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NORWAY AND GERMANY TAKE OVER

Standings after ten rounds

1	Norway	189
	Germany	189
3	USA 1	188
4	Australia	174.5
5	Denmark	166.5
6	China	164
7	Italy	161
8	Chinese Taipei	159.5
9	New Zealand	147
10	CAC 2	145.5
11	Canada	134
12	USA 2	131
13	Argentina	116
14	Pakistan	101
15	CAC 1	85

The European chase of the USA 1 team has been successful yesterday: Norway and Germany have taken over the lead by just one V.P. on USA 1. With five more rounds to play, this looks like having statistical importance only. The big news of the day, of course, is the rise of Australia. They scored 71 and suddenly find themselves in 4th place, 7.5 VP ahead of Denmark, who had a very disappointing day with two defeats and one small win. They are 5th now, just 2.5 VP ahead of China, who had a really mixed day (one big win, one defeat and one bye) and are 6th. Italy remain 7th, 13.5 VP behind Australia and 1.5 VP ahead of Chinese Taipei who scored two good wins and a bye. We are sorry to say that qualification looks impossible now for the teams below average, but let us pay tribute to New Zealand for two big wins and a small loss against Denmark, and to Canada, who won all three matches (USA 1&2 and Italy).

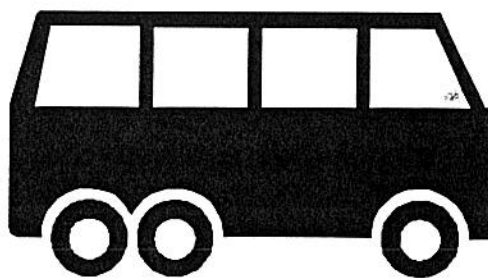
BUS DEPARTURES

To Legoland:

from Idrætshøjskolen:	10.30 hrs
from Legoland:	16.30 hrs

To Skanderborg;

from Idrætshøjskolen:	10.40 hrs.
from Skanderborg:	17.30 hrs.



There are 7 extra tickets available for Skanderborg. Get them quickly at the Hospitality Desk.



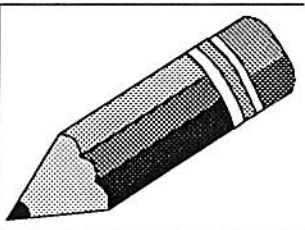
Matches On Vugraph

SUNDAY		10.30 hrs.:
USA 2	-	Norway
		15.00 hrs.:
CAC 2	-	Italy
		21.00 hrs.:
Australia	-	Denmark



Sunday's Programme

Round 11	10.30 hrs.	Round 12	15.00 hrs.	Round 13	21.00 hrs.
Canada	- Denmark	Denmark	- China	Australia	- Denmark
China	- USA 1	USA 1	- Australia	Germany	- USA 1
Germany	- Argentina	Argentina	- Canada	China	- Argentina
Australia	- bye	bye	- Germany	Canada	- bye
Italy	- New Zealand	CAC 2	- Italy	Italy	- Chinese Taipei
USA 2	- Norway	Chinese Taipei	- USA 2	USA 2	- New Zealand
CAC 1	- CAC 2	New Zealand	- CAC 1	CAC 1	- Norway
Pakistan	- Chinese Taipei	Norway	- Pakistan	Pakistan	- CAC 2



Yesterday's Results

ROUND 8

Denmark	- Chinese Taipei	26-44	10½-18½
USA 1	- CAC 2	44-15	21-09
Argentina	- New Zealand	27-74	06-24
bye	- Norway		00-18
Canada	- Italy	52-50	15-15
China	- CAC 1	90-33	25-04
Germany	- USA 2	50-59	13-17
Australia	- Pakistan	40-10	21-09

The round is won by China, who blitz CAC 1 by 25-4. New Zealand also do well with 24-6 against Argentina. USA 2 score a surprise 17-13 against Germany, and Italy get further behind as they only get a losing draw with Canada. USA 1 stay firm, beating CAC 2 by 21-9, the same result as in the Australia-Pakistan encounter. Disappointing Denmark lose 11-19 to Taipei and take too much time for it as well.

