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We are the CHAMPIONS!

OPEN - NORWAY



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

U26 – SWEDEN



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

WOMEN – SWEDEN



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



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



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	WINNER	YEAR	WINNER
.18:	2023	SWEDEN	1996	Sweden
X	2022	Sweden	1994	Denmark
	2019	Sweden	1992	Sweden
	2017	Sweden	1990	Sweden
	2015	Denmark	1988	Denmark
	2013	Denmark	1986	Norway
	2011	Norway	1984	Sweden
	2009	Norway	1982	Sweden
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VIIII	2005	Norway	1978	Sweden
	2003	Sweden	1975	Norway
	2009	Sweden	1973	Denmark
	1998	Norway		

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 (V	Vednesday)	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
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Round 2 (W Den U21	Nor U26	20.72	1 52 19 49
		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 (V	Vednesday)		
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 (V	Vednesday)		
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
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Round 5 (7		56.00	15.00 4.10
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 (T	hursday)		
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
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Round 7 (T		10 51	0 51 10 40
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 (T	hursday)		
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
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Results Open

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Round 1		IMP	VP	Round 6 (Wea	dnesday)	IMP	VP
Sweden	Iceland	34-31	10,94-9,06	Faroe Islands	Denmark	19-36	5,49-14,51
Denmark	Finland	6-51	1,19-18,81	Sweden	Norway	12-51	1,87-18,13
Norway	Faroe Islands	29-10	14,93-5,07	Finland	Iceland	21-41	4,87-15,13
Round 2		IMP	VP	Round 7 (Thu	rsday)		
Denmark	Sweden	49-33	14,29-5,71	Iceland	Sweden	12-43	2,97-17,03
Faroe Islands	Iceland	10-53	1,41-18,59	Denmark	Finland	15-13	10,63-9,37
Finland	Norway	21-51	3,12-16,88	Norway	Faroe Island	21-33	6,62-13,38
Round 3 (Wea	lnesday)	IMP	VP	Round 8 (Thu	rsday)		
Faroe Islands	Denmark	12-52	1,75-18,25	Denmark	Norway	19-29	7,12-12,88
Finland	Sweden	18-68	0,69-19,31	Iceland	Faroe Islands	39-48	7,38-12,62
Norway	Iceland	44-8	17,74-2,26	Sweden	Finland	27-38	6,87-13,13
Round 4 (Wea	lnesday)	IMP	VP	Round 9 (Thu	rsday)		
Finland	Faroe Islands	48-25	15,70-4,30	Faroe Islands	Sweden	20-68	0,88-19,12
Iceland	Denmark	45-10	17,61-2,39	Norway	Finland	38-20	14,72-5,28
Sweden	Norway	31-27	11,24-8,76	Denmark	Iceland	64-20	18,70-1,30
Round 5 (Wea	lnesday)	IMP	VP	Round 10 (Th	ursday)		
Iceland	Finland	45-25	15,13-4,87	Iceland	Norway	13-35	4,49-15,51
Sweden	Faroe Islands	29-20	12,62-7,38	Sweden	Denmark	23-29	8,19-11,81
Norway	Denmark	37-49	6,62-13,38	Faroe Islands	Finland	14-71	0,09-19,91



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



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



Results Women

Round 1		IMP	VP	Round 6 (Wea	lnesday)	IMP	VP
Denmark	Finland	36-28	12,36-7,64	Sweden Blue	Iceland	3-41	2,00-18,00
Iceland	Norway	39-31	12,36-7,64	Finland	Sweden	32-27	11,53-8,47
Sweden Yellow	Sweden Blue	38-18	15,13-4,87	Norway	Denmark	26-41	5,93-14,07
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Round 2		IMP	VP	Round 7 (Thu			
Denmark	Iceland	43-17	16,23-3,77	Denmark	Finland	31-19	13,38-6,62
Finland	Sweden Yellow	23-73	0,69-19,31	Iceland	Norway	43-26	14,51-5,49
Sweden Blue	Norway	18-40	4,49-15,51	Sweden Yellow	Sweden Blue	52-4	19,12-0,88
Round 3 (Wea	dnesday)	IMP	VP	Round 8 (Thursday)			
Sweden Yellow	Iceland	39-23	14,29-5,71	Iceland	Sweden Yellow	11-46	2,39-17,61
Norway	Denmark	14-50	2,26-17,74	Denmark	Sweden Blue	33-7	16,23-3,77
Finland	Sweden Blue	47-53	8,19-11,81	Finland	Norway	46-26	15,13-4,87
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Round 4 (Wea		IMP	VP	Round 9 (Thu	-		
Denmark	Sweden Yellow	19-47	3,44-16,56	Sweden Blue	Finland	37-28	12,62-7,38
Sweden Blue	Iceland	31-52	4,68-15,32	Norway	Sweden Yellow	30-59	3,28-16,72
Norway	Finland	24-59	2,39-17,61	Iceland	Denmark	14-59	1,19-18,81
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Round 5 (Wea		IMP	VP	Round 10 (Th			
Sweden Blue	Denmark	18-38	4,87-15,13	Denmark	Sweden Yellow	30-27	10,94-9,06
Sweden Yellow	Norway	69-10	20,00-0,00	Iceland	Finland	42-43	9,68-10,32
Finland	Iceland	41-3	18,00-2,00	Norway	Sweden Blue	57-11	18,92-1,08



