



NZ Teams Round of 16 2019 NZB Congress

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True Foreigners

I talked to Martin Lofgren and Calle Ragnarsson, the only true foreigners at congress this year. Martin is well known to all at the NZ Bridge Congress; he has been coming here for a number of years, and won the NZ Teams in 2013 with an eclectic band of guys.

He is from Norrköping, in the east of Sweden, 160kms south east of Stockholm. He was in the national junior team in the 1980s (in Sweden, youth bridge is called junior bridge), was the junior national team captain from 2015-2018 and also works with bridge in schools.



2013 NZ Teams winners Daniel Skipper, James Coutts, Martin Lofgren and Johnny Davidson

Calle is from Linköping some 200km south of Stockholm. Linköping is well-known in Sweden for its carbon neutral approach – it hopes to be 100% carbon neutral by 2025, a proponent of positive

climate change.

He was a high school teacher (high school is called a gymnasium in Sweden, and educates Years 9-12) in mathematics and physics, but for 20 years has been involved in staff planning, scheduling and events at one of the country's largest high schools. He has been a member of the Federal Board since the early 2000s, chairman of the competition committee since 2007, a mem-



Ross Crichton is surrounded by Swedes

ber of the Organizing Committee and responsible for the competitions in the Bridge Festival since 2006.

The Festival is large by NZ standards – 167 teams from 22 countries attended the 2019 event and 525 pairs competed in a barometer scored pairs event!



An Australian youth team was lucky enough to be invited to the Festival. In 2020 it will be held in Örebro, from Friday 24 July to Sunday 2 August 2020. Örebro is a beautiful city between Stockholm and Gothenburg.

Calle has won the Swedish Teams four times and the Mixed three times. Unlike the evergreen Martin, it is Calle's first time to the NZBridge Congress, and he commented on the friendliness shown by the Australasian players.



Martin and Calle return home on Sunday; NZ in September – October is not a great time for visitors from Scandinavia – July would be much better from their point of view!

Like NZ and Australia, the ageing bridge population is a worry for bridge organising bodies; the average age in Sweden is 67. Martin, in particular is focussed on youth (or junior bridge) and says YES to Under 16 Bridge and NO to the new Under 31 category. In my opinion, Under 16 is the new Under 20 and under 31 is the new Under 40!

At the table, Martin and Calle conduct a sophisticated system, using transfer bids in some sequences, but I found their bridge language easy to follow (two years ago, I incorporated many of the Swedish asking bids and sequences into my own system after advice from Australian expert Justin Mill). And to the bridge:

There was the good:

NZ Teams 6, Board 16, West deals, EW vulnerable

♠ 10 6 4 3

♥ A 10 9

♦ 8 4

♣ J 10 9 2

♠ 9 8

♥ 7 5 3 2

♦ A Q 7 3 2

♣ Q 3

♠ A 7 5 2

♥ K J 8 6

♦ K

♣ 8 7 5 4

♠ K Q J

♥ Q 4

♦ J 10 9 6 5

♣ A K 6

WEST

pass

2♦

NORTH

pass

dbl

EAST

pass

all pass

SOUTH

1NT

West's overcall at unfavourable vulnerability was ill-advised. On the previous board, Martin had commented that he needed to double more (East was three down in 3♦), so perhaps this prompted the lucrative takeout double—down two, +500.



RAGNARSSON, Martin and Calle, Shane Harrison – James Coutts, Max Henbest – David Wiltshire has a wealth of talent and is an international combina-

tion (Swedish, Australian and NZ) of youth and experience.

NZ Teams 6, Board 22, East deals, EW vulnerable

♠ K 4	♠ Q J 8 7 5 3 2
♥ A 6 3	♥ 10 8 2
♦ 7 6 4 3	♦ K Q
♣ A 10 6 5	♣ K
	♠ A 10
	♥ K Q J 9 7 5 4
	♦ A
	♣ Q 4 3
	♠ 9 6
	♥ —
	♦ J 10 9 8 5 2
	♣ J 9 8 7 2

In Match 6, RAGNARSSON suffered a 13 IMP loss on the deal above, when 6♥ was reached easily after this sequence:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♣ ^{Prec}	pass
2NT ^{11-12 bal}	3♠	6♥	all pass

The slam was missed at the other table, so 13 IMPs away, but the deal is of interest to squeeze aficionados in that there is a squeeze on South, who holds virtually nothing for 13 tricks; after ruffing one diamond and running trumps, South cannot hold both a diamond guard and a club guard, with North's ♣K coming down singleton.

