

COPENHAGEN BRIDGE INVITATIONAL IV



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And the winners are..



After a thriller finish Vincent Demuy and Tom Hanlon emerged as winners of the 2017 Copenhagen Bridge Invitational ahead of the magnificent Rimstedt twins.

Ahead by 184 points going into the last 8 boards, Demuy-Hanlon were clear favourites. However the final margin was as little as 6imps!

Tom Hanlon played the event four times with 4 different partners, however having run out of partners in Europe, he had to look across the Atlantic. It is the first time they ever played together - but not the last since they will of course have to come back in 2019 to defend their title!

Winners of the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs are Børre Lund-Jørgen Molberg ahead of Ole Fuglestad-Øyvind Saur. The Norwegians were dominating the event and threaten to return with an even larger army in 2019.

It has been an undescrivable pleasure! We hope to see you all in 2019!



Hit Man

By Mark Horton

Apart from Hans Christian Andersen, who is the most famous man in Denmark? I am reliably informed it is Mads Mikkelsen (by the way he is the complete opposite of hygge) the star of the TV series Hannibal, the Bond villain who wept blood in Casino Royale, Kaecilius in Doctor Strange, and Galen Erso in Rogue One: A Star Wars Story. He came to acting relatively late, when he was almost 30, after a youth in gymnastics and dance. His elder brother Lars has starred in The Killing and House of Cards. In a recent interview Mads revealed he has no plans for 2017 yet. They are unlikely to include a venture into Scandi noir, the genre that has come to define Denmark. His reaction to being asked about The Killing was to talk about the huge number of suspects - 'He did it, they did it. No, it's the dog who did it. No, it's the dog's wife's mother. It's like a Monty Python sketch'. His ambition is always the project he is working on - which is definitely the right approach when playing bridge.

This is what happened in Round 13:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Cullin	Quantin	Bertheau
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

- 2♣ 5/6major, 4+♣, 11-15 (excluding 2M+1) or 16+, modified Haxan Gazzilli
- 2♦ 8(9) game forcing opposite 16+
- 3♠ 16+ 6+♠, 0-2♥
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4♥ Cue bid
- 5♦ Cue bid

East led the seven of hearts and declarer put in the queen. West took the king and after a few moments thought returned a heart into the tenace - the only way to defeat the contract. Declarer won and took his only shot by playing a club to the jack, hoping to the ♣KQ or a doubleton honour inside. No luck, one down, -50. It cost 97 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
Björg	Werdelin	Thomsen	Pedersen
—	4♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

4♦ with a side ace and a void - you don't see that too often. It avoided any danger and declarer finished with ten tricks, ruffing the diamond lead, drawing trumps and playing a heart to the queen. -420 gave EW 4 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ J ♥ 8 6 ♦ 6 5 3 2 ♣ K 9 6 5 4 3</p> <p>♠ K 9 5 ♥ Q J 10 7 5 ♦ A J 8 ♣ Q 7</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 ♥ A 9 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 4 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ A Q 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ K 4 ♦ — ♣ J 10 8 2</p>
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	West	North	East	South
	Lorenzini	Cullin	Quantin	
Bertheau				
	1♥	Pass	2♦	3♠
	Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the jack of spades and South won with the ace, returned the seven for North to ruff, ruffed the three of diamonds and played the six of spades. North pitched the three of clubs and declarer played the queen of hearts, putting up dummy's ace for +620 and 63 IMPs.

You will have spotted that a speculative Lightner double (make that very speculative) would have defeated the contract (assuming North leads a diamond). Two NS pairs were +200 earning 74 IMPs.

	West	North	East	South
	Bjørg	Werdelin	Thomsen	
Pedersen				
	1♥	Pass	2NT*	4♠
	Pass	Pass	5♣*	Pass
	5♥	All Pass		

North led the jack of spades and South won with the ace and returned the four for North to ruff. In due course the king of hearts was the setting trick, -100 and 54 IMPs.

Suppose West doubles 4♠ and East sits for it (unlikely to be sure). On a heart lead East must win, cash the ace of clubs and can then play any card to beat 4♠.