ROUND 9

New Zealand	- Denmark	42-53	13-17
Norway	- USA 1	60-43	19-11
CAC 2	- Argentina	11-36	10-20
Chinese Taipei	- bye		18-00
Italy	- China	87-57	21-09
CAC 1	- Australia	35-86	05-25
USA 2	- Canada	37-51	12-18
Pakistan	- Germany	36-110	01-25

The top match goes to Norway who beat the leading USA 1 by 19-11 to close the gap. Germany and Australia blitz Pakistan and CAC 1 respectively. Italy score a possibly important 21-9 against one of their rivals in the hunt for qualification, China. Argentina finally register another win, 20-10 against CAC 2. Canada get 18-12 against USA 2 and the home team again are disappointing: 17-13 against New Zealand.

ROUND 10

Denmark	- Germany	16-37	11-19
USA 1	- Canada	36-61	10-20
Argentina	- Australia	16-70	04-25
bye	- China		00-18
Norway	- Italy	52-45	16-14
CAC 2	- USA 2	50-51	15-15
Chinese Taipei	- CAC 1	70-17	25-05
New Zealand	- Pakistan	86-27	25-04

USA 1 lose again, 10-20 this time in their derby against Canada. As a result, they lose the lead to two European teams. Germany win 19-11 against Denmark, to add to the hosts' disappointment. Three blitzes in this round: Australia v. Argentina 25-4, New Zealand-Pakistan 25-4 and Taipei-CAC 1 25-5. CAC 2 and USA 2 draw, and Norway just beat Italy in the end: 16-14.

AMUSING VUGRAPH HANDS

On Wednesday night, a few hands on Vugraph were quite amusing. Right at the start of the Canada v. New Zealand match, a hand came up on which the New Zealand declarer was first stripped of all his cards in the side suits before the uppercut came. As a result, he went down rather many tricks. Look:

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Ware</i>	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>L'Ecuyer</i>
3 ♥	pass	pass	pass

North, Jeff Blond, made the imaginative lead of the ♠3. Dummy's Jack lost to South's Queen and the ♦9 was returned. Declarer put up his Queen, which lost to the King. A low club from North went to South's Ace, and back came the ♦3. This time, declarer made the slight mistake of running this to dummy's ♦10, so North took the Jack and gave his partner a diamond ruff with the ♥J. South returned a spade to North's Ace and now the scene was set for the coup de grâce: Jeff Blond led another diamond and Nicolas L'Ecuyer ruffed this with the ♥K. Declarer at this moment was down to his seven trumps only, but he had to lose two more tricks to go down four in his partscore.

To restore balance, here is the hand on which the New Zealand NS pair were the only ones to reach the correct slam:

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Roberts</i>	<i>A. Ker</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>C. Ker</i>
2 ♠	dbl.	3 ♠	4 ♦
pass	4 NT	pass	5 NT
pass	6 ♦	all pass	

When South could make a free bid after the raise of the weak two, North, perhaps a little optimistic, thought he did not need anything else but a certain number of Aces. He found two of them outside the spade suit (lucky boy) and easily reached the very good slam. In the play, you can choose between playing for the ♣A to be right and the clubs 3-3 or guessing the hearts. Obviously, the latter offers the best chance. There also is the extra help that West opened a weak two, so a finesse through East looks best. That's what declarer did after ruffing the spade lead and cashing one high trump. 920 to New Zealand.

In the replay, Canada missed the chance to get to the slam. When West opened a Multi, North made the simple overcall of 2♥. When South gave him a polite raise to three, North's aspirations had ended. He closed the auction with 4♥ and had lost 11 imps when the contract was just made.

THEN I KNOW!

Since the mathematical background of the participants in this championship looks quite impressive, if we can believe what is written in some of the team presentations, I am encouraged to publish once again a problem I was told about a couple of years ago by a Tournament Director from then Yugoslavia, Mr Zdenko Oliva. I first published this problem in the Daily Bulletin at the recent Europeans in Menton, France. Like I did there, I will not give you the right solution, but anyone who thinks he/she has found it can have it confirmed or denied. In Menton, I got one correct solution.