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

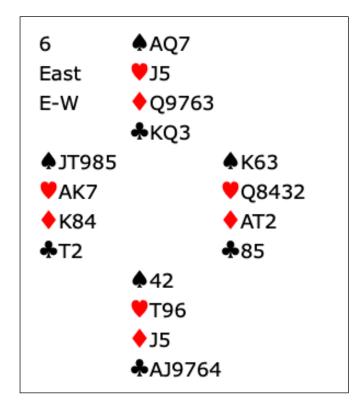


Meri Korhonen, Elina Laukkanen, Anni Mäkelä, Mirja Mäntylä, Raija Tuomi & Pia Erkkilä (playing captain).



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:



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gustafsso	n 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:

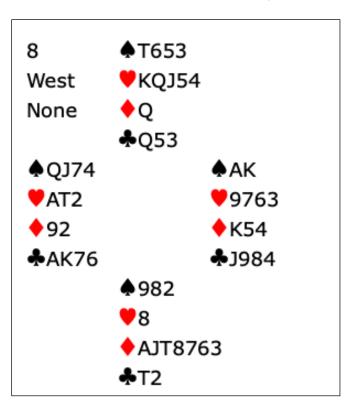
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Heiberg	Hansson	Austad	Mann
		pass	pass
1	1NT	D	pass
pass	pass		



Klara Gustafsson – Sweden U26.

After a natural spade lead declarer clamed 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
Gustafsso	on Indrebö	Sandin	Öberg
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
Heiberg	Hansson	Austad	Mann
1NT	2♣	pass	2♦
pass	pass	3NT	pass
pass	pass		

24 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.

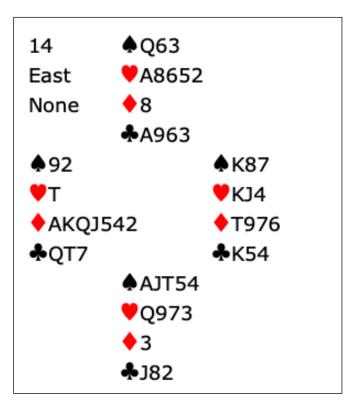
U26 Sweden had the flow needed and the result ran away to a massive 46-4, 18,48-1,52 converted to VPs.

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?

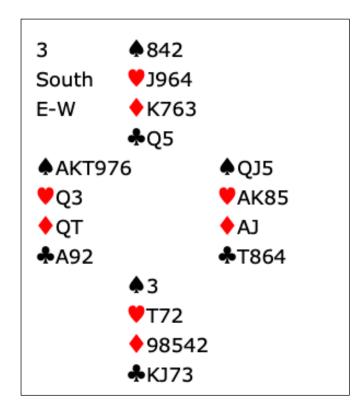


Andreas Plejdrup, Denmark open.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jonsson	Lahrmann	Thorvaldsson	Plejdrup
		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 Lahrmann 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.



