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NORWAY WIN BY 115.5, GERMANY BY 0.5 IMP

<i>Semifinal</i>	C.O.	1-16	17-32	total	33-48	total	49-64	total
Germany	10.5	15	25	50.5	44	94.5	9	103.5
Denmark		24	30	54	23	77	26	103

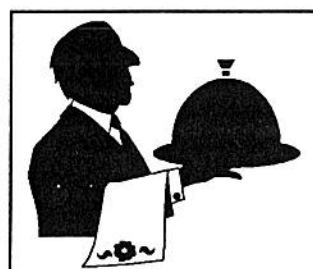
<i>Semifinal</i>	C.O.	1-16	17-32	total	33-48	total	49-64	total
Norway	8.5	67	37	112.5	26	138.5	70	208.5
USA 1		24	12	36	38	74	19	93

Norway beat USA 1 in what never became a real match. They led by over 50 after 16 boards, survived a little rally in the third set and got further ahead near the end. The match of the championship so far was the other semifinal, an exciting thriller eventually decided on the last board. After a well-played first set, Denmark had nearly cut off their carry-over deficit and were trailing by 1.5 imp. Halfway, the Danes led by 3.5, but then Germany came back and went into the final set with a 17.5 imp lead. This lead had been reduced to just 9 with three boards to play in the Closed Room. On board 30, Germany scored a double partscore swing to lead by 17. They lost 16 to a save and a miscued slam and one more on an overtrick on the last board to survive by just half an imp.

Victory Banquet

Team Captains are kindly requested to inform Inger Axelsen at the Hospitality Desk how many persons from their groups will participate in the Victory Banquet.

The banquet and Prizegiving Ceremony will take place in the Eurocenter on Thursday, August 12, 1993 starting at 20.30 hrs.



Today's

Programme

Final

Germany - Norway

Carry-over: 5.5 imps for Germany

Playoff

USA 1 - Denmark

Carry-over: 14 imps for USA 1

10.00 hrs: Boards 1-16 13.30 hrs: Boards 17-32 16.30 hrs: Boards 33-48 21.00 hrs: Boards 49-64

In the Closed Room, Norway reached the proper contract, but failed to make it in a peculiar way. West led the ♠9 to declarer's Ace. Next came the ♣K which held the trick and a club to the Queen, East discarding. The ♠K was cashed, followed by a diamond ruff with the ♣J, on which West discarded a spade. Now declarer led a club and claimed his contract, but West called the



and explained that he would win the ♣A and return his spade. Lack of communication now makes it impossible to

draw the last trump and enjoy all the tricks. So the ruling quite rightly was that the contract was one down, the same as what would have happened had declarer played on.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Aaseng</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
pass	1 ♠	pass	1 ♥
pass	6 NT	all pass	2 NT

On a South hand like this, with so many controls and no "quacks" at all, why should you rebid 2NT? If you do, you are almost asking for punishment. Punished they got in their impossible contract, but the misplay in the other room brought the USA 1 team 2 imps after all.

In the other match, there was a substantial swing, however:

Germany v. Denmark

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Joest</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Munksgård</i>
pass	1 ♠	pass	1 ♥
pass	3 ♦	pass	3 ♣
pass	4 ♣	pass	3 NT
pass	4 ♠	pass	4 ♦
pass	4 ♠	pass	4 NT
pass	5 ♥	pass	4 NT
pass	6 ♣	all pass	5 ♠

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Røn</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Hopfenheit</i>
pass	1 ♠	pass	1 ♥
pass	3 NT	all pass	2 NT

As you can see, Hopfenheit made the same rebid as his American counterpart in the other match, but this time, Rohowsky did not fall overboard. He correctly judged that his singleton heart was not an asset and made a sensible raise to 3NT only. However, the very good slam was missed by the Germans as well, and they got the punishment when Munksgård made no mistake in the play of the slam. 10 imps to Denmark.

Swings all over the place we saw on board 13, which lived up to its ominous reputation:

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

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Kvam</i>
pass	1 NT	pass	2 ♥
pass	2 ♠	pass	3 NT
pass	pass	pass	

An inspired bid by Espen Kvam gave Eric Greco a difficult lead problem. In principle, this contract cannot be made on correct defence, when West holds on to his three diamonds and two hearts, because declarer lacks the entries to finesse in diamonds twice. But when East led a diamond, the entry problem was solved at once, because West put up his King. Declarer then quickly ran for his tricks, finishing up with an overtrick in the end.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Aaseng</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
pass	1 NT	pass	4 ♥
pass	4 ♠	all pass	

This optimistic contract failed by one trick when West led his ♣AK followed by a third round of the suit. Declarer could overruff East, draw trumps and finesse twice in diamonds to get rid of one heart loser. Still, 12 more imps to Norway.

