
LANDSLAGSBULLETTIN NR 17

PRENUMERANTER!

Vi behöver alltid fler prenumeranter. Värva en!

Om du är intresserad av att prenumerera, gör så här

1. Sätt in 280:- på SBF:s postgiro: 25 10 42-8
2. Ange på talongen
 - ditt namn
 - betalningsmottagare: Sveriges Bridgeförbund
 - i meddelanderutan: att det gäller landslagsbulletinen samt din emailadress

Bulletinen levereras enbart via email.

Alla spelare, tänk på att de prenumeranter ni värvar bidrar till vår kassa. De pengar vi får in kan ograverat gå till sponsring av er!

MAILADRESSER/AVHOPP

Anders Palmgren och C-M Ragnarsson har beslutat lämna truppen pga betungande civilt arbete. De har även lämnat återbud till OBS-1.

Tag bort dessa två ur mailinglistan för Landslag-B.

OBS-1

Per Lindström ersätter Fredrik Thunberg.

Visserligen skulle systemdeklarationerna till OBS-1 varit inne den 9:e men eftersom det var en fredag och kansliet har stängt under helgen så gick det bra så länge de kom in under helgen. Någon enstaka stackars nybörjare fick inte in den förrän på måndag. På det hela ett riktigt gott facit. Alla systemdeklarationer finns nu på SBF:s hemsida för OBS-tävlingar.

Tyvärr har vi ett problem med alla de olika CCE (Convention Card Editors) som förekommer. Ska man kunna läsa alla andras deklarerationer och själv har en äldre modell av CCE som man gör sin egen deklareration på så tror jag man behöver minst tre ytterligare. Micke och Stisse på förbundet håller på att undersöka möjligheterna till att omvandla allt till PDF. En annan variant är att alla använder en MS Word-mall. Om det är någon som absolut inte vill använda MS Word så hör av er med angivande av skäl.

Det vore bra om vi alla utan problem kunde läsa varandras deklarerationer (och system).

Det har kommit in rätt få **Meddelanden inför OBS** . **Det kan vara rätt, dvs inga fler har något att meddela**, men det kan också vara så att ni glömt!

ROLIG HISTORIA

Paul Trent, an expert player, was playing with Carol Krupp. Carol, usually a steady, strong player, was having a bad-hair day and making enough mistakes to get Trent on edge.

Finally she did something that sent him over the edge. He picked up his cards, tore them in half, and threw them on the floor.

The director, when called, asked Trent what was going on.

"I dropped my cards on the floor and they broke," said Trent.

MILANO

Jag har börjat ta kontakt med italienarna för att se om vi kan få lite sponsring till deras turnering i Milano som går måndag-onsdag 6-8 december. I veckan innan OBS-2.

När vi får reda på villkoren kommer jag att gå ut med en förfrågan till er om intresse. I förhandlingarna kommer jag att gå ut med att det åtminstone delvis blir vårt landslag som kommer. Följaktligen hoppas jag på att minst ett landslagspar är intresserat. Björn Fallenius har meddelat att han inte kan då. Men mer om allt detta när vi börjar få in information.

TEAM-BILDNING

I slutet av samma vecka som Milano planerar vi just nu för ett team-bildningsläger för landslaget. Mer info kommer när detaljerna klarnar.

GENOMGÅNG AV SYSTEM

Gå gärna igenom andras system och lämna feed back.
Förutom att ni och de lästa förhoppningsvis blir klokare så ger det plus på kamratbarometern!

AVSLAPPNINGSBAND

Jag har nu hos mig två kassetter av Ewa Nilsson som Seppo rekommenderade på Rimforsa. Den första med en kortare och den andra med längre avslappningsövningar. Den med kortare övningar är bra för dem som **vet att de vinner guld även om de övar lite mindre** säger Seppo.

Dessutom har jag av Anders Morath fått diverse band och text av Lars-Eric Uneståhl. De har köpts in till landslaget redan tidigare och handlar om mental träning.

De som vill pröva på kontaktar mig.

SYSTEMKLUBBEN

Mats och Björn har inte skickat in någonting. Inte heller meddelat att de önskar anstånd.

Men PO och Johan har sänt in en sak som här delges er andra.

Mats och Björn får göra ett nytt försök till nästa bulle. Ska bli spännande att se om de klarar av det denna gång.

Helst önskar jag få det inom en vecka efter det föregående bulletin sänts ut. Då kan jag ta hänsyn till eventuella uppkommande problem. Hör av er om ni får problem att klara av biffen inom rätt tid. Ett gott tips är att skicka in ert tips direkt. I de närmsta bulletinerna kommer vi nämligen att klara av de alla A-paren. Det går alldeles utmärkt att bara klippa rätt ut ur ert kompendium. Rör det sig om budgivning, och det lär väl de flesta göra, så bör det naturligtvis vara en idé som är åtminstone tämligen systemoberoende så att så många som möjligt kan dra nytta av den.

FRÅN PO OCH JOHAN – EN VARIANT PÅ JOSEPHINE

5NT som fråga efter trumf kvalitet har gamla anor. Antalet svarssteg är alltid lika många oavsett vad som är trumf om man låter budet ovanför 5 i trumf ersätta 5NT-budet.

Man går miste om t.ex. Voidwood eller liknande finesser.

Stegen - som JP spelar med - är:

Steg 1	steg 2	steg 3	steg 4	7klöver
Q	A el K, ej Q	extra lgd (2x)	Sämst	AK
	På steg 2 frågar 3 om lgd		Har ej	Har xtra lgd
På steg 1 frågar 2: Har du				
	A/K el lgd?	xtra lgd, ej A/K		A/K
På steg 1 frågar 3: Har du				
		A/K och lgd?	Nej	Ja

LAGGULD I UPPSALA

Uppsala BS inbjuder till den traditionella lagbarometern, UBS lagguld, sanktionerad med förhöjd guldpoäng.

