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Epiphany and Epiphanies

Schedule Today

JANUARY CUP
ROUND 7. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

	Hill	VS	Israel Seniors
VUGRAPH	Gupta	VS	Edmonds
	Lall	VS	Black
	Hunisr	VS	Lewis
	Israel Emerald	VS	Zaleski
	Skeidar	VS	Ferguson
	Champey	VS	Ireland
	Coppens	VS	Rippey
	De Botton	VS	Salvo
	Apple	VS	Wilson
	Marupe	VS	The Optimists
	Sugi	VS	Gillis
	Alexander	VS	Harris
	Amateurs	VS	Scotland-Norway
	Tilly	VS	The Juniors
	Fredin	VS	Turkish Delight

JANUARY CUP
ROUND 8. 17.45 CET / 11.45 EST

	Israel Seniors	VS	Gupta
	Hill	VS	Edmonds
VUGRAPH	Black	VS	Skeidar
	Lewis	VS	Israel Emerald
	Lall	VS	Ireland
	Champey	VS	Hunisr
	Marupe	VS	Zaleski
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	Harris	VS	The Juniors
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	Amateurs	VS	Turkish Delight

JANUARY CUP
ROUND 9. 19.30 CET / 13.30 EST

To be announced

"I never made one of my discoveries through the process of rational thinking" (Albert Einstein)

Have you ever had a Bridge Epiphany? Today is January 6 (and the Epiphany Christian holiday is celebrated in some parts of the world), but in general an 'Epiphany' is also defined as a moment when you suddenly understand something, experiencing a striking, illuminating realization, not connected to logic - more a mixture of rational and creative thinking.

This might be the perfect day to experience a Bridge epiphany, since it's now or never: at the end of the day, only eight teams will qualify for the Quarterfinals.

The bidding box might not be your only commitment today. Only few countries celebrate Epiphany today - but for all the World it is today that you should take off your Christmas decorations and put them back in the box. Pic courtesy of virginiabarton.com

And if you feel that too much creativity may be dangerous in these days, since our play could be statistically and technically analysed in order to check if we only had straightforward reasons to play in a successful way, be assured that you can still follow your sixth sense - read about this on page 3, where the founders of the World Bridge Tour Boye Brogeland and Thomas Charlsen explain how they will check that the field stays clean.

Team Israel Seniors (Y. Engel, J. Frydrich, D. Limor, Y. Mintz, E. Orenstein, D. Yadlin), have taken the lead of the ranking (90.34 VPs).
They are followed by team Hill (J. Hill, K. Dwyer, M. Rimstedt, O. Rimstedt, S. Huang) (87.51 VPs) and team Gupta (N. Gupta, S. Cope, P. Crouch, S. de Wijs, Zia Mahmood,

JANUARY CUP RANKING

1	Israel Seniors	90.34
2	Hill	87.51
3	Gupta	85.86
4	Edmonds	84.66
5	Black	79.97
6	Skeidar	72.16
7	Lewis	71.8
8	Israel Emerald	70.05
9	Lall	69.64
10	Champey	66.67
11	Ireland	65.59
12	Hunisr	65.18

The full ranking is published on page 9.

LINE-UP

We kindly ask you to remember to send us the line-up in time.
It is very important for the tournament to run in the right way.

PLAYING TIME

The playing time is 1 hour 30 minutes (12 boards x 7.5 minutes). Respecting the time frame is very important for the tournament to run in the right way. Thank you for your cooperation.

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
12 January - 27 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/openleague1/

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
9 January - 21 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mixedleague1/

JANUARY OPEN TEAMS
18 - 22 January 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/januaryoteams/

OCBL FEBRUARY CUP
1 - 5 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februarycup/

FEBRUARY OPEN TEAMS
15 - 19 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februaryot/

MARCH OPEN TEAMS
8 - 11 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchot/

OCBL MARCH CUP
22 - 26 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchcup/

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
30 March - 16 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/openleague2/

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
27 March - 9 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mixedleague2/

OCBL APRIL CUP
5 - 9 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilcup/

APRIL OPEN TEAMS
19 - 23 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilot/

OCBL MAY CUP
3 - 7 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/maycup/

MAY OPEN TEAMS
31 May - 4 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mayot/

OCBL JUNE CUP
4 - 18 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/junecup/

About the OCBL Events:

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
Play 3 days a week:
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
at 21.30 CET (15.30 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
Play 2 days a week:
Saturday and Sunday
at 17.00 CET (11.00 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL CUP
Play 5 days
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL OPEN TEAMS
Play 5 days (4 in March)
Qualification + Swiss A

World Bridge Tour

THIS IS HOW WE PLAY

Interview with Boye Brogeland and Thomas Charlsen

560 players have already registered to the World Bridge Tour

The World Bridge Tour officially started its activity at the end of last year, with the Top 16 Pairs Invitational. Are you satisfied with the outcome of the first event?