NZ Teams 4, Board 22, East deals, EW vulnerable

♠ 8 4 3	♠ A 10 2
♥ Q 10 9 5	♥ A K 7 6
♦ J 10 5	♦ 9 5 3
♣ A Q J 4 3	♣ A Q 3
♠ J 9 6	♠ K Q 7 5
♥ 2	♥ J 8 4 3
♦ K J 8 6 2	♦ Q 4
♣ K 9 7 2	♣ 8 6 4

South led a spade, won by Mark's ♠10 in hand. After due consideration, he determined it was best to play a diamond to dummy's jack at trick two.

So after South followed, he called for the jack, and North played low.

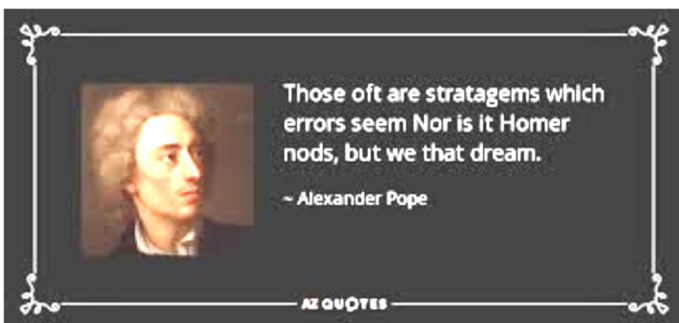
South then led ♠K, and Mark was startled, asking what had just happened. It turns out that South had played ♦Q, so had won the trick. After losing two more tricks in diamonds, he ended up making only eight tricks.



Inserted by a loving brother and partner



Siblings Michael and Liz Wilcox
(Kairangi and Rotorua)



Homer II

In Round 4 of the NZ Teams, Mark Hangartner had not been allowed to play many hands when Board 22 came up:

A successful operation

Jamie Thompson brought to my attention a deal where he and partner Sam Coutts had bid to a great grand slam, missed by the rest of the field:

♠ A K Q 10 2	♠ 8 7
♥ 10	♥ A 9 7 6
♦ A 8	♦ K 5 3 2
♣ A K 6 4 2	♣ Q J 10

Their superlative auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sam		Jamie	
	pass	pass	pass
2♣	pass	2♦	pass
2♠	pass	2NT	pass
3♣	pass	4♣	pass
4♦ ¹	pass	4♥ ¹	pass
4NT ²	pass	5♣ ³	pass
5♦ ⁴	pass	6♦ ⁵	pass
7♣	all pass		

1. cuebids
2. Key Card for clubs
3. 1 or 4 Key Cards
4. Queen ask
5. Yes, and ♦K

Great auction, you say, West, Sam Coutts could count 13 tricks when he bid the grand. How many IMPs in? Here is the hand record sheet:

FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 5

Contract	Result	Score	Frequen-
5♦ by EW	-2	100	1
7♣ by EW	-1	50	1
6♣ by EW	-1	50	1
7♠ by EW	-1	50	1
2♥x by NS	-1	-200	1
1♠ by EW	+5	-230	1
5♣ by EW	+1	-420	2
5♣ by EW	+2	-440	2
3NT by EW	+2	-460	1
4♠ by EW	+2	-480	15
3NT by EW	+3	-490	17
3NT by EW	+4	-520	8
2♥x by NS	-3	-800	2
6♣ by EW	=	-920	14
6♣ by EW	+1	-940	3
6♠ by EW	=	-980	7
6NT by EW	=	-990	12
6NT by EW	+1	-1020	2
6NTx by EW	=	-1230	1

An ignominious end to such great enterprise—11 IMPs out when spades broke 5-1.