Dror Padon

So, on to the last day - 48 deals to save the world.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 3 ♥ A K 8 ♦ 10 9 5 2 ♣ Q J 7 5</p> <p>♠ K 10 8 4 2 ♥ — ♦ A K Q 6 ♣ 9 8 6 3</p>	<p>♠ A 7 5 ♥ Q J 9 6 5 4 2 ♦ — ♣ A 10 2</p> <p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ J 8 7 4 3 ♣ K 4</p>
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	West	North	East	South
	Padon	Helness	Birman	Helgemo
	—	Pass	1♥	Pass
	1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
	2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
	2NT	Pass	4♥*	Pass
	4♠	All Pass		

2♣	Gazzilli
2♦	8+
2♠	3 spades, game forcing
4♥	7 hearts

North led the queen of clubs and declarer took dummy's ace, cashed the ace of spades, ruffed a heart, pitched two clubs and a heart on diamonds, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart and had eleven tricks, +450 and 10 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Hanlon	M Rimstedt	Demuy
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

East's 3♥ may look aggressive, but it is limited because of the failure rebid an artificial 2♣ East was limited. Even so, I prefer the auction at the other table, as here East appears to be guessing how many spades West has.

North led the jack of clubs and the play was on similar lines, although here declarer did not bother with a round of trumps, eventually ruffing a club with the ace of spades, the same +450.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Padon	Helness	Birman	Helgemo
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	2♥	2♠
All Pass			

West led the seven of diamonds and declarer won with the jack and continued with two more diamonds, East ruffing the third with the four of spades and declarer overruffing with the eight. Now declarer

made the natural looking play of a spade to the ace, but it turned out be a fatal move (best is to duck a round of spades - if East switches to a club you must go up with the ace and can then play a spade to the ace followed by dummy's diamonds). The problem was that East ruffed the diamond that followed with the king of spades and switched to a heart after which the defenders had to score six tricks, +100 and a useful 42 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Hanlon	M Rimstedt	Demuy
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 2♣ Stayman
- 2♦ No major

East led the three of clubs and West won with the king and returned the two, declarer winning with the ace and playing a low heart. West went in with the queen and switched to a diamond. Declarer could win and play a heart, taking a spade, a heart, five diamonds and two clubs, +600, collecting 82 IMPs.

Having won with the queen of hearts, West must switch to a spade, putting the defenders one step ahead.

At double dummy, declarer can put up dummy's ace of clubs at trick one, cash five diamonds and then duck a club to West. Obvious.

The more relevant point is what happens if South is declarer?

To defeat 3NT, West must lead a diamond. Say declarer wins in hand and plays a spade. West must put in the ten to prevent declarer ducking the trick to East. If declarer ducks, West must switch to the queen of hearts (or, in your dreams, the king of clubs!).

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Padon	Helness	Birman	Helgemo
—	1♣	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

West led the queen of hearts and declarer ruffed and played a spade to the king and ace. East cashed the king of diamonds and continued with the ace, declarer ruffing, cashing the queen of spades and claiming, +650, worth 47 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Hanlon	M Rimstedt	Demuy
—	1♣	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	Pass
6♦	Dble	All Pass	

South led the four of clubs and North took two tricks in the suit and switched to the king of spades. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, crossed to the queen and ran the queen of hearts, ten tricks, two down, -300 pocketing the brothers 23 IMPs. South had followed to the second club with the two - if North reads the position and



switches to a low heart the defenders get an extra trick.

However, this vital match went the way of Hanlon-Demuy who won by 102 IMPs to go back to the top of the table.

Round 15

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Lindqvist	Hanlon	Brogeland
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

East led the two of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ten, played a heart to the queen, cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart (East pitching the four of spades) and eventually came to eight tricks by ruffing a second heart with the ace of clubs, +90 and 13 IMPs.



Tom Hanlon

West	North	East	South
Welland	M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

2♣ 4+ ♣ 11-14 or 15+ any

According to the BBO operator North showed 1-5-3-4 and 15-17 points. System guru Al Hollander thought 2NT showed 0-2 spades. West doubled for a spade lead and East led the six for the ten and jack. West switched to the eight of diamonds and East won with the jack and played her remaining spade, West winning with the nine as declarer parted with the three of hearts. At this point cashing the ace of spades followed by the ace of diamonds (or perhaps better the other way round) is four down, but West switched to the five of hearts, and declarer could put in the queen, get to dummy with a club and repeat the heart finesse, seven tricks, two down, -300 and a loss of 76 IMPs.