The tournament was very well run by the E-Open team, which also ran a live stream on Twitch with commentaries from Christophe Grosset, Stefan Skorchev and expert analysts Adam Grossack and Zia Mahmood. The plan was to have open tables all there days in order for all bridge fans to be able to follow the action, but unfortunately the tables were closed the first day, where we also had a delay when a (Norwegian) player didn't show up on time. To conclude; could have been better the first day, but very happy the last two days. And it seemed like the players enjoyed it!

How many players have already registered to the WBT? Which is your goal regarding the number of registered players?

We have around 560 approved WBT members, and more than 40 pending approval. It's great to see that so many are supporting a fair game and want to take part in the WBT. We welcome all players at any level to sign up for Champions Cup and Challengers Cup. The more, the better!

Are you satisfied with the number of registered players? Can you mention the most famous players who registered?

Yes, we think it has started very well, and new applications are coming in every day.
There are hardly any better known bridge player than Zia Mahmood – at least in the bridge community – and he is in and supporting our project for a fair game.

Now that CAT is no longer active, how will you ensure that online bridge stays clean?

We have an Investigation Committee which will look closely at what is happening inside the WBT tournaments.
When they find something they believe to be actionable, they will send an anonymous report to the WBT Fair Play Committee to decide on the matters.
The WBT membership (contract) is valid for one year.

Will you just make sure that no one cheats in the WBT events or will you also check (both manually or statistically speaking) events not related to the WBT?

We will only check WBT events for irregularities, but we will of course use various checks and advices when we decide which players we will make one year contracts with.

Can you describe the role of statistics in the investigation process?

We are cooperating with Nicolas Hammond, who has a huge statistical material from both live and online bridge. Statistics are mainly used for "flagging" in order to analyze hands manually.

Will past events (run in 2020 or before) still count when calculating the new statistics?

For the WBT tournaments only 2021 stats will be looked into.
Statistics prior to 2021 will only be used in the application process.

Do players need to be concerned about statistics while playing (e.g. avoid unusual lines of play, based on their 'sixth sense' rather than on classic Bridge technique, because if they succeed their play may be considered suspicious)?

Not at all. Players should always make the decision that they believe to be right (even if anti-odds) and never be afraid to back their judgment.
Our Investigation Committee comprises of top bridge analysts, plus Nicolas Hammond on the stats part, and will see things for what they are.

Is the use of cameras during play mandatory for the WBT events?

We hope that bridge platforms will have built in features for audio and video, as we believe this both enrich the social and security aspects of bridge. For the time being we believe a Zoom meeting for screenmates (N/E and S/W) is a good solution. Zoom is highly recommended for the OCBL January Cup, and this experience will be taken into consideration for future WBT events.

Nowadays there are several softwares for online Bridge (BBO, RealBridge, etc). Which is your favourite? Are all WBT events run on BBO? How do you feel that the softwares could be improved in order to prevent online cheating?

BBO is very well known and popular, and has a nice interface, and this is the platform we have chosen. We have a good dialogue with BBO regarding improvements, and hope that delayed kibitzing and mandatory delays in tempo-sensitive situations will soon be implemented.
Real Bridge is an up and coming platform which focuses on improving the tournament mode. It will be interesting to see how BBO, Real Bridge and possibly other platforms develop in the next months and years.

USEFUL LINKS

WORLD BRIDGE TOUR WEBSITE:
https://www.worldbridgetour.org

Further information on the World Bridge Tour is available in this **Bridgewinners thread**: http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/world-bridge-tour/

You can replay the show of the **Top 16 Pairs invitational at:** https://www.twitch.tv/thebridgetv

Reading, Writing and Arithmetic

by **Mark Horton**

In my schooldays the three R's were emphasised - reading, writing and 'rithmetic. In bridge, the basic skills revolve around bidding, play and defence. In Round 3 I spotted deals that illustrated points in all of these areas:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ 10 9 ♡ K Q 8 ♢ K 8 4 3 ♣ K 10 7 6	
♠ K 8 5 4 ♡ J 10 6 5 ♢ J 10 ♣ A 8 5		♠ A Q 7 ♡ 9 7 3 ♢ 9 7 5 2 ♣ 9 3 2
	♠ J 6 3 2 ♡ A 4 2 ♢ A Q 6 ♣ Q J 4	

West	North	East	South
Cronier	*Bakke*	*Combescure*	*Brogeland*
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

This was one of the many ways to reach the nine-trick game on this deal.