Germany v. Denmark

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Joest</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Munksgård</i>
pass	1 NT	pass	2 ♥
pass	2 ♠	all pass	

This sensible contract was made with an overtrick against a club lead and continuation. 140 to Denmark.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Røn</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Hopfenheit</i>
pass	1 NT	pass	2 ♥

pass 2 ♠ pass pass
 3 ♣ pass pass 3 ♠
 pass pass pass

This time, the right defence was found. Club lead, ♥J covered by King and Ace, another club, small heart to the nine, ♥Q and the last heart. When South did not ruff this with the ♠9, West's ♠8 scored the second undertrick. 200 more to Denmark, 8 imps.

On the next board, we saw a brilliant lead at the two tables where West was given the chance:

Board 14
 E/-

♠ K 7 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ A 10 3
♣ A K 10 3

N	♠ A Q 10 6 4
W	♥ Q J 6
E	♦ 6 4
S	♣ J 9 6

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A K 7 5
♦ K Q 2
♣ Q 7 2

pass 3 NT all pass

East's daring overcall made it clear that NT should be played from the North side. Rohowsky and Hopfenheit had to trouble in arranging things this way, so the game scored an easy 430 here as well and 10 imps back to Germany.



Part 2

During the second quarter, the boards were not very explosive. We saw Norway increasing their lead over USA 1, while Germany - Denmark remained a close match. Here are some highlights of this quarter.

On board 18, there were four quick losers in 4♥, but the contract was bid at all tables and defeated only once. The bidding sequences here and there were not without interest, however, so here they are.

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Molberg</u>	<u>Greco</u>	<u>Kvam</u>
pass	3 NT	pass	1 ♥
		all pass	

When East led his ♠A, this was an easy 430 to Norway.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Aaseng</u>	<u>Ferro</u>	<u>Helgemo</u>	<u>Holtz</u>
pass	3 NT	pass	1 NT
		all pass	

Here, Aaseng found the brilliant lead of the ♠J, which gave declarer no chance. 50 to Norway, 10 more imps.

Germany v. Denmark

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Joest</u>	<u>Røjel</u>	<u>Reps</u>	<u>Munksgård</u>
pass	3 NT	pass	1 NT
		all pass	

The Danes also use a weak no-trump opening, and had to pay for it when Marcus Joest found the ♠J lead as well. 50 to Germany.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Røn</u>	<u>Rohowsky</u>	<u>Bruun</u>	<u>Hopfenheit</u>
pass	2 ♦	pass	1 ♣
pass	dbl.	2 ♠	pass
		pass	3 ♥

Board 18

E/NS

♠ 8 7 3 2
♥ Q J 10
♦ A K Q J
♣ 9 4

N	♠ K Q J 6
W	♥ 6
E	♦ 7 6 5 4
S	♣ K 10 8 7

♠ 10 9
♥ A K 8 5 3 2
♦ 10
♣ Q J 3 2

Germany v. Denmark

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Hopfenheit</u>	<u>Hemberg</u>	<u>Rohowsky</u>	<u>Dall</u>
pass	1 ♠	pass	1 ♥
2 ♦	4 ♥	dbl.	2 ♣
		all pass	

A daring double and a mistimed free bid gave North the chance to score 1400 by doubling 2♦. He instead chose to jump straight to 4♥. On the expected diamond lead, this contract presented no problems.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Munksgård</u>	<u>Reps</u>	<u>Røjel</u>	<u>Joest</u>

pass	1 ♠	pass	1 ♥
pass	4 ♥	pass	2 ♣
		all pass	

After this unrevealing auction, Munksgård could find no better lead than a trump. Ten tricks.

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Holtz</u>	<u>Helgemo</u>	<u>Ferro</u>	<u>Aaseng</u>
		pass	1 ♥
pass	1 ♠	pass	2 ♣
pass	4 ♥	all pass	

The same auction as on the Vugraph screen. This time a diamond was led, but again: ten tricks.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Kvam</u>	<u>Zuckerberg</u>	<u>Molberg</u>	<u>Pavlicek</u>
		pass	1 ♥
pass	2 ♦	pass	2 ♥
pass	4 ♥	all pass	

As the auction suggested good diamonds in North, Espen Kvam as West decided that it was time to find a spectacular lead. He tabled the ♠4 with great success. East won the trick and another spade was cashed. Thereafter, it was easy for the defence to find the club shift. Down one, 12 more imps to Norway.

The next board looked like a requiem for the club suit. At all tables, the final contract was 4♠ in the 7-0 fit, with a fine 5-4 club fit available. But no, all Easts desperately wanted to play in spades...

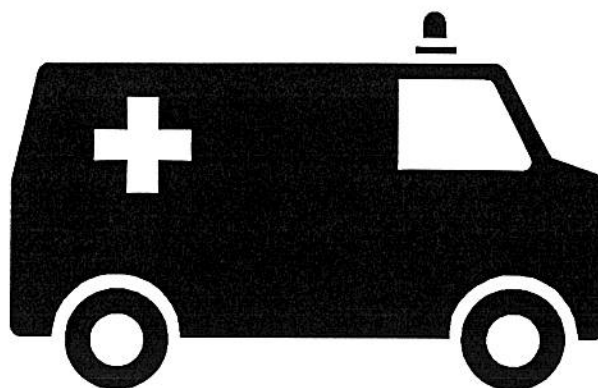
Board 19	♠ K 4		
S/EW	♥ A 8 4		
	♦ J 10 8 7 6 4		
	♣ 9 3		
♠ -	N	♠ A J 10 9 7 5 2	
♥ K J 10 7 3	W E	♥ 2	
♦ K Q 5		♦ 9	
♣ A Q J 10 5	S	♣ K 8 6 2	
	♠ Q 8 6 3		
	♥ Q 9 6 5		
	♦ A 3 2		
	♣ 7 4		

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Holtz</u>	<u>Helgemo</u>	<u>Ferro</u>	<u>Aaseng</u>
			2 ♦
dbl.	pass	4 ♠	all pass

...if only North would have doubled...



Though 2♦ showed at least 4-4 in the majors (5-11 HCP), East was not impressed. On a ♦A lead and heart switch, the contract was not made.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Kvam</u>	<u>Zuckerberg</u>	<u>Molberg</u>	<u>Pavlicek</u>
			pass
1 ♥	pass	1 ♠	pass
2 ♣	pass	4 ♠	all pass

In the Open Room, the Norwegians were given the chance to locate the club fit, but they did not bother about it. South led the ♣7, but in with the ♦A he found the heart switch. No swing.

In the other match, there was a swing, but quite undeserved:

Germany v. Denmark

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Hopfenheit</u>	<u>Hemberg</u>	<u>Rohowsky</u>	<u>Dall</u>
			pass
1 ♥	pass	4 ♠	all pass

After this wild shot at game, justice was done when the contract was not made.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<u>Munksgård</u>	<u>Reps</u>	<u>Røjel</u>	<u>Joest</u>
			pass
1 ♥	pass	1 ♠	pass
2 ♣	pass	2 ♠	pass
3 ♣	pass	4 ♠	all pass

Only at this table, the full extent of the club fit came to light, but even then, the Danes rejected the idea of playing in the suit. They proved right in a remarkable way. Joest led the ♣7, on which dummy played the Ace and Reps the ♣3, an encouraging signal. In with the ♦A, Joest had a problem which he did not solve correctly:

after a long huddle he continued another club. The Queen won, nobody ruffing, off went the losing heart and the rest was easy. 12 unlikely imps to Denmark.

On board 24, Germany gained 11 imps in a surprising way when Denmark misdefended a game:

Board 24	♠ A J 9 5 4		
W/-	♥ K 7 5		
	♦ J		
	♣ K 9 8 4		
		N	♠ 10
♠ Q 7 6 3		W	♥ A Q 9 8 6
♥ 10 4		E	♦ K 10 6 4
♦ Q 9 8 3			♣ J 7 3
♣ Q 10 6		S	
	♠ K 8 2		
	♥ J 3 2		
	♦ A 7 5 2		
	♣ A 5 2		

Against 4♠, Røjel led the ♠10, which ran to declarer's Jack. Declarer now played the ♣AK, on which West decided to unblock the Queen. East thus was given the third round of clubs and he could do no better than cash the ♥A himself. Had West kept his ♣Q, he might have found the lethal heart switch, but judging from his defence one would presume he was not prepared to find it. 11 imps to Germany, as the contract was duly defeated in the other room.

On board 28, Denmark gained 3 imps when they played in 3 NT, scoring 490, against Germany's 400 in 5♦. In the other match, there was a major swing:

Board 28	♠ 9 8 5 3		
W/NS	♥ A 7 5 4 2		
	♦ K 9		
	♣ 10 9		
		N	♠ A K Q J 10
♠ 4		W	♥ 8
♥ K Q 6		E	♦ 7 4 2
♦ A Q J 8 5 3			♣ A 8 3 2
♣ Q 7 6		S	
	♠ 7 6 2		
	♥ J 10 9 3		
	♦ 10 6		
	♣ K J 5 4		

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Holtz</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Aaseng</i>
1♦	pass	1♠	pass
2♦	pass	3♣	pass
3 NT	pass	4♦	pass
5♦	pass	6♦	all pass

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kvam</i>	<i>Zuckerberg</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Pavlicek</i>
1♦	pass	1♠	pass

3♦	pass	4 NT	pass
5♦	pass	pass	pass

With the ♦K wrong, Norway gained 10 imps.

On board 29, USA 1 missed a game for a loss of another 10 imps. On the same board, Denmark saved for 500 to gain 3 imps and make the scores at halftime:

Norway	112.5	USA 1	36
Germany	50.5	Denmark	54



Part 3



The first board of the second half was a sensation in the Norway-USA 1 match. In the other match, both teams quietly played in a spade game, making 12 tricks, but Thomassen lit the fireworks:

Board 1	♠ 4		
N/-	♥ A Q J 7 5		
	♦ K J 10 7 5 4		
	♣ Q		
		N	♠ K 6
♠ A Q J 10 9 7		W	♥ K 10 9 8 6 4 3
♥ -		E	♦ 9
♦ A Q			♣ 9 7 4
♣ A K 10 6 5		S	
	♠ 8 5 3 2		
	♥ 2		
	♦ 8 6 3 2		
	♣ J 8 3 2		

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Thomassen</i>	<i>Greco</i>	<i>Karlberg</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
	1♥	pass	pass
2♥	3♦	pass	pass
5♠	pass	6♠	pass

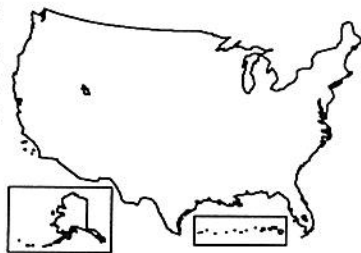
Holding the ♠K, Svein-Gunnar Karlberg had no trouble in raising his partner to slam. 980 to Norway.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Pavlicek</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Zuckerberg</i>	<i>Aaseng</i>
	1♥	pass	pass

2♥ pass pass pass

Pavlicek will not have been pleased when he saw the dummy. He duly made an overtrick, but USA 1 had lost a further 13imps. But then the tide turned:



♠ K 10 9 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ J 5 2

N
W E
S

♠ A J 8
♥ K 5
♦ K 9 7 5 2
♣ Q 8 3

♠ 7
♥ Q J 10 7 4 2
♦ A 3
♣ A 10 7 4

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST <i>Thomassen</i>	NORTH <i>Greco</i>	EAST <i>Karlberg</i>	SOUTH <i>Wilson</i>
		1♦	1♥
dbl.	2♥	pass	3♣
pass	4♥	all pass	

Against less than perfect defence, this contract came home. 620 to USA 1.

Open Room:

WEST <i>Pavlicek</i>	NORTH <i>Helgemo</i>	EAST <i>Zuckerberg</i>	SOUTH <i>Aaseng</i>
		1♦	3♥
pass	pass	pass	

This was the proper contract, made with an overtrick for a further 10imps to USA 1.

Germany also scored 10imps on this deal, when Jacob Røn made a multi 2♦ overcall of the weak 1NT opening bid by Reps. When Bruun responded 2♥, the relay bid, Røn made no further move. As the Germans in the other room had bid and made the game, they got another 10imps.

On board 11, there were swings in both matches:

Board 11
S/-

♠ 7 4
♥ A K 8 5
♦ 9 8 5
♣ A Q 6 4

N
W E
S

♠ A 6
♥ 10 9 4
♦ 10 6 4 2
♣ J 10 9 8

♠ K Q 9 5 3
♥ 7
♦ A K Q J 7
♣ 3 2

Norway v. USA 1 (see bidding diagram on next page)

A nice, controlled auction to a good contract. USA 1 scored 460 here.

Closed Room:

WEST <i>Thomassen</i>	NORTH <i>Greco</i>	EAST <i>Karlberg</i>	SOUTH <i>Wilson</i>
			1♣

Board 2
E/NS

♠ Q 9 8
♥ Q 9 3
♦ 10 8 7
♣ 9 8 6 3

♠ 7 3
♥ K 7 6 5 4 2
♦ Q J 6 4
♣ 4



♠ A 5 4 2
♥ A J
♦ 9 3
♣ A K 10 7 2

♠ K J 10 6
♥ 10 8
♦ A K 5 2
♣ Q J 5

Norway v. USA 1

Closed Room:

WEST <i>Thomassen</i>	NORTH <i>Greco</i>	EAST <i>Karlberg</i>	SOUTH <i>Wilson</i>
		1♣	1NT
2♥	pass	pass	pass

After South's aggressive overcall, West could do no better than show his suit. East had no reason to disturb this, as he believed in the soundness of South's bidding.

Open Room:

WEST <i>Pavlicek</i>	NORTH <i>Helgemo</i>	EAST <i>Zuckerberg</i>	SOUTH <i>Aaseng</i>
		1♣	pass
1♥	pass	1♣	pass
2♥	pass	3♥	pass
4♥	pass	pass	pass

Here, East could just afford one more try, which West was happy to accept. The play presented no problems on the actual layout. 6imps to USA 1.

On this hand, Germany won 6imps to take the lead against Denmark when the Germans bid the game whereas the Danes stopped in a partial.

Another swing to USA 1 came on board 6, and this time it was a major one:

Board 6
E/EW

♠ Q 6 5 4 3
♥ A 9 8
♦ 8 6
♣ K 9 6

lead would have defeated this. At the table, Joest had no chance and went down two, but Germany had 7 more imps.

On the last board of the set, Denmark had another disaster:

Board 16	♠ A 10 9 4		
W/EW	♥ 8 7 6 5		
	♦ 9		
	♣ J 10 9 8		
	┌───┐		
♠ Q 3 2	N	♠ J 7 5	
♥ K 10		♥ 4 3	
♦ Q J 7 5 4 3	W E	♦ A K 10 8	
♣ A 5		♣ Q 4 3 2	
	└───┐		
	S		
	♠ K 8 6		
	♥ A Q J 9 2		
	♦ 6 2		
	♣ K 7 6		

Germany v. Denmark
Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Dall</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>	<i>Hemberg</i>	<i>Hopfenheit</i>
1 ♦	pass	2 ♦	2 ♥
3 NT	4 ♥	pass	pass
dbl.	pass	pass	pass

Jesper Dall led the ♣A and, fearing to run out of safe exits anyway, immediately switched to the ♠Q. When declarer got this right by winning the Ace in dummy, there was no further defence. The ♠J was duly finessed through East and Germany had scored 590.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Joest</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Røn</i>
1 NT	pass	pass	dbl.
pass	pass	pass	

On the normal lead of the ♣J, declarer did not bother to go for an overtrick, but simply took his 7 tricks for another 180 and 13 more imps to Germany, who went into the last set 17.5 imps up.

In the other match, the USA rally did not continue; they got back only 12 from their deficit and were trailing by 64.5 at the three quarter stage.

PRIZE GOES TO U.S. IN DEFEAT

by Ron Andersen

The play at all four tables in the first quarter of yesterday's semi-finals was outstanding. Numerous fine bids, plays, and defenses were made by all four teams. For example, consider South's defense against the only East-West pair that reached game (making his defense critical) on Board 16. Here is Board 16 and the auction in the Open Room:

Board 16	♠ 9 2		
W/EW	♥ A K 8 7 5		
	♦ 8 6 5		
	♣ 10 9 7		
	┌───┐		
♠ J 8 7	N	♠ A K Q 6 3	
♥ 10 9 6		♥ Q 4 3 2	
♦ A Q 10 7	W E	♦ 9	
♣ J 5 2		♣ A 8 6	
	└───┐		
	S		
	♠ 10 5 4		
	♥ J		
	♦ K J 4 3 2		
	♣ K Q 4 3		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Aaseng</i>	<i>Ferro</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Holtz</i>
pass	2 ♥	2 ♠	pass
3 ♠	pass	4 ♠	all pass

South (Len Holtz) naturally led his singleton heart and the defense quickly took the first three tricks winning two high hearts and a heart ruff. Now, the fate of 4♠ depended on Holtz's return after ruffing the heart. The return that would be made by most players in the "lazy" ♣K - the "safe" club return would yield -620 to North-South! After winning the ♣A, declarer would simply run his six major suit winners -- five trump and the ♥Q, which would squeeze South into submission. Holtz, however, did not make the unthoughtful club return at trick four. He led back a diamond breaking up any squeeze possibilities for declarer. Well done Len Holtz earning him a Vugraph prize.

THE BRIDGE PROBLEM PRIZES

by Hans-Olof Hallén

The draw for the prizewinners (one box of chocolate each) was made on Monday evening during the Night of the Nations by Tina and Mikaela. The winners were Torben Johansen from Denmark and Chen Jui Huang from Chinese Taipei.



(and finally) Part 4

The final quarter of yesterday's semifinals saw Norway extending their lead to well over 100. Their final score to go forward into the final was 208½-93. On Vugraph, Denmark trailed by 17.5 imps and, board after board, the results were pushes. On board 24, the first "substantial" swing was recorded when Germany went one down in an odds-against non-vulnerable game not bid by Denmark. So, with three boards to be played in the Closed Room, the score stood at: Germany 95, Denmark 86. This was board 30:

Board 30	♠ 10 9 5 3		
E/-	♥ 10 8		
	♦ A K 8 7 5 4		
	♣ 7		
		N	♠ A 7 4
♠ K 8 6		W	♥ A Q 7 6 4
♥ J 3 2		E	♦ 6
♦ Q J 10 3			♣ J 10 9 8
♣ K 6 4		S	
	♠ Q J 2		
	♥ K 9 5		
	♦ 9 2		
	♣ A Q 5 3 2		

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Munksgård</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Hopfenheit</i>
		1 ♥	pass
1 NT	2 ♦	pass	pass
dbl.	pass	pass	pass

On the ♣J lead, there were 8 easy tricks. 180 to Germany.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Reps</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Joest</i>	<i>Røn</i>
		1 ♥	pass
2 ♦	pass	2 ♥	all pass

When Jacob Røn covered the ♣J later in the play with his Queen, declarer had an overtrick. 140 more to Germany, 8 imps. The score: 103.5-86. Then came board 31, on which Denmark had scored 1100 in the Open Room early on. This is what happened: (see diagram in next column)

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Munksgård</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>	<i>Røjel</i>	<i>Hopfenheit</i>
			1 ♦
3 ♥	dbl.	pass	3 ♠
pass	4 ♣	pass	4 ♥
pass	6 ♣	all pass	

Board 31	♠ A J 10		
S/NS	♥ 8 7 4 3		
	♦ A		
	♣ A J 9 7 2		
		N	♠ Q 8
♠ 9 6 5 3		W	♥ -
♥ Q J 10 9 6 5 2		E	♦ K 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J			♣ K Q 10 3
♣ 8		S	
			♠ K 7 4 2
			♥ A K
			♦ Q 10 9 8
			♣ 6 5 4

Rohowsky apparently took 4♥ as confirming clubs, but this was not quite true. East did not double, but the contract still went three down, 300 for Denmark.

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Reps</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Joest</i>	<i>Røn</i>
			1 ♦
1 NT	dbl.	redbl.	pass
2 ♥	3 ♥	pass	3 NT
4 ♥	dbl.	all pass	

Down five, 1100 to Denmark. This 16-imp gain made it 103.5-102 to Germany.

On the last board, Denmark held the German declarer to nine tricks in 3 NT. Early on, the Danes in the Open Room had already recorded 430 on the deal. So the final score became:

Germany 103.5
Denmark 103

Germany therefore move to the final by one of the most incredible margins ever recorded, following their split tie for the leading position in the Round Robin.

All looks set for a great final today and tomorrow.

FROM THE COMMENTATORS' TABLE

In both semifinals, half imps occurred due to the carryover from the round robin. Ron Andersen started the day by calling out the halves each time when announcing a score. Then Peter Lund (DK) turned to him and said: "You better stop calling out these halves, they never come into it anyway."