The Director was called - the BBO operator said that West had been told that North was 1-5-4-3, not 1-5-3-4, but so far I have not heard of any adjustment.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Lindqvist	Hanlon	Brogeland
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West started with three rounds of diamonds and declarer ruffed with dummy's queen of spades, cashed the ace of clubs, played a heart to the queen, ruffed a diamond high, cashed two hearts pitching clubs, and ruffed a club. West overruffed and played a diamond ruffed by East with the nine and overruffed by declarer who exited with the seven of spades, +110 to lose an IMP.

West	North	East	South
Welland	M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ace of diamonds and switched to the five of spades, declarer winning with dummy's queen, cashing the ace of spades and playing the queen of diamonds, dropping a deceptive (but mistaken) ten from his hand. West won and switched to the jack of hearts. Declarer won with the queen, played the three of clubs for the king and ace, cashed dummy's top hearts and played a club. East took the queen, and

unable to cash the ten of hearts (declarer would pitch the ♣J) she returned a club. However, that forced West to pitch a spade and after winning with the jack declarer could exit with the jack of spades to force West to lead into the diamond tenace. A brilliant piece of play, worth 65 IMPs, but why was the ♦10 an error? If West exits with the ♣K instead of a heart declarer cannot do it as only has one certain diamond winner. With the ♦J10 left declarer wins the ♣A comes to hand with a heart, cashes a diamond and exits with a club. East wins and plays a heart for the jack and ace, but declarer has nine tricks. However, without the ten of diamonds, East can simply return a club after winning with the queen.

The swingy deals continued - The twins doubled 2♠ and found they couldn't defeat it - they dropped IMPs for -470 and 85 IMPs.

They Auken-Welland could not bid ♠A93 ♥J105 ♦AK864 ♣109 opposite ♠74 ♥AQ976 ♦73 ♣A732 to game and with the doubleton ♥K onside and diamonds 3-3 they dropped 52 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 8 5 2 ♥ A J 10 8 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ Q J 9 4 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ J 10 9 7</p>
<p>♠ 7 ♥ K ♦ A Q 9 7 6 3 ♣ A K Q 8 5</p>	<p>♠ A 6 3 ♥ Q 6 5 4 ♦ J 5 2 ♣ 4 3 2</p>

	West	North	East	South
	Demuy	Lindqvist	Hanlon	Brogeland
	—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	—	2♦*	Pass	3♣*
5♣	—	All Pass	—	—
2♦	Majors			
3♣	Invitational with hearts			

The defenders got their aces, but that was -400 and 22 IMPs.

	West	North	East	South
	Welland	M Rimstedt	Auken	O Rimstedt
	—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	—	2♦*	Pass	4♥
5♣	—	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	—	Pass	6♣	Dble
	All Pass			

2♦ Majors

North led the ace of hearts and when South followed with the queen he switched to the two of spades, +100 picking up 88 IMPs.

Round 16

Board 22. Dealer East. EWWul.

<p>♠ 10 8 7 3 2 ♥ A 10 9 8 5 ♦ J 7 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ A K J 9 6 ♥ 7 ♦ K Q 10 5 3 ♣ J 6</p>
<p>♠ Q 5 4 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ 9 8 4 3</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ K Q J 2 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ K Q 10 7 5 2</p>

	West	North	East	South
	Brogeland	Auken	Lindqvist	Welland
	—	—	1♠	2♣
Pass	—	2♥	Pass	3♠*
Dble	—	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	—	5♣*	Pass	6♥
	All Pass			

3♠ Optional Keycard Blackwood for hearts

4♥ 2 key cards + ♥Q (but there was some confusion because of West's double)

Worried that there had been a misunderstanding, South tried 4NT, intending it to be Blackwood, but as he was unsure about the location of the ace of clubs he could not do more than bid 6♥. That cost 11 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Upmark	Helness	Nyström
—	—	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♥	3♦	3♠*
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

3♠ Good hand for hearts
 Rdbl Perhaps intended to show first round spade control
 4♦ Cue bid

You can see South's problem - he thought North had wasted values in spades after his 3NT. Even so, I would have been tempted to bid 4♠ over 4♥. It did not take declarer long to claim all the tricks, +510 to lose 89 IMPs.

Four pairs hit the target to score 75 IMPs.

Round 17

For the second successive round the deals were relatively quiet - this was the only one of more than passing interest.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Bertheau	Hanlon	Cullin
4♠	All Pass		

North led the queen of clubs and South took the ace and played two rounds of diamonds. Declarer won in dummy, played a spade to the ten and jack followed by a low spade, one down, -100, just a 1 IMP swing.

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	O Rimstedt	Werdelin	M Rimstedt
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed and played the seven of diamonds to the queen and ace. When South returned a diamond, neglecting to cash the ace of clubs, declarer could win in dummy, pitch a club on the king of hearts and play a spade, +620 worth 111 IMPs.

Would you consider bidding 5♣ over 4♠ with the South hand? Suppose West leads a diamond? You win, and if you are a believer in the Rabbi's Rule, you cash the ace of clubs. That is followed by the ace of spades, a spade ruff, a club to hand, a spade ruff and a diamond exit. Whoever wins is end-played and you make twelve tricks! The pair who bid 5♣ collected 103 IMPs.

Round 18

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Quantin	Hanlon	Lorenzini
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Once North's suit had been supported, the value of his hand increased significantly - his fifth heart was now worth about an extra king, he had a fit in clubs, and a singleton.

East led his club and declarer won in hand with the ace, played the ten of hearts to the ace, a heart to the queen and a club. East could ruff, but after that there were only two more tricks for the defence, +620.

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bertheau	Auken	Cullin
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

It should not surprise you that the auction and result were repeated, +620, 34 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Quantin	Hanlon	Lorenzini
—	—	—	1♣
Dble	Rdbl	1♥	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East found the killing lead, the nine of diamonds. Declarer went up with dummy's ace, played the queen of spades and when it held he followed it with the jack of hearts. If West takes this his must score a trick in each suit, but he ducked and declarer won with the king. The winning line now is to play a club to the nine, but understandably declarer ruffed a heart, came to hand with the ace of clubs, ruffed a heart and then ducked a club to West's king. West cashed the ace of spades and now all he had to do was play the king of diamonds and a diamond. Declarer would be locked

in dummy, forced to play a club which West could ruff for one down. When West missed this, playing the ace of hearts, declarer could ruff, draw the outstanding trump and claim, +620 to garner 61 IMPs.

The play developed along similar lines. In the ending that arose West did cash the king of diamonds, but then failed to exit with the diamond that would have held declarer to nine tricks, +170 - just a 7 IMP swing.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Demuy	Quantin	Hanlon	Lorenzini
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the three of clubs and declarer won in dummy and played the ten of hearts to West's queen. Back came a club and declarer won in dummy and played three rounds of diamonds, ruffed and overruffed by East who played two rounds of hearts, which left declarer a trick short, -100 and 17 IMPs went away .

West	North	East	South
Welland	Bertheau	Auken	Cullin
3♣*	Pass	4♣	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

3♣ 3-9 very light 1st NV v VUL

East led the three of clubs and declarer won performe and played the three of hearts to

West's queen. He won the club return, played a diamond to the king, ruffed a club and played four rounds of spades, ruffing the last of them, playing the ten of hearts and claiming, +620, a massive 107 IMPs.

Round 19

Going into the last round Hanlon & Demuy led the twins by 184 IMPs - and the latter had to face Helgemo & Helness. I'm going to take a wild guess and say that the title was decided by the very first deal of the set.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	O Rimstedt Helness	M Rimstedt Helgemo	
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

4♣ Cue bid
 4NT RKCB
 5♥ 2 key cards

East started with the ace of diamonds and a diamond and declarer ruffed and cashed two hearts, an unlucky one down, -100.

West	North	East	South
Blakset	Hanlon	Madsen	Demuy
—	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Dble	2♥*	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	All Pass	

2♥ Hearts or 24-25 balanced
 4NT RKCB
 5♥ 2 key cards, no ♥Q

When the dummy came down after East's ace of diamonds lead declarer shook his head - had he intended to bid 5♠ or decided to downgrade his hand? It was his lucky day, +450 and +8 IMPs instead of -79.

Versace and Birman made 6♥ - no doubt without a diamond lead.

As Bugs Bunny would say, 'That's all folks!'