What should East lead?

One player went with the ♠A, but then switched and when West got in with the ♣A he didn't revert to spades.

A heart was a popular choice and declarer generally won with dummy's ace and played the ♣Q which is what happened here. The trick was completed by the five, six and two and the ♣J collected the eight, seven and nine. The ♣4 was accompanied by the ace, ten and three and now West knew what to do - he played the ♠4 and the defenders collected four tricks in the suit. The clue was the order in which East played his clubs.

Although 3NT was defeated 12 times, it was generally when West took the ♣A immediately and switched to a spade - much easier when declarer won the heart lead in hand.

The lesson to be digested is that a defender can frequently use his spot cards to convey information.

Christian Bakke

Pierre Franceschetti - pic: Facebook

Board 8. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 9 8 7 2 ♡ J 10 9 8 ♢ Q 6 5 ♣ 9 5	
♠ K 6 5 ♡ A Q 5 3 2 ♢ 2 ♣ A 6 4 3		♠ A 10 4 3 ♡ 4 ♢ 10 4 3 ♣ K Q 8 7 2
	♠ Q J ♡ K 7 6 ♢ A K J 9 8 7 ♣ J 10	

West	North	East	South
Robert	*Hanlon*	*Franceschetti*	*McGann*
1♡	Pass	1♠	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♢
4♣	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4♡*	Pass	5♣	All Pass

4♡ Cue bid

On this layout you can take 12 tricks in clubs - but only four pairs reached game.

West	North	East	South
Gustawsson	*Hurd*	*Sylvan*	*Bathurst*
1♡	Pass	1♠	2♢
Dble*	3♢	Pass	Pass
Dble*	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Dble 3-card ♠ support, not obligatory
Dble Takeout

West	North	East	South
Klaver	*Helgemo*	*Hermans*	*Andresen*
1♡	Pass	1♠	2♢
Dble*	3♢	Dble	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Dble 3♠

South led the ♢A and switched to the ♣J, declarer winning with the king, ruffing a diamond, crossing to hand with the ♣Q, ruffing a diamond, cashing the ♠K and continuing with the ♣A. When North ruffed in with the ♠7, declarer emerged with an overtrick,+450.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendiks	*Aluf*	*Bethers*	*Kubac*
1♡	Pass	1♠	2♢
Dble*	3♢	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Dble Good hand

South led the ♢K and switched to the ♡6. Declarer went up with dummy's ace, used the ♣KQ to ruff two diamonds and cashed the ♠K, South following with the jack. Now the winning move is to ruff a heart, cash the ♠A and then play a club. North can ruff and play a heart, but declarer ruffs and plays a club. North can ruff that, but must give the last trick to dummy's ♡Q. When declarer omitted to ruff a heart, playing a club immediately, South ruffed and played a diamond and trump control passed to North, and the defenders had to score two more tricks.

The support double worked on this deal, but as you can see it was not essential for EW to be able to reach game.

YOUR REPORT ABOUT THE PANDEMIC

We have asked players from different countries to tell us how the pandemic is going on in their area:

- **How has CoViD-19 affected Bridge in their country;**
- **whether Bridge clubs are open or not;**
- **how their Bridge Federation is reacting;**
- **when they feel F2F Bridge will be played again.**

Guy Mendes De Leon reports from the Netherlands

"The impact of the pandemic was not very big in the Netherlands for some time, but now the government is taking more measures. Currently we are in our second lockdown, which means non-vital stores (such as for clothing, furniture etc.) are closed now. Team sports have not been allowed for quite some time already, which means bridge clubs have been closed for nearly three months now. Our Federation is organising alternative online tournaments and competitions, so that people get to play more. I am thinking wishfully regarding when live tournaments can start again, my hopes are we can play each other live again in May, both national and international."

Coronavirus pic: courtesy of Telegram - Telegram.org

Combination Corner

by **Mark Horton**

Suit combinations might be regarded as the DNA of bridge. It can be useful to know some of the standard variations, but it is usually possible to calculate what is best. This deal from Round 2 featured a fairly common situation that saw both declarers and the defenders go wrong:

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

	♠ A K 2 ♡ 2 ◇ A 7 5 4 3 ♣ 10 7 6 5	
♠ J 9 ♡ 10 8 7 ◇ K Q 8 6 ♣ K J 9 3		♠ 10 7 6 5 3 ♡ K Q 3 ◇ J 2 ♣ Q 8 2
	♠ Q 8 4 ♡ A J 9 6 5 4 ◇ 10 9 ♣ A 4	

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♡
Pass	2◇	Pass	2♡
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

6 pairs attempted 3NT.

