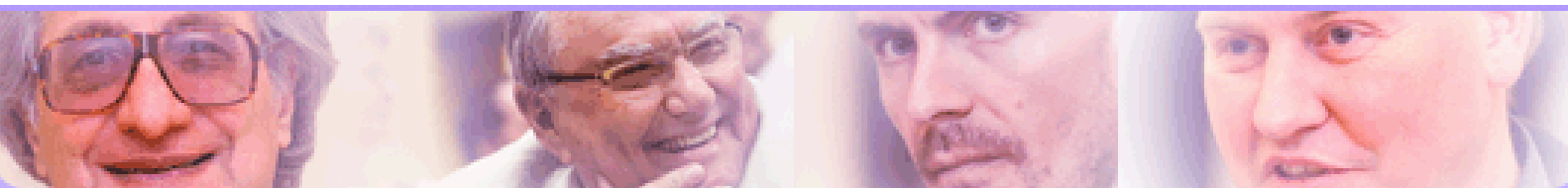


# COPENHAGEN BRIDGE INVITATIONAL III



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## Re-Sepp-Ten



**"We are red, we are white, we are Danish dynamite"**

At the end of Copenhagen Bridge Invitational III we hail the winners of the main event, Alfredo Versace and Mustafa Cem Tokay, and the victors in the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs, Signe Buus Thomsen and Mikael Rimstedt, but most of all we salute the Danish Bridge Federation for giving everyone a chance to take part in this event, which is recognised as one of the highlights of the bridge calendar.

The stars of the main event stated that there were no easy rounds; the bridge level of the event made every match unpredictable. Despite Tokay-Versaces solid lead before the final day, their lead was only 50 IMPs to Garvey-Carroll in second. However the Italian/Turkish constellation resisted any imaginable attack by scoring a bloody 183 IMPs in the last round the leave the Irish at a solid second place, followed by Helgemo-Helness and De Wijs-Bakhshi. Thank you for being a part of this event - we hope to see ou all in two years!

# The Full Danish

By Mark Horton

What constitutes the perfect bridge tournament?

There is clearly no consensus, as no two events, regardless of numbers or importance, are exactly the same.

What is vital for one player is often a matter of indifference to another.

I am always surprised that events where play goes on late into the night (and sometimes extends beyond that) are so well supported - wouldn't everyone prefer play to finish at a civilized time so that in the evening you are free to relax and discuss the deals over dinner in the company of friends with good bottle(s) of wine an optional extra.

Copenhagen scores 10/10 on that point.

Players are entitled to expect good playing conditions and perfect performances from all the technical support staff - directors, scoring team, bulletin etc.

There must have been a mistake in the Bulletin at some point so I would normally score that at 9.5/10 but there was something extra special at this event =- the use of the Bridge+Dealer, so I'm going to mark that as: Copenhagen 11/10.

The venue must be able to cope with the many foibles of the bridge playing community (it also helps if it is well located). Given that it is only a short (albeit windy) walk into the centre of Denmark's capital city:

Got to give Copenhagen 10/10 on that one.

Hospitality can be tricky, but (and this is before the closing dinner) so far it has been impeccable. Copenhagen 10/10.

Accommodation can be a problem, but it's hard to find fault with the Radisson Blue (okay the shower in my room has a mind of its own, but that is more than offset by the fact that for the first time I can remember I am next to the lifts instead of two miles down the corridor).

Copenhagen 10/10.

That's a modest 51/50 for Copenhagen.

Because the event only takes place once every two years I have to deduct a point, making the score 50/50.

You are free to disagree with all or any of the above, but I am pretty sure you will all be hoping that we will be back in 2017 for Copenhagen Bridge Invitational IV.



The tireless Mark Horton with His Royal Highness the Prince Consort of Denmark

# IMP Wars

By Mark Horton

The excitement of the opening two rounds of yesterday continued after lunch.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 9 8 ♥ Q 6 4 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 5 4</p>	<p>♠ K J 2 ♥ K 8 2 ♦ J 9 4 2 ♣ Q 9 7</p> <p>♠ 7 4 ♥ A 9 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ J 8 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ 10 6 5 3 ♥ J 10 7 5 ♦ A 6 ♣ A K 10</p>
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West Helgemo	North Konow	East Helness	South Askgaard
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♣*	INT	Pass	Pass
	Dble	All Pass	