Johan Upmark (pictured) came 4th with Fredrik Nyström. Here with pro/am-partner Stefan



Frederic Volcker (pictured) and Thomas Bessis made the best performance on the last day and won 10.000 DKK





Impressions from the CBI

By Jacob Kehl

On this, the final day of the Copenhagen Bridge Invitational, I asked around for some impressions among the players. On an organizers point of view, the entire tournament has been a huge success, but would the participants share my opinion?

Bjørn Kvaran, Norway, player in the IMP pairs

What has been the best thing about the tournament?

“I really like the IMP across the field, and especially because there are so many players. We only have a few tournaments like this in Norway”

Tor Helness, Norway, Player in the main event

What do you like the best about the CBI?

“First of all, I like the high level of competition in the main event, and I like IMP across the field. I also love to see so many players from Norway, and it is great to see, that the CBI has become such a popular tournament for Norwegian players.

Hans van Staveren, Netherland (Tournament Director)

What would say separates this tournament from other tournaments around the world?

“Well, there are so many great bridge players here, and still everyone are so very polite and behaving so nice. Being a TD at this tournament is a great pleasure for me.”

John Møller Jepsen, Denmark, Player in the IMP pairs

What is the greatest about CBI?

“Oh, there are so many things. The pro/am is fantastic. Getting a chance to play with the international stars is unique. And the

entire atmosphere all over the hotel is so great. Everyone is happy, and no matter who I talk to, they got a huge smile on their faces. And, I got a selfie with Zia ;-)

Björg Houmøller, Denmark, Player in the main event

You and Signe qualified for the main event, how has it been playing against the biggest stars in the world?

“It has been such a wonderful experience, Signe and I made a deal before we started – we promised to enjoy every minute, and we certainly have. The atmosphere all over the hotel is so positive, and getting this opportunity, to play against the greatest bridge minds in the world, is both funny, and very challenging. We will defiantly do our very best to be back in two years.

Björg Houmøller





The Winners Circle

By Mark Horton

To win a pairs event you need to get a few gifts from your opponents, but you must also make the best of your own cards. When I asked the 'old man' of Danish Bridge, Christian Lahrman for a deal from the Pro-am he came up with this:

Although South held a sub-minimum hand for his opening bid, not only did he have the queen of clubs, but also a source of tricks. That was enough for him to go 'all in' - and right he was.

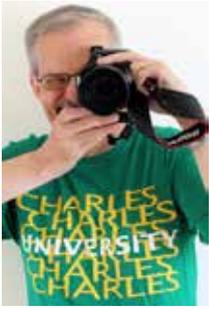
Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kiær	Cullin	Bilde	Lahrman
—	—	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

1NT	12-14
2♣	Stayman
2♦	No major
3♣	Clubs
4♦	Cue bid
4NT	RKCB
5♣	1 key card
5♦	Asking about the ♣Q





High Stakes imp., 2

By Charles

Your bid?

♠9754 ♥AK9862 ♦AQ5 ♣ void

S/None

West	North	East	South
1♣	5♣	??	1♣

Best lead?

Anne Mette Staugaard found a spectacular lead.

		Antal	Res	Point
20	♠ KJ753			
V/Alle	♥ Q	1	870	509
	♦ 52	1	750	441
	♣ AT954	5	630	363
♠ T9842	♠ Q	4	600	331
♥ KT8	♥ 97643	4	500	252
♦ T94	♦ AQ73	1	400	172
♣ 62	♣ KQ3	4	300	81
	♠ A6	1	200	-18
	♥ AJ52	1	180	-36
	♦ KJ86	1	140	-74
	♣ J87	3	130	-89
		7	110	-114
		2	100	-120
		3	-100	-290
		2	-110	-297
		6	-200	-374
		1	-300	-452

West	North	East	South
Anne Mette Staugaard		Asger Paaske	
Pass	1♣	2♥	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead ♥K!?

South ducked and took ♥T and finessed clubs. East continued hearts and it ended down 2 for -374 imp. The normal ♥8 lead made it easier, but declarer could survive playing three top spades putting pressure on East. The killing lead is in fact ♦10/9!



Your bid?

Two Pairs from the National ladies teams in Norway and Denmark clashed together in this deal.

		Antal	Res	Point
11	♠ 6			
S/Ingen	♥ T7	2	100	578
	♦ J74	1	-50	531
	♣ AT87432	1	-100	490
♠ AKT32	♠ 9754	2	-450	278
♥ QJ53	♥ AK9862	9	-480	258
♦ T32	♦ AQ5	4	-500	221
♣ 6	♣	1	-510	221
	♠ QJ8	1	-800	-38
	♥ 4	18	-980	-213
	♦ K986	6	-1010	-247
	♣ KQJ95	2	-1210	-403

West	North	East	South
Helle Rasmussen	Liv Marit Grude	Lone Bilde	Bodil Øigarden
1♣	5♣	5♣	1♣
Pass	Pass		Pass

Lead ♣E

12 tricks (680) and -258 imp. In a way Bilde took the right view. 6♣ is doomed on a diamond lead, unless trumps are played very carefully. ☺



Radisson Blu Scandinavia IMP Pairs

Final A

	Score	Plac.
Børre Lund - Jørgen Molberg	937	1
Ole Fuglestad - Øyvind Saur	733	2
Lars Erik Eide - Terje Garseg	723	3
Stig Meno Farholt - Peter Fredin	668	4
Atle Grefstad - Martin Reinertsen	603	5
Hans Chr Graversen - Peter Graversen	328	6
Asbjørn Kindsbekken - Roar Voll	156	7
Povl Sommer - Frank Paaskesen	156	7
John Møller Jepsen - Carsten Sørensen	143	9
Arne Ericson - Tomas Winquist	113	10
Michael Justesen - Christian Reinholdt	14	11
Mads Eyde - Simon Jacob Hult	6	12
Karl Christian Baumann - Jan Erik Olsen	-21	13
Göran Selldén - Björn Wenneberg	-23	14
Marianne Harding - Stine Holmøy	-58	15
Simon Ekenberg - Peder Skaj	-65	16
Espen Anfinsen - Kjetil Helgesen	-84	17
Allan Cohen - John Vermehren Norris	-159	18
Jan Gulbrand Ohren - Vidar Smith	-184	19
Bettina Kalkerup - Martin Seligman	-268	20
Gunn Tove Vist - Torild Heskje	-370	21
Michael Askgaard - Kasper Konow	-561	22
Peter Jacobsen - Erling Munk Nielsen	-580	23
Paula Leslie - Sølvi Remen	-741	24

Prizes A final (DKK)

1. 13.000

2. 9.000

3. 6800

4. 5000

5. 4000

Final B

	Score	Plac.
Lars Øivind Allard - Per-Ove Grime	1029	1
Anne Birgitte Fossum - Aksel Hornslien	884	2
Kjell Gaute Fyrus - Arild Rasmussen	711	3
Jan Kristen Lutro - Trond Are Nitter	601	4
Christian Lahrmann - Thomas Svendsen	541	5
Niels Foged - Preben Schmidt	480	6
Mona Alzaben - Ayman Azzam	479	7
Henrik Frydenlund - Palle Reimann	479	7
Henrik Kruse Petersen - Peter Lund	301	9
Daniel Bang-Ortmann - Shivam Shah	293	10
Maija Romanovska - Ugis Jansons	224	11
Malene Holm Christensen - Bas van Engelen	211	12
Mona Lindstrøm - Ranja Sivertsvik	172	13
Gunnar Andersson - Adam Stokka	45	14
Henrik Gosvig - Cato Sundeng	-1	15
Bjørn Kvaran - Marcello Palagi	-19	16
Søren Bune - Victor Todd-Moir	-117	17
Jonny Hansen - Frank Erik Svindahl	-165	18
Kell Krogh - Jacob Røn	-244	19
Simon Gillis - Tom Paske	-329	20
Liv Marit Grude - Bodil Nyheim Øigarden	-647	21
Ida Grönkvist - John McAllister	-666	22
Finn Hansen - Rasmus Nygaard Nielsen	-694	23
Daniel Brandgaard - Jeppe Juhl	-899	24

Prizes B final (DKK)

1. 8000

2. 6500

3. 5000

4. 4200

5. 3500

Prizes B final (DKK)

