPs	East - West
Tulips ++	10 VPs 21 IMPs	10 VPs 21 IMPs	Black

ROUND 8

Swedish Juniors	7.17 VPs 17 IMPs	12.83 VPs 25 IMPs	Smart Rabbit
New Amateurs	3.61 VPs 3 IMPs	16.39 VPs 25 IMPs	Fredin
FLYFALCON	15.05 VPs 30 IMPs	4.95 VPs 14 IMPs	Winter Soldiers
Denmark	13.72 VPs 26 IMPs	6.28 VPs 15 IMPs	Germany Juniors
Apple	17.34 VPs 37 IMPs	2.66 VPs 10 IMPs	Moses
Seligman	14 VPs 18 IMPs	6 VPs 6 IMPs	Ferguson
Roiko	12.18 VPs 24 IMPs	7.82 VPs 18 IMPs	Harris
ECF Holding	11.85 VPs 18 IMPs	8.15 VPs 13 IMPs	Tulips ++
Netbridge	4.48 VPs 15 IMPs	15.52 VPs 33 IMPs	East - West
England Juniors	8.86 VPs 13 IMPs	11.14 VPs 16 IMPs	Black

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BUTLER RANKING

1	Mak Kwok-fai, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	2.2	20
	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	2.2	20
	M. Gustawsson, (Lagom)	Fredin	2.2	10
4	J. Bley, (JonasBl)	Germany Juniors	1.9	10
	H. Johannes, (jo Hannes)	Germany Juniors	1.9	10
6	L. Verhees, (loukie)	FLYFALCON	1.43	30
7	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	1.38	40
8	A. Braunstein, (rel49)	Smart Rabbit	1.33	40
	S. Zack, (shaharz)	Smart Rabbit	1.33	40
10	K. Gustafsson, (Klaragust)	Swedish Juniors	1.27	60
11	E. McNay, (ewan)	Winter Soldiers	1.1	30
	J. Petersson, (motvillige)	Fredin	1.1	30
13	H. Graversen, (HCDK)	Denmark	0.9	30
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	0.9	20
15	T. Bern, (Xtober)	Swedish Juniors	0.87	70
16	N. Saada, (natsa)	Smart Rabbit	0.85	20
17	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.83	80
	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	0.83	80
19	S. Brink, (Sjoertbr)	Apple	0.8	80
	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	0.8	40
	Bas Drijver, (BasDr)	Apple	0.8	80
22	F. Alter, (florian_a)	Germany Juniors	0.75	20
	L. Streck, (fluxo)	Germany Juniors	0.75	20
24	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	FLYFALCON	0.74	50
25	J. Lepper, (mumenrider)	Germany Juniors	0.7	20
	O. Farwig, (OleFarwig)	Germany Juniors	0.7	20
	Tom Drijver, (tdrijverrr)	Netbridge	0.7	20
	O. Powell, (kenzo13)	England Juniors	0.7	30
29	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF Holding	0.65	20
30	S. Rojko, (cmrlj)	Roiko	0.64	80
	S. Ganness, (seang)	Roiko	0.64	80
32	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Winter Soldiers	0.59	70
33	H. Caspersen, (hcasp)	Denmark	0.58	50
34	I. Bareket, (bareket)	Smart Rabbit	0.57	40
35	F. Asplund Sivelind, (Filip AS)	Swedish Juniors	0.54	50
36	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	0.49	80
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	0.49	80
38	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.48	50
39	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	FLYFALCON	0.46	50
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	FLYFALCON	0.46	50
41	M. Askgaard, (askgaard)	Denmark	0.45	40
	K. Konow, (konow)	Denmark	0.45	40
43	L. Robinson, (saba)	Winter Soldiers	0.44	50
44	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.41	80
45	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.39	70
	J. Weinstein, (jlw77)	New Amateurs	0.39	70
47	H. Hjort Warlenius, (Hwarlenius)	Swedish Juniors	0.35	40
48	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Moses	0.3	40
	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Moses	0.3	40
	C. Gower, (craigy52)	Fredin	0.3	20
	N. Apteker, (Noahapteke)	Fredin	0.3	10
	I. Lichtenstein, (Ivarlicht)	Swedish Juniors	0.3	30
53	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Apple	0.25	20
54	A. Abragi, (AAbragi)	Swedish Juniors	0.24	70
55	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	FLYFALCON	0.23	40
	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	FLYFALCON	0.23	40
	S. Høyland, (sioslo)	ECF Holding	0.23	40
58	S. Farwig, (Sven00)	Germany Juniors	0.17	30
59	P. Pabst, (philipp99)	Germany Juniors	0.15	20
60	S, Bohnsack, (Pazzesco)	Germany Juniors	0.1	10
	L. Assaf, (lengy)	Smart Rabbit	0.1	10
	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	FLYFALCON	0.1	20
	D. Winter, (Dwinter)	England Juniors	0.1	40
	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF Holding	0.1	20
	N. Krojgaard, (Nkroej)	Denmark	0.1	20
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	FLYFALCON	0.1	20
	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF Holding	0.1	20
	S. Anoyrkatis, (wellssam)	England Juniors	0.1	40
	S. Weber, (Relaxo55)	Germany Juniors	0.1	10
70	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	0.08	50
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	0.08	50
72	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.08	40
