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Second appeal in 5 years!

***Keith Stanley,
Appeals
Committee
- This was a
difficult case!***



Germany still in the lead

Programme Friday 31 July

10.00	Start of match 6	16.10	End of boards 1-12
11.40	End of boards 1-12	16.20	Start of boards 13-24
11.50	Start of boards 13-24	18.00	End of boards 13-24
13.30	End of boards 13-24		DINNER
	LUNCH	19.30	Open tournament
14.30	Start of match 7		



Yesterdays game:

Sweden vs. Denmark

On Wednesday, Germany blasted away in the lead of these championships with 15 VP:s. Great Britain chasing them. Sweden were in third place and Denmark in sixth, 23 VP:s behind Germany. The situation is that both teams are in a desperate need of more victory points to be sure to qualify for the semifinals.

In the closed room Helgesson-Johansson played their homemade relaysystem which is based on a system from New Zealand. The Danish pair Hagen-Bjarnarsson plays "Relay Precision", the Norweigan version.

I.e. you are going to see a lot of alerts. Lets have a look on one of the biddings before we start the match, so you know what you are going to see.

Board 13
North/All

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1♣*
1♠	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1 club was strong and then followed the first and nearly the only natural bid. 3 clubs showed 5-5 in the minors and 5-7 hcp:s or 8+ with lesser than 2 controls. East only relayed and West showed 1-2-5-5 with his 2-2-5-4! 5 diamonds played, with 12 tricks for Helgesson - Johansson.

Lets have a look on the line-up:

Open room:

North: Lars Albertsson
South: Per Hallberg
East: Lars Lund Madsen
West: Anders Sigsgaard

Closed room:

North: Anders Hagen
South: Gregers Bjarnarson
East: Henrik Johansson
West: Jonas Helgesson

We are going to follow the second half of the match - when we get in on board 13 the standings are:

Sweden	18
Denmark	36

Board 13

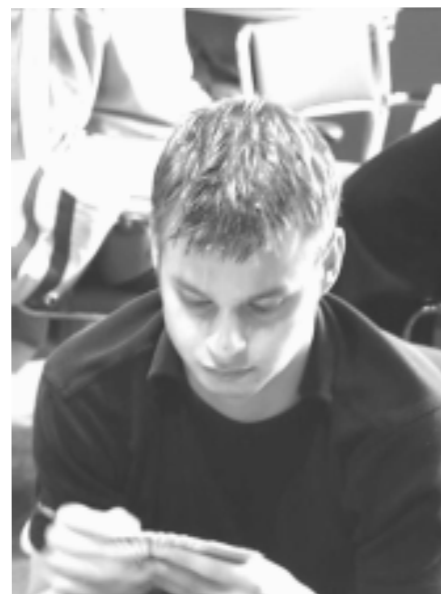
As you could see earlier on in this article Helgesson-Johansson in the closed relayed to five diamonds, scoring 12 tricks when Bjarnarson didnt lead a spade. At the other table Hallberg-Albertsson cashed out their tricks. 1 imp to Sweden.

Sweden	19
Denmark	36

Board 14

For the first time - some really interesting boards showed up in this tournament. (when the editor has been watching the games)

In the closed room Hagen only bid 2 spades on his running seven card suit. The best would probably have been not to mention the suit at all... Madsen in the open room got more and more good cards during the bidding. If you have



Hagen - well passed!

Board 14	♠AKQJ652
East/ -	♥Q
	♦T8
	♣865
♠T94	
♥K8	
♦QJ752	
♣943	
	♠873
	♥T96432
	♦94
	♣KT

Closed room:

South	West	North	East
			1♣*
2♥*	D*	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	5♦

Open room:

South	West	North	East
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♠*
Pass	3♦	3♠	6♦!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Norths hand you either make a preempt or bids 1 spade, if you

choose the later alternative - pass would be right next time. Madsens jump to six diamonds was a good bid. With the king of clubs onside he would have been to low.

11 more imps to Denmark.