THE PROBLEM

A professor takes two whole numbers bigger than 1 and smaller than 100 and gives the sum of both numbers to student S and the product to student P. He asks the students to find out the two numbers without knowing the other student's number.

Now S says to P: "You can't know the numbers." Upon which P says to S: "Now I know the numbers." S then replies: "Then I know them too."

Which are the numbers?

Ton Kooijman



Meet...

...the German team

MICHAEL GROMÖLLER, aged 28, is probably the youngest non-playing captain here in Århus. But forget about his Christian name: everybody calls him GRO. He likes: drinking beer, playing all kinds of card games, sleeping during the day (and during some matches), shooting threepointers at basketball, discussing with women.

GUIDO HOPFENHEIT, aged 25. His name is far too long, so we call him: "The Foot." His major quality at the bridge table is that he is good-looking, but not into the opponents' cards. He likes

- drinking beer, nice girls, drinking beer, nice girls...
- playing bridge with his N.P.C., solving difficult mathematical problems,
- drinking beer and so on...!

I asked him about 6♠ -1 and he answered: "Exchange the two Aces of the opponents and I make the slam!" (???)

ROLAND ROHOWSKY, aged 25. His nickname is Monguse (scarface) but his friends call him Rolli.

Nobody knows how it could happen that he became a World Champion three years ago, maybe because he was born in Stuttgart? He likes backgammon, billiards, cinema, old ladies, gifts, money.

MARCUS JOEST, aged 25, is the only player of the team who seems to lead a normal life, but the rest of the team knows him better. He likes: revoking, French women, terrible music (Jazz!), mistakes by his partner, studying.

KLAUS REPS, aged 23. Everybody calls him "The Rops" or "The Gap." He likes: playing on Vugraph, U2 and Queen, reading "Playboy" and "Clever & Smart," video (especially the films with Arnold Schwarzenegger), German rapmusic, his beard and eating!

FRANK PIOCH, aged 23, is the only one on the team who knows the vulnerability of each game in rubber bridge. When you see him from behind, he looks like a girl with his long hair, but beware if he is turning around. He likes reading books, learning complicated systems, playing complicated systems.

ROLF KÜHN, aged 23, may receive the Nobel Prize in physics in some years. He likes riding big motorcycles, playing bridge on the computer during his study, going to the disco. He does not like losing on "Schieber-Ramsch" against Rolli and Foot, nor being called Rolfi!

WELL PLAYED

by Harald Skjæran

This was board 14 of the Norway-Germany match:

Board 14
E/-

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The ♣4 lead went to Lasse Åseng's ♣8. This seemed to imply that West had led from ♣ 1094. Lasse next led the ♠8, which ran to East's ♠10 when West did not cover. A spade came back to dummy's Ace. Lasse now decided to play West for 3-3-4-3. So he cashed ♦AK

WEST <i>Joest</i>	NORTH <i>Helgemo</i>	EAST <i>Reps</i>	SOUTH <i>Åseng</i>
pass		pass	1 ♣
pass	1 ♥	pass	1 ♠
pass	2 ♦ ¹	pass	3 NT ²
pass	4 ♣	pass	4 ♦ ³
pass	4 NT	pass	5 ♠ ⁴
pass	5 NT	pass	6 ♣ ⁵
pass	pass	pass	

¹ game forcing

² minimum

³ cuebid

⁴ two from five + trump Queen

⁵ sign off

and ruffed a diamond. The ♥A followed, and a heart was ruffed in hand. Then it went spade ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff and the last spade ruffed with dummy's ♣J for twelve tricks. As at the other table Germany played in 3NT, this hand brought 11 imps to Norway.