NZ Teams									
Results after 10 of 10 matches									
Place	Team	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	Imps	VPs	WDL
1	BACH (7)	50	9	7	52	24	212	146.99	9-0-1
2	SEBESFI (29)	-8	30	-7	-18	44	187	137.56	7-0-3
3	RAGNARSSON (40)	-17	-3	0	9	56	192	135.3	6-1-3
4	FAN (42)	8	-13	0	9	12	115	129.61	8-1-1
5	GROSVENOR (64)	23	3	5	-8	4	128	127.28	7-0-3
6	BATCHELOR (58)	17	13	16	-52	-4	115	126.98	7-0-3
7	GROVER (86)	10	5	60	24	-24	159	126.26	7-0-3
8	JOHNSTON (57)	25	-30	-60	41	47	100	124.58	7-0-3
9	FISHER (75)	-20	19	19	17	3	109	124.04	7-0-3
10	SOMERVILLE (28)	6	13	28	15	24	87	121.64	7-0-3
11	BOUGHEY (74)	12	-20	47	70	-12	126	120.94	6-0-4
12	MULLEY (26)	-10	32	18	-9	8	87	120.83	7-0-3
13	MORRISON (45)	33	20	-16	-9	-3	89	120.54	6-0-4
14	JARVIS (47)	-18	91	17	63	22	160	120.53	6-0-4
15	DELMONTE (5)	9	26	-15	4	51	113	120.23	6-0-4
16	SKIPPER (23)	-25	17	14	-4	42	99	119.93	5-1-4
17	HUANG (18)	20	-9	37	8	-44	84	118.3	7-0-3
18	O'SHAUGHNESSY (83)	25	-4	3	6	-8	66	116.14	7-0-3
19	WAKEFIELD (82)	25	0	41	5	11	68	116.07	6-1-3
20	RUSSELL (44)	23	11	35	9	6	55	115.41	7-0-3
21	YUNFEI (19)	28	4	-5	28	-56	42	114.12	7-0-3
22	MUNTZ (24)	43	-22	39	-9	18	66	112.72	6-0-4
23	MILL (88)	10	-4	-4	9	25	33	111.31	5-0-5
24	ABRAHAM (87)	-1	21	40	0	-24	64	110.94	4-1-5
25	JONES (17)	30	9	15	-17	-11	47	110.55	6-0-4
26	YANG (41)	18	-11	23	-3	43	56	110.54	5-0-5
27	PAWSON (27)	27	2	-18	-15	9	41	109.51	6-0-4
28	SIMPSON (59)	-5	9	0	12	-6	84	109.32	5-0-5
29	TEMPLE (91)	-33	22	-19	-17	20	39	108.73	5-0-5
30	CARRYER (43)	25	-20	-37	-4	2	29	108.69	6-0-4

31	MOSES (81)	20	3	-17	23	-22	38	108.53	6-0-4
32	PALMER (53)	-30	35	3	12	-2	36	108.06	5-0-5
33	NASH (90)	40	29	-47	5	51	29	107.01	6-0-4
34	HUMPHREY (20)	-9	35	-41	30	21	26	106.69	5-1-4
35	KER (37)	-23	-5	3	4	-47	43	105.52	6-0-4
36	GEROMBOUX (55)	-12	-43	6	21	10	18	105.12	6-0-4
37	BECK (66)	-28	4	0	-41	32	5	104.65	6-1-3
38	M MCGREGOR (11)	11	8	-3	12	-9	15	104.4	5-0-5
39	A RUSSELL (31)	-10	15	-35	18	15	12	104.28	5-0-5
40	TARBUTT (54)	-20	-13	25	-12	12	11	103.86	6-0-4
41	STUCK (39)	5	-26	4	22	-18	10	103.14	6-0-4
42	LIU (84)	-25	20	17	-28	-42	4	102.15	5-0-5
43	WINSOR (48)	-6	-35	38	-21	50	11	101.49	5-0-5
43=	INGLIS (33)	-27	-8	-4	-13	25	9	101.49	4-0-6
45	THIRTLE (67)	-11	14	-25	24	5	-2	100.5	5-0-5
46	PATTERSON (49)	7	-3	-3	-5	-51	-10	100.44	5-0-5
47	GUY (68)	16	-1	10	11	55	-7	100.21	5-0-5
48	DUNCAN (92)	-50	43	-14	-6	-25	-6	99.85	5-0-5
49	GRAY (13)	-43	22	-1	-6	23	-8	99.78	4-0-6
50	GRANT (16)	1	0	9	-12	-10	12	99.15	4-1—5
51	LINDH (73)	34	-2	-3	-70	-20	-22	98.99	4-0-6



