



NORDIC BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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We are the CHAMPIONS!



OPEN – NORWAY



Tor Eivind Grude, Allan Livgård, Christian Bakke, Terje Aa & Tolle Stabell (captain).



WOMEN – SWEDEN



Above: Klara Gustafsson, Louise Hallqvist, Ylva Johansson, Marie Johansson, Linnea Edlund (captain) & Sara Asplund Sivelind.



U26 – SWEDEN



Johnny Östberg (captain), Erik Hansson, Markus Bertheau, Castor Mann, Erik Wiberg, Klara Gustafsson & Alexander Sandin.



U21 – NORWAY



Lars Eide (captain) Erleta Plana, Maren Idland Sægrov, Anders Brogeland & Are Borgar Landsvik.

Next Nordic Championships — Iceland 2025



NBU trophy



NBU Trophy

The two series combined for each NBO, will determine the Nordic Champions by the lowest combined placing number.

In addition to awards given in each class, the NBU Trophy will be calculated as follows:

Each NBO designates one participating team. The NBU Trophy rankings are calculated from the results of the matches between the designated teams only. If an NBO does not explicitly designate a team for the NBU Trophy, by default it will be the open team under 26 or open Team under 21, in order of priority.

The imps obtained in a playoff match are converted into VPs. In addition, teams participating in the gold/silver match are awarded a bonus of 10 VPs for NBU Trophy purposes.



Linnea Edlund could raise the NBU trophy, which has been won by Sweden four championships in a row, 2017, 2019, 2022 and 2023.



YEAR

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WINNER

SWEDEN

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WINNER

Sweden

Denmark

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Sweden

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Norway

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Sweden

Norway

Denmark



Youth

FINAL RANK U26

1. Sweden
2. Norway
3. Finland
4. Denmark

FINAL RANK U21

1. Norway
2. Sweden
3. Denmark

BREAKFAST HABITS

The Swedish U26 captain, Johnny Östberg, is amazed at today's bridge youth and their breakfast habits.

Breakfast habits of juniors.

He opposite, only a cup of tea.

On the right, a glass of juice and a large load of pancakes with jam and cream!

The fourth only took one glass of juice!

But the bridge still seems to work pretty well!



Round 1 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Den U21	Den U26	46-34	13,38-6,62
Nor U21	Nor U26	8-45	2,13-17,87
Swe U21	Swe U26	25-57	2,82-17,18
Den W26	Fin U26	31-32	9,68-10,32

Round 2 (Wednesday)			
Den U21	Nor U26	30-72	1,52-18,48
Nor U21	Swe U26	21-42	4,68-15,32
Swe U21	Fin U26	35-38	9,06-10,94
Den W26	Den U26	44-47	9,06-10,94

Round 3 (Wednesday)			
Swe U26	Den U21	78-21	19,91-0,09
Nor U21	Fin U26	25-30	8,47-11,53
Den U26	Swe U21	45-56	6,87-13,13
Nor U26	Den W26	29-25	11,24-8,76

Round 4 (Wednesday)			
Fin U26	Den U21	29-40	6,87-13,13
Swe U26	Den W26	47-25	15,51-4,49
Nor U21	Den U26	72-26	18,92-1,08
Swe U21	Nor U26	35-49	6,15-13,85

Round 5 (Thursday)			
Den W26	Den U21	56,32	15,88-4,12
Nor U21	Swe U21	19-48	3,28-16,72
Den U26	Fin U26	22-32	7,12-12,88
Nor U26	Swe U26	4-46	1,52-18,48

Round 6 (Thursday)			
Den U21	Nor U21	31-46	5,93-14,07
Swe U21	Den W26	26-30	8,76-11,24
Den U26	Nor U26	26-42	5,71-14,29
Fin U26	Swe U26	27-34	7,91-12,09