A TIGHT MATCH

On Thursday night, the leaders, USA 1, faced Italy on Vugraph. This was generally a well-played match, with the USA 1 team slightly having the edge on the partscores and finally winning by 35-15 or 19-11 VP. Here are the only two big swings:

Board 2
E/NS

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♥ K 7 6 5 2													
♦ J 4													
♣ 9 4 2													
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Pantusa</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
<i>Pavlicek</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Zuckerberg</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
2 ♣	pass	2 ♦	pass
2 NT	pass	3 NT	all pass

At both tables, a heart was led, West winning the Queen and continuing ♥A and another. For the USA team, Ferro exited with the ♣9 and declarer could not come to nine tricks left to his own devices. In the Vugraph Room, Versace exited with a heart, maybe indicating the location of the ♠A to declarer. When Pavlicek went on to cash his diamond tricks, Versace discarded one of his precious clubs. Pavlicek was quick to exploit that: he cashed the ♣AK, stripping North of his clubs, and exited with a spade. North could cash one more heart, but had to bring declarer his ninth trick with ♠K. A useful gain to the USA 1.

The only big swing to Italy was an even bigger one:

Board 6
E/EW

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♥ 10													
♦ K J 8													
♣ K J 10 9 4 3 2													
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Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Pantusa</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
dbl.	3 ♣	pass	2 ♠
		4 ♥	all pass

After the classic weak two bid, West correctly judged that it was appropriate to show the full value of his hand by doubling first. East did not need any further information. On a ♠K lead and club switch, declarer won the Ace and ruffed a spade, crossed in trumps and ruffed another spade in hand. When North failed to ruff, declarer next finessed against South's ♥Q successfully. 620 to Italy.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Pavlicek</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Zuckerberg</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
2 NT	3 ♠	pass	2 ♥
		all pass	

After the two-way 2♥ opening (either a weak two in spades or a fair hand in the minors), West stressed his strong minor suit holdings first by opting for 2NT. This time, East felt less inclined to have a shot at game. Nunes made ten tricks without many problems to make it a 13 imp swing to Italy.

THEN I KNOW (2)!

The priest and his friend the organist are waiting for the church visitors to be seated - all three of them. The priest then says to the organist: "Here is a little problem for you. The product of the ages of these three people who just entered the church is 2450. The sum of their ages is twice your age. How old are they?"

After the sermon the organist says: "I don't know how old they are."

"But," says the priest, "I am the oldest of us all."

"Aha," says the organist, "then I know."

The question is: How old was the priest?!

The first correct solution delivered to me will be awarded with a copy of my convention card - unsigned.

P.O. Sundelin



Meet...

...the New Zealand team

ISHMAEL DELMONTE, aged 20, currently lives in Sydney, Australia. He has been playing bridge for four years and has made a rapid rise to the top level of bridge in Australasia. Ishmael works on the floor of the futures market for Bob Richman (the Australian n.p.c.) when he can tear himself away from bridge.

ASHLEY BACH, aged 19 and the youngster of the team, lives in Auckland. He has been playing bridge since he was 11, and with his partner Ishmael has won a number of open titles and the Australian national youth teams and interstate championship. Ashley's love for bridge is only exceeded by his love for horse racing and rugby league.

ANTHONY KER, aged 26, comes from Wellington. He is the current NZ chess champion and has attended a number of World Chess Olympiads. His time is so fully occupied with bridge and chess that he has little time for any other "work." Instantly recognisable at the table by his distinctive woollen "lucky" hat.

CHARLES KER, aged 24, from Wellington and Anthony's younger brother. He is a student at Victoria University and is famous for his Freddie Mercury ("Queen") impersonation.

MIKE PRESCOTT, aged 26 and from Christchurch. Mike runs his own business which gives him plenty of time to play bridge. He recently married this year and spent his honeymoon in the USA and Mexico. Along with Michael Ware, his partner, and the rest of the current team he was part of NZ's thrilling 1 imp victory over Australia in the 128-board final of the Zone 7 zonal championship.

MICHAEL WARE, aged 26 and from Auckland, is an accountant for the multinational IBM and is undoubtedly a man who loves figures. He started playing bridge at the age of 13 and has spent many long and unproductive weekends ever since continuing his habit.



