

### Finals: session 3/3

At the end of the second session Sweden had taken the lead, but only by 3 IMPs, leading 49 – 46. So we could be up for an exciting finish of the tournament. Again no change in the line up.

The third session started with a near slam, which would make without a spade lead.

**29**

**Niajko**  
 ♠ 108  
 ♥ A107654  
 ♦ AQ93  
 ♣ A

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ K943  
 ♥ KJ  
 ♦ J7654  
 ♣ K4

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ QJ75  
 ♥ 98  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 1087532

**Marks**  
 ♠ A62  
 ♥ Q32  
 ♦ K108  
 ♣ QJ96

NZ: 0  
OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
	1 ♥	Pas	2 ♣
Pas	2 ♥	Pas	4 ♥
Pas	Pas	Pas	

South showed a delayed game raise and North must have been tempted to do something. But in the end Niajko passed. Diamond lead, so 12 tricks, NS +680.

Chodack	O. Rimst	Nowak	Säftesten
	1 ♥	Pas	2 ♦
Pas	4 ♥	Pas	Pas
Pas			

2♦ showed a heart raise and North decided to jump to game. Now South might have thought about slam, but Säftesten also called it a day. Also diamond lead and 12 tricks. No score.

On board 30 Niajko made a remarkable 4♠-bid, after already having doubled 1♥ for take-out.

30

**Niajko**  
 ♠ 8754  
 ♥  
 ♦ A10643  
 ♣ KQ103

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ Q6  
 ♥ A K J 7 4  
 ♦ 8 2  
 ♣ A 9 5 2

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ K 9 3  
 ♥ 9 5 2  
 ♦ K 9 7 5  
 ♣ J 8 7

**Marks**  
 ♠ A J 10 2  
 ♥ Q 10 8 6 3  
 ♦ Q J  
 ♣ 6 4

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
		Pas	Pas
1♥	Dbl	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	Pas	Pas
Pas			

The effect of his immediate jump to game was that no one doubled. 4♠ was way too high and ended three down, NS -150.

At the other table bidding was much calmer.

Chodack	O. Rimst	Nowak	Säfte
		Pas	Pas
1♥	Dbl	2♥	Pas
Pas	Pas		

Säfte was OK with his opps playing in his 5-card suit, although he could expect 2♠ to make for NS. North led the King of clubs and declarer managed to score 8 tricks, so NS -110. 1 IMP to Sweden.

On board 31 Poland took the lead again. This time it was caused because the Polish East player did not overcall, while the Swedish East did.

31

**Niajko**  
 ♠ A6432  
 ♥ 82  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ K8632

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ 85  
 ♥ AKQ54  
 ♦ Q9842  
 ♣ 9

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ Q1097  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 1065  
 ♣ AQJ54

**Marks**  
 ♠ KJ  
 ♥ J10976  
 ♦ AKJ7  
 ♣ 107

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
			1 ♥
Pas	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pas
Pas	Pas		

Mikael Rimstedt used the vulnerability as an excuse to direct partner towards the right lead as he could expect South to rebid hearts. After 2♣ no one had another bid as South was not strong enough to make a take-out double and North was happy to defend in his 5-card suit. 2♣ went two down, NS +100.

Chodacki	O. Rimsl	Nowak	Säfsten
			1 ♥
Pas	1 ♠	Pas	2 ♣
Pas	2 ♥	Pas	Pas
Dbl	Pas	Pas	Pas

At the other table Nowak stayed quiet and North chose to correct the artificial 2♣ rebid to 2♥, which would be fine on most days with a doubleton, side singleton, an Ace and a King. Not today as Chodacki told them with his double. He thoughtfully led ♥ Queen to show his partner what was going on at trick 2 by playing ♥ Ace. He switched to a club to East's King and East returned a diamond to the Jack and Queen. Back came a diamond and declarer played a 3<sup>rd</sup> trump for West. West also continued trumps and declarer cashed two more before playing a second club. East took two of those and declarer scored the remainder. 2 down, NS -500. 12 IMPs to Poland, now leading 58 – 50.

