

Wednesday 20 march

Day three of the Round Robin

Now it really gets serious. The top four teams after today will carry on to the semifinals. Of course we all like bridge as a game but the result is almost (or even more) important.

By playing the Round Robin as a Swiss, the top teams still can meet in the final six matches.

Argentina versus Denmark (At BBO where a lot of spectators are already present at 11.30), Netherlands Red versus Italy in round 12.

1	Netherlands Red	210
2	Argentina	199
3	'Rosa dei Venti' - Cagliari	198
4	Bulgaria	189
5	France	186
6	Italy	184
7	Finland	177
8	Denmark	174
9	Netherlands Purple	172
10	Hungary	172

Also Rosa dei Venti-Neth Purple, Bulgaria-Hungary, with France taking on the Czech Republic (at 170 vips), and Finland playing against Sweden (170. So big wins might get you in a qualifying position. I follow the events board-by-board like in a formula 1 race.



You are in 7♦ on a ♣J lead by East. You take ♣K and play ♦Q.
East shows out.

Plan the play.

Argentina takes the lead (9-0) when an overoptimistic 4♠ by Denmark goes down three(-300) with 2♠ making, and 10-0 with an overtrick imp.



After 1 ♣ - 1 ♦

2NT(3♣)- how do we get to 6♣?

In the match is was a push in 690.

I get the feeling that the boards will be wild, and board four confirms that.

Then the Danes did very well, the Norwegians got one too high

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Bilde
 ♠ 52
 ♥ AK8542
 ♦ AKQJ7
 ♣ AKQJ7

Crusizio
 ♠ K9852
 ♥ A8
 ♥ 109763
 ♣ 9

Garcia da
 ♠ AQ1063
 ♥ J964
 ♥ QJ
 ♣ 102

Jepsen
 ♠ J74
 ♥ KQ1073
 ♥ 86543
 ♣ 86543

NZ: 0
 OW: 0

Crusizio	Bilde	Garcia d	Jepsen
2♦	Dbl	4♥	Pas
4♠	4SA	5♠	6♣
Pas	Pas	Pas	

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Pas	Pas	Pas	

Thoms	Hegge	Jepsen	Stange
2♦	Dbl	4♥	5♥
Pas	7♣	Pas	Pas
Dbl	Pas	Pas	Pas



The take out double and the 1♠ bid by South got east-west to the not so good 4♥ game. ♣A en ♣K ruffed. Heart to ♥9 and ♥Q. ♣Q and the fourth club was too much for declarer going down with 4♠ (East overcalled with 1♠) making twelve tricks and it was Denmark in the lead: 27-10.

And the p[layers were still not ready with all the slam hands.
How about this one?

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Bilde
 ♠ A3
 ♥ 103
 ♦ AKQ8
 ♣ KJ1032

Crusizio
 ♠ K10842
 ♥ Q7
 ♦ 653
 ♣ Q97

Garcia da
 ♠ QJ9765
 ♥ KJ86
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 65

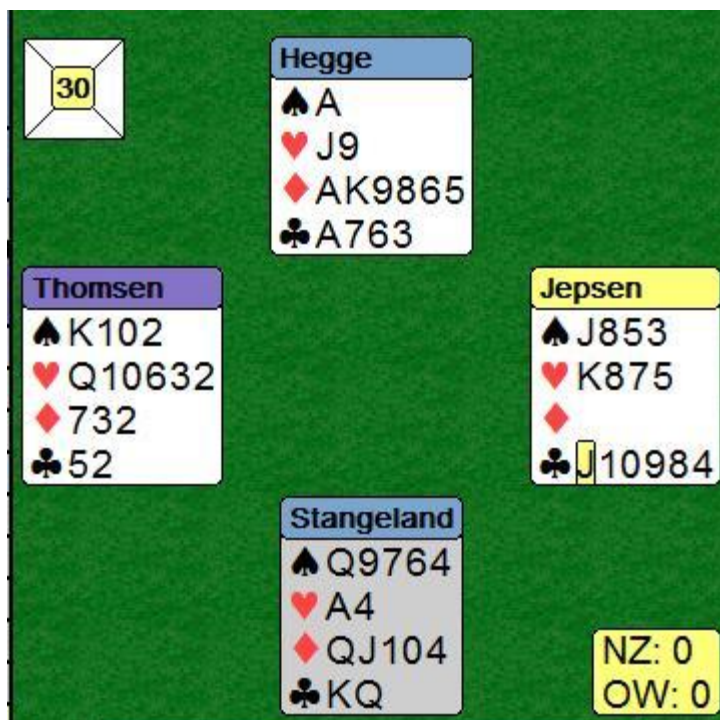
Jepsen
 ♠
 ♥ A9542
 ♦ J10742
 ♣ A84

NZ: 0
 OW: 0

Crusizio	Bilde	Garcia d	Jepsen
2♦	Dbl	5♥	Dbl
5♠	Dbl	Pas	6♦
Pas	Pas	6♠	Pas
Pas	Dbl	Pas	Pas

Of course any hand green versus red in first position is a weak two, and especially if partner has big support. North South did ok with 6♦, and probably it got too dark to bid seven after the save. Denmark also had the 2♦-opening bid, were allowed to play in 4♠ and increased the lead: 44-13.

The 7♦ was the last board of the match.



You have enough entries to ruff out ♠K; well down and 11 to Argentina when Denmark stopped in 6♦; making the final result: Denmark 44 Argentina 22.

What a great set of hands, and how difficult things can become, especially with juniors in the preemptive seats.

The ranking with five matches to play:

1	Netherlands Red	229
2	'Rosa dei Venti' - Cagliari	223
3	Argentina	208
4	France	200
5	Bulgaria	199
6	Denmark	195
7	Italy	195
8	Norway	194
9	Hungary	192
10	Sweden	190
11	Finland	187
12	Czech Republic	186
13	Israel	183
14	Netherlands Blue	182
15	Romania	180

A fantastic day still ahead of us, if the developments and the boards will be as exciting as the first ten boards. Many teams still competing for the semifinal spots, with Netherlands Red and Rosa dei Venti from Cagliari, Italy somewhat escaping.