Sweden	19
Denmark	47

Board 15

In the closed room South opened with one weak notrump. Bjarnarson made it, 120 to Denmark. The same opening call was made in the other room, but East balanced with 2 diamonds and when the danish players didnt know their conventions - they finally got to 2 spades. They landed there on a 4-2 fit, went 2 down in the end and a 100 to the Swedes, but one imp to Denmark.

Sweden	19
Denmark	48



Madsen - slambidder

Board 16

More swings coming up - at this board you have:

- ♠ A5
- ♥ JT98732
- ♦ 974
- ♣ 3

And preempts to 3 hearts over 2

Standings after Round 5

	IMP	VP
1. Germany	342-198	101
2. Italy	321-261	87
3. Denmark	318-267	83
4. Great Britain	283-258	76
5. Sweden	246-252	74
6. Sweden 2	226-283	66
7. Netherlands	286-329	64
8. Belgium	239-419	43

Yesterdays matches

Round 4	IMP	VP
Sweden - Denmark	32-69	8-22
Great Britain - Germany	48-58	13-17
Netherlands - Belgium	94-30	25-4
Sweden 2 - Italy	35-64	10-20

Round 5	IMP	VP
Belgium - Sweden	51-62	13-17
Denmark - Great Britain	66-50	18-12
Germany - Sweden 2	57-38	18-12
Italy - Netherlands	73-37	22-8

Todays matches

Round 6	IMP	VP
Sweden - Italy	-	-
Great Britain - Belgium	-	-
Germany - Denmark	-	-
Sweden 2 - Netherlands	-	-

Round 7	IMP	VP
Netherlands - Sweden	-	-
Italy - Great Britain	-	-
Belgium - Germany	-	-
Denmark - Sweden 2	-	-

clubs, natural. At the other table West opened with 1 club, no problem there either - 3 hearts! East makes a take out double and part-

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Lars Persson - On-site organizer, "kibbing" the game between Italy and Netherlands



Italy



Only champions!

Sergio Bianchi, 22

He lives in Cesena and attends Parma University Faculty of law. He has played bridge since 1995 and won the Italian Junior team Championship 1998.

Andrea Medusei, 22

Lives in Lerici and attends Pisa University Faculty of Engineering. He has played bridge since 1994 and won the Italian Junior Pair Championship in 1996. And the team championship in 1997 and 1998.

Matteo Mallardi, 24

Lives in Trieste. He attends Trieste University Faculty of Physics and mathematics. Won the EUBL pairs Championships in Salsomaggiore and the European Junior Team Championships in 1998.

Mario D'Avossa, 24

Lives in Milan and is attending the sixth year of the Milan Law University, started to play bridge five years ago and he has won the EUBL Junior pairs and the European Junior Team Championship in 1998.

Vittori Brandonisio, NPC and age unknown

Chemist and lives in Parma. He has been responsible for the Italian Junior Bridge since 1978 for the FIGB. (Italian Bridge Federation). He is obviously doing a good work – Italy won the school and the junior championship in Wien last week.

980 at both tables, no swing. The question is should you go aceasking with AKQ in diamonds, if so, how often will it be right when partner has that kind of hand?

But never argue with success.

Sweden	30
Denmark	48



Sigsgaard - also made 6 hearts

Board 19

Board 19 ♠7532
 South/EW ♥AT9
 ♦98753
 ♣7

♠J4		♠AKQ98
♥86543	W	♥KQ2
♦AJ6	N	♦4
♣KQ4	E	♣A865
	S	
		♠T6
		♥J7
		♦KQT2
		♣JT932

Closed room:

South	West	North	East
2NT*	Pass	3♠!	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Open room:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	2♦	D
4♦	4♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Take a look on the North hand and the vulnerability. What to bid when partner opens with 2NT - showing a weak twosuit with the minors?

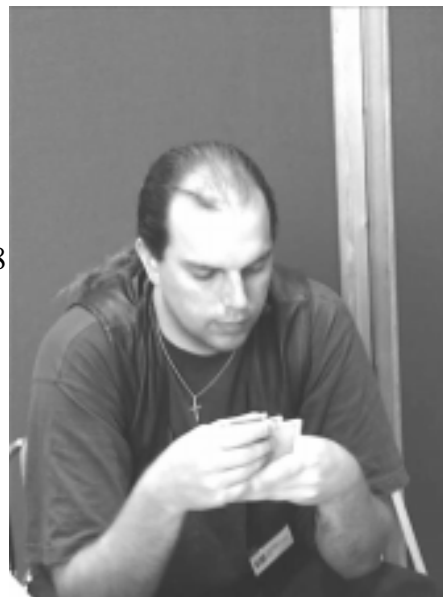
Hagen made a psychic call for his team by bidding 3 spades, invitational with spades!

Now, Johansson passed and is probably still waiting for something to happen so he could change his bid. The bidding went pass-pass-pass. Five down and 250 to the Swedes. At the other table they preempted in diamonds and Madsen again jumped to slam in hearts.

If Albertsson would have lead a diamond they would have defeated the contract. Instead he played partner for a single spade and two hearts. Result 6 hearts just made.

15 moreimps to Denmark!

Sweden	30
Denmark	63



Albertsson - lead a spade

Board 20

Both tables ends up in three notrump. Helgesson makes an extra trick for 1 imp to Sweden. Closing in, but they need a lot more.

Sweden	31
Denmark	63



Helgesson - relayplayer

Board 21

Madsen - Sigsgaard makes 4 tricks in two notrump. 180 to Denmark at the other table managed Hagen-Bjarnarson to win the contract. But they went two down in two spades. One more imp to Sweden.

Sweden	32
Denmark	63

Board 22

Both tables stops in 2 spades making four tricks. No swing.

Sweden	32
Denmark	63

Board 23

Both tables stops in 2 spades again. They were at 5-1 and went two down. When they had a 5-3 fit in diamonds and could make a part score. Again noimps.

Sweden	32
Denmark	63

Board 24

Sweden in the closed room bids four hearts and goes two down for 100 to Denmark.

At the other table Madsen -

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Keith Stanley

Report from the match between Italy and Netherlands in round 5.

NS vulnerable

East dealer ♠KXXXX
♥AXX
♦X
♣AJXX

♠X
♥KX
♦J9XX
♣KQ98XX



♠QJXX
♥QJTX
♦KXX
♣XX

♠AXX
♥XXXX
♦AQTX
♣T

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
			1♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1 diamond could be on a three card suit, EW where playing 5-card majors. West 2NT was an artificial

raise with either a weak hand with clubs or an invitational hand with clubs and a major. North asked for an explanation when it was his turn to bid. North decided to pass. 3 diamonds was played – 110 to Italy.

N/S called the director and asked for an adjusted score because they had been misinformed and therefore had problems to enter the bidding.

TD:s decision:

N-S had been damaged in the bidding. TD therefore ruled 4S making, 620 to Netherlands. As is normal, a ruling for the non-offending pair.

Italy now appealed to the Appeals Committee and asked for an adjusted score. They could not see that it was obvious for NS to get to 4 spades.

Appeals Committee:

This was a difficult case. NS was damaged in the bidding – but they did not ask what 3D meant, so some of the problems were caused by themselves.

The committee ruled a split score. At the other table 4S doubled was made, 790 to North-South, if 620 in the other room, as the director decided, the difference is 170 and 5 imps. With the score at the table 790+110 = 900 = 14 imps. The committee decided +110 50%, -620 50%. 19 divided by 2 = 10 imps to Italy on the board.

The deposit was refunded.

Editors comment:

Both teams asked for adjusted scores and both got it. Diplomacy at the highest level in the name of the European Union.

Sigsgaard stops in two spades making three tricks 240 to Denmark and another 6 imps.

Sweden	32
Denmark	69

22-8 to Denmark in a match where Madsen created a lot of imps by bidding slams.

22-8 to Denmark



Hallberg - making a plan

How to get to Billingeus?

A special coach will take care of the travel from the student hostel to Billingeus every day.

From the quarter: **08.30**
and back in the evening at **19.00** or **23.15**.