52	DELANY (77)	-12	-5	7	48	13	1	98.29	4-0-6
53	GLASS (69)	9	12	-9	-3	-5	-11	97.77	5-0-5
54	CLEAVER (50)	47	-15	1	-24	33	-4	96.92	5-0-5
55	HOPKINS (34)	22	30	-1	-30	47	-26	96.82	5-0-5
56	GEARE (8)	12	1	24	3	-12	-15	96.74	6-0-4
57	YOUNG (38)	17	-14	13	24	-21	-24	95.99	5-0-5
58	ATLEY (80)	-23	-1	-7	34	-15	-20	94.81	4-0-6
59	HAMILTON (4)	-32	1	41	9	0	-13	94.73	38356
60	JANISZ (62)	23	-9	4	-63	0	-52	94.68	37991
61	DORMER (22)	-25	-19	-28	13	-43	-26	93.17	5-0-5
62	ASHWELL (71)	5	4	-6	8	-13	-46	90.84	5-0-5
63	CLAYTON (12)	-34	-12	1	1	-25	-47	90.6	6-0-4
64	BROOKES (70)	-17	30	7	6	-32	-54	90.22	5-0-5
65	BOLLAND (36)	-9	-21	-23	-8	3	-33	90.12	4-0-6
66	NORMAN (21)	33	-22	19	-34	33	-42	89.97	4-0-6
67	DE LUCA (78)	55	-9	-40	-22	-23	-55	88.51	4-0-6
68	MOREL (76)	-25	-91	7	3	18	-104	88.3	5-0-5
69	DICK (89)	-47	24	-3	56	-51	-105	87.31	4-0-6
70	MACDONALD (60)	-7	-32	-39	-24	-3	2	86.86	3-0-7
71	KAHLER (2)	32	-29	-9	-11	7	-65	86.67	4-0-6
72	MINCHIN (61)	-9	-24	11	-15	39	-71	84.32	4-0-6
73	CURRIE (14)	-33	-28	13	47	8	-66	84.02	4-0-6
74	WALTERS (52)	13	5	3	19	-50	-103	83.92	6-0-4
75	PARKES (10)	23	-17	-17	-18	-33	-65	82.46	505
76	BEER (25)	-22	29	-10	12	-7	-97	82.27	3-0-7
77	BURTON (72)	-13	-29	3	20	17	-79	81.87	4-0-6
78	HAYWARD (6)	-23	3	-24	-48	10	-96	80.34	5-0-5
79	BUCKLAND (79)	-5	-3	9	-9	-55	-87	80.13	2-0-8
80	BARTOLI (63)	-1	28	-31	16	3	-89	79.42	3-0-7
81	BOTT (46)	40	-35	-19	-3	-8	-85	78.51	3-0-7
82	HUTTON (9)	3	-30	31	-19	-18	-89	77.96	3-0-7
83	HANNAH-BROWN (51)	-16	-5	26	24	-47	-121	77.14	3-0-7
84	DEAN (85)	-3	11	-38	-12	-3	-93	76.96	2-0-8
85	FERMOR (56)	-55	-4	-13	-50	-10	-116	74.33	2-0-8
86	SHAMI (65)	-40	-20	-26	25	-17	-123	71.51	3-0-7
87	RHODES (3)	-40	20	-41	15	-33	-152	71.41	3-0-7
88	CHURCH (32)	-5	4	-3	-25	20	-123	70.63	2-0-8
89	SKOUSGAARD (35)	9	-30	-7	-16	-20	-133	67.55	2-0-8
90	YUKICH (15)	-23	-11	-7	-24	-39	-182	66.57	3-0-7
91	G DICK (30)	1	-4	-13	-20	6	-153	65.57	3-0-7
92	TURNER (1)	5	5	-11	-47	-6	-172	62.93	3-0-7