Round 7 (Thursday)			
Den U21	Swe U21	19-71	0,51-19,49
Nor U21	Den W26	38-43	8,47-11,53
Swe U26	Den U26	60-40	15,13-4,87
Fin U26	Nor U26	58-26	17,18-2,82

Round 8 (Thursday)			
Swe U26	Nor U26	97-54	16,94-3,06
Fin U26	Den U26	76-51	14,65-5,35
Swe U21	Nor U21	31-64	4,24-15,76
Den U21	Den W26	w.o.	4,00-0,00



Results Open

Round 1		IMP	VP
Sweden	Iceland	34-31	10,94-9,06
Denmark	Finland	6-51	1,19-18,81
Norway	Faroe Islands	29-10	14,93-5,07

Round 2		IMP	VP
Denmark	Sweden	49-33	14,29-5,71
Faroe Islands	Iceland	10-53	1,41-18,59
Finland	Norway	21-51	3,12-16,88

Round 3 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Faroe Islands	Denmark	12-52	1,75-18,25
Finland	Sweden	18-68	0,69-19,31
Norway	Iceland	44-8	17,74-2,26

Round 4 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Finland	Faroe Islands	48-25	15,70-4,30
Iceland	Denmark	45-10	17,61-2,39
Sweden	Norway	31-27	11,24-8,76

Round 5 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Iceland	Finland	45-25	15,13-4,87
Sweden	Faroe Islands	29-20	12,62-7,38
Norway	Denmark	37-49	6,62-13,38

Round 6 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Faroe Islands	Denmark	19-36	5,49-14,51
Sweden	Norway	12-51	1,87-18,13
Finland	Iceland	21-41	4,87-15,13

Round 7 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Iceland	Sweden	12-43	2,97-17,03
Denmark	Finland	15-13	10,63-9,37
Norway	Faroe Island	21-33	6,62-13,38

Round 8 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Denmark	Norway	19-29	7,12-12,88
Iceland	Faroe Islands	39-48	7,38-12,62
Sweden	Finland	27-38	6,87-13,13

Round 9 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Faroe Islands	Sweden	20-68	0,88-19,12
Norway	Finland	38-20	14,72-5,28
Denmark	Iceland	64-20	18,70-1,30

Round 10 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Iceland	Norway	13-35	4,49-15,51
Sweden	Denmark	23-29	8,19-11,81
Faroe Islands	Finland	14-71	0,09-19,91



OPEN SILVER – SWEDEN



Fredrik Kronmarker (captain), Peter Bertheau, Simon Hult, Frederic Wrang & Fredrik Nyström.
Also in the team: Ola & Mikael Rimstedt.



OPEN BRONZE – DENMARK



Rico Hemberg, Jesper Buus Thomsen, Andreas Plejdrup & Peter Westrup (captain).
Also in the team: Christian Lahrmann.



Results Women

Round 1		IMP	VP
Denmark	Finland	36-28	12,36-7,64
Iceland	Norway	39-31	12,36-7,64
Sweden Yellow	Sweden Blue	38-18	15,13-4,87

Round 2		IMP	VP
Denmark	Iceland	43-17	16,23-3,77
Finland	Sweden Yellow	23-73	0,69-19,31
Sweden Blue	Norway	18-40	4,49-15,51

Round 3 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Sweden Yellow	Iceland	39-23	14,29-5,71
Norway	Denmark	14-50	2,26-17,74
Finland	Sweden Blue	47-53	8,19-11,81

Round 4 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Denmark	Sweden Yellow	19-47	3,44-16,56
Sweden Blue	Iceland	31-52	4,68-15,32
Norway	Finland	24-59	2,39-17,61

Round 5 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Sweden Blue	Denmark	18-38	4,87-15,13
Sweden Yellow	Norway	69-10	20,00-0,00
Finland	Iceland	41-3	18,00-2,00

Round 6 (Wednesday)		IMP	VP
Sweden Blue	Iceland	3-41	2,00-18,00
Finland	Sweden	32-27	11,53-8,47
Norway	Denmark	26-41	5,93-14,07