Meet...

...the CAC 1 team

In the CAC 1 team, all partnerships are spoiled because of the strange new habits in alimentation. Diana replaces everyone. Our players all come from Bogotá, Colombia. They are:

JUANITA OCHOA, 16 (sweet sixteen). She is a high-school student, who likes candy, basketball and Donald Duck. She never screams at partner, and she overbids not too often. She even can be a very sweet person, when she's not playing bridge.

DIANA CECILIA BERNAL, aged 24, fills her days with sleeping, followed by talking till it's time for sleeping again. In between, she eats candy while screaming at partner. She has already completed her University studies in marketing and advertising and is looking now for a new job. Maybe, you had already thought so when reading the lines above.

DANIEL CUERVO, aged 22, is a student in engineering at Bogotá University. He likes candy, but does not have time to scream at partner. He only overbids when he is not reading Donald Duck.

JORGE ANDRES BARRERA, aged 20, claims to be a student of engineering in Bogotá as well. Rumours say, however, that this is not quite true. Apart from that, he usually overbids, which causes trouble because he is not yet a very good technician. He always screams at partner when he is eating candy, but he does not like candy at all.

JOSÉ QUINTERO, aged 22, also is a student of engineering in Bogotá. He used to play with Jorge Andres, with whom he shares his love for overbidding and his dislike for screaming at partner when he is eating candy.



*Don't worry
be happy*



According to a rumour one of the Danish pairs have bid a slam without missing two aces it was a grand slam. Only one ace was missing.

THE LEADERS MEET

Yesterday afternoon, the match between the two leading teams was scheduled. Of course, this also was the Vugraph match. For the local crowd, the proceedings in the New Zealand-Denmark match were also followed closely. In this report, we will show a large selection of swing hands from both these matches. Not surprisingly, on a number of hands we had big swings in either match.

Right on board 1, the first big swing in both matches could be registered. Misdefence at one table, uncertainties in the bidding at another, and two straightforward auctions leading to what looks like the normal contract.

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New Zealand v. Denmark - Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Røn</i>
	pass	pass	pass
1 ♠	pass	2 ♦	pass
2 ♥	pass	2 ♠	pass
4 ♠	pass	pass	pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Munksgård</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Ware</i>
	pass	pass	pass
1 ♠	pass	2 ♦	pass
2 ♥	pass	2 NT	pass
3 NT	pass	pass	pass

In 3NT, declarer had no problems after the ♣10 lead and just made his contract. Against 4♠, Matthias Bruun led the ♣3, won by Jacob Røn with the Ace. When he next put a heart onto the table, declarer had no chance. In the end, the contract went down two, 100 more and the first 11 imps to Denmark.

Norway v. USA 1 - Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Åseng</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
	pass	pass	pass
1 ♠	pass	2 ♦	pass
2 ♥	pass	2 ♠	pass
4 ♠	pass	pass	pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Holtz</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
	pass	pass	pass
1 ♠	pass	2 ♦	pass
2 ♥	pass	2 NT	pass
3 ♦	pass	pass	pass

In the Closed Room, Eric Greco also led the ♣3 to dummy's Jack and his partner's Ace. In view of dummy's shortness in hearts, Kevin Wilson then thought it wise to switch to a trump, and continued the ♠2. Åseng ducked this to North, but the contract could no longer be defeated. A lucky start for Norway with 420 to their credit on board 1.

In the Open Room, East could not assess his partner's full strength from the bidding. When he took the conservative view of passing 3♦, a quite normal-looking game had been missed. The contract was duly made, but the USA 1 trailed by 7.

Both Denmark and Norway led by 17 when board 6 hit the table.

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

New Zealand v. Denmark - Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Røn</i>
		1 NT	dbl.
redbl.	4 ♠	all pass	

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Munksgård</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Ware</i>
		1 ♣	dbl.
2 ♥	4 ♠	pass	6 ♦
pass	pass	pass	

In the Closed Room, Denmark reached a good contract without any problem. On a heart lead, declarer conceded a trump to East, who switched to a diamond. Dummy won and discarded a club on the ♥K, ruffed

a heart and led another trump. With West's trumps now gone, the contract was safe: 420 to Denmark.