OBS! En parallell IAF beräkning görs för varje rond OBS!

Tid: 4/12-5/12 1999
Plats: Bridgens hus i Uppsala (se karta nedan)

Vid 24 lag gäller följande för spelschema och priser:

Lördag 4/12 11.15		upprop
	11.30- LUNCH ca 21.30	spelet börjar (finns i lokalen) slut för dagen
Söndag 5/12 9.00-	LUNCH 16.30 16.45	vi fortsätter spela (finns i lokalen) färdigspelat prisutdelning

1:a pris 16000:- och i övrigt många, mycket bra, priser som vanligt i denna tävling. Vid annat antal lag kommer tider och priser att justeras.

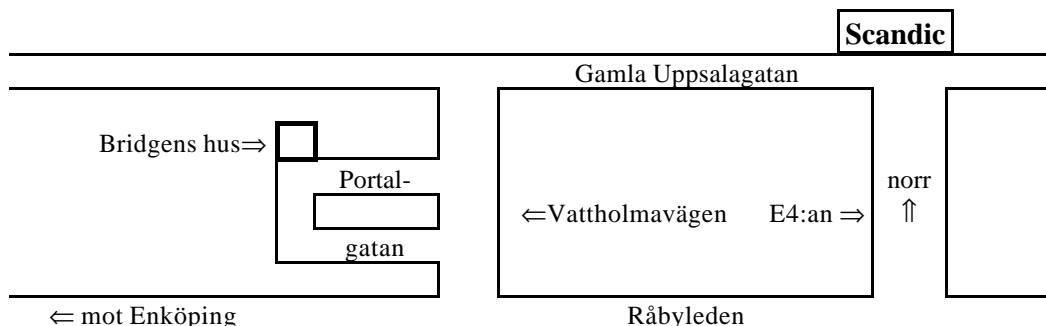
Startavgift 1400 per lag
Tävlingsledare Göran Sallstedt

Servering av kaffe samt goda smörgåsar och dylikt kommer att vara igång under hela tävlingen.
 Lunch i lokalen för dem som så önskar. Spellokalen är rökfri.
 Logi finns bl a för rabatterade priser på Scandic Hotel, tel 018-200280
 (250:-/pers;kod UBS, se kartan nedan)

Anmälningar till Sveinn Bjarman senast 29/11.

Telefoner: 018-4713518(a) 018-104265(h, telefonsvarare)
 018-4713524(fax), email: sveinn.bjarman@fysik.uu.se

Udda system bör faxas till Sveinn (senast 1/12)
 eller finnas i spellokalen senast 11.00 lördag (25-30 ex).



RANKING

Pga strul har de slutgiltiga resultaten från Allsvenskans div 1 ännu ej kunnat offentliggöras. Räkna med att de kommer att finnas med i nästa bulletin.

Anders Ljung har fixat till IAF även för sin div 2 grupp. J-E Thomasson har sett till att även alla resultaten från hans grupp är med. Så på frivillig väg är vi på väg att få en IAF även för division 2. Snyggt jobbat grabbar!

Vid beräkning av ranking används två artificiella parametrar.

Den första är snittranking på spelarna i tävlingen – vilket automatiskt blir hela tävlingens genomsnittsranking. Eftersom inte alla spelare i alla tävlingar har ett redan åsatt rankingtal måste vi försöka gissa vad de orankade spelarna hade haft för ranking om de hade varit med i rankingsystemet. På så sätt kan vi räkna ut vilket genomsnittet för tävlingen är. Detta genomsnitt återfinns i kolumn två nedan.

Den andra är tävlingens vikt. Vi vill att olika tävlingar slår olika hårt på rankingen. Ju viktigare tävling, desto större genomslag. Bl.a. beroende på att i tävlingar av lägre dignitet förekommer fler sämre spelare och sådana kan förrycka resultatet i tävlingen mer än vad skickligare spelare gör – de sämre gör oftare grova fel och spridningen av felet kan fördelas orättvist. Ju viktigare tävling desto högre vikt. En tävling med faktor 2 får dubbelt så stort genomslag som en med faktor 1 etc. Viktfaktorn återfinns i kolumn tre nedan. Viktfaktorn är endast medtagen på årets tävlingar.

TÄVLING	GENOMSNIITSRANKING	VIKTFAKTOR
Allsvenskan div 1	1205	1
Allsvenskan div 2	1170	0.5
OBS-1	1190	0.5
OBS-2	1205	1
Niklas Data	1220	1.5
SM-final lag	c:a 1180-90	1
Lagguld	c:a 1170	0.5

Genomsnittsranking för guldtävlingar och SM-lag avgörs mer exakt när vi ser startfältet.

Vi kommer som tidigare diskuterats att ha två olika rankingar. Den första är som den gamla, dvs en säsongsranking där alla startar på 1200.

På den andra börjar man med ett ingångstal som är lika med halva förra årets differens från 1200 (avrundat mot närmsta heltal närmast 1200). Det innebär att den i så fall kommer att se ut så här för de par som var med redan förra året. Nya par i år kommer att starta på 1200.