Sweden took back most of the IMPs lost on the next board.

32

**Niajko**  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ K543  
 ♦ J109762  
 ♣ K4

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ KQ43  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ 54  
 ♣ QJ9765

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ 9765  
 ♥ Q1092  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ A82

**Marks**  
 ♠ A1082  
 ♥ AJ76  
 ♦ Q83  
 ♣ 103

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
Pas	Pas	1 ♣	Pas
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠	2SA
Pas	3 ♦	Pas	3 ♥
3 ♠	Pas	Pas	Pas

1♥ was a transfer to spades and 1♠ was a take-out double with 4♥ and longer diamonds. East supported spades and South made a game try by bidding 2NT, then 3♥. Grönkvist competed the hand to 3♠. South led a diamond and Rimstedt played a spade to the King. He next took a club finesse and two more round. South ruffed and played ♥ Ace and another heart. Declarer pitched a club and was in control for 9 tricks. NS -140.

Chodack	O. Rimsl	Nowak	Säfte
Pas	Pas	1 ♣	Dbl
1 ♥	3 ♦	Pas	Pas
4 ♣	Pas	4 ♠	Pas
Pas	Dbl	Pas	Pas
5 ♣	Pas	Pas	Dbl
Pas	Pas	Pas	

Here Säfte made a take-out DBL already and 1♥ was a transfer to spades. North jumped to 3♦ and Chodacki competed with 4♣. Since 4♠ is also 10 tricks, but worth more points, Nowak corrected to 4♠. North doubled this and Chodacki ran to the safety of his 6-card suit. Did he not expect his partner to have four spades? Or was he afraid of losing control in spades?

Against 5♣ doubled South led a diamond and declarer played a spade to the King, which held. Club to Ace and club to the King followed. South forgot to cash a spade trick in the end and declarer could pitch one on a high heart. So just 1 down, but still NS +200 and 8 IMPs to Sweden. All level at 58 -58.

Sweden took the lead on board 33 as Poland reached a high 3NT. Too high this time, with the other table scoring 1NT +1. 6 IMPs to Sweden, in the lead by that much.

450 in 4♥ was a push next, as was 550 in 5♣ doubled on board 35:

35

**Niajko**  
 ♠ J52  
 ♥ KQ65  
 ♦ 975  
 ♣ 652

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ AK109764  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 1062  
 ♣ 74

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ Q83  
 ♥ J9872  
 ♦ AK84  
 ♣ 9

**Marks**  
 ♠  
 ♥ A104  
 ♦ QJ3  
 ♣ AKQJ1083

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
			1 ♣
3 ♠	Pas	4 ♠	5 ♣
Pas	Pas	Dbl	Pas
Pas	Pas		

Chodack	O. Rimsl	Nowak	Säfsten
			1 ♣
3 ♠	Pas	4 ♠	5 ♣
Pas	Pas	Dbl	Pas
Pas	Pas		

Same bidding in both rooms with East hoping rather than knowing to beat 5♣. But at this vulnerability you might not want to let them off in a 50 per trick save against your own vulnerable game.

Grönkvist (somewhat surprisingly) led a top spade, whereas Chodacki went for the heart lead to try and beat it a few tricks if partner held ♥ Ace and some other goodies which you may expect from his DBL.

On board 36 Sweden extended its lead.

36

**Niajko**  
 ♠ J1095  
 ♥ 65  
 ♦ AJ52  
 ♣ K97

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ 63  
 ♥ 10984  
 ♦ K98  
 ♣ Q853

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ AK4  
 ♥ AKJ73  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ J1062

**Marks**  
 ♠ Q872  
 ♥ Q2  
 ♦ Q10643  
 ♣ A4

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
Pas	Pas	1♥	Pas
3♥	Pas	4♥	Pas
Pas	Pas		

Simple and effective bidding with West showing a weak raise with 4-card support. Vulnerable 3♥ must show something, so Rimstedt tried for game. The hands fit well, but game could still be beaten on a club ruff, even after Marks's diamond lead. Declarer played the King and North won. But he switched to a spade rather than a club, so Sweden scored 10 tricks. NS -620.