For New Zealand, Michael Ware did not realise that partner could hold the hand he actually held. For him, the jump to slam looked very much like the consequence of his initial double. On a club lead to the Ace and a trump switch, this contract had to go one off, so Denmark had won 10 more imps.

Norway v. USA 1 - Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Åseng</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
1 ♥	4 ♠	1 ♣ dbl.	1 ♦ all pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Holtz</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
pass pass	4 ♠	1 ♣ pass	3 NT pass (!)

In the Closed Room, Helgemo had every reason to double with his three solid defensive tricks and a partner who had responded at the one-level. Right: on a diamond lead, he could have given partner a second-round ruff. When he elected to lead the ♠A, however, this chance had gone and shortly afterwards, USA 1 could chalk up 590.

So it was left to Molberg-Kvam to try and hold the loss down. When Molberg decided to disturb his partner's gambling, but practical overcall (3NT is the easiest of contracts), the spotlight turned on Espen Kvam again. He got a round of applause from the mainly Scandinavian crowd in the Vugraph theatre when he put the green card on the tray. Norway thus scored 420 to hold the loss to 5 imps, but it was a narrow escape. Jeff Ferro led the ♣A and now only had to switch to a diamond. But out came a heart and gone was the chance. As it happens, 5♦ would have been a better contract, so it was lucky Norway again.

Two boards later, it was mistakes all around again.

Board 8
W/-

♠ J 9 5 2
♥ Q 3
♦ Q J 6 3
♣ A 10 9

♠ 7 3
♥ A 10 9 5 4
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ J 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 10 6
♥ K
♦ A K 10 4
♣ K Q 8 7 5

♠ K Q 8 4
♥ J 8 7 6 2
♦ 2
♣ 4 3 2

New Zealand v. Denmark - Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Røn</i>
pass	pass	1 ♣	pass
1 ♥	pass	2 NT	pass
3 ♣	pass	3 NT	all pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Munksgård</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Ware</i>
pass	pass	1 ♣	dbl.
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♦	pass
pass	dbl.	redbl.	2 ♠
3 ♦	pass	pass	pass

In the Closed Room, South led the ♠8. North apparently could not read this as a third-best lead, so he withheld his ♠J. Declarer won the ♠10, unblocked his ♥K and played a club to the Jack and North's Ace. Nine tricks were secure now, with the clubs breaking. In the end, he even managed an overtrick.

In the Open Room, the Danes reached the par contract and made it, in spite of the New Zealand noise during the bidding, but the imps went away to the other end of the world: New Zealand +8 on this one.

In the Vugraph match, we saw a double Norwegian disaster:

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Åseng</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
2 ♥	pass	4 ♥	all pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Holtz</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
pass	pass	1 ♣	pass
1 ♥	pass	2 ♦	pass
3 ♦	pass	3 ♠	pass
3 NT	pass	pass	pass

In the Closed Room, Helgemo made a sensible raise of one of those modern weak twos. This turned out to be not a very good contract, or, to quote Ron Andersen: "The opponents hold more trumps than the declaring side; this can't be good. Besides, I cannot find this opening bid being described on their convention card..."

Nothing yet was lost, however, when Jörgen Molberg led the ♠5 against 3NT in the Open Room. Declarer played dummy's ten and South won the Queen. He shifted to a heart, North not playing the Queen and declarer perforce winning his King. Next came a club to the Jack and North's Ace. Another spade was won now by dummy's Ace, and the club procession started. Although North discarded the ♥Q, South erred in the

end by blanking his ♠K and holding on to two hearts, so after the ♦AK he was put in with his ♠K to bring the ninth trick to declarer's ♥A. 400 to the US, 11 imps back, Norway by 1 imp only at this stage.