At this table East led the ♠5 and declarer took West's jack with the ace and played a heart. When East played low declarer put in dummy's nine and West won with the ten and played back a spade. That allowed declarer to win with dummy's queen and clear the hearts, establishing nine tricks.

West needed to switch to a minor at trick two - those who did so included Thomas Paske, who went with the ♣3, Andrew McIntosh putting in the eight to ensure a one trick defeat.

When East follows with the ♡3 declarer should put in the jack, the play made by Joel Wooldridge among others) which led to ten tricks.

However, East should have played an honour on the first round, as did Eitan and Winkler.

Then as long as the defenders switch to minors declarer must fail.

Online Bridge NEWS

WHAT ABOUT THE ST LOUIS NABC?

In the ACBL website (nabc.acbl.org) the St Louis NABC is still scheduled for 11-21 March 2021, but the reservations open date is marked as 'to be decided'.

Despite the F2F NABC not being officially canceled, Spring 2021 North American **Online** Bridge Championships have been scheduled for 11-21 March 2021 (source: https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/2021_Online_Event_Schedule.pdf).

OVER MY SHOULDER BRIDGE

Thursday, 7 January 2021
10.30 pm CET / 4.30 pm EST

Have you ever dreamed about being in a Bridge Champion head and hear what he is thinking?

Dreams come true thanks to the wonderful initiative of several top players.
They will let you kibitz them while they are playing, let you hear what they are thinking and even ask questions! Amazing, isn't it?

Adam Grossack & Zach Grossack (USA)
They will be connected via Twitch: www.twitch.tv/nevereast00
Audio (English language) + Video available
They will respond in real time to questions from the kibitzers

Adam Wildavsky & Kit Woolsey (USA) - English language

Krzysztof Jassem & Jakub Wojcieszek (Poland)
They will be connected via Twitch: www.twitch.tv/jcchochlik
Audio (Polish language) + Video available
They will respond in real time to questions from the kibitzers

Peter Bertheau & Simon Hult (Sweden)
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Audio (English language) + Video available

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Fast and Furious

by **Mark Horton**

I was going to entitle this report 'Too Hot to Handle' but my computer pointed out that I had already used it (given that I am now going to producing articles for 56 days in a row I have a horrible suspicion that it might happen more than once).

I settle down to watch the top two tables:

Rippey v Lall

Hill v Black.

IMPs started flying right from the off:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A 10 9 2 ♡ J 7 4 3 2 ♢ 4 ♣ 10 7 4	
♠ K Q J 3 ♡ K ♢ A Q J 7 2 ♣ A 8 5		♠ 8 6 4 ♡ Q 10 9 8 ♢ 9 5 ♣ K J 9 6
	♠ 7 5 ♡ A 6 5 ♢ K 10 8 6 3 ♣ Q 3 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hult	*M Rimstedt*	*Hallberg*	*O Rimstedt*
—	Pass	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	2♣	All Pass

West's decision to go quietly on the first round didn't prove to be effective. 2♣ was sound enough, declarer recording nine tricks, but +130 looked to be somewhat short of par.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Black*	*Huang*	*Gold*
—	Pass	Pass	1♢*
Dble	Rdbl*	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	3NT	All Pass

1♢ 98% unbalanced or third seat tactical

Rdbl ♡

South led the ♡5 and having won with dummy's king declarer continued with the ♠K, North winning and returning the ♡2 for the ten and ace.

A third heart saw declarer win with the nine and play a diamond to the queen followed by the ♠Q and a club for the jack and queen. That was the defender's last trick, +430 and 7 IMPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Milner	*Nowak*	*Lall*	*Rippey*
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣2 and declarer won with the jack, took a diamond finesse and played on spades, North winning the second round and returning a club.

Declarer was in control and could win in dummy and play the ♡K, finishing with 10 tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Black*	*Huang*	*Gold*
—	Pass	Pass	1♢*
Dble	Rdbl*	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	3NT	All Pass

North led her diamond and the trick was completed by the five, king and ace. Declarer continued with the ♡K, South taking the ace and switching to the ♠5 which saw North take declarer's king with the ace and return the two. When declarer played dummy's ♠6 South's seven saw declarer win with the queen. A club to the jack looks reasonable at this point, but declarer cashed the ♢Q, the ♠J and the ♢J before exiting with the ♢7. South won with the eight and cashed the ten which saw dummy' down to ♡Q10 and ♣KJ9, pitch a the ♣9. Now South could exit with a club and declarer was a trick short.