1. 6000

2. 5000

3. 4000

4. 3500

5. 3000

6. 2500

Final C

	Score	Plac.			
Susan Just Olesen - Kim Nørgaard Nielsen	2255	1	Tor Anders Hauge - Anders Johansson	572	24
Vegard Brekke - Stig Martinussen	2212	2	Lone Bilde - Helle Rasmussen	571	25
Are Sivertsen - Espen Torp	2017	3	Kim Bensby - Preben Thaarup	549	26
Erik Eliassen - Thorleif Skimmeldal	1668	4	Håvard Larsen - Sten Anfheldt Nilsen	445	27
Maja Rom Anjer - Lise Blågestad	1616	5	Fredrik Bjerregaard - Mogens Müller	137	28
Gunn Kari Helness - Ida Wennevold	1608	6	Henning V. Mikkelsen - Anders Neimann-Sørensen	83	29
Anders Fodstad - Gunnar Nordby	1529	7	Kate Runeberg - Veronica Helenius	43	30
Thomas Berg - Geert Max Jørgensen	1481	8	Terje Fosså - Roald Lauvsnes	-364	31
Emil Buus Thomsen - Troels Buus Thomsen	1305	9	Jens Pauli G. Nolsøe - Rói Á Rógvu Joensen	-546	32
Lars Peter Damgaard - Niels Krøjgaard	1160	10	Anne Mette Staugaard - Asger Paaske	-576	33
Ulla Korre Pedersen - Eric Korre Horten	1156	11	Katarina Ekren - Ann-Mari Mirkovic Juvik	-654	34
Jesper Kragh - Albert Mylius Nielsen	1145	12	Fredrik Wahlberg - Johan Wahlberg	-960	35
Ann Karin Fuglestad - Geir Brekka	1117	13	Bjørn Henning Grandal - Hans-Thomas Holmøy	-1042	36
Morten Bilde - Michael Krogh Andersen	1093	14	Rikke Capion Justesen - Amalie Palmund	-1053	37
Vivianne Ås - Michael Ås	995	15	Johnny Hofseth - Per Arild Kvist	-1057	38
Lauge Schäffer - Jonas Houmøller	971	16	Jep Loft - Lars R. Mathiesen	-1105	39
Tom Anders Høiland - Helge Stornæs	957	17	Sophie Bune - Johanne Bilde Kofoed	-1113	40
Arnstein Nymoen - Olav Ukkelberg	865	18	Birgitte Thunbo Christensen - Finn Thunbo Christensen	-1163	41
Åse Mogstad - Jan Gunnar Kristensen	814	19	Ingrid Ledertoug - Lisbeth Smed	-1322	42
Åse Langeland - Svein Arild Naas Olsen	791	20	Lars-Inge Svensson - Vincenzo Tisano	-1464	43
Per Ebdrup - Ole Elmegaard Mortensen	655	21			

Besides the cash prizes there were several lottery prizes. The most desirable is of course the bridge travel to the Madeira Bridge Festival in november, won by Maija Romanovska - Ugis Jansons from Latvia. Also a bridge travel for one person from Reinholdt Bridge & Travel was won by Daniel Bang-Ortmann.



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Copenhagen Bridge Invitational

After 7 out of 19 rounds

	Score	Plac.
Tom Hanlon - Vince Demuy	888	1
Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt	865	2
Peter Bertheau - Per-Ola Cullin	664	3
Fredrik Nyström - Johan Upmark	572	4
Jean-Christophe Quantin - Cédric Lorenzini	503	5
Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	498	6
Sabine Auken - Roy Welland	483	7
Thomas Bessis - Frédéric Volcker	419	8
Espen Lindqvist - Boye Brogeland	409	9
Alon Birman - Dror Padon	137	10
Stig Werdelin - Sigurd Lauge Pedersen	48	11
Alfredo Versace - Mustafa Cem Tokay	-150	12
Lars Blakset - Lars Lund Madsen	-353	13
Simon de Wijs - David Bakhshi	-487	14
Zia Mahmood - Andrey Gromov	-662	15
Camilla Bo Krefeld - Johan Hammelev	-665	16
Bob Drijver - Bart Nab	-706	17
Bjørg Houmøller - Signe Buus Thomsen	-751	18
Meike Wortel - Marion Michielsen	-799	19
John Carroll - Tommy Garvey	-872	20

The Rimstedt twins with happy pro/am partner and the back of someones head (we didn't have a picture with them together ready yet)