SÄSONGSRANKING

PAR	RANKING	SENASTE ÄNDRING	SENASTE TÄVLING Med viktfaktor	ANTAL BRICKOR
Anders Ljung - Krister Ahlesved	1203,93	3,926	Allsvenskan Div 2 0,5	96
Håkan Strääf - Jan-Erik Thomasson	1202,54	2,544	Allsvenskan Div 2 0,5	60
Olof Bergström - Mats Sjöberg	1201,19	1,188	Allsvenskan Div 2 0,5	60
Lars Andersson - Tommy Gullberg	1200,00			
Peter Fredin - Magnus Lindqvist	1200,00			
Johan Sylvan - PO Sundelin	1200,00			
Mats Nilsländ - Björn Fallenius	1200,00			
Göran Pettersson - Tommy Jansson	1200,00			
Göran Gjerling - Jan Becklén	1200,00			
Anders Morath - Mårten Gustawsson	1200,00			
Magnus Eriksson - Ulf Nilsson	1200,00			
Johan Ebenius - Kaj Kokko	1200,00			
Ulf Nohrén - Stefan Haglund	1200,00			
Fredrik Nyström - Peter Strömberg	1200,00			
Bengt-Erik Efraimsson - Kenneth Borin	1200,00			
Hans Göthe - Lars Albertsson	1200,00			
Sven-Olov Flodqvist - Tomas Brenning	1200,00			
Nichlas Eliazohn - Magnus Melander	1200,00			
Lars Goldberg - Björn Wenneberg	1200,00			

RANKING MED FÖRRA ÅRETS INSATS INBAKAD

PAR	RANKING	SENASTE ÄNDRING	SENASTE TÄVLING Med viktfaktor	ANTAL BRICKOR
Lars Andersson - Tommy Gullberg	1217,00		Obs 3	769
Peter Fredin - Magnus Lindqvist	1216,00		Obs 3	590
Johan Sylvan - PO Sundelin	1209,00		Obs 3	619
Mats Nilsländ - Björn Fallenius	1206,00		Obs 3	326
Anders Ljung - Krister Ahlesved	1202,02	4,022	Allsvenskan Div 2 0,5	306
Håkan Strääf - Jan-Erik Thomasson	1201,57	2,574	Allsvenskan Div 2 0,5	280
Olof Bergström - Mats Sjöberg	1201,19	1,188	Allsvenskan Div 2 0,5	448
Göran Pettersson - Tommy Jansson	1201,00		Västerås Guld	161
Anders Morath - Mårten Gustawsson	1200,00			
Magnus Eriksson - Ulf Nilsson	1200,00			
Johan Ebenius - Kaj Kokko	1200,00			
Ulf Nohrén - Stefan Haglund	1200,00			
Fredrik Nyström - Peter Strömberg	1200,00			
Bengt-Erik Efraimsson - Kenneth Borin	1200,00			
Hans Göthe - Lars Albertsson	1200,00			
Sven-Olov Flodqvist - Tomas Brenning	1200,00			
Nichlas Eliazohn - Magnus Melander	1200,00			
Lars Goldberg - Björn Wenneberg	1200,00			
Göran Gjerling - Jan Becklén	1198,00		Obs 3	590

KAMRATBAROMETERN

Peo och Johan har kommit in med ett systemknep, det renderar plus. Björn och Mats gjorde däremot inte det trots att de var uppmanade och de får därför minus.

Anders Ljung som gör vår ranking får 10% för det.

Fem A-par kom in med september.-scenariot i tid, +5%. Ett par gjorde det med en halv dags försening, 0%, och ett par först efter sex dagar och påminnelse, -5%. Flera B-par kom också in frivilligt, +5%.

		Ingående balans	Scenario 13 september	Systemknep Ranking	
Efrainsson	Borin	+40	+45	+45	
Sjöberg	Bergström	+40	+45	+45	
Ljung	Ahlesved	+30	+35	+45	
Haglund	Nohrén	+40	+40	+40	
Strääf	Thomasson	+35	+40	+40	
Sundelin	Sylvan	+30	+35	+40	
Gullberg	Andersson	+30	+35	+35	
Morath	Gustawsson	+30	+35	+35	
Eliazohn	Melander	+30	+30	+30	
Nyström	Strömberg	+25	+25	+25	
Eriksson	Nilsson	+20	+25	+25	
Petersson	Jansson	+20	+20	+20	
Gjerling	Becklén	+20	+20	+20	
Ebenius	Kokko	+20	+20	+20	
Goldberg	Magnusson	+15	+20	+20	
Nilsland	Fallenius	+20	+15	+10	
Lindkvist	Fredin	+00	+05	+05	
Flodqvist	Brenning	+00	+05	+05	
Göthe	Albertsson	+00	+00	+00	

**Kom ihåg: Jag begär inte att alla alltid ska klara av att göra allt i tid.
Vad jag begär är att om man ser att man inte klarar av något i tid så hör man av sig.**

MÅNADENS SCENARIO – 13 – SEPTEMBER

Septemberscenariot väckte sådant intresse och skrivklåda hos er att den bifogas denna bulletin som ett särskilt dokument.

Gissningsvis väcker oktoober scenariot motsvarande mindre hänryckning...

BUDTRÄNING

Som ni kommer ihåg från förra bulletinen går det hela ut på att definiera vad det sist avlagda budet i varje redovisad sekvens betyder. Denna gång sitter ni inte alltid NS.

Varje bud bör definieras med avseende på tre olika saker

- ◆ Styrka
- ◆ Fördelning
- ◆ Kravtempo

Detta är ingenting som ni ska redovisa utan något ni sköter själva.

Ett särskilt lösningsformulär följer efter frågorna.

Ni är som alltid välkomna med synpunkter på utformning, omfång etc.

ÖVNING 2 – KRING RD

Ingen i zonen. Det är antingen ni själva eller fi som redubblar. Alla fiendens RD visar styrka, häktande, om ej annat sägs.

Alla fiendens öppningar är naturliga om ej asteriskmärkta. Asteriskmärkta 1-öppningar visar 11-21 och minst tvåkorts färg.