The very next board had something special in it. You have four top losers, but you cannot be defeated in 4♠. Your opponents, however, have a good save, but in theory this is a phantom one. Or is it?

Board 9

N/EW	♠ 6		
	♥ A 10 7 5 4 3		
	♦ A		
	♣ 10 7 6 3 2		
	[N]		
♠ K Q 8 7 4 2		♠ A 10 9 5 3	
♥ K J		♥ Q 9 8	
♦ 10 9 3	W E	♦ 8 4 2	
♣ A 8		♣ K 4	
	[S]		
	♠ J		
	♥ 6 2		
	♦ K Q J 7 6 5		
	♣ Q J 9 5		

New Zealand v. Denmark:

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>Røn</i>
	pass	pass	3 ♦
3 ♠	pass	4 ♠	all pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Munksgård</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Ware</i>
	2 ♦	pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♠	5 ♣
dbl.	pass	pass	pass

In the Closed Room, New Zealand could not avoid ending up too high, when the Danes did not locate their club fit. As you can see, there was no way to beat 4♠ with the diamonds blocked.

In the Open Room, the off-shape Multi and the spade overcall enabled Prescott to introduce his second suit. When Denmark found their game, Michael Ware had every reason except one to go on to 5♣; the one being that EW had four top losers in 4♠. The lie of the cards proved that he was right after all. NZ lost four tricks, down two and 300 to Denmark, but 8 more imps to NZ who were now 11 down.

In the other match, we saw two curious auctions:

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Åseng</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
	3 ♥	pass	4 ♥ (!)
pass	pass	pass	

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Holtz</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
	3 ♥	pass	pass (?)
3 ♠	pass	4 ♠	all pass

No matter how far the standards of three-level opening bids have depreciated, the preemptive raise still looks automatic. Kevin Wilson thus shut out his opponents effectively. When he discovered the actual layout, he must have felt much better than when he saw his partner winning trick four with the ♦A. The contract went down two for 100 to Norway.

On the Vugraph display, Espen Kvam forgot to raise to 4♥ and paid dearly for it. His opponents reached their game, and were forced to make it too! 11 imps to the USA, in the lead now by 10.

After two relatively quiet boards, there was more to come for the Vugraph audience:

Board 12

W/NS	♠ J 10 6		
	♥ A J 7 5 4		
	♦ A K		
	♣ K J 2		
	[N]		
♠ A Q 8 7		♠ K 4 3 2	
♥ Q 10		♥ K 9 8	
♦ J 9 5 3	W E	♦ Q 10 7 4	
♣ 10 8 3		♣ 9 7	
	[S]		
	♠ 9 5		
	♥ 6 3 2		
	♦ 8 6 2		
	♣ A Q 6 5 4		

Norway v. USA 1:

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Åseng</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
pass	1 NT	all pass	

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Holtz</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
pass	1 ♥	pass	2 ♥
pass	2 NT	pass	3 ♣
pass	4 ♥	all pass	

In the Closed Room, the American-style 1NT opening, holding a five-card major, fixed the final contract immediately. Declarer made ten tricks after a diamond lead. Nothing very exciting, except for the number of extra overtricks.

In the Open Room, the five-card majors led to yet another impossible game. East led a diamond, won by declarer's Ace, and a club from the KJ2 was led to dummy's Ace. Next came a heart. West put up the

Queen, which was allowed to hold, and West continued a club, won by declarer's King. The ♥A was cashed and declarer now played on clubs. East ruffed at his first opportunity and correctly (!?) switched to spades. Had he led the ♠K first, the hand would have been over, but not unreasonably he started off with the ♠3. West won the Ace and had a problem, as he could not quite tell what was going on. Probably, he had not watched the trump spot cards. Declarer surely held the ♦K (or East would have led ♦K instead of a small one), so spades looks the best chance, because a possible third diamond would go on the clubs anyway, the ♥6 being an entry. When he nevertheless shifted back to diamonds, the contract was suddenly made. 620 less 180 gave Norway 10 imps and brought them back into 1 imp of the USA 1.