Declarer needed to pitch dummy's ♡10. North had already come under pressure and been forced to pitch two clubs, so declarer would have been able to secure three club tricks by playing South for the queen. That represented a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hult	*M Rimstedt*	*Hallberg*	*O Rimstedt*
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♠	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♠K and switched to the ♡3, South winning with the king and retuning a spade for the nine and ten. A second heart saw declarer win with dummy's queen and play a club to the ten. North's spade discard was a blow, and, having pitched a heart on the initial spade lead all declarer could do was cash out for two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Black*	*Huang*	*Gold*
—	—	2♣*	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♣ 6+♣,10-15

East led the ♢6 and dummy's eight was covered by the nine and king. The ♠A saw East pitch the ♣2 and declarer continued with the king followed by the jack. There were onlynine tricks, -200 and 11 IMPs departed.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ J 10 9 6 3 ♡ 8 6 2 ♢ 9 5 ♣ A 8 7	
♠ Q 8 ♡ 9 4 ♢ Q 8 4 ♣ K J 10 9 5 2		♠ A 7 2 ♡ K Q 3 ♢ A K J 6 ♣ Q 4 3
	♠ K 5 4 ♡ A J 10 7 5 ♢ 10 7 3 2 ♣ 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hult	*M Rimstedt*	*Hallberg*	*O Rimstedt*
—	—	—	2♡*
Pass	3♡	3NT	All Pass

2♡ Weak

South led the ♡J and when declarer tried ducking he continued with the ten and North could win the first club and play a heart for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Black*	*Huang*	*Gold*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠*	Dble	2♡*
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♠ Can be light in third

2♡ South raise

South led the ♠5, but declarer could win with dummy's queen and force out the ♣A, finishing with 11 tricks,+660 and 13 IMPs.

David Gold

Board 4. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 8 5 3 2 ♡ K ♢ A 5 2 ♣ 10 7 6 5 2	
♠ A K 6 ♡ A Q 2 ♢ K Q 10 ♣ K Q 8 3		♠ J 10 9 4 ♡ 9 8 7 5 ♢ J 6 ♣ J 9 4
	♠ Q 7 ♡ J 10 6 4 3 ♢ 9 8 7 4 3 ♣ A	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hult	*M Rimstedt*	*Hallberg*	*O Rimstedt*
2NT	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3NT*	All Pass		

3♢ Asks for a major
3NT No major

North led the ♣6 and South took dummy's nine with the ace and switched to the ♡4 for the queen and king, North returning the ♣7. Declarer won with the king and played the ♢K, followed by the ♢Q, North taking the ace and exiting with the ♣5. Declarer won with dummy's jack and played a heart for the ten and ace. He cashed the ♣Q, ♢10 and ♠A and exited with the ♡2, hoping to endplay South, but the distribution was not as he had hoped and South's ♢7 was the setting trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Black*	*Huang*	*Gold*
1♣*	Pass	1♢*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♢*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ Strong
1♢ 0-7
2NT 21-23
3♣ Regular Stayman
3♢ No major

North led the ♣5 and South won with the ace and switched to the ♡3. Declarer was in no rush to play the queen and when he followed with the two North's king hit fresh air. Declarer was already assured of nine tricks and he had time to take the spade finesse for +630 and another 12 IMPs.

Simon Hult

That took the score to 43-0 - time to see what was happening in the other match.

It was similar to what had happened yesterday - while one match was awash with IMPs, the other was finely balanced.

I was just in time to see this:

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ K 7 5 ♡ 8 5 3 2 ♢ A K Q 6 ♣ K 3	
♠ J 10 9 6 ♡ J 9 6 ♢ J 10 ♣ A 9 8 7		♠ Q 2 ♡ K 7 ♢ 9 5 4 2 ♣ Q 10 6 4 2
	♠ A 8 4 3 ♡ A Q 10 4 ♢ 8 7 3 ♣ J 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Milner	*Nowak*	*Lall*	*Rippey*
—	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

2♣ Stayman

East led the ♢4 and declarer won with the queen and played a heart for the ten and jack, West retuning the ♢J.

Declarer won with the ace, drew trumps, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond. He then played a spade and when West played the East unblocked the queen under dummy's king, so declarer ran the ♠7 to West's nine and claimed when West cashed the ♣A, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	*Auken*	*Wiankowski*	*Welland*
—	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

1NT 14-16
2♣ Forces 2♢
2♢ Forced
3NT 4-4 majors

East led the ♣4 and West took the ace and switched to the ♢J, declarer winning with the ace and played a heart for the king and ace. A diamond to the king was followed by the ♣K, the king and ace of spades and a diamond.

If West ruffs that and plays a spade East ruffs and plays a diamond, promoting the ♡J, but West pitched the ♣8 and declarer won with the queen and played a third spade. West won with the ten and exited with the ♠J.

