

# EUROPEAN UNION BRIDGE LEAGUE *5th European University Bridge Championships*

HOTEL BILLINGEHUS ● SKÖVDE ● 28 JULY - 1 AUGUST

## DAILY BULLETIN

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### The Championships has started!



### Denmark in the lead after round 1

#### Programme Wednesday 29 July

10.00	Start of match 2	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 3		

#### 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**.



**Yesterdays game:**

# Germany vs. Italy

The editor of this Daily Bulletin is going to try to cover 12 boards in a match every day during the championships. The first match out is the game between Germany and Italy.

The players:

**Open room**

North: Klaus Reps  
 South: Frank Pioch  
 East: Mario D'Avossa  
 West: Matteo Mallardi

**Closed room**

North: Sergio Bianchi  
 South: Andrea Medusei  
 East: Ingo Nieten  
 West: Sebastian Reim

**Board 1**

At the first board Bianchi opened with a weak notrump for Italy and the Germans competed with two hearts, a contract the Italians defeated by three tricks. 150 to Italy in the closed room.

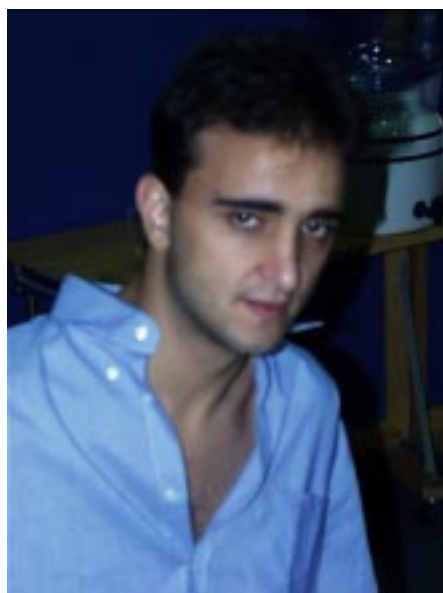
In the open room, D'Avossa found a very aggressive takeout double over Norths 1 diamond with:

A J 3 2  
 A 8 4 3  
 Q 7 6 3  
 10

What to bid when partner makes the takeout in two clubs?

Anyway, the result of that double was that the Germans went to 2 spades on a 4-3 fit. When the Italians missdefeated Frank Pioch made four tricks in his contract. 170 to Germany and they had won the first imp in the match.

Italy 0  
 Germany 1



**D'Avossa - Aggressive!**

**Board 2**

Both teams went to two spades on the second board. Klaus Reps made two overtricks while Bianchi had no chance at the other table - Nieten-Reim played a perfect defense and the result was; just made. 2 more imps to Germany.

Italy 0  
 Germany 3



**Reps - Makes overtricks!**

**Board 3**

We had to wait until board three to see the first real "swing" in this match. Andrea Medusei opened with one of their weak notrumps. when everyone passed, West finally decided to lead the club ace, when the partner produced the three of clubs west shifted to the heart ten!

Board 3.  
 S / EW

♠K72	♠Q863	♠1094
♥1043	♥K65	♥A87
♦J94	♦103	♦K8752
♣AK42	♣Q1085	♣J3
	♠AJ5	
	♥QJ92	
	♦AQ6	
	♣976	



**PC AND NPC:s  
 REMEMBER TO LINE UP FOR THE MORNING MATCH!**

**Closed Room:**

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
<i>INT*</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>

\* *Weak NT*

**Open Room:**

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
<i>1♣</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>1♠</i>	<i>Pass</i>
<i>INT</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>

The ten ran into declarers queen, when East ducked. South tried the club finesse. And finally East got in and started to play the suit they should have started with diamonds.

Diamondtwo, six, jack and three. More diamonds - nine, ten, king and ace. When Medusei started to get his hearttricks by forcing the defence to win the ace East also lost his last entry for the diamondsuit. Finally the result could be written to two tricks and 120 to Italy.

At the other table Mallardi found to lead the diamondnine!

The editor has no record over the play but can imagine the problems if you missplay only a little. South could of course have made his contract by ducking the lead. Win the continuation. Play on the hearts and East will lose his entry for the diamonds. When West had the spade king and the suit was 3-3 the defense is helpless.

The diamondlead resulted finally in two down and 100 in. That was 220 and 6 imps to Italy.

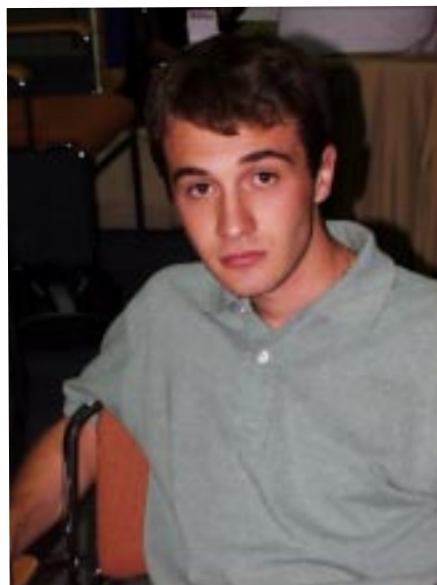
Italy	6
Germany	3

**Board 4**

Italy gained 6 more imps on board number 4. The key behind it was Bianchi's very well decision by passing the North hand.

When Rebs opened at the other table it was closer to slam then missing the game. But maybe Rebs

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**Mallardi - Leads diamonds...**

# HELP!

To help producing a better bulletin, do not hesitate to address the editor either orally or in writing about your or your opponents wonderful or less wonderful plays.

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Prizes will be given to best articles.

## Standings after Round 1

	<i>IMP</i>	<i>VP</i>
1. Denmark	109-32	25
2. Great Britain	76-44	21
3. Germany	69-42	20
4. Sweden 2	39-37	15
5. Sweden	37-39	15
6. Italy	42-69	10
7. Netherlands	44-76	9
8. Belgium	32-109	2

## Yesterdays matches

Round 1	<i>IMP</i>	<i>VP</i>
Sweden - Sweden 2	37-39	15-15
Great Britain - Netherlands	76-44	21-9
Germany - Italy	69-42	20-10
Denmark - Belgium	109-32	25-2

## Todays matches

Round 2	<i>IMP</i>	<i>VP</i>
Sweden - Great Britain	-	-
Netherlands - Germany	-	-
Italy - Denmark	-	-
Sweden 2 - Belgium	-	-

Round 3	<i>IMP</i>	<i>VP</i>
Germany - Sweden	-	-
Great Britain - Sweden 2	-	-
Denmark - Netherlands	-	-
Belgium - Italy	-	-

could have passed 3 spades - the only who knows about it is probably themselves. It looks strange to only make an invitational bid with 3 spades with that hand.



**Pioch - down in four spades but smiles anyway**

The deal was:

**Board 4.**      ♠1086  
*West/ All*    ♥J84  
                   ♦A10  
                   ♣KQJ76

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♥K10653		♥A92										
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♣43		♣A985										

♠AQ932  
 ♥Q7  
 ♦KJ87  
 ♣102

**Closed room:**

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

\*Invitational raise in spades.

**Open room:**

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

With ace, king of hearts and the club ace the contract is very shaky, also the spade king is with the opponents. And with the trumping wrong its impossible to make the game.

At the other table Bianchi had made the right decisions. And when South couldnt go to game he passed.

One down for Germany in the open room while Italy played 3 spades just made at the other table. 6 more imps to Italy

Italy	12
Germany	3

**Board 5**

Both tables went to four spades just made - a boring flat board.

Italy	12
Germany	3

**Board 6**

After an identical bidding both tables reached 3 NT. Both Mallardi and Reim lead the jack of hearts.

Medusei ducked two rounds of heart to find that West discarded a spade on the third round. At the other table Pioch won the second round. Both declerers then played



**Ingo Nieten - Plays very fast**

**Board 6.**      ♠AJ972  
*East/EW*      ♥T5  
                   ♦QJ3  
                   ♣A76

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♥J4			♥KQ9763									
♦652			♦T9									
♣QT32			♣K98									

♠T3  
 ♥A82  
 ♦AK874  
 ♣J54

**Closed room:**

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

**Open room:**

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

five rounds of diamonds discarding spades from the table. D'Avossa threw the spade eight! the first time he discarded - it could have been right. Then a club and a heart.