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

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



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

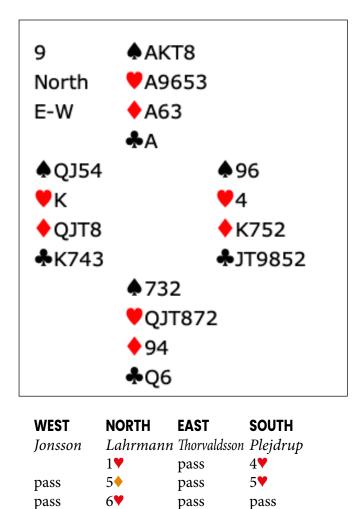
At the other table EW had higher views:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hemberg	Jörgensen	Buus Thomsen	Einarsson
			pass
1 🛧	pass	24	pass
27	pass	2	pass
3♦	pass	3♥	pass
3	pass	$4 \blacklozenge$	pass
4♥	pass	4NT	pass
5♦	pass	5NT	pass
6	pass	pass	pass

Declarer won the hart 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.





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.

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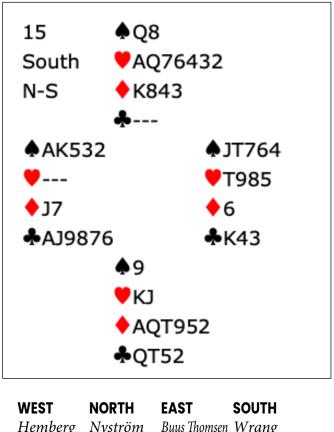
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hemberg	Jörgensen	Buus Thomsen	Einarsson
-	1♥	pass	4♥
pass	6♥	all pass	

At the other table three bids were enough reaching slam! After the club lead Jörgensen 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.



WEST	NORTH	EASI	SOUTH
Hemberg	Nyström	Buus Thomsen	Wrang
			1♦
2♣	4♣	D	pass
4♠	5♣	pass	57
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^A 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 sensible 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^A 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	Lahrman	n Hult	Plejdrup
			1
3♦	3♥	4	pass
pass	5NT	6♠	D
pass	pass	pass	

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 dobled 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 noting 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	

FINAL RANK WOMEN

1. Sweden Yellow	156,27
2. Denmark	
3. Finland	
4. Iceland	
5. Norway	
6. Sweden Blue	







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



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



Butler Open

1 2 3 4 5		Sigurbjorn Haraldsson - Jon Baldursson Christian Bakke - Tor Grude Peter Bertheau - Simon Hult Allan Livgård - Terje Aa Jari Salonen	Iceland Norway Sweden Norway 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 17	-	Arni M Dam - Danji Pauli Mohr Arne Mikkelsen - Bogi Simonsen	Faroe Islands Faroe Islands

Butler Women

1 2 3 4 5	0,93 0,87	Sara Asplund Sivelind - Marie Johansson Louise Hallqvist Ylva Johansson Meri Korhonen - Anni Mäkelä Helle Rasmussen - Lone Bilde	Sweden Yellow Sweden Yellow Sweden Yellow Finland 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 Gudnadottir	Iceland
10	-0,35	Arngunnur Jonsdottir Icela	
11	-0,42	Inda Hrönn Björnsdottir - Anna Heida Baldursdottir	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

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Butler Youth

1 2 3 4 5	1,43 1,10 0,88 0,70	Markus Bertheau - Erik Wiberg Filip Asplund Sivelind	U21 U26 U21	Sweden Sweden Sweden Sweden
5	0,62	Thea Lucia Indrebö – Ida Marie Öberg	026	Norway
6 7 8 9	0,56 0,45 0,26 0,25		U21 w26 U26	Sweden Norway Denmark Finland
10	-0,03	Andreas Rolf-Larsen - Daniel Brandgaard	026	Denmark
11 12 13 14 15	-0,04 -0,11 -0,11 -0,12 -0,21	Nikolaj Hammelev - Aron Tylvad Nikolai Heiberg Evenstad - Marius Austad Anders Brogeland - Are Borgar Landsvik Matteo Nordqvist Aapo Nieminen - Aarne Koivu	U26 U21 U21	Denmark Norway Norway Sweden Finland
16 17 18 19 20	-0,23 -0,75 -0,75 -0,95 -1,22	Sophie Bune - Amalie Bune Daniel Tylvad - Viktor Kolding Harry Hjort Warlenius - Ivar Lichtenstein Mathias Möller Larsen - Silas Weber Leah Thrane - Clara Brun Pedersen	U26 U21 U26	Denmark Denmark Sweden Denmark Denmark
21	-1,69	Frederik Zeeberg - Christian Zeeberg	U21	Denmark



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



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









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