If declarer ruffs that with the ♡8 the contract can still be made, but ruffing with the three saw East overruff and the contract was one down.

Declarer was playing for West to be 3-4-3-3.

East had followed to the first two rounds of diamonds with the five and four, and according to the convention card that showed an odd number of cards. Had declarer was the victim of a brilliant defence? In a way, perhaps.

However, when West discarded on the third round of diamonds, declarer might have revised his opinion, as it is clear that West can simply ruff the third round of diamonds and exit with a spade - if he started with four trumps and only two diamonds the contract could not be made.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ A J ♡ K 9 8 6 5 4 ♢ K 5 3 ♣ Q 9	
♠ 9 8 6 4 2 ♡ 10 7 3 ♢ 10 8 2 ♣ K 5		♠ 10 3 ♡ J 2 ♢ 9 7 4 ♣ A J 10 7 4 3
	♠ K Q 7 5 ♡ A Q ♢ A Q J 6 ♣ 8 6 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Milner	*Nowak*	*Lall*	*Rippey*
—	—	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♡	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

4NT RKCB
5♠ 2 +♡Q

East led the ♣A and continued with the seven, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	*Auken*	*Wiankowski*	*Welland*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♢*	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT*
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣, any five card suit possible
1♠ Game forcing relay
1NT Balanced 11-13/17-19
2♢ 5+♡
3♢ 6+♡
4NT 18

West led the ♠8 and declarer took all the tricks and 13 IMPs on the way to a 33-16 win.

The au pair observed - 'North has a game forcing hand opposite what might have been 11-13 and South has admitted to 18. Lead the ♣K - how else can you hope to beat 4NT?'

Just in case you think that's ridiculous, after 1♢-1♡-2NT-3♢-3♠-3NT, Aran Warszawski led the ♣K against Scotland/Norway to collect 14 match winning IMPs!!

Meanwhile Hill had won 62-14, just short of a maximum 20-0.

