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**Happy winners of the
5th European University Bridge Championship**



Denmark

Programme Sunday 2 august

Going home...

***Thank you
all for this week***



Farewell

The 5th European University Bridge Championships are over. The Swedish Bridge Federation provided an excellent organisation under the patronage of the town of Skövde, the FISU and the EUBL. Many thanks to all of them but especially to all who helped to create the circumstances for a nice championship among friends. We are also very grateful to have seen a part of Sweden famous for it's culture and beautiful scenery.

I´am sure that all the players, also those who played these championships for the last time, will meet each other in the future either as bridgeplayers or as bricks to build up a Europe with a great sense of friendship and understanding between the participating countries.

On behalf of the European Union Bridge League I wish all of you a safe journey back home. Farewell Skövde and I hope to see most of you in Weimar (Germany), cultural capital of Europe 99

Paul Magerman

A push in the end

Ib Lundby

In teams I have often tried to foresee what happens, when I compare scores with our team mates. I don't know whether I am a bad guesser or it's just the nature of the game – maybe both.

In yesterdays match between Germany and Denmark an unexpected push occured. It must have surpriced everyone:

South / None.

♠7543
♥AJ862
♦J964
♣ -

♠AK2
♥43
♦K752
♣K1096

W N E
S

♠QJ86
♥K
♦AQ83
♣AJ42

♠109
♥Q10975
♦10
♣Q8753

Hagen/Bjarnarsson found a nice way to 6 diamonds on the East-West cards, but the distribution was not as friendly as they expected, and the slam went two off. 100 for Germany.

At the other table the bidding went:

South West North East
Sigs- Lund
gaard Madsen
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
1 NT Dbl 2♥ Pass
Pass Pass!?

In his own opinion Wests double showed 3 spades, while East took it as a strong

hand and therefore meant his pass to 2 hearts as forcing.

East led the Ace of diamonds, played a spade to his partners' ace and got a trump back. Lund Madsen went up and the king went down. 8 tricks and 110 for Denmark. A nice and unexpected push!

Finals

Final	IMP
Denmark - Italy	91-63

3rd place	
Germany - Great Britain	39-43

Semifinals

Semifinals	IMP
Germany - Italy	65-76
Denmark - Great Britain	76-58

Round Robin

Round-Robin	IMP	VP
At 10.00		
Sweden - Belgium	13-24	12-18
Netherlands - Sweden II	27-12	20-10

At 11.10		
Sweden - Sweden II	32-2	25-5
Belgium - Netherlands	30-14	20-10

At 12.20		
Netherlands - Sweden	34-15	21-9
Sweden II - Belgium	29-18	18-12

1. Denmark	5. Netherlands	55
2. Italy	6. Belgium	50
3. Great Britain	7. Sweden	46
4. Germany	8. Sweden II	33

Sweden



From left: Lars Albertsson, Jonas Helgesson, Henrik Johansson, Per Hallberg

Lalle Albertsson and **Per Hallberg** study in Stockholm, computer science and mathematics respectively. It looks no better than that they are both heading for doctors degrees so we will never know if they will ever reach the "real world", that is, anything but the safe academic world. Lalle and Per played for Sweden in Vienna last week and are supposed to be the anchor pair here but we have seen nothing of that so far...

Henrik Johansson and **Jonas Helgesson** both study computer science. Having known them for some time however, I expect them to play more bridge than actually commit themselves to studies.

Both pairs play a strong club

with relay sequences put in wherever possible. Coincidence? Perhaps, as the natural approach is still the most adopted among Swedish juniors today. The reason for playing a relay system is that you will reach the best contract 100% of the times. Of course, this figure has to be adjusted somewhat due to some tragic facts:

- The player showing his hand forgets how his shape is shown. – 10%

- The relayer cannot remember what his partner has shown according to the system. – 10%

- You have a hand shape you cannot show in your system. – 10%

- You relay to find out that you shall play 3NT (which you knew all the time), but now declarer's distribution is known. – 5%

- The relay scheme forces you to bid something above your last playable spot – 5%

- The contract you want to play happens to be a relay, so you must jump and play some silly contract like 4NT or 5H. – 5%

- You have all information possible, but fail to analyse the play and put partner in the wrong contract. – 5%

So in fact we see that the perfect contract is reached just half the time, but our dummy play is correct no more than half the time, so I guess it equals out...

Sweden II



Victor Swenson, 21

From Skövde. Now I'm studying Automation engineering at Chalmers University of technology. I'm also involved in the party committee.

Gustaf Friberg, 19

Now with definitely crushed self confidence after all doubled and penaltypassed overcalls in vulnerable zones. Normally studying computer science at Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, the best town at the frontside of Sweden.

Christer Swenson, 52 and NPC

Happy father of Victor, sometimes

making mistakes at bridge tables or golf courses.

Daniel Gustavsson, 22

From Falköping. Student in Linköping at LiTH. Studying Applied physics and electrical engineering. Interested in sports and reading.

Martin Sandén, 21

From Falköping. Studying construction in Chalmers University of technology. Is about to begin the third year, which leaves about 2 and half year left of his education. Long time...

Emma Andersson, ?

So I play bridge, Is there really time for anything else? I study to become a teacher (which is a boring).

I live in Gothenburg in an apartment much like the rooms we live in here in Skövde, that's OK because the junior bridge club is five walking minutes away.

Stefan Hellström, 20

Student in my hometown Gothenburg. The city of Skövde is special to me because I did my military service here. Except bridge I also play beachvolleyball and golf, so I guess I'm just average at all my hobbies.