Thursday October 3rd

Roasted beef sirloin

OR

Lamb shanks

OR

American style pork ribs

Accompanied with

Roasted root vegetables OR steamed green beans & almonds

Sauces

Chunky tomato & herb, Kiwi style onion gravy, chilli garlic sauce

To Finish

Homemade apple crumble & whipped cream

\$32.00 per person

NZ Restricted Open Teams

Results after 10 of 10 matches

Place	Team	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	Imps	VPs	W-D-L
1	BARROWCLOUGH (20)	50	-14	-8	23	38	206	140.93	7-0-3
2	HANNAWAY-WILCOX (6)	1	10	-32	37	-17	119	128.15	8-0-2
3	TATTERSFIELD (11)	29	-10	12	40	21	133	128.13	6-0-4
4	KALMA (7)	16	14	9	33	-18	100	123.37	7-0-3
5	HARONGA (22)	7	28	32	-23	18	79	119.26	7-0-3
6	SPAANS (5)	-7	-3	41	-2	17	58	112.83	5-0-5
7	DOWTHWAITE (12)	-9	25	-12	1	8	17	105.81	7-0-3
8	SIM (18)	-16	48	8	-37	-8	19	103.75	5-1-4
9	FITZGERALD (10)	15	-25	7	17	8	18	102.86	6-0-4
10	KEMP (16)	21	-6	13	-1	16	-8	102.47	5-0-5
11	MARTIN (4)	-29	27	19	-33	-8	-1	100.48	5-1-4
12	DOYLE (14)	9	3	-15	39	-21	10	100.39	4-0-6
13	GRUNDY (21)	-50	-28	-13	15	8	-14	99.45	6-0-4
14	RUSSELL (3)	3	52	-9	2	-38	1	98.13	5-0-5
15	FRASER (17)	-3	40	15	-40	-16	-10	97.22	4-0-6
16	GAY (15)	-15	31	-19	-28	35	-7	95.49	4-0-6
17	BROWN (2)	23	-40	14	-19	6	-48	89.94	5-0-5
18	HOPLEY (23)	-11	6	10	-17	-6	-52	87.17	4-0-6
19	DYNES (9)	11	-52	-16	28	-19	-78	85.59	4-0-6
20	CAMPBELL (24)	-21	24	-14	-15	4	-67	81.66	3-0-7
21	CRAIG (1)	35	-27	16	-39	-35	-106	80.99	5-0-5
22	TROWER (19)	-1	-48	-41	-30	-4	-97	80.87	3-0-7
23	RAPLEY (13)	-23	-24	-10	30	-8	-92	75.93	2-0-8
24	SIGNAL (8)	-35	-31	-7	19	19	-180	59.13	2-0-8

2019 Seniors Championship, Wuhan

d'Orsi Trophy



DENMARK: Jan Nielsen, Knud-Aage BOESGAARD, Hans Christian NIELSEN, Søren CHRISTIANSEN, Henrik Norman HANSEN, Jørgen Cilleborg HANSEN, Steen SCHOU, Bo Loenberg BILDE captain



ENGLAND:
John HOLLAND,
Trevor WARD,
David KENDRICK,
Alan MOULD,
Malcolm PRYOR,
David MULLER,
David S JONES npc

INDIA:
Dipak PODDAR,
Jitendra SOLANI,
Subhash DHAKRAS,
Ramamurthy SRIDHARAN,
Sukamal DAS,
Subrata SAHA,





Kath Glyde (Hamilton) and Bridget Hannaway-Willcox (Wellington)



Sisters Anita Dynes (West Otago) and Diane McKenzie (Otago)



Cynthia Clayton with grand daughters Mieke and Amalie



Tymek Tumilowicz with his Wellington family (all bar the youngest plays bridge)

2019 Venice Cup, Wuhan

Roll Of Honour

Venice Cup

Gold: **SWEDEN**

Kathrine Bertheau, Sanna Clementsson, Ida Grönkvist, Jessica Larsson, Emma Övelius, Cecilia Rimstedt, Kenneth Borin (npc), Carina Wademark (coach)

Silver: **CHINA**

Liu Yan, Lu Yan, Shen Qi, Wang Nan, Wang Wen Fei, Zuo Xiaoxue, Wang Xiaqing (npc & coach)

Bronze: **ENGLAND:**

Heather Dhondy, Catherine Draper, Gillian Foxcroft, Nevina Senior, Nicola Smith, Yvonne Waisman, David Gold (npc), David Burn (coach)

Sanna Clementsson may well be the youngest Venice Cup winner ever. She was world U21 champion in 2018.

Ida Grönkvist also has 2 previous world titles, at U21 in 2014 and U26 in 2018. Cecilia Rimstedt won the U26 Pairs in 2006. Both of them, and Emma Övelius as well, were on the Venice Cup team that won bronze two years ago.

Jessica Larsson won silver in last year's McConnell.

Wang Wen Fei has won her twelfth medal at world championships. Lu Yan won her seventh. Liu Yan, Shen Qi and Wang Nan were also on the winning team in Lyon and they have an additional bronze from the World Games in 2016. Wang Nan additionally won two bronzes in pair championships, bringing her medal total to five.

Nicola Smith joins a very short list of players who have won 20 world medals (or more), the first one in 1976. Other players with twenty world medals were Giorgio Ballardina and Bobby Wolff. Bob Hamman, with 31 medals, is the only player with more than 20.

Nevina Senior has won seven world medals, Heather Dhondy six, Catherine Draper four and Yvonne Waisman two.



SWEDEN: Carina WADEMARK coach, Emma ÖVELIUS, Ida GRÖNKVIST, Kathrine BERTHEAU, Cecilia RIMSTEDT, Sanna CLEMENTSSON, Jessica LARSSON, Kenneth BORIN captain