PD Penalty double
SuppD Support double
T/O D Take out double
** Nat, NF

Obs fråga 10-15 är 5 uppgifter i en. Sekvensen inträffar fem gånger i ordningen

1. D = UD
2. D = **action-D med minst 2korts i vår färg**
3. D = trekorts-dubbling, dvs 3 kort i vår färg
4. D = SD
5. D = twoway, dvs antingen lång eller kort i vår färg, dubblarens partner ser på sina egna kort och avgör.

Om ni anser att ett problem inte går att svara på utan att ni får se era egna kort så får ni **multisvara** , ett svar per typ av kort ni själv kan ha.

	V	N	E	S		V	N	E	S
1	1♣	P	P	D	30	1♣ (16+)	1NT	PD	RD
	RD	P			31	1♥	P	4♣	PD
2	1♥	2♠	P	P		P	P	RD	
	D	RD	P		32	1♠	1NT	4♠	P
3	1♣*	D	RD	P		4NT	PD	RD	
4	1♣*	P	P	D	33	1♥	D	3♥	3NT
	RD	P				PD	RD		
5	1♣	P	3♣ PRE	D	34	1♥	D	3♥	3NT
	RD	P				PD	P	P	RD
6	3♣	P	P	D	35	1♥	D	P	1NT
	RD	P				P	P	PD	RD
7	P	1♥	3♣	D	36	1♥	D	P	1NT
	RD	P				PD	P	P	RD
8	1♣	1♠	2♥**	D	37	3♠	3NT	PD	RD
	RD	P			38	3♠	3NT	PD	P
9	1♣	2♠	3♥**	D		P	RD		
	RD	P			39	3♠	3NT	PD	4♣
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17	1♥	P	2♥	P	41	3♠	3NT	PD	P
	P	2♠	T/O D	P		P	4♦	PD	P
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18	1♥	2♠	T/O D	P	42	3♠	3NT	PD	P
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	P	2♠	PD	P	43	1♥	P	4♥	P
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	P	2♠	PD	RD	44	1♥	P	1NT	D
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	P	2♣	P	2♥		P	RD		
	P	P	PD	RD	45	1♥	P	1NT	D
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	P	P	PD	P		P	RD		
	P	RD			46	1♥	P	1NT	D
23	1NT	P	P	PD		P	2♦	PD	P
	P	P	RD			P	RD		
24	1NT	P	P	PD	47	1♥	D	P	1♠
	RD					2♥	D	P	2♠
25	1♥	1♠	T/O D	RD		P	3♣	PD	RD
26	1♥	2♠	T/O D	RD	48	3♣	P	6♣	6♦
27	1♥	3♠	T/O D	RD		P	P	PD	RD
28	1♥	4♠	T/O D	RD	49	1♥	P	1♠	2♦
29	1♥	2♣	2♠	3♣		SuppD	RD		

	P	3♥	PD	RD		50	2♠	D	RD	2NT
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SVARSFORMULÄR TILL ÖVNING 2

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KINA

Med Mickes hjälp har jag hittat bulletiner från Kina där just nu Lindkvist-Fredin är och spelar. Om jag förstått saken rätt fick de betala resan själva men uppehälle fick de av värdarna.

I skrivande stund är lagtävlingen avklarad. Jag klipper ur bulletinen.

The European Open team triumphed in both matches yesterday to win the Shenzhen Financial China Cup International Bridge Championship Open Teams. In the Women's event, the World Stars, second after the first round-robin, came through strongly on the final day to win the title.

The Open winners were an all-Scandinavian team "C four Danes and two Swedes. Here from Denmark are Jens Auken, vice president of the World Bridge Federation; Dennis Koch Palmund, Soren Christiansen and Morten Andersen. The Swedes, Magnus Lindkvist and Peter Fredin, were members of the Swedish team that qualified in Malta for the Bermuda Bowl in Bermuda next January.

The World Stars, a three-nation team from Denmark, France and Germany, all qualified in Malta for the Venice Cup in Bermuda. Kirsten Moller and Sabine Auken are from Denmark (although Sabine, a native of Germany, has always represented Germany in World Bridge Federation events). Sylvie Willard and Benedicte Cronier are the French representatives. And from Germany came Barbara Stawowy and Katrin Farwig.

Who was the captain of Europe's Open Teams victors? None other than Steen Moller of Denmark. Who was the captain of the World Stars Women's Teams champions? None other than Steen Moller of Denmark. What an amazing feat to captain TWO teams to championships at the same time. That means of course that there were two husband-wife combinations among the winners the Aukens and the Mollers.

North America, last going into the final Open match, scored a 21-9 victory over China, enough to climb to second place. Playing for North America were three Canadians Fred Gitelman, Eric Kokish and George Mittelman and two Americans George Jacobs and Ralph Katz. They climbed past the World Stars who had a chance to win the title if they could beat Europe by enough. But it was Europe that was the big winner, pushing the World Stars down to third place.

Europe led most of the way in the Women's event, but they faded on the final day while the World Stars came on strong. Only 3 Victory Points separated them going into the final match, but the World Stars scored a solid victory. Playing for Europe were Jet Pasman and Anneke Simons of the Netherlands and Gabriella Olivieri and Gianna Arrigoni of Italy.

Players from 11 countries competed in the China Cup -- China, United States, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, France, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Denmark.