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	0.08	40
	S. Van Oosten, (sibrand)	East - West	0.08	40
	A. Smirnov, (Smirny)	East - West	0.08	40
76	D. Tal, (danat85)	Smart Rabbit	0.07	30
77	E. Jepsen, (emilos)	Denmark	0.03	40
	D. Bilde, (ballebo-jr)	Denmark	0.03	40
79	E. Schwartz, (Waldorf1)	Winter Soldiers	-0.02	50
80	C. Mann, (castor01)	Fredin	-0.03	40
	J. Becklen, (Janb)	Fredin	-0.03	40
82	Y. Lee, (liyh98)	England Juniors	-0.05	20
	Justin Liu, (iwnl_jl)	England Juniors	-0.05	20
84	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	-0.1	10
	A. Hutton, (adude11)	England Juniors	-0.1	30
	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Moses	-0.1	60
	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Moses	-0.1	60
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.1	60
	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	-0.1	70
	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	-0.1	50
91	J. Herland, (john_helge)	Tulips ++	-0.15	40
	J. Vage, (JVAGE)	Tulips ++	-0.15	40
93	T. Teichmann, (teichi)	East - West	-0.17	30
94	A. Farstad, (Kha66)	ECF Holding	-0.18	40
95	A. Bauer, (Only7NT)	Germany Juniors	-0.2	20
	M. Stepper, (MaNiSt)	Germany Juniors	-0.2	20
97	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.23	40
98	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.27	60
99	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.28	60
100	R. Benin Barr, (ronniebarr)	Smart Rabbit	-0.3	40
	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	FLYFALCON	-0.3	20
	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Apple	-0.3	80
103	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Winter Soldiers	-0.38	40
104	S. Evenstad, (StianAS)	ECF Holding	-0.4	50
	N. Tal, (nogatal)	Smart Rabbit	-0.4	20
	N. Evenstad, (NicolaiHE)	ECF Holding	-0.4	50
	Y. Zack, (yanivz)	Smart Rabbit	-0.4	50
108	M. Macura, (uni_cicam)	East - West	-0.42	50
109	K. Koistinen, (koistinen)	East - West	-0.43	40
	V. Fagerlund, (muppe)	East - West	-0.43	40
111	I. Cohen, (ilan13)	Smart Rabbit	-0.43	30
112	E. Eide, (bloodaxe)	ECF Holding	-0.46	50
113	D. C. Bilde, (docibi)	Denmark	-0.47	30
	A. Buus-Thomsen, (babydollDK)	Denmark	-0.47	30
115	M. Been, (bendezz)	Netbridge	-0.48	40
	O. de Haas, (olliebol)	Netbridge	-0.48	40
117	J. Barbosa, (jbarbosa)	Roiko	-0.48	60
	S. Pessoa, (sofiacp)	Roiko	-0.48	60
	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Moses	-0.48	60
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Moses	-0.48	60
	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Apple	-0.48	60
122	C. Pipi, (cinzia_it)	Roiko	-0.5	10
123	G. Botta, (gio 89)	Winter Soldiers	-0.57	40
	D. Marker, (marker544)	Winter Soldiers	-0.57	40
125	M. Litterst, (kolrabi)	Germany Juniors	-0.6	10
126	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.63	30
	V. Otto, (Viktor2000)	Germany Juniors	-0.63	30
	J. Pieper, (bitshift)	Germany Juniors	-0.63	30
129	B. Levin, (Levin123)	Tulips ++	-0.65	80
	J. Jansma, (jan_jansma)	Tulips ++	-0.65	80
131	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF Holding	-0.67	30
	K. Panchagnula, (kripster)	England Juniors	-0.67	30
133	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	-0.7	40
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	-0.7	40
135	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.72	60
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.72	60
137	M. Rieger, (mori0001)	Germany Juniors	-0.77	30
138	J. Pszczola, (pikolo)	Seligman	-0.79	80
	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	-0.79	80
140	S. Barb, (leboucher)	East - West	-0.8	20
141	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-0.9	50
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-0.9	50
	M. Thiele, (mrxxx)	Tulips ++	-0.9	40
	R. Verdegaal, (mrs_m)	Tulips ++	-0.9	40
145	R. van Mourik, (rrob)	Roiko	-0.95	20
146	L. Ploscaru, (dandelionu)	England Juniors	-1	40
	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-1	40
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1	40
	N. Lee, (leehengyou)	England Juniors	-1	40
150	J. Freeman, (Jacob04)	East - West	-1.07	30
	D. Lavee, (Thekid1)	East - West	-1.07	30
152	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	-1.08	40
	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	-1.08	40
154	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-1.25	40
	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-1.25	40
156	H. Lindeman, (basendonal)	Roiko	-1.4	10
157	J. Clark, (jono133)	England Juniors	-1.7	10
158	M. Gundel, (Karl Heinz)	Germany Juniors	-1.9	10

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