Then, there was the ominous board 13. Luck often has a hand in what happens on this board, and on Vugraph, this came true again.

Board 13	♠ Q J 9 7		
N/ALL	♥ 3		
	♦ 9 8 4 2		
	♣ Q 8 7 5		
	N		
♠ K 5		♠ 8 4	
♥ K J 6 2	W E	♥ A Q 10 9 8 7 5	
♦ K Q 7 3		♦ 6	
♣ A 6 2	S	♣ J 4 3	
	S		
	♠ A 10 6 3 2		
	♥ 4		
	♦ A J 10 5		
	♣ K 10 9		

Norway v. USA 1 - Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Åseng</u>	<u>Greco</u>	<u>Helgemo</u>	<u>Wilson</u>
	pass	3 ♥	dbl.
3 NT	pass	pass	pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Holtz</u>	<u>Molberg</u>	<u>Ferro</u>	<u>Kvam</u>
	pass	3 ♥	dbl.
4 ♥	pass	pass	pass

In spite of the club lead, 3NT presented no problems to Lasse Åseng. This is exactly what he deserved after his inspired bid. He ducked the clubs twice, and South happened to hold both the missing Aces. 600 to Norway.

In the Vugraph Room, Espen Kvam as South had to find a lead against 4♥. On his hand, the club lead looks most attractive, so he led the ♣10. This worked very well: the defence had established their two club tricks before declarer could get rid of his losers on the diamonds. 100 more to Norway, 12 imps and back into the lead by 11.

Board 16 and 18 also were of interest in the two matches we were reporting, but these two boards will appear in separate articles elsewhere in the Bulletins.

The results of our matches: New Zealand - Denmark 53-47 or 16-14 VP and Norway - USA 1 60-43 or 19-11 VP.



JAKOB

by Ib Lundby and all other Danes

Jakob Røjel of the Danish team is celebrating his 25th birthday today. Because of this special occasion - and maybe for other reasons as well - his n.p.c. has asked for a time-out. In his wisdom he eventually found that a day-off is better than an off-day.

In yesterday's match against New Zealand a piece of "birthday" cake was served to him on board 18:

Board 18	♠ 9		
E/NS	♥ J 9 4		
	♦ A K J 5 3		
	♣ J 8 7 2		
	N		
♠ 8 6		♠ K Q 4 3 2	
♥ K 8 7 5 3	W E	♥ Q 10 6 2	
♦ Q		♦ 2	
♣ K Q 10 9 5	S	♣ 6 4 3	
	S		
	♠ A J 10 7 5		
	♥ A		
	♦ 10 9 8 7 6 4		
	♣ A		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Munksgård</u>		<u>Røjel</u>	
		pass	1 ♠
2 ♠ ¹	dbl.	3 ♥	all pass

¹ 5-5 in hearts and a minor, max. a good opening hand

» to the recording, the play went: ♠A, diamond to the Ace, club to the Ace, diamond ruffed in hand (spade discard from dummy), ♥6 to the Ace, spade ruffed with dummy's King and the ♥J successfully finessed. Nine tricks, congratulations.

Believe it or not: at the other table the contract was...3♥ doubled! Here, Jakob's birthday was celebrated with a double - one off and 6 imps for Denmark.

I really don't know what happened or didn't happen in the bidding, but Jakob made his contract. According »

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A LITTLE PROBLEM ON YOUR DAY OFF

by Hans-Olof Hallén

There might be a small prize for solving the following problem. I accept your solutions until Sunday morning at 10.30 hrs.

	♠ K J 10		
	♥ 8 7 6 3		
	♦ A		
	♣ Q 9 6 5 3		
	┌───┐		
	N		
♠ 9	W	E	♠ 6 4 3
♥ A K Q J 9 5 2			♥ 10 4
♦ 10 7 5 3 2			♦ Q J 9 6
♣ -		S	♣ A 10 8 7
	└───┘		
	♠ A Q 8 7 5 2		
	♥ -		
	♦ K 8 4		
	♣ K J 4 2		

South to make 6♠. Lead: ♥2.