Nieten discarded a club and two hearts.

Medusei cashed out his aces to see if anything would give him any hope for making the contract. When it didnt come he went one down.

At the other table Pioch played the same way - after the diamonds a spade to the ace! and the king was coming down from the sky. He then played the spade jack and the nine was his ninth trick.

Wonder what D'Avossa liked the spade to the ace...

450 to Germany and 10 imps, Germany back in the lead.

Italy	12
Germany	13

**Board 7**

In the lead with only one imp, the germans was looking for more. And it come on the next one. It was a nasty one with bad breaking suits.

<i>Board 7.</i>	♠KT87652		
<i>South/All</i>	♥T4		
	♦AJ6		
	♣4		
♠94		♠AQJ3	
♥KJ		♥AQ3	
♦832		♦QT54	
♣K87532		♣Q9	
	♠-		
	♥987652		
	♦K97		
	♣AJT6		

*Closed room:*

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	3♠	3NT!
<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	

*Open room:*

<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	3♠	<i>Pass!</i>
<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>		

D'Avossa is probably still waiting for partner to double this board. Sometimes you wish that you played Culbertsson or some other "stonage" system with penalty doubles. Guess this was one of the times. Nieten didnt gamble -



Medusei - down in 3NT

instead he bid what he thought he could make, 3 NT.

South lead the jack of clubs, to two, four and queen. "Up and back" is an interesting play - Nieten continued with the club nine, six and boxplay. After a long thought he decided to play the king. North discarding spades. More club to south who correctly tryed to kill the entries to the table, continued with the nine of hearts. Declerer won the trick with the jack. Cleared the clubsuit and used the last entry in hearts to cash his winners. A spade-finesse on the way back to the hand was the ninth trick. 600 to Germany.

At the other table Reps only went one down i 3 spades. 100 to Italy. That was 500 for Germany and 11 imps.

Italy	12
Germany	24

**Board 8**

Medusei listened to the bidding and lead a heart. The bidding went spades-clubs-diamonds-clubs-diamonds-notrump...

Pioch at the other table (same bidding) lead his "longest and strongest" a diamond from QT852.

Pioch got one down in 3NT and Medusei 3 down. 100 to Italy and 3 needed imps.

Italy	15
Germany	24

**Board 9**

4 hearts making 5 another flat boring board. Pioch should have continued what he started and lead "his longest and strongest", clubs for one imp.

Italy	15
Germany	24

**Board 10**

Medusei-Bianchi got imps on their defensive notrump bidding. Medusei bid 2 diamonds over Nietens 1NT. 2 diamonds showed either both majors or a onesuiter with diamonds. Nieten-Reim missjudged and crasched into 3 clubs - one down. At the same time Italy played 1NT at the other table making three tricks. 250 and 6 imps to Italy.

Italy	21
Germany	24



Reim - had a club suit for pd!

**Board 11**

Both tables got to 3NT, Nieten got a heartlead and made six tricks. Two more then the other table. And two imps for Germany.

Italy	21
Germany	26

Board 12

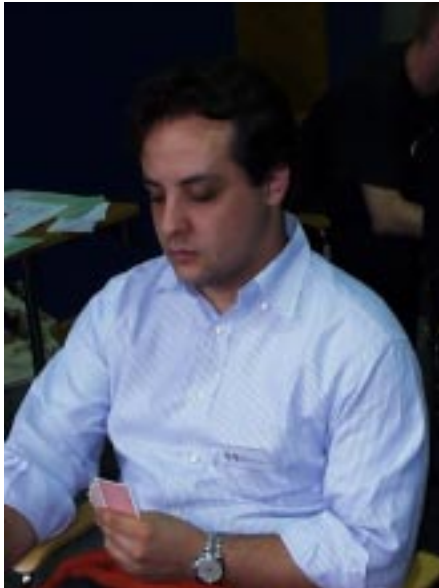
Reps - Pioch found there 4-4 fit in hearts and played 2 hearts making three. Medusei-Bianchi never found there heartsuit - they got to three clubs and was defeated after the defense pumped in diamonds every time they had the chance. No

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trumps left - and two down. 340 to Germany and 8 more imps.