Sabine Auken and Roy Welland - pic: Jerry Li

JANUARY CUP - RESULTS

ROUND 4

Rippey	5.07 VPs / 16 IMPs	14.93 VPs / 33 IMPs	Lall
OPEN ROOM: N: Nowak K. S: Rippey M.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Wiankowski P. W: Nawrocki P.	OPEN ROOM: E: Lall H. W: Milner R.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Auken S. S: Welland R.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54120-1609855574&u=reesem			
Hill	19.64 VPs / 62 IMPs	0.36 VPs / 14 IMPs	Black
OPEN ROOM: N: Rimstedt M. S: Rimstedt O.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Huang S. W: Dwyer K.	OPEN ROOM: E: Hallberg G. W: Hult S.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Black A. S: Gold D.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54135-1609855625&u=olarim			
Israel Emerald	11.7 VPs / 31 IMPs	8.3 VPs / 26 IMPs	Hunisr
OPEN ROOM: N: Reshef O. S: Ginossar E.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Herbst O. W: Herbst I.	OPEN ROOM: E: Dumbovich M. W: Szabo C.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Winkler G. S: Birman A.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54137-1609855675&u=eldad			
Israel Seniors	16.18 VPs / 32 IMPs	3.82 VPs / 9 IMPs	Gillis
OPEN ROOM: N: Yadlin D. S: Orenstein E.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Mintz Y. W: Limor D.	OPEN ROOM: E: Gillis S. W: Saelensminde E.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Lindqvist E. S: Brogeland B.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54147-1609855733&u=eitano			
Ferguson	5.54 VPs / 23 IMPs	14.46 VPs / 38 IMPs	Gupta
OPEN ROOM: N: Ferguson B. S: Korbel D.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Van den Bos B. W: Van Lankveld J.	OPEN ROOM: E: Cope S. W: Crouch P.	CLOSED ROOM: N: de Wijs S. S: Muller B.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=53960-1609855136&u=dank			
Zaleski	6.55 VPs / 29 IMPs	13.45 VPs / 40 IMPs	Champey
OPEN ROOM: N: Zaleski R. S: Cronier P.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Volcker F. W: Combescure F.	OPEN ROOM: E: Madala A. W: Bilde D.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Grossack Z. S: Kolton M.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=53969-1609855184&u=phicro2			
The Optimists	7.1 VPs / 7 IMPs	12.9 VPs / 16 IMPs	Edmonds
OPEN ROOM: N: Greenspan B. S: Schenker F.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Kranyak K. W: Becker P.	OPEN ROOM: E: J. Hurd J. W: Bathurst K.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Wooldridge S: J. Edmonds
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54002-1609855230&u=kmb24			
Lewis	12.61 VPs / 18 IMPs	7.39 VPs / 10 IMPs	Marupe
OPEN ROOM: N: Smith R. S: Cohen B.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Lewis L. W: Eythorsdottir H.	OPEN ROOM: E: Antonovs J. W: Khyuppenen Y.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Bethers U. S: Balasovs J.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54035-1609855273&u=hupp			
Salvo	5.3 VPs / 15 IMPs	14.7 VPs / 31 IMPs	Skeidar
OPEN ROOM: N: Zorlu N. S: Uçar A.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Umur O. W: Kubaç N.	OPEN ROOM: E: Aaseng L. W: Johansen T.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Helgemo G. S: Andresen M.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54371-1609856839&u=brulle			
De Botton	15.15 VPs / 32 IMPs	4.85 VPs / 14 IMPs	Fredin
OPEN ROOM: N: Hoftaniska T.E. S: Charlsen T.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Townsend T. W: Bakhshi D.	OPEN ROOM: E: J. Livgard A. W: Aa T.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Fredin P. S: Clemmensson
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54391-1609856923&u=aate			
Ireland	18.14 VPs / 51 IMPs	1.86 VPs / 16 IMPs	Coppens
OPEN ROOM: N: Carroll J. S: Mesbur A.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Hanlon T. W: Amoils L.	OPEN ROOM: E: Hermans R. W: Klaver N.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Lesmeister J. S: Ros G.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54421-1609857014&u=tttiger			
The Juniors	5.3 VPs / 5 IMPs	14.7 VPs / 21 IMPs	Sugi
OPEN ROOM: N: Lien O. S: Chowdhury T.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Zhu B. W: Dong J.	OPEN ROOM: E: XuHeng T. W: Yang B.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Kelvin N. S: KhengHun S.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54431-1609857065&u=tilot			
Apple	10 VPs / 19 IMPs	10 VPs / 19 IMPs	Amateurs
OPEN ROOM: N: Brink S. S: Drijver B.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Franceschetti P. W: Setton H.	OPEN ROOM: E: Ai-Tai Lo W: Pettis B.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Jiang Gu S: Sheng M.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54495-1609857457&u=basdr			
Wilson	9.64 VPs / 36 IMPs	10.36 VPs / 37 IMPs	Harris
OPEN ROOM: N: van Prooijen R. S: Wilson A.	CLOSED ROOM: E: M. de Leon G. W: Sprinkhuizen T.	OPEN ROOM: E: Trendafilov R. W: Isporski V.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Root S. S: Igoe N.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54489-1609857405&u=rumen			
Tilly	12.61 VPs / 40 IMPs	7.39 VPs / 32 IMPs	Scotland-Norway
OPEN ROOM: N: Tommasini S. S: Kristensen S.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Israeli D. W: Warszawski A.	OPEN ROOM: E: Kvangraven N. W: Lie T.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Levinson S. S: Shenkin B.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54507-1609857512&u=barnets			
Alexander	18.54 VPs / 47 IMPs	1.46 VPs / 9 IMPs	Turkish Delight
OPEN ROOM: N: Eliasson P. S: Elmroth G.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Övelius W: Bergdahl T.	OPEN ROOM: E: Baskan B. W: Sohtorik Y.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Serdar E. S: Ozkurt K.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54515-1609857574&u=baskanb			