Round 7 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Denmark	Finland	31-19	13,38-6,62
Iceland	Norway	43-26	14,51-5,49
Sweden Yellow	Sweden Blue	52-4	19,12-0,88

Round 8 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Iceland	Sweden Yellow	11-46	2,39-17,61
Denmark	Sweden Blue	33-7	16,23-3,77
Finland	Norway	46-26	15,13-4,87

Round 9 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Sweden Blue	Finland	37-28	12,62-7,38
Norway	Sweden Yellow	30-59	3,28-16,72
Iceland	Denmark	14-59	1,19-18,81

Round 10 (Thursday)		IMP	VP
Denmark	Sweden Yellow	30-27	10,94-9,06
Iceland	Finland	42-43	9,68-10,32
Norway	Sweden Blue	57-11	18,92-1,08



WOMEN SILVER – DENMARK



Charlotte Koch-Palmund, Trine Bilde, Lone Bilde, Helle Rasmussen & Peter Westrup (captain).



WOMEN BRONZE – FINLAND



Meri Korhonen, Elina Laukkanen, Anni Mäkelä, Mirja Mäntylä, Raija Tuomi & Pia Erkkilä (playing captain).



Thursday's gems

First match The morning match on BBO was the clash of the two U26 teams placed first and second at that point, Sweden and Norway. After five boards the score was 2-2. Then came:

6	♠AQ7	
East	♥J5	
E-W	♦Q9763	
	♣KQ3	
♠JT985		♠K63
♥AK7		♥Q8432
♦K84		♦AT2
♣T2		♣85
	♠42	
	♥T96	
	♦J5	
	♣AJ9764	



Klara Gustafsson – Sweden U26.

After a natural spade lead declarer claimed eight tricks, A-Q in spades and six club tricks, NS +280. That was 11 imps for Sweden.

Two boards later Klara was declarer again:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gustafsson	Indrebø	Sandin	Öberg
		pass	pass
1♠	pass	2♣*	pass
2♠	pass	pass	pass

A diamond was led to jack and king. Next came trump jack and North jumped up with the ace. Another diamond put declarer to the test but she correctly played the ten. A heart to the ace followed, then a successful trump finesse and another trump to the king. Two clubs could be discarded in hand. 12 tricks, EW -230.

Well played by declarer Klara Gustafsson. The other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Heiberg	Hansson	Austad	Mann
		pass	pass
1♠	1NT	D	pass
pass	pass		

8	♠T653	
West	♥KQJ54	
None	♦Q	
	♣Q53	
♠QJ74		♠AK
♥AT2		♥9763
♦92		♦K54
♣AK76		♣J984
	♠982	
	♥8	
	♦AJT8763	
	♣T2	



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Gustafsson Indrebö</i>		<i>Sandin</i>	<i>Öberg</i>
1NT	pass	2♣	pass
2♠	pass	3NT	pass
pass	pass		

North led the king of hearts and declarer won the ace. She counted four tricks in spades, one heart and likely three club tricks, if clubs would behave. That's eight in total. The missing trick can come from diamonds, clubs if the queen is dropping under A-K or maybe a heart trick can be produced.

Klara solved the problem cleverly by playing a low club from hand at trick two! When North ducked, the jack won the trick. That innovative move gave four club tricks and the game was made. Well done again by West.

The other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Heiberg</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Austad</i>	<i>Mann</i>
1NT	2♣	pass	2♦
pass	pass	3NT	pass
pass	pass		

2♣ was for the majors but South preferred his own suit, then the same contract was reached. Also here North led the king of hearts won by the ace. Another heart was won by North and it came natural to let dummy play low when North switched to the diamond queen. A heart continuation would have beaten the game, but North played a spade. Declarer now has to establish the third club trick, but played a heart. The queen won the trick and North got a second chance – again a heart is needed – but he played more spades. North got his club trick, but that was it for the defence. Contract just made, but no swing.

U26 Sweden had the flow needed and the result ran away to a massive 46-4, 18,48-1,52 converted to VPs.

Penultimate match Denmark, with the youngest team in the Open series, had a decent chance of a medal if they won their penultimate match against Iceland.

Opening 3NT is always interesting, it's like throwing a ball up in the air then see where it lands. Here West found partner with stops in all suits outside his own, but would it be enough?



Andreas Plejdrup, Denmark open.

14	♠ Q63		
East	♥ A8652		
None	♦ 8		
	♣ A963		
	♠ 92		♠ K87
	♥ T		♥ KJ4
	♦ AKQJ542		♦ T976
	♣ QT7		♣ K54
	♠ AJT54		
	♥ Q973		
	♦ 3		
	♣ J82		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Thorvaldsson</i>	<i>Plejdrup</i>
		pass	pass
3NT	pass	pass	pass



Leading an ace is often a good idea when you know declarer has a long suit – the defence must find tricks quickly. That was indeed also what Christian Lahrman chose to do when he led the heart ace. In theory NS can start taking the first seven tricks, five spade tricks and two aces, but since Andreas Plejdrup gave a positive signal for hearts North played on hearts. When declarer tried the jack NS can beat the game by four tricks, if South returns a club and North plays the queen of spades, but continuing hearts makes sense. Declarer could win the king and grasp all diamond tricks, but as the card lie he was doomed to go down anyway; NS +50.



Christian Lahrman, Denmark open, is satisfied with his score.

3	♠842		
South	♥J964		
E-W	♦K763		
	♣Q5		
♠AKT976		♠QJ5	
♥Q3		♥AK85	
♦QT		♦AJ	
♣A92		♣T864	
	♠3		
	♥T72		
	♦98542		
	♣KJ73		

At the other table EW had higher views:

6♠ is a playable slam, bid at most of the tables, but not all. Here for example:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jonsson	Lahrman	Thorvaldsson	Plejdrup
			pass
1♠	pass	2NT	pass
3♦	pass	3♥	pass
4♣	pass	4♦	pass
4♠	pass	pass	pass

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hemberg	Jørgensen	Buus Thomsen	Einarsson
			pass
1♠	pass	2♣	pass
2♥	pass	2♠	pass
3♦	pass	3♥	pass
3♠	pass	4♦	pass
4♥	pass	4NT	pass
5♦	pass	5NT	pass
6♠	pass	pass	pass

2NT was Stenbergs/Jacoby's. 3♦ normally shows extra values without any short suit, thus it seems a bit conservative giving up as East with heart control. Anyway, the slam was not completely laydown, a few tables went down on a trump lead. Declarer took all tricks, maybe North discarded a heart; EW -710.

Declarer won the heart lead in hand, drew trumps then tried to set up clubs and come to a squeezing position to avoid the diamond finesse, but at the end he had to take the finesse.

Contract made; EW -1430 and that was 12 IMPs for Denmark.



Sometime the best lead can be the worst!

9	♠AKT8		
North	♥A9653		
E-W	♦A63		
	♣A		
♠QJ54		♠96	
♥K		♥4	
♦QJT8		♦K752	
♣K743		♣JT9852	
	♠732		
	♥QJT872		
	♦94		
	♣Q6		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Thorvaldsson</i>	<i>Plejdrup</i>
	1♥	pass	4♥
pass	5♦	pass	5♥
pass	6♥	pass	pass
pass			

With a diamond lead you cannot afford a spade loser, so the best lead is the worst. Lahrmann won the diamond lead, cashed the trump ace – happily noticed the king to drop – and eventually played for the double finesse in spades. 13 tricks; NS +1010.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Hemberg</i>	<i>Jørgensen</i>	<i>Buus Thomsen</i>	<i>Einarsson</i>
	1♥	pass	4♥
pass	6♥	all pass	

At the other table three bids were enough reaching slam! After the club lead Jørgensen thought he could give himself better odds to get rid of a diamond in dummy, by playing spades to split 3-3 or East for H-x, thus after drawing trumps he cashed A-K in spades – and went down. EW -50 and that was 14 heavy IMPs for Denmark.

Denmark won 64-20, 18,70-1,30 converted to VPs, a crucial win to still be in the medal race.

Match for the silver in the Open

In the run for silver the very last board proved to be extraordinary. Sweden held the silver but only a few IMPs ahead of Denmark.

15	♠Q8		
South	♥AQ76432		
N-S	♦K843		
	♣---		
♠AK532		♠JT764	
♥---		♥T985	
♦J7		♦6	
♣AJ9876		♣K43	
	♠9		
	♥KJ		
	♦AQT952		
	♣QT52		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Hemberg</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Buus Thomsen</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
			1♦
2♣	4♣	D	pass
4♠	5♣	pass	5♥
5♠	6♦	6♠	D
pass	pass	pass	

6♦ playing by South is cold, since East cannot come in to play a heart in order to give West a ruff. East took the correct view to sacrifice.

Well, in 6♠ Fredrik Nyström knew he had to find the killing lead, i.e. to locate South's entry. There was one, in diamonds, but based on South's control bid in hearts he sensibly chose to lead a low heart. Curtain down – declarer ruffed, played two rounds of trumps then the club suit played by itself when North showed out when the king was played. 6♠ double was made, EW -1310, and that gave of course high silver hopes for Denmark.

Would the Swedish pair match that impressive score by Hemberg–Buus Thomsen?

The bidding at the other table went:



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bertheau	Lahrmann	Hult	Plejdrup
3♦	3♥	4♠	1♦
pass	5NT	6♠	pass
pass	pass	pass	D

West showed a two-suiter and Lahrmann could have won the silver for Denmark by passing out 4♠, but given his hand that was of course not an option. Over 5NT Hult sacrificed directly and when South doubled the bidding had developed in a similar way as the one in the other room.

Now the spotlight was on South. On a club lead North can ruff and a diamond back will give the defenders the two necessary tricks. Another possibility would be to lead the diamond ace, then play a club. Both options were quite difficult to find, thus the king of hearts was the most sensible lead and indeed what South chose. After that there was nothing to the play – and just another ordinary flat board on the score card.

Silver for Sweden, bronze for Denmark and gold for Norway.

FINAL RANK OPEN

1. Norway 132,79
2. Sweden..... 112,90
3. Denmark 112,27
4. Finland 95,75
5. Iceland 93,92
6. Faroe Islands 52,37

FINAL RANK WOMEN

1. Sweden Yellow 156,27
2. Denmark 138,82
3. Finland 109,85
4. Iceland 85,46
5. Norway 66,29
6. Sweden Blue 44,33

Double gold medalist:

Klara Gustafsson, Sweden, won gold both in U26 and Women!



U21 SILVER – SWEDEN



Karl Asplund (captain) Harry Hjort Warlenius, Ivar Lichtenstein, Filip Asplund Sivelind, Joakim Johansson & Matteo Nordqvist.



U21 BRONZE – DENMARK



Nikolaj Hammelev, Aron Tylvad, Frederik Zeeberg, Christian Zeeberg, Leah Thrane & Clara Brun Pedersen.



Butler Open

1	0,69	Sigurbjorn Haraldsson - Jon Baldursson	Iceland
2	0,64	Christian Bakke - Tor Grude	Norway
3	0,57	Peter Bertheau - Simon Hult	Sweden
4	0,48	Allan Livgård - Terje Aa	Norway
5	0,47	Jari Salonen	Finland
6	0,35	Rico Hemberg - Jesper Buus Thomsen	Denmark
7	0,22	Kauko Koistinen	Finland
8	0,19	Mikael Rimstedt - Ola Rimstedt	Sweden
9	0,06	Andreas Plejdrup - Christian Lahrmann	Denmark
10	0,02	Vesa Fagerlund	Finland
11	0,00	Frederic Wrang - Fredrik Nyström	Sweden
12	-0,09	Clas Nyberg	Finland
13	-0,21	Adelsteinn Jörgensen - Bjarni Einarsson	Iceland
14	-0,48	Birkir Jon Jonsson - Matthias Thorvaldsson	Iceland
15	-0,64	Jouni Juuri-Oja	Finland
16	-0,78	Arni M Dam - Danji Pauli Mohr	Faroe Islands
17	-1,18	Arne Mikkelsen - Bogi Simonsen	Faroe Islands

Butler Women

1	1,28	Sara Asplund Sivelind - Marie Johansson	Sweden Yellow
2	0,98	Louise Hallqvist	Sweden Yellow
3	0,93	Ylva Johansson	Sweden Yellow
4	0,87	Meri Korhonen - Anni Mäkelä	Finland
5	0,74	Helle Rasmussen - Lone Bilde	Denmark
6	0,57	Trine Bilde - Charlotte Koch-Palmund	Denmark
7	-0,06	Pia Erkkilä - Raija Tuomi	Finland
8	-0,11	Elina Laukkanen - Mirja Mäntylä	Finland
9	-0,22	Alda Guðnadóttir	Iceland
10	-0,35	Arngunnur Jonsdóttir	Iceland
11	-0,42	Inda Hrönn Björnsdóttir - Anna Heida Baldursdóttir	Iceland
12	-0,57	Tove Haugen - Torild Heskje	Norway
13	-0,71	Ida Wennervold - Gunn Helness	Norway
14	-1,00	Ann-Sophie Andersson - Tuva Nilsmark	Sweden Blue
15	-1,05	Lena Johansson - Ylva Pyykkö	Sweden Blue



Butler Youth

1	1,43	Erik Hansson - Castor Mann	U26 Sweden
2	1,10	Joakim Johansson	U21 Sweden
3	0,88	Markus Bertheau - Erik Wiberg	U26 Sweden
4	0,70	Filip Asplund Sivelind	U21 Sweden
5	0,62	Thea Lucia Indrebö - Ida Marie Öberg	U26 Norway
6	0,56	Alexander Sandin - Klara Gustafsson	U26 Sweden
7	0,45	Erleta Plana - Maren Idland Saegrov	U21 Norway
8	0,26	Ella Rosthøj - Julie Marina Sigsgaard	w26 Denmark
9	0,25	Oskari Koivu - Hermanni Huhtamäki	U26 Finland
10	-0,03	Andreas Rolf-Larsen - Daniel Brandgaard	U26 Denmark
11	-0,04	Nikolaj Hammelev - Aron Tylvad	U21 Denmark
12	-0,11	Nikolai Heiberg Evenstad - Marius Austad	U26 Norway
13	-0,11	Anders Brogeland - Are Borgar Landsvik	U21 Norway
14	-0,12	Matteo Nordqvist	U21 Sweden
15	-0,21	Aapo Nieminen - Aarne Koivu	U26 Finland
16	-0,23	Sophie Bune - Amalie Bune	w26 Denmark
17	-0,75	Daniel Tylvad - Viktor Kolding	U26 Denmark
18	-0,75	Harry Hjort Warlenius - Ivar Lichtenstein	U21 Sweden
19	-0,95	Mathias Möller Larsen - Silas Weber	U26 Denmark
20	-1,22	Leah Thrane - Clara Brun Pedersen	U21 Denmark
21	-1,69	Frederik Zeeberg - Christian Zeeberg	U21 Denmark



U26 SILVER – NORWAY



Nikolai Heiberg Evenstad, Christian Bakke (captain), Marius Austad, Ida Marie Øberg & Thea Lucia Indrebø.



U26 BRONZE – FINLAND



Hermanni Huhtamäki, Aarne Koivu, Aapo Nieminen & Oskari Koivu (playing captain).





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