Chodacki	O. Rimsi	Nowak	Säfssten
Pas	Pas	1♥	Pas
1SA	Pas	2♣	Pas
2♥	Pas	2♠	Pas
3♥	Pas	Pas	Pas

Chodacki started with 1NT, then bid 2♥ to show a weak raise. Nowak made a game try with 2♠, but Chodacki did not accept. Same defense here, but only -170. 10 IMPs to Sweden, ahead by 74 – 58.

Board 37 was a slam hand. 6♥ was rather easy, requiring just trumps to behave or one finesse, but 6NT needed both finesses if hearts did not behave. Poland were lucky as both slams survived. But time is running out for them to score IMPs.

37

**Niajko**  
 ♠ KQJ10  
 ♥ A865  
 ♦ QJ6  
 ♣ 54

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ 98642  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ 9753  
 ♣ 1092

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ QJ7  
 ♦ K1082  
 ♣ KJ763

**Marks**  
 ♠ A75  
 ♥ K10932  
 ♦ A4  
 ♣ AQ8

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
	1♣	Pas	1♥
Pas	2♥	Pas	2♠
Pas	2SA	Pas	3♥
Pas	3♠	Pas	4♣
Pas	4♦	Pas	4SA
Pas	5♣	Dbl	6SA
Pas	Pas	Pas	

Chodack	O. Rimsl	Nowak	Säfsten
	1♦	Pas	1SA
Pas	2♣	Pas	2♦
Pas	2♥	Pas	2♠
Pas	3♥	Pas	3♠
Pas	4♣	Dbl	6♥
Pas	Pas	Pas	

On board 38 Poland could take some IMPs back by reaching a high 4♠ after an unusual situation for a Leaping Michaels bid. Niajko balanced with 4♦ over a 1NT-opening on his left and two passes. Dummy was a bad fitting hand, but 4♠ had a chance. Unfortunately he took a line of play that did not allow him to make it.

38

**Niajko**  
 ♠ KQ1065  
 ♥ 75  
 ♦ AKQ542  
 ♣

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ J74  
 ♥ Q3  
 ♦ J976  
 ♣ Q962

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ A83  
 ♥ KJ9  
 ♦ 103  
 ♣ AKJ103

**Marks**  
 ♠ 92  
 ♥ A108642  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ 8754

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
		1SA	Pas
Pas	4♦	Pas	4♥
Pas	4♠	Pas	Pas
Pas			

Niajko got a club lead, ruffed. He played ♠ King to East's Ace and East continued clubs, ruffed again. Now Niajko played his top diamonds, but East could ruff the third one, overruffed in dummy. He ruffed another club in hand and cashed his two remaining winners, the Queen of spades and the Ace of hearts for 2 down and -100.

In the other room Sweden ended in 2♠ only.

Chodack	O. Rimsl	Nowak	Säfssten
		1SA	2♣
Pas	2♦	Pas	2♥
Pas	2♠	Pas	Pas
Pas			

Ola Rimstedt also made 8 tricks, so +110 and 5 IMPs to Sweden, 79 – 58 IMPs.

Board 39 gave Poland some hope as Grönkvist overcalled after 1NT and the Poles doubled her in the bad fit.

39

**Niajko**  
 ♠ AK  
 ♥ 6542  
 ♦ K1065  
 ♣ 864

**Gronkvist**  
 ♠ Q  
 ♥ QJ1093  
 ♦ Q7  
 ♣ KQ1072

**M Rimstedt**  
 ♠ 1098742  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ J43  
 ♣ 953

**Marks**  
 ♠ J653  
 ♥ AK8  
 ♦ A982  
 ♣ AJ

NZ: 0  
 OW: 0

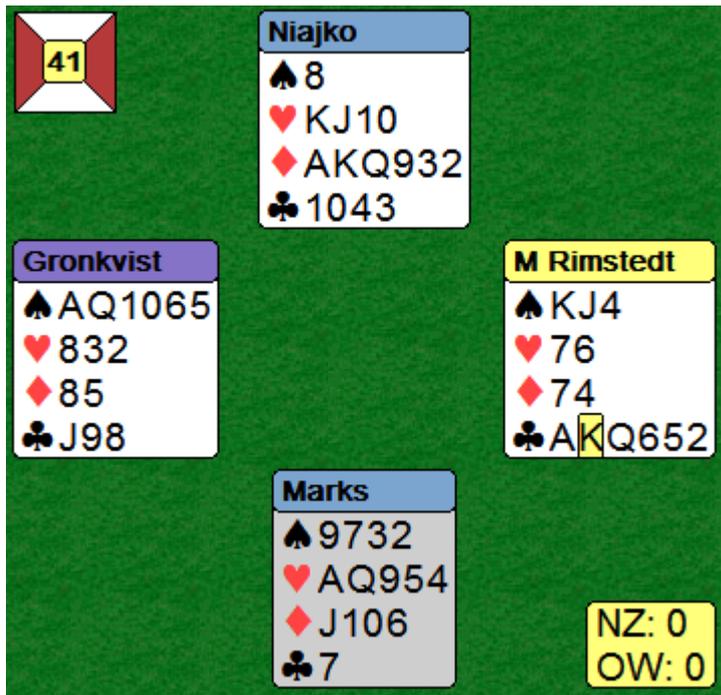
Gronkvist	Niajko	M Rimstedt	Marks
			1SA
2♦ Pas	Dbl Pas	2♥ Pas	Dbl

2♦ showed 1 Major and Rimstedt had nowhere to go, although he might have tried his own 6-card without much success. 2♥ doubled also was no success. ♥ Ace was followed by a spade to the King and another spade, ruffed in West. Declarer played a top trump for South, who continued with a third round of spades, which was allowed to hold. South then played a diamond and two more rounds of those followed, East winning the third round. He played a club, but South rose with the Ace to play a fourth diamond, so North would score an extra trump trick in the end for 3 down and +800.

Chodack	O. Rimst	Nowak	Säfsten
			1♣
1♥	Dbl	Pas	1♠
2♣	Dbl	Pas	2SA
Pas	3♠	Pas	3SA

At the other table EW would have gotten to 2♣ only, a much better fit. North-South now tried for 3NT, but West led a top club. When declarer gave West a diamond trick, he cashed another top club and with the Jack dropping he cashed out for one down, NS -100. 14 IMPs to Poland, back in the race at 72 – 79.

Board 40 was not what Poland needed, with 10 tricks in an easy 3NT. Sweden only took 9, so it was 1 IMP to Poland. Board 41 was even less what Poland needed after Niajko and Marks overbid to slam in a competitive auction with East-West bidding up to 5♠ over 5♦.



The defense made no mistake and took its 2 tricks immediately, so NS -50. Rather expensive with 5♠ going 500.

At the other tables Sweden managed to stay low enough.

Chodacki	O. Rimstedt	Nowak	Säftester
	2♦	3♣	3♦
3♠	4♦	4♠	5♦
Dbl	Pas	Pas	Pas

2♦ showed 10-16 hcp with diamonds and denied a 4-card Major. Säftester raised in competition and Rimstedt also raised, because of his good suit and short diamonds. East-West meanwhile found their way to 4♠ and now Säftester got it right by bidding 5♦, what looked like a save. Chodacki doubled, but 5♦ was easy. NS +550 and 12 IMPs to Sweden. 91 – 73 with just one board to go.

On the final board both West players were doubled in 3♣. Grönkvist escaped for 1 down, but Chodacki went 2 off. 7 IMPs to Sweden, making the final score 98 – 73.

Congratulations to Ida Grönkvist, Mikael and Ola Rimstedt and Johan Säftester.

Final score:

**Poland – Sweden 73 - 98**

Thanks to everyone who helped during this tournament. Also thanks to the sponsors and all people who care about junior bridge in the Netherlands, making this event possible. We hope to be at this tournament for many more years.

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