2♣ Majors

I suspect many readers may not have encountered the idea that Helgemo used here. It turned out badly. After a diamond to the ace South returned the suit and declarer won with dummy's ten and played the ace of hearts and a heart to the queen and king. South ruffed the diamond return and switched to the six of spades, North winning with the king and playing his last diamond for South to ruff. Declarer won the spade switch with dummy's ace, ruffed a heart and played a club. South won and could exit in either major forcing declarer to ruff and lead into North's ♣Q9 for three down, -500.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

<p>♠ A 8 4 ♥ A 10 8 6 3 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ 8 3</p> <p>♠ 10 9 7 2 ♥ J ♦ K 4 ♣ Q J 9 6 4 2</p> <p>♠ Q 3 ♥ 5 ♦ A J 10 7 6 3 ♣ A K 7 5</p>	<p>♠ K J 6 5 ♥ K Q 9 7 4 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ 10</p>
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West Helgemo	North Konow	East Helness	South Askgaard
Dble	3♣	3♠	2♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

West led the jack of hearts and declarer went up with dummy's ace and played the four of spades. East went in with the king and had only to play a heart to ensure the demise of the contract. When he switched to his club declarer won with the ace, unblocked the queen of spades and played ace of diamonds and a diamond for +600.

West Bertheau	North Tokay	East Cullin	South Versace
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	4♦	All Pass	

What did West base his double on?

Answers on a postcard to...

It served its purpose when North ran to what he hoped would be a safer spot.

West led the jack of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed his top clubs - well he would have done except East ruffed the second one, played the queen of hearts, ruffed and

overruffed, West playing the jack of clubs, ruffed an overruffed and when East played another heart declarer discarded a spade and West ruffed for one down, -100.

Yes, 3NT doubled would have made in comfort, and if East starts with a top heart an overtrick is possible.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

South led the two of hearts and North won with the king and switched to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with the king and played back the nine of hearts, pitching a spade from dummy. North won with the ace and played his remaining diamond. Declarer won, cashed the ace of spades, took dummy's top clubs, came to hand with a club, cashed the queen of hearts and played a spade to the nine. North could win and cash a club, but then had to lead into the spade tenace, a delightful +1000.

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Tokay	Cullin	Versace
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the jack of diamonds for the queen and king and declarer played the ace of spades and a spade to the king. When he played a heart North took the ace and returned a diamond. Declarer could win and cash three clubs, but the defenders had the rest, +200.

Board 7. Dealer East All Vul.

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

1♦ Viking Precision

East led the six of hearts and declarer was soon claiming, +1430.



West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Tokay	Cullin	Versace
			Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♣	5♠
6♣	Dble	All Pass	

South led the three of hearts and North won with the king and switched to the six of diamonds. South won with the ace and returned the queen, and with a nod to Forquet North overtook it with the king and returned the seven for South to ruff, three down, -800.

(Just in case you have not seen it before, here is the famous precedent:

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

In both rooms the contract was Four Hearts by North, East-West remaining silent throughout the auction. The play to the first three tricks was, again, the same. East led the king of clubs, saw West's two, and switched to the king of spades. West encouraged with the nine of spades and the queen of spades followed. Thereafter, in the closed room, Belladonna was in command, dummy's diamonds taking care of the three losing spades.

With the spades blocked, could the result be any different in the open room? Commentators and audiencealike expected a flat board. Forquet took his time before playing to that third trick. Then, making up his mind, he overtook the queen of spades and gave Garozzo a ruff!

Forquet reasoned that, since Garozzo knew the club position after seeing the two, he would have cashed his ace of clubs had there been room for declarer to have another club. So, somehow, the defence had to take three tricks in spades,

and it was significant that Garozzo, knowing that Forquet had the ace of spades, led the queen of spades and not a low one. Maybe, of course, he had the jack of spades too. But, maybe he had started with a doubleton. It was a chance and Pietro Forquet was quick to seize it.)

It was a bad round for Helgemo/Helness, who lost 218 IMPs to drop to fourth. Meanwhile Versace/Tokay scored 131 to move 256 IMPs clear at the top.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Welland	Helness	Auken	Helgemo
	2NT	Pass	3NT
			All Pass

East led the queen of spades and when West followed with the five switched to the six of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's nine, unblocked the king and played a diamond to the king and ran the jack to West's queen. He took ten tricks, +430.

I can't tell you what went wrong here for EW -perhaps West should play the jack at trick one? Even so it was still open to declarer to take the right view in diamonds.

West	North	East	South
Versace	Madsen	Tokay	Larsen
	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the jack of spades and East overtook it with the king and returned the three to dummy's ace. Declarer cashed the king of diamonds and ran the jack to West's queen. He cashed the



ten of spades and then switched to the five of hearts, which ran to declarer's nine. Declarer could cash his diamonds, but eventually had to play a club and West took the ace and played a spade for one down, -50.

Alfredo Versace has been in great form so far - and as this deal illustrates the slightest mistake will be punished:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West Versace	North Madsen	East Tokay	South Larsen
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♣*	Dble	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the two of hearts and declarer took South's jack with the ace and played the king of diamonds and a diamond, ducking when North followed with the jack. South overtook that with the queen and played a heart and declarer won with the king and played three rounds of diamonds.

On the last of these South, down to ♠1075 ♥5 ♣KJ10 fatally threw a spade (a club is essential). Declarer ducked a club to North's ace, won the spade return in hand and played two more rounds of the suit forcing North to surrender the game going trick to the ten of hearts.

In a low scoring round the leaders +97 was the best increasing their lead over the field to 382 IMPs.

## Up for the Cup

Have you ever had the feeling that your name is on a trophy before the event starts?

Look at this deal from the otherwise quiet Round 12:

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West Bilde	North Tokay	East D. Bilde	South Versace
	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♠	4♦	Pass	Dble
Pass		Pass	6♦
All Pass			

When East led the queen of hearts declarer took all the tricks, +940.



# Tops and Bottoms

By Mark Horton

The last round of the day pitted the pairs at the extreme ends of the table. On paper there could only be one possible outcome.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Christiansen	Tokay	Nilsland
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the king of hearts and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed and ducked a spade, South winning with the ten and returning the ace of hearts. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of spades and was doomed when the spades failed to break.

If there had been any clue that the spade were 4-1 declarer would have had little trouble making 4♠, and even an overcall of 1♥ (who would do that?) might be enough to tip the balance (only the 2 pairs who were doubled made 4♠). In passing perhaps I should mention that theoretically South's return of a heart when in with the ten of spades was not the best. Declarer could have got home by ruffing, playing three rounds of diamonds, ruffing in dummy, and then three rounds of clubs. When South ruffs low declarer overruffs and plays a diamond.

Best is for South to simply play a top spade. Declarer can win, play three rounds of diamonds

and then three rounds of clubs, but South discards a heart and declarer has only nine tricks.

Did I mention the possibility of overcalling 1♥?

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Michielsen	Bessis	Zia
			Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠*	2NT*
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		



Andrew McIntosh was very popular among the women at the pro/am and even managed to steal a moment with the organiser Christina Lund Madsen

I'm not 100% sure about the meaning of 1♠ - perhaps a transfer to clubs, perhaps denying 4 spades. Zia's 2NT was probably showing heart support.

When East bid 4♣ should West have preferred 4♠. Or should East have bid 4♠ over 4♦?

5♦ was hopeless and finished two down, -100.

Not a great result for EW, but meanwhile on another planet this auction was taking place:

West	North	East	South
Fallenius	Hanlon	Fredin	McIntosh
			Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	2NT*
3♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

That cost a modest 2800 and 191 IMPs.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Christiansen	Tokay	Nilsland
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♣ Does not promise a four card major

West led the ace of clubs and when East followed with the jack he cashed the king and continued with the eight, East winning and returning a heart for a fast two down, +100.

If South's repeated heart bids showed a five card suit there is a case for North to prefer 4♥.

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Michielsen	Bessis	Zia
		Pass	INT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the seven of clubs and declarer won with the queen, cashed four diamonds and played a spade to the ten, claiming +400 when it held.

For what it's worth, holding an entry I prefer the lead made by Versace.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Christiansen	Tokay	Nilsland
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

3NT Void in spades  
 4♣ Cue bid  
 4♦ Cue bid  
 5♥ Void  
 5NT 1 ace outside hearts

There will be no spade loser just 40.69% of the time, so the grand slam is well below the odds. Tell that to the 7 pairs who recorded +2220 (one pair bid 2♣-7NT). It cost the leaders 104 IMPs and resulted in the loss of the match by 56.



# Life is Beautiful

By Mark Horton

Tonight we will be honoured by the presence of the Prince Consort at the Closing Ceremony. Searching for a way to keep that special moment in the memory my thoughts inevitably turned to the movies. There are many titles that include the word Prince - Robin Hood Prince of Thieves, The Prince and the Showgirl, The Prince of Tides, but none of them quite seemed to fit the bill.

Then I remembered the wonderful Italian film of my title in which the main characters are sometimes referred to as Prince Guido and the Principessa.

What better way to recall the conclusion to this magnificent event than the prize giving ceremony? (Now I come to think of it maybe I should have risked The Prince and the Showgirl?)

Anyway, here is what happened at the start of day 3 when the winners of the CBI 2013 faced Helgemo-Helness.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West Helgemo	North Barel	East Helness	South Zack 1♠
INT	Dble	2♣	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West's overcall was totally normal, but looked like it was going to produce a poor result. However, perhaps it was not totally clear to North that South's double was 100% penalties and as a result NS settled for the shadow rather than the substance.

West led the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed and played a spade to the king followed by the queen, king and ten of diamonds, ruffing in dummy, followed by three rounds of clubs, ruffing in dummy, a heart ruff and the king of diamonds. West could ruff and play a heart for East to ruff, but declarer still had a trump trick to come, +420.

Board 4. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West Helgemo	North Barel	East Helness	South Zack
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT*
All Pass			

2♥ 0-3(4)  
3♣ Puppet Stayman  
3NT No major

West led the queen of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played the king of hearts, West playing the two (yes, EW play Smith). When East ducked declarer could play diamonds and had his nine tricks.

As we can see the winning defence is for East to take the ace of hearts and switch to spades. Is that too difficult? I guess so, as not a single East managed to rise to the occasion.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

♠ A Q J 9 8 7 4
♥ Q 8 4 2
♦ 2
♣ 2

West Helgemo	North Barel	East Helness	South Zack
			4♠
Dble	All Pass		

West led the three of spades and declarer won with the seven and played the two of diamonds, West going up with the ace as East followed with the nine (standard count). Now West has to cash the ace of clubs -when returned a diamond declarer's losing club went away, as did +790. 4♠ was made 6 times (+790 x4) so EW lost only 37 IMPs.



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

West Helgemo	North Barel	East Helness	South Zack
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Before you see how the play went after the lead of the four of spades do you see any hope for declarer? He won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart. When South failed to go up with the king and cash a spade (or play a third heart) declarer could win with the queen, play four rounds of diamonds, discarding dummy's spades and ruff a spade in dummy for ten tricks. Only two pairs made 4♥ so it was worth 70 IMPs to Helgeness who won by 113 to move into second place, a long way behind the overnight leaders who added another 96 to their total.

# What's in a Noma?

By Mark Horton

Rene Redzepi, the head chef at the world's best restaurant, Copenhagen's Noma (book now and you might just get a table during the 2017 Invitational) often draw attention to their new and unique ways of rethinking architecture and gastronomy. Bridge theory is constantly changing, but many principles and techniques have survived the test of time.

Some of them were on view in round 15.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bilde	Garvey	Bilde	Carroll
Pass	1♣*	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

1♣ 11-13 balanced or any 17+

West led the ten of diamonds for the king, two and eight and declarer played a spade, putting in the ten when East followed with the nine (had he put up the queen he would have made seven!).

West won and switched to the two of hearts and declarer got the bad news as he won with dummy's six. He cashed dummy's top clubs followed by the ace of spades. The appearance of his majesty meant dummy's spades were good and declarer cashed the eight, pitching a dia-

mond then ruffed a spade and played the queen of clubs. West tried pitching a diamond, but declarer matched that with dummy's ace and could cross ruff for +980.

The only trap to avoid is to resist the temptation to cash one of dummy's top hearts, as then the cross ruff will fail.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bilde	Garvey	Bilde	Carroll
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	5♦	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

East led the queen of clubs and West took the ace and returned the two of spades. When the queen held declarer cashed the king of clubs and ruffed a club, but West's overruff meant one down, -200.

Unlucky or careless?

West	North	East	South
Versace	Auken	Tokay	Welland
1♦	1♥	Dble	3♥
3♠	4♣	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

East led the ace of hearts, so that was that, +850.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	Auken	Tokay	Welland
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the eight of spades for the queen and ace and declarer played a club to the king. When North followed with the jack (an obligatory false card that is easy to miss) declarer continued with the queen of clubs and south won with the ace and switched to the two of diamonds for ten and queen. Declarer played a spade to the king and a club, but North won and played a diamond and South took three tricks in the suit for one down.

Have you spotted declarer's mistake? You might imagine it was the play of the queen of clubs, but having taken a trick with the queen of diamonds declarer should return a diamond! South wins, but faces a dilemma. Not cashing two more diamonds allows decla-

**Dennis Bilde explaining to the press why he did not win this event**



rer to set up the clubs, but cashing them will result in North being squeezed in hearts and clubs.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bilde	Garvey	Bilde	Carroll
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
3♦*	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the king of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed two top spades. When East discarded on the second round he tried the ace of clubs and West ruffed ensuring the contract was one down.

The bidding suggests that things may be breaking badly, but there is a way to prevail. Relying on the tried and tested technique of developing the side suit first suppose declarer plays a low club to the queen at trick two?

East wins and plays a diamond, but declarer ruffs, and plays ace of hearts and a heart. Now whatever the defenders do declarer will lose only one more trick.

Only two declarers made 4♠, one of them doubled.

It was a bad round for the leaders who lost by 216 and saw the pursuivants edge much closer.

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# Prodigies

By Mark Horton

In the world of chess it is not unusual for players to come to the fore at an early age.

The legendary Paul Morphy and José Raúl Capablanca won matches against strong adult opponents at the age of 12, and Samuel Reshevsky was giving simultaneous exhibitions aged six!

Since the fifteen year old Bobby Fischer became the youngest grandmaster in 1958 (a record that stood until 1991 when it was surpassed by the strongest ever woman, Judit Polgar) it has fallen steadily - in 2002 Sergey Karjakin, the current record holder achieved the title at the age of 12.

The reigning world champion, Magnus Carlsen was one year older when he got the title, but now, aged 25 he is already the undisputed king of the Royal Game.

Watching Magnus destroy the world's second highest ranked player, 23 year old Fabiano Caruana in the tournament at Wijk aan Zee on Friday, it prompted me to start a discussion over dinner as to why we don't have such prodigies at bridge.

One reason is that bridge is a partnership game - you might be brilliant, but you need a foil for your skills.

Reigning Bermuda Bowl champion Agustin Madala was a top class player by the time he took part in the World Youth Team Championships in Brazil in 2001, but his first world title only came in 2013 when he was 26 years old.

At the 14th Red Bull World Bridge Series Open Team Championships in Sanya last year 18 year old Michal Klukowski was a member of the Polish team that won the gold medals. I sat next to him on the plane going to Hong Kong and he professed to being exhausted.

In Sanya, Marion Michielsen won two world titles, making her one of the youngest women to hold such a title, but like Madala it took a while for her obvious skill as a junior to take her on to a world title.

Denmark's home grown Christian Lahrman, only eleven years of age, caused a sensation on Friday, but we had spotted him at the Junior Championships in Burghausen last year and Patrick Jourdain had told me he already had the demeanour of a Champion.

Italy and Poland have great bridge pedigree and can field powerful teams. Can Christian become a world champion before he turns 18? Watch this space.

Christian Lahrman beat a dozen world champions at the age of 11 at the CBI pro/am introducing the Copenhagen Bridge Invitational





# Final Ranking Copenhagen Bridge Invitational

Alfredo Versace - Mustafa Cem Tokay	183	880	1
John Carroll - Tommy Garvey	-10	635	2
Geir Helgemo - Tor Helness	64	569	3
David Bakhshi - Simon De Wijs	115	404	4
Thomas Vang Larsen - Lars Lund Madsen	-68	248	5
Kasper Konow - Michael Askgaard	28	231	6
Boye Brogeland - Alon Birman	38	219	7
Tom Hanlon - Andrew McIntosh	-183	186	8
Michael Barel - Yaniv Zack	68	182	9
Per-Ola Cullin - Peter Bertheau	148	163	10
Sabine Auken - Roy Welland	-136	71	11
Thomas Bessis - Michel Bessis	136	10	12
Fredrik Nyström - Johan Upmark	-38	-270	13
Björn Fallenius - Peter Fredin	10	-271	14
Andrey Gromov - Alexander Dubinin	-64	-312	15
Zia Mahmood - Marion Michielsen	140	-334	16
Diego Brenner - Gabriel Chagas	-28	-341	17
Dennis Bilde - Morten Bilde	-148	-492	18
Leonardo Cima - Valerio Giubilo	-115	-607	19
Søren Christiansen - Mats Nilstrand	-140	-1099	20

# Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs Final A

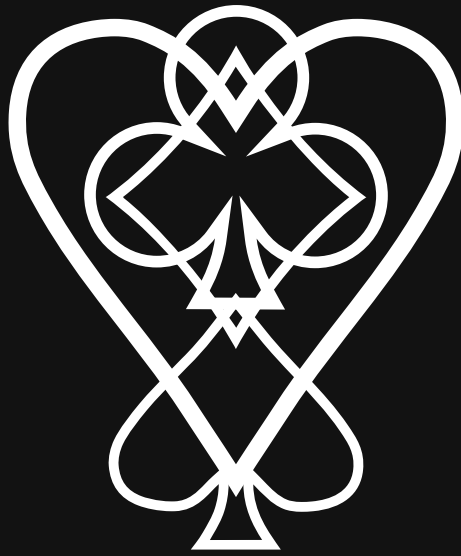
Signe Buus Thomsen - Mikael Rimstedt	1014	1
Lone Bilde - Bo Lønberg Bilde	863	2
Juris Balasovs - Uldis Bethers	795	3
Laura Woodruff - David Burn	590	4
Åse Langeland - Geir Brekka	429	5
Andrei Arlovich - Erikas Vainikonis	413	6
Göran Selldén - Björn Wenneberg	374	7
Kell Krogh - Jacob Røn	321	8
Lars Arthur Johansen - Gjermund Rekstad	281	9
Marcello Palagi - Jørn Arild Ringseth	176	10
Gustav Hansen - Ola Rimstedt	138	11
Ann-Mari Mirkovic Juvik - Svein-Gunnar Karlberg	109	12
Sverre Johnsen - Åsmund Stokkeland	34	13
Gunnar Andersson - Bengt Stahre	-15	14
Søren Cilleborg Bilde - Andreas Plejdrup	-64	15
Peter Bang Knudsen - Kim Nørgaard Nielsen	-65	16
Sophie Bune - Morten Rasmussen Bune	-106	17
Anne Birgitte Fossum - Svein Arild Naas Olsen	-135	18
Cato Sundeng - Lasse Aaseng	-199	19
Kim Bensby - Lars Pedro Villinger	-381	20
Arnstein Nymoén - Olav Ukkelberg	-476	21
Frederik Bjerregaard - Mogens Müller	-821	22
Vivianne Ås - Michael Ås	-885	23
Per Ebdrup - Ole Elmegaard Mortensen	-1162	24

## Radisson Blu Scandinavia Imp Pairs Final B

Mads Eyde - Henning Østergård	2529	1
Gunn Kari Helness - Ida Vennevold	1840	2
Åse Mogstad - Astrid Steen Lybæk	1817	3
Niels Foged - Lars Frost Mathiesen	1654	4
Jessica Hayman - Gilad Ofir	1629	5
Lars Peter Damgaard - Niels Krøjgaard	1540	6
Arne Eriksson - Tommy Winqvist	1469	7
Lars Eide - Terje Garseg	1434	8
Lars Øivind Allard - Per-Ove Grime	1258	9
Henrik Gosvig - Are Sivertsen	1234	10
Brian Skjønnemann - Ib Christian Bank	996	11
Kjeld Hansen - Henrik Kruse Petersen	958	12
Helle Krogh - Jonas Houmøller	952	13
Lars R. Mathiesen - Stig Tjur	893	14
Thomas Magnusson - Lars Nilsson	860	15
Atle Grefstad - Martin Reinertsen	700	16
Søren Bune - Victor Todd-Moir	520	17
Sune Pettersson - Lars-Inge Svensson	366	18
Marianne Harding - Stine Holmøy	365	19
Søren Caspersen - Bjørg Houmøller	292	20
Karl Christian Baumann - Jon Solli Hansen	272	21
Torben Holtze - Palle Krantz	169	22
Fredrik Wahlberg - Johan Wahlberg	-71	23
Mikael Warberg - Frederik Wedell-Wedellsborg	-84	24
Johanne Bilde Kofoed - Tobias Hinz Nielsen	-223	25
Rikke Capion Justesen - Preben Schmidt	-259	26
Henning V. Mikkelsen - Anders Neimann-Sørensen	-353	27
Lise Blågestad - Ranja Sivertsvik	-360	28
Birgitte Thunbo Christensen - Finn Thunbo Christensen	-450	29
Lisbeth Grove - Nis Rasmussen	-500	30
Kiri Kalp - Shelley Shieff	-1692	31
Liselotte Nielsen - Allan Laursen	-1764	32
Brynja Dýrborgardóttir - Sigrún Þorvarðardóttir	-1866	33
Anne Mette Staugaard - Asger Paaske	-1959	34
Johan Evensen - Christian Mylin	-2561	35
Eve Brenner - Frances Loughridge	-2698	36

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