Final China Cup Teams standings

Open Teams		Women's Teams	
Europe	103	World Stars	106
North America	88	Europe	93
World Stars	86	China	87
China	83	North America	

Prize money awards for teams

Ranking	Open	Women's
First	\$18,000	\$13,000
Second	7,000	6,000
Third	5,000	4,000
Fourth	3,000	2,000

Vi hade ju viss diskussion om sponsring till Magnus och Peter innan de for iväg. Av allt att döma får de \$6.000 i prispengar för lagtävlingen och därmed är hela den sponsring de fick av landslagskassan återbetalningspliktig. Men en fördel med den uppkomna situationen blev att vi fick chansen att reda ut en del oklarheter kring sponsring.

I torsdags- och fredagsbulletinerna hittade jag omfattande rapporter från två matcher som svenskarna varit med och spelade.

Round 4 Europe vs. North America

Europe, leader in the Open event after the first round-robin, faced North America in the first match of the second round-robin. The Europeans got off to a fast start when they pushed the North Americans one level too high before doubling.

Board 1. Dealer North. None vul.

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	C Q 10 8 2	
S Q J 7 6		S A K 10 9 8 3
H A 5		H J 10 8 3
D Q J 9 8 5		D K 3 2
C J 6		C --
	S 5 2	
	H Q 7 6 4	
	D --	
	C A K 9 7 5 4 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersen	Katz	Christiansen	Jacobs
	Pass	1S	2C
3C	5C	5S	6C
Dbl	All Pass		

This was a highly competitive deal at all tables. Soren Christiansen correctly figured that (1) 5C had a good chance of succeeding, and (2) 5S could not be badly hurt and might even make. His bid of 5S would have been successful he would lose only one heart and one diamond. South can never get a diamond ruff there's no way to get to North. Even a club underlead fails because East is void in clubs. George Jacobs realized that 5S had excellent chances and he felt 6C might even have chances, so he bid it another correct action. Morten Andersen figured things had gone far enough he doubled. The defense took their two major suit aces to score a one-trick defeat plus 100 to Europe.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kokish	Lindkvist	Mittelman	Fredin
	Pass	1S	2C
3C	3S	4S	5C
Dbl	All Pass		

Once again the auction got to the high levels fast. However, Eric Kokish doubled one round too soon, and Europe scored up their doubled game for a 12-IMP gain.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both vul.

S 6 4
H Q J 4

	D J 10 8 7	
	C Q 6 3 2	
S J 10 5		S K Q 9 3 2
H A K 5 3		H 9 7
D A Q 9 5 4		D 2
C 4		C K 10 9 8 7
	S A 8 7	
	H 10 8 6 2	
	D K 6 3	
	C A J 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersen	Katz	Christiansen	Jacobs
		Pass	1C
Dbl	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Jacobs found the killing opening lead here -- he started with a low spade. Christiansen had to go after club ruffs and hope, but Jacobs won the first club with his ace and quickly led the ace and another spade. Declarer was able to set up a long diamond for his ninth trick, but he could get no club ruffs so had to settle for down one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kokish	Lindkvist	Mittelman	Fredin
		Pass	1C
Pass	Pass	4S	All Pass

Peter Fredin led a heart, and George Mittelman, the declarer, was in control. He led a club to Fredin's ace, and of course Fredin cashed the SA and continued with a second spade. But Mittelman was able to score one club ruff to go with his other nine tricks, and North America gained 12 IMPs.

Katz and Jacobs picked up a slam swing on Board 16.
Board 16. Dealer West. E/W vul.

	S A 8 5 2	
	H Q	
	D J 9 2	
	C K J 9 7 2	
S J 6		S K Q 10 7 4 3
H K J 9 8 5 2		H 7 6 4 3
D 7 4		D K 10 5
C Q 8 5		C --
	S 9	
	H A 10	
	D A Q 8 6 3	
	C A 10 6 4 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersen	Katz	Christiansen	Jacobs
Pass	1C	1S	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4D
Pass	4H	Pass	4NT
Pass	5S	Pass	5NT
Pass	6C	All Pass	

Jacobs' spade splinter bid made Katz's hand more appealing. When Katz was able to repeat clubs, Jacobs first cuebid in diamonds, then went into Blackwood. In the play, Katz of course took the right

view in the trump suit West was far more likely to have three trumps than East, considering that East had overcalled in spades. Katz lost only a diamond trick for plus 920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kokish	Lindkvist	Mittelman	Fredin
Pass	Pass	2S	3D
Pass	3NT	Pass	4C
Pass	4H	Pass	5C
All Pass			

The major difference here was that Magnus Lindkvist didn't consider his hand worth opening. Mittelman added to the Swedes' problems by usurping bidding space with his weak two-bid in spades. Lindkvist and Fredin found their correct fit, but they stopped in game. Fredin took all 13 tricks, but that still was a 10-IMP loss.

Aggressive bidding paid off with another gain for the Americans on Board 36.
Board 36. Dealer West. Both vul.

	S 7 4 3		
	H A 8		
	D Q 10 9 8 3		
	C 6 5 2		
S J		S A K Q 6 2	
H K 3		H 10 5 4 2	
D K 6 5 4 2		D 7	
C K 8 7 4 3		C A 10 9	
	S 10 9 8 5		
	H Q J 9 7 6		
	D A J		
	C Q J		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Katz	Palmund	Jacobs
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3C	All Pass

Dennis Palmund decided to bid out his pattern over the notrump bids, and Jens Auken felt he had nothing in reserve over 3C. The diamond suit looked especially weak since Palmund had indicated a singleton in that suit. Palmund made his contract with an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mittelman	Lindkvist	Kokish	Fredin
Pass	Pass	1S	Pass
1NT	Pass	2H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Kokish knew Mittelman probably had length in both minors and a reasonable assortment of high cards, so he bid the game. Lindkvist led a diamond to Fredin's ace, and Fredin shifted to hearts. His problem was which heart to lead the queen or a low one. With the cards placed as they actually were, he would have been far better off leading the queen. But there are many layouts where a low heart would be the right switch. Even with the queen switch, however, Mittelman would have survived here.