ROUND 5

Black	14.22 VPs / 18 IMPs	5.78 VPs / 4 IMPs	Hunisr
OPEN ROOM: N: Black A. S: Gold D.	CLOSED ROOM: E: McIntosh A. W: Paske T.	OPEN ROOM: E: Winkler G. W: Dumbovich M.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Birman A. S: Lakatos P.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55352-1609861627&u=boggis			
Hill	12.61 VPs / 41 IMPs	7.39 VPs / 33 IMPs	Lall
OPEN ROOM: N: Rimstedt O. S: Rimstedt M.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Huang S. W: Dwyer K.	OPEN ROOM: E: Auken S. W: Welland R.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Weischel P. S: Hamman B.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55357-1609861668&u=roy			
Gupta	13.45 VPs / 27 IMPs	6.55 VPs / 16 IMPs	Zaleski
OPEN ROOM: N: Gupta N. S: Zia Mahmood	CLOSED ROOM: E: Muller B. W: de Wijs S.	OPEN ROOM: E: Volcker F. W: Combescure F.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Cronier P. S: Zaleski R.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55363-1609861715&u=zia			
Ferguson	6.03 VPs / 15 IMPs	13.97 VPs / 28 IMPs	Israel Seniors
OPEN ROOM: N: Ferguson B. S: Korbel D.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Van den Bos B. W: Van Lankveld J.	OPEN ROOM: E: Mintz Y. W: Limor D.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Engel Y. S: Frydrich J.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55371-1609861758&u=doron			
Salvo	2.6 VPs / 12 IMPs	17.4 VPs / 42 IMPs	Edmonds
OPEN ROOM: N: Zorlu N. S: Aluf S.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Aslan B. W: Kubaç N.	OPEN ROOM: E: Gawrys P. W: Klukowski M.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Hurd J. S: Bathurst K.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55210-1609860919&u=begse			
Rippey	6.82 VPs / 28 IMPs	13.18 VPs / 38 IMPs	Israel Emerald
OPEN ROOM: N: Cima L. S: Rippey M.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Nowak K. W: Zatorski P.	OPEN ROOM: E: Tal D. W: Tal N.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Reshef O. S: Ginossar E.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55219-1609860970&u=nogatal			
Champey	3.63 VPs / 17 IMPs	16.37 VPs / 41 IMPs	Coppens
OPEN ROOM: N: Bussink B. S: Grossack A.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Madala A. W: Bilde D.	OPEN ROOM: E: Hermans R. W: Klaver N.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Lesmeister J. S: Ros G.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55231-1609861025&u=bart3			
Lewis	14.22 VPs / 23 IMPs	5.78 VPs / 9 IMPs	Apple
OPEN ROOM: N: Smith R. S: Cohen B.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Lewis L. W: Eythorsdottir H.	OPEN ROOM: E: Franceschetti P. W: Setton H.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Brink S. S: Drijver B.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55245-1609861100&u=gewd			
Gillis	11.05 VPs / 27 IMPs	8.95 VPs / 24 IMPs	Wilson
OPEN ROOM: N: Saelensminde E. S: Svendsen O.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Lindqvist E. W: Brogeland B.	OPEN ROOM: E: Gronkvist I. W: Gronkvist M.	CLOSED ROOM: N: van Prooijen S: R. Wilson A.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54812-1609859170&u=pirrum			
Sugi	5.54 VPs / 10 IMPs	14.46 VPs / 25 IMPs	The Optimists
OPEN ROOM: N: Kelvin N. S: KhengHun S.	CLOSED ROOM: E: BeniJi W: Parasian T. R.	OPEN ROOM: E: F. Kranyak K. W: Becker P.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Greenspan S: B. Schenker
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54822-1609859221&u=smoz			
Harris	2.92 VPs / 14 IMPs	17.08 VPs / 42 IMPs	Marupe
OPEN ROOM: N: Harris J. S: Malhasyan E.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Trendafilov R. W: Isporski V.	OPEN ROOM: E: Bethers J. W: Bendiks J.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Bethers U. S: Balasovs J.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54839-1609859275&u=doks			
Skeidar	20 VPs / 63 IMPs	0 VPs / 2 IMPs	Turkish Delight
OPEN ROOM: N: Helgemo G. S: Andresen M.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Aaseng L. W: Johansen T.	OPEN ROOM: E: Ozkurt K. W: Tatlicioglu S.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Ekinci O. S: Ultav E.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=54848-1609859335&u=sinantos			
De Botton	14.46 VPs / 36 IMPs	5.54 VPs / 21 IMPs	Amateurs
OPEN ROOM: N: Townsend T. S: Bakhshi D.	CLOSED ROOM: E: De Botton J. W: Malinowski A.	OPEN ROOM: E: Ai-Tai Lo W: Pettis B.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Baseggio F. S: Kolesnik A.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55889-1609864478&u=aitail			
Fredin	5.78 VPs / 6 IMPs	14.22 VPs / 20 IMPs	Ireland
OPEN ROOM: N: Fredin P. S: Clemmensson J.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Aa T. W: Livgard A.	OPEN ROOM: E: Carroll J. W: Moran M.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Hanlon T. S: Amoils L.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55805-1609864006&u=coppers			
The Juniors	6.29 VPs / 27 IMPs	13.71 VPs / 39 IMPs	Scotland-Norway
OPEN ROOM: N: Freeman J. S: Lavee D.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Li D. W: Lyder D.	OPEN ROOM: E: Silverstone V. W: Diamond D.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Levinson S. S: Shenkin B.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55904-1609864561&u=derekd			
Tilly	6.82 VPs / 17 IMPs	13.18 VPs / 27 IMPs	Alexander
OPEN ROOM: N: Tommasini S. S: Kristensen S.	CLOSED ROOM: E: Israeli D. W: Warszawski A.	OPEN ROOM: E: Sandin A. W: Karlsson T.	CLOSED ROOM: N: Eliasson P. S: Elmroth G.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=55922-1609864669&u=silversc			

ROUND 6

Hill	7.1 VPs / