

### Round 5

Round 5 featured Czech Republic and Sweden on BBO. Czech Republic had a great start to the tournament lying in third place, while Sweden was a bit above average after three small wins and a small loss.

In the open room for Czech Republic Jakub Vojtik – Lukas Kolek took on Sanna Clementsson – Alexander Sandin, while Erik Klems – Martin Melcak played against Erik Hansson – Castor Mann.

The computer produced some exciting deals this set.

Vojtik opened 1NT despite having a sixth club. Kolek asked and Vojtik showed a minimum with 2NT. Kolek took the low route now and signed off in game.

West	North	East	South
Melcak	Hansson	Klems	Mann
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♣
ap.			

Hansson opened 1 ♣ and rebid 3 ♣ showing 15-17 with 6+ clubs. South had great controls and the useful Queen of clubs now, so Mann asked for keycards (or was it quantitative?). When Hansson responded 5 ♥ slam was reached. Only nine out of 24 tables reached slam, while the others played 3NT. 6 ♣ was an excellent contract and with the King of clubs inside Hansson made an overtrick. +1390 and 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Sweden took a few overtrick and undertrick IMPs on the next boards, with a nice squeeze from Mann to win 3 IMPs for 4 ♠ just one off instead of two. Then came a dinosaur swing (or not; I'm not sure how many IMPs are required to call it a dinosaur; I will ask Kees at breakfast while I'm eating my chocolate pasta sandwiches) *[Edit: Kees told me a dinosaur needs at least 16 IMPs and something special at both tables. So a vulnerable slam one down versus making is not a dinosaur; you need something like (re)doubled overtricks or something]*

**D 16**

**N Vojtik**  
 ♠AQ6543  
 ♥97  
 ♦105  
 ♣1053

**WEST** **NOR** **EAST** **SOUT**  
 P 2♦ 4♣ P  
 4♦ P 4♥ P  
 4NT P 5♣ P  
 5♥ P P P

**W Sandin**  
 ♠107  
 ♥QJ1042  
 ♦Q64  
 ♣Q62

**E Clementssso**  
 ♠J  
 ♥AK653  
 ♦K  
 ♣AKJ874

**S Kolek**  
 ♠K982  
 ♥8  
 ♦AJ98732  
 ♣9

5♥ East  
 NS: 0  
 EW: 0

West	North	East	South
Sandin	Vojtik	Clementsson	Kolek
Pass	2 ♦ *	4 ♣ *	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♥	ap.		

North opened 2 ♦, Multi. Usually a weak-2 in either Major. Clementsson overcalled 4 ♣, leaping Michaels, showing clubs and a Major with at least 5-5 distribution. Kolek could not know which suit his partner had at this point, so he

passed. Sandin asked for the Major with 4 ♦ and 4 ♥ showed the hearts. Sandin felt his good hearts and nice Queen of clubs were enough to look for slam and asked for keycards. 2 were missing, so 5 ♥ became the final contract, especially when Kolek still wasn't convinced his partner must have spades for a nice and cheap save. The defense was accurate, cashing both tricks, but EW scored +650.

West	North	East	South
<i>Melcak</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Klems</i>	<i>Mann</i>
Pass	2 ♦	DBL	Pass *
2 ♠ *	Pass	3NT	4 ♦
DBL	ap.		

2 ♦ was Multi here too and Klems started with a double (I'm not sure about the precise meaning for them). Mann passed, explaining his bid as a pass-or-correct, expecting North to bid his Major. Melcak bid 2 ♠ and explained as pass-or-correct also (did he think his partner opened 2 ♦?). Hansson could not show his suit and Klems tried 3NT, probably expecting a natural 2 ♠ bid opposite. Mann in the mean time had corrected his explanation about his Pass to natural, showing diamonds, willing to play 2 ♦ doubled. Mann even took the vulnerability as a reason to save with 4 ♦. Melcak doubled and there it rested. Klems cashed a top heart and switched to a spade, but Hansson immediately drew trumps. Melcak won the second round and led a club to the King, but it was Klems who was out of spades instead of Melcak, so there was no spade ruff. 4 ♦ doubled just made added +510 to the +650, so 15 IMPs to Sweden.

Both teams missed a good slam on board 18, although one could go down in 6NT by trying the heart finesse:

18 D		N Hansson	WEST NOR EAST SOUT
		♠AQJ1086	3NT P 3♣ P
		♥J	P P P
		♦QJ9	
		♣J96	
W Melcák		E Klems	
♠K9		♠74	
♥AKQ104		♥7	
♦A103		♦K765	
♣KQ5		♣A108732	
		S Mann	
		♠532	
		♥986532	
		♦842	
		♣4	
3NT West			
NS: 0			
EW: 0			

As you can see Klems opened 3♣, non-vulnerable against vulnerable. Nowadays it seems normal to preempt with 6 or 7 clubs to the Jack at these colors, so Melcák might even have been worried about making 3NT on a spade lead. As it was Klems actually had a fair hand and with the Jack of hearts dropping in the first round a club slam will easily make without a spade lead as declarer will first test if the Jack of hearts will drop in three or four rounds, before falling back on leading a spade to the King. 6♣ in the West hand would be fairly easy that way, but in the East hand it fails on a spade lead.

6NT however has eleven top tricks without a spade lead and declarer could try a heart finesse.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sandin</i>	<i>Vojtik</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Kolek</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	ap.		

At the other table Clementsson did not open 3♣. Was she too strong for it at these colors, with an Ace and King and 6-4 shape? Sandin now opened a strong 2NT and Clementsson seemed to make a slam try with 4♣. If so then West has a great hand with good fit and nice controls. But Sandin signed off to 4NT, also making 2 overtricks, for 1 IMP to Sweden. Board 19 was another slam hand:

19 D	N Vojtik ♠4 ♥AKJ7642 ♦AKJ ♣A8	WEST   NORTH   EAST   SOUTH P 2♣   P 2♦ P 2♥   P 2♠ P 3♥   P 3♠ P 3NT   P 4♥
W Sandin ♠863 ♥103 ♦975432 ♣K6	S Kolek ♠AQJ7 ♥Q85 ♦Q108 ♣1093	E Clementsson ♠K10952 ♥9 ♦6 ♣QJ7542
4♥ North NS: 0 EW: 0		

West	North	East	South
<i>Sandin</i>	<i>Vojtik</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Kolek</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥ *	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠ *
Pass	3NT *	Pass	4 ♥
ap.			

The Czechs did not reach slam, but scored up 12 tricks, NS +480.

Sweden did better:

West	North	East	South
<i>Melcak</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Klems</i>	<i>Mann</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	2 ♣ *	Pass	2 ♦ *
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠ *
Pass	3NT *	Pass	4 ♠ *
Pass	4NT *	Pass	5 ♦ *
Pass	5NT *	Pass	6 ♣ *
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	6 ♥
ap.			

2♣ was 18-20 balanced or a Game-Forcing hand. 2♦ was a waiting of some sorts and 3♥ showed a strong hand with long hearts. 3♠ was a slam try for hearts without shortness and 3NT showed a ♠ control. 4♠ asked for keycards with 4NT showing 1 or 4 of them. 5♦ asked for Kings and 5NT showed the King of diamonds and denied the King of spades. 6♣ asked about the King of clubs and with that card North probably could have bid 7♥. North did not have the King of clubs, but a potentially useful 7<sup>th</sup> heart or Jack of diamonds. Mann now settled for small slam. Sweden +980 and 11 IMPs.

The final board of the set was another slam hand. Czech Republic outbid the Swedes on this one, but were unlucky with the bad split, even though the grand slam maybe was a bit too high. From the explanations of the BBO-operator it seemed as though Vojtik and Kolek were not on solid ground however.

D 20	N Vojtik	WES NOR EAST SOUT			
	♠A5 ♥Q ♦AJ1092 ♣AQ1094	P 1♦ P 1♥ P 2♣ P 2♠ P 3♣ P 3♥ P 4♣ P 4N P 5♦ P 5♥			
W Sandin	E Clementsso				
♠1074 ♥KJ52 ♦53 ♣J763	♠J9862 ♥843 ♦KQ864 ♣				
	S Kolek				
	♠KQ3 ♥A10976 ♦7 ♣K852				
7♣ North NS: 0 EW: 0					

West	North	East	South
<i>Sandin</i>	<i>Vojtik</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Kolek</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6NT	Pass	7♣
ap.			

2 ♠ was 4<sup>th</sup> suit forcing, but after that the bidding became a bit uncertain. Vojtik thought long before alerting 4NT, but the jump to 6NT seems to indicate he wasn't sure about the meaning of his partner's bids. Kolek corrected to 7 ♣ as he had a great hand to play with trumps. The 4-0 split combined with the short diamonds in the West hand meant 2 down, NS -200.

West	North	East	South
<i>Melcak</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Klems</i>	<i>Mann</i>
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
ap.			

The bidding started in the same way, but Hansson responded with 3 ♠ to the fourth suit. Mann now signed off in 3NT with a minimum hand for his game-forcing 2 ♠ and no room to investigate below 3NT. 3NT made 10 tricks, so 13 IMPs to Sweden, outscoring the Czech Republic by 59 – 0. That meant a 20 – 0 win for Sweden, overtaking the first place while Czech Republic dropped to 6<sup>th</sup>.

♣♦♥♠