As it was, Lindkvist won his ace, and that was the end for the defense. When Lindqvist led a second heart to Mittelman's king, declarer was home. That SJ was worth its weight in gold it enabled Mittelman to run the spades. That plus the top clubs and the two red kings that were now good gave him nine tricks. Of course he wound up with 11 tricks when the Q-J of clubs fell doubleton. 11 IMPs to North America.

It was Europe's turn on Board 39.
Board 39. Dealer South. Both vul.

	S 10 8 6 5 4	
	H Q 9 4	
	D 5	
	C J 7 4 2	
S A K J		S 9 7 3 2
H A K 5		H J 8 3 2
D Q J 10		D A 8 7 3
C 10 8 6 5		C A
	S Q	
	H 10 7 6	
	D K 9 6 4 2	
	C K Q 9 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Katz	Palmund	Jacobs
1C	Pass	1D	Pass
2NT	Pass	3H	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Auken won the opening spade lead and took the losing diamond finesse. Jacobs accurately switched to a club, knocking out the ace. Auken came to his SA and cashed the DJ-10. His ninth trick, the DA, was in dummy, but there was no quick way to get there. He led a club to North's jack, and Katz got it wrong he led a heart. That gave Auken his entry to dummy and he had 10 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mittelman	Lindkvist	Kokish	Fredin
1C	Pass	1H	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The play here was almost identical for the first five tricks. Then Mittelman cashed his HA, SJ and D10 before getting out with a club to North's jack. When Lindkvist led another club, Fredin took his top clubs and led a heart. Mittelman had to go down one for a 12-IMP loss. Auken suffered a 200-point set on Board 42, but Europe still gained 12 IMPs.

Board 42. Dealer East. Both vul.

	S A Q 10 6	
	H 5	
	D K 10 4	
	C K Q 10 6 5	
S K J 3 2		S 9 8 7 5 4
H --		H A K 6 4 3 2
D A 9 6 3 2		D 8
C A J 9 3		C 7
	S --	
	H Q J 10 9 8 7	
	D Q J 7 5	
	C 8 4 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
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Auken	Katz	Palmund	Jacobs
2NT	Pass	2D	Pass
4S	Dbl	4H	Pass
		All Pass	

Palmund's 2D bid showed a weak major two-suiter at least four in each suit. 4S was beaten one trick. North made all four of his trumps, the 6 on a heart ruff and the rest on power.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mittelman	Lindkvist	Kokish	Fredin
		Pass	Pass
1D	2S	3H	Dbl
All Pass			

Kokish decided to bid his good heart suit after Mittelman opened 1D. Kokish certainly never expected to lose FOUR trump tricks. The spades were bad also, so he went down 800-point 12 IMPs.

A preempt cost the North Americans another 11 IMPs two boards later.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S vul.

	S 9 5 4 2	
	H K 10 9	
	D K J 10 3	
	C A K	
S J 10		S Q 8 3
H 8 6 2		H A J 7 5 4
D A Q 9 8 6 2		D 7 5
C 9 3		C 10 8 5
	S A K 7 6	
	H Q 3	
	D 4	
	C Q J 7 6 4 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Katz	Palmund	Jacobs
3D	Pass	Pass	Pass

Katz was stuck for a bid. He didn't have enough to come in with 3NT despite his strength in the Opponents' suit. He had to hope his partner would reopen with a double - he would be happy to pass for penalties. Jacobs was not willing to come in at the four level with such a broken suit. So Auken wound up playing 3D, going down three tricks but that was only minus 150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mittelman	Lindkvist	Kokish	Fredin
2D	Pass	Pass	3C
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Lindkvist also hoped his partner would double, but it was easier for Fredin to come into the bidding with his bad clubs he had the three level available to him. Then it was easy for Lindkvist to bid the notrump game. He wound up with 11 tricks after Mittelman opened with the DA.

The swings were about equal in this match, with North America having a slight edge for a 16-14 victory over the front-runners.

Match 6 -- Europe vs. World Stars

Europe had a big edge over the World Stars as they entered the second half of their final match. The World Stars got some of it back on Board 36.

Board 36. Dealer West. Both vul.

	S J 10 8 7 5		
	H K J 9 6 3		
	D A 6 2		
	C --		
S K 9 4 3 H Q 5 4 D 8 7 3 C K J 5			S Q 6 H 7 D K Q 5 4 C Q 10 9 8 4 2
	S A 2		
	H A 10 8 2		
	D J 10 9		
	C A 7 6 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shugart	Lindkvist	Robson	Fredin
Pass	Pass	3C	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Andrew Robson, East, had a reasonable hand. However, his partner had already passed and most of his strength was in the minors. Chances for game seemed non-existent, so he decided to put the pressure on he preempted with 3C. Magnus Lindkvist reopened with a double in the pass-out seat, and Peter Fredin, with excellent defensive values, decided to pass.

At first glance it appears that Robson may make his contract, losing just the four aces. We can see that diamonds are going to split, but Robson did not know that. Fredin's opening diamond lead went to partner's ace, and Robson ruffed the diamond continuation. Fredin ducked when Robson played the C8, and Robson shifted to a spade. Fredin rose with the ace as North dropped the jack, showing nothing higher in the suit. Fredin led his other spade to Robson's queen.

Robson shifted back to trumps here and Fredin took his ace, Robson unblocking the king from dummy. Fredin cashed the HA and led another heart, Robson ruffing. Robson then crossed to dummy with the trump jack to lead the SK, on which he pitched his low diamond. He hoped Fredin had another spade, but of course Fredin ruffed in to set the contract one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Helgemo	Palmund	Forrester
Pass	Pass	Pass	1C
Pass	1S	Pass	1NT
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Dennis Koch-Palmund did not preempt, and that opened the way for the World Stars to have a constructive auction. Geir Helgemo showed his spades and then jumped in hearts, making it easy for Tony Forrester to contract for the heart game. When Palmund led the DK, that solved the problem in that suit, so Helgemo lost only a spade, a diamond and a trump for a 9-IMP pickup. If Robson had made 3C doubled, the gain would have been 15 IMPs.

However, the World Stars lost all this and more on the very next board.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S vul.

	S --		
	H K Q 10 7 5		
	D A K J 9 8 7 6		
	C 9		
S J 8 6 3 2 H A 9 4 2 D Q 4 2 C A			S A Q 10 5 4 H J 6 D 10 5 C K Q J 5

S K 9 7
 H 8 3
 D 3
 C 10 8 7 6 4 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shugart	Lindkvist	Robson	Fredin
	1D	1S	Pass
2NT	4H	4S	Pass
Pass	5D	All Pass	

Lindkvist took a two-way shot when he bid the diamond game it might make, and it might be a good save against 4S. The opening diamond lead cleared up the trump situation, but Lindkvist still had to go down one, losing two hearts as well as a club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Helgemo	Palmund	Forrester
	1D	1S	Pass
4S	4NT	Pass	5C
Pass	5D	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	5H
Dbl	Pass	Pass	6C
Dbl	6H	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Helgemo arrived in the same diamond contract after Jens Auken leaped to 4S. But when Auken doubled, Forrester ran. Auken doubled everything from this point on, and the World Stars finally came to rest in a bad heart slam.

Auken began with the CA, then shifted to a spade when Palmund followed with the CK. Forrester pitched a diamond so Palmund took his ace. Next came the CQ, ruffed in dummy as Auken sluffed a spade. Forrester cashed dummy's top diamonds, but East ruffed the third diamond with the jack. Forrester won the spade return with the king and ruffed a spade. He called for another diamond which was ruffed with the 6, 8 and 9. Auken, who exited with a trump, still had to win two more tricks. When he took his trump ace, he would lead his last spade, forcing declarer to use his last trump. Auken still would have one trump remaining to set the contract five tricks.

Auken actually showed his cards with four tricks to go, and Forrester conceded down five. That was minus 1400 which translated to 16 IMPs for Europe. Time was running out for the World Stars only 11 boards left.

Board 42 had its points of interest.

Board 42. Dealer East. Both vul.

	S 2	
	H A 9 4	
	D A J 10 8 6 5 3 2	
	C Q	
S J 10		S 9 7 6 5 4 3
H K Q J 2		H 3
D --		D K Q 9 7
C A J 9 8 7 4 2		C 6 5
	S A K Q 8	
	H 10 8 7 6 5	
	D 4	
	C K 10 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shugart	Lindkvist	Robson	Fredin

3C	3D	Pass	1H
Pass	4H	Pass	3NT
		All Pass	

Lindkvist actually suffered a one-trick defeat here when he cashed the trump ace and wound up losing three trumps and a club. Rita Shugart started with the CA and continued the suit, declarer sluffing his spade. He ruffed dummy's low spade and cashed the HA. Finis.

What if Lindkvist had taken a different view and led a trump at trick three? Shugart would have to split and the ace would win. Continue with the H9 to the queen, and West probably will shift to a club. Declarer wins the king and leads another trump to drive out the king. He ruffs the club return and draws the last trump. This squeezes East he can't hold four spades and two diamonds, so the contract would be made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Helgemo	Palmund	Forrester
		Pass	1H
2C	2D	Pass	2NT
3C	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4C	Pass	4H
Pass	4NT	Pass	5D
All Pass			

With normal breaks 5D would be a fine contract; declarer would lose only a club and a trump. But with all four trumps stacked behind declarer, there was no chance Helgemo had to go down two tricks for a 3-IMP loss.

Both teams missed their chance for a major gain when they failed to bid what looks like an easy slam on the next deal.

Neither E/W pair even made a move toward slam. 6H requires a successful spade finesse but little else; the diamond loser can be sluffed on the third spade.

Several pairs in other matches arrived at the slam.

Board 43. Dealer South. None vul.

	S 5 3	
	H 9	
	D K 8 6 5 3	
	C A 9 7 4 2	
S A Q J		S 8 6
H A 10 8 4		H K Q J 3 2
D J 10 7 2		D A 4
C 8 5		C K Q J 3
	S K 10 9 7 4 2	
	H 7 6 5	
	D Q 9	
	C 10 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shugart	Lindkvist	Robson	Fredin
			2S
Pass	Pass	3H	Pass
4H	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Helgemo	Palmund	Forrester
		2D	Multi
Dbl	Redbl	Pass	Pass

2H Pass 4C Pass
 4H All Pass

On Board 46, one N/S pair failed to get to the heart game; in fact they didn't even get into the bidding. The other N/S pair found the game, but E/W took a good save only to lose IMPs on the board. Board 46. Dealer East. None vul.

	S Q 9 6 2	
	H Q 10 5	
	D A Q J 7 6	
	C 2	
S A 8 7 3		S 5 4
H A 6		H 8 7 2
D 10 9 2		D 5 4
C 9 7 6 5		C A K Q J 8 4
	S K J 10	
	H K J 9 4 3	
	D K 8 3	
	C 10 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shugart	Lindkvist	Robson	Fredin
		1NT	Pass
2C	Pass	2D	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

Robson's opening 1NT certainly was a bit off-center, but it worked; it crowded the Swedish stars right out of the bidding. Fredin led the H9, and Robson immediately claimed eight tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Helgemo	Palmund	Forrester
		Pass	1H
Pass	2D	3C	Pass
4C	4H	5C	DbI
All Pass			

Palmund and Robson sure had different views about that East hand; Palmund passed. That opened the way for Forrester to start with 1H, making it easy for the World Stars to get to the heart game. Palmund brought his club suit into the picture on the next round, and of course Auken raised with four trumps and two aces. That induced Palmund to save in 5C, which went down only two tricks while 4H was cold the other way. But that was 9 IMPs to the World Stars. Europe made sure of the championship on the next hand.

Board 47. Dealer South. N/S vul.

	S 9 7 6 4	
	H A Q 9 4	
	D K 8 6	
	C A K	
S Q J 3 2		S A K 8 5
H J 10 6		H 8 7 3 2
D 4 3		D 2
C Q 8 7 4		C J 10 6 5
	S 10	
	H K 5	
	D A Q J 10 9 7 5	
	C 9 3 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
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Shugart	Lindkvist	Robson	Fredin
Pass	1NT	2S	1D
3S	4D	Pass	3D
Pass	5C	Pass	4S
Pass	6D	All Pass	5D

This was an excellent slam. The defense took the opening trick with a spade, but Fredin then claimed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Auken	Helgemo	Palmund	Forrester
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3D

Sometimes preempts such as this work, sometimes they don't. This certainly is one time when it didn't. Of course Forrester knew he needed some kind of swing to have a reasonable chance to win the championship, so he wasn't looking for just a normal result. Helgemo certainly had no reason to go looking for a slam; with his fit in diamonds he bid 3NT. Actually 3NT was dangerous territory; if the spades had been 5-3 instead of 4-4, the notrump game would have gone down on a hand where a slam was cold.

That was 13 IMPs and the China Cup championship for Europe.

INTERNET-MÄSTERSKAPET

Också ur den kinesiska bulletinen klipper jag om Internetmästerskapen där det svenska laget Lindkvist-Fredin, Nilsson-Lindberg och Magnusson-Eliasson fick stryk av rumänerna i kvartsfinalen för Europa (om jag kommer ihåg rätt). Nu är det klart för världsfinal!

U.S. vs. Russia

Once again it's a battle between Europe and North America for a world championship. This time Russia will oppose the United States for the first Internet World Bridge Championship. They are the only survivors from an original field of 172 teams from 33 countries. They will compete for the \$10,000 prize in a 48-deal match on Nov. 18 in Boston.

This tournament is different. No player has seen any of his opponents. During the matches no player has even seen his partner. And never has any player touched a card!

All play is on the OKbridge network. Each player sits at his own computer in his home, bidding and playing the hands that show up on his screen. The computer does everything else: produces and displays the hand, shows all the bids and plays, keeps score, etc.

Both finalists have players who have passed the test of top-flight world competition. In fact the Russian team is the same squad that advanced all the way to the quarterfinals in the 1996 World Team Olympiad. The team, all world masters in the World Bridge Federation, consists of Alexander Petrunin, Youri Khiouppenen, Vadim Kholomeev and Andrew Gromov. Petrunin and Khiouppenen have finished second and third in the European Juniors Teams. Petrunin and Kholomeev were eighth in the North American Life Master Pairs last July. Khiouppenen and Gromov placed third overall in the 1998 North American Summer IMP Pairs.

The United States team includes many-time world champions Paul Soloway and Eric Rodwell, acknowledged worldwide as two of the best players in the world. Other members of the American team are Marty Seligman, Doug Simson, John Schuler and Michael Crawford.

Soloway has earned more masterpoints: 52,000+ -- than any other member of the American Contract Bridge League. He has won four Bermuda Bowls and 30 North American championships. Rodwell, second behind Bob Hamman in WBF rankings, also has four world championships and 30 NABC victories to his credit. Simson, who has won three North American titles, has placed in the overall twice in the World Open Pairs. Seligman, who finished second in America's Blue Ribbon Pairs a year ago, has won more than 50 regional titles. Schuler and Crawford, outstanding rubber bridge players, play primarily on OKbridge.

The final in Boston will be the climax of a tournament that started back in the spring. The 172-team field was divided into eight zones, and competition within zones left the field with eight survivors. In the quarterfinals, the United States defeated China, Russia eliminated India, Canada stopped Argentina and New Zealand toppled Colombia.

The final will take place just before the start of the American Contract Bridge League's Fall North American Championships.

Russia had no problem defeating Canada in their semifinal, but the Americans had to come from behind to overcome New Zealand. New Zealand took a 6-point lead after the first 16 deals of the 48-deal match. The Americans then turned it around in the next segment, outscoring their foes, 50-11. New Zealand made a mild comeback over the third set, but it was too little too late -- the United States won, 114-88.

China won the Far East competition but was unlucky in the draw, facing and losing to the United States in the quarterfinal. Playing for China were Jun Ji, Bang Xiang Zhang, Shi Dong Li, Shui Nu Huang, Wan Fang Mu and Ya Nong Han.

Jun Ji, a Chinese bridge master, represented Anhui province in the China Bridge Championships.

Bang Xiang Zhang finished second in the Far East Junior Bridge Championship. Shi Dong Li represented Guangdong province in the China Bridge Championships. Shui Nu Huang, a Chinese bridge master, also represented Guangdong province in the China Bridge Championships. Wan Feng Mou actually played all his hands from his home in Atlanta, Georgia. Ya Nong Han, the team captain, represented Anhui province in the China Bridge Championships. Han also played his bridge in the United States; Bozeman, Montana. The other four played in their homes in China.

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