So the halftime score where

Italy 21  
Germany 34



**Bianchi - lost against Germany**

At the other half Germany continued in the same tempo of bringing in imps. The final result was in the end:

Italy 42  
Germany 69

**20-10**

in matchpoints.

# First and last

*lb Lundby*

Bridgepeople have arrived to Skövde with different purposes. Some to play the finals in Swedish Championships, some to play in the Chairmans Cup, some to play pairs with silverpoints and price money on stake, some to participate in the University Championships, some to assist as caddies, directors, bulletin and service staff, etc. And finally we are a small group of employed from the administrations in the Nordic bridgefederations. Every second year we have a meeting and discuss mutual problems and solutions, and of course we had chosen Skövde as meeting place this year.

Between the boaring meetings there has been time for a bridge as well. Yes, we are players at the very top level – at least I am. Unfortunately my results so far has been very bad, because my opponents always choose the round against me to do their best.

Monday evening as West I faced this problem in the open pairs event:

*Board 9, West / North-South*

♠A 7 6		♠-
♥K 8 2		♥9 7 3
♦A K 9 8 5		♦10 4 2
♣5 4		♣A Q J 8 6 3 2

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

This one seemed to be an easy task. North led the HQ to my king, and as the CK had to be onside I finessed successfully with the CJ in trick 2 – low club from both opponents. When a diamond to the Ace captured the jack from North, I cashed the king as well and was rewarded, when North played the queen. I unblocked the D10, took three more diamond tricks and the SA. I finished the job with a second club finesse, while North played the C10. 13 tricks?

No, the develish player in the south seat showed up with a card he couldn't have: His majesty in clubs. And the defence took the rest of the tricks. One off.

When I told about my bad

## CAPTAIN!

*I want you to write down a short (and funny) presentation of you and your team. I'm also going to take some photos for the presentation. Leave your texts as soon as possible to the editor upstairs*

luck to my colleagues from Finland and Sweden, Leo Neimo and Björn Gustavsen, I hoped for some sympathy, but in vain. Instead they couldn't stop laughing. They had experienced the hand from the other side as North-South:

	♠ J 9 3 2	
	♥ A Q J 10 4	
	♦ Q J	
	♣ 10 7	
♠ A 7 6		♠ -
♥ K 8 2		♥ 9 7 3
♦ A K 9 8 5		♦ 10 4 2
♣ 5 4		♣ A Q J 8 6 3 2
	♠ K Q 10 8 5 4	
	♥ 6 5	
	♦ 7 6 3	
	♣ K 9	

West	North	East	South
	Björn		Leo
1♦	1♥	3♣	D
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

In short the story was that West at this table only got two tricks – the first and the last one! North led a spade to the queen and ace. A club finesse lost to the king, and now South and North "cross ruffed" in hearts and spades until they had to concede the very last trick to a shaky West.



**Hallén, Stanley and Meerbergen planning the tournament**

# Welcome!

I am very happy to welcome you to the 5<sup>th</sup> European University Bridge Championships.

Five autumns ago, the University of Antwerp proposed to the EUBL to organize a bridge contest for university students in 1993, because the city of Antwerp was Cultural Capitol of Europe in that year. The EUBL was willing to undertake this and was even more delighted that this enterprise was a great success. They registered 11 of the 12 possible candidates for this championship.



**Magerman - President!**

The International University Sports Federation (FISU) asked the EUBL to organize future championships. Hence these championships were organized in Lisboa in 1994; in Copenhagen (Århus) in 1996; both chosen to be Cultural Capital of Europe of the year. In 1997, due to organisational problems Thessaloniki, Cultural Capitol of 1997 was replaced with Palermo which was chosen to function as a host for the Summeruniversad.

We are pleased to have Sweden, with Stockholm as Cultural Capitol of 1998, as a host for this event: we are much obliged to the Swedish

Bridge Federation and its dynamic management that will integrate this championships in Skövde.

As the year 2000 approaches, even we bridge players have the feeling that there is a greater sense of friendship and understanding between the participating countries.

In the name of the European Union I wish all of you not only good bridge results but also a nice and instructive stay in this country famous for its nature.

Paul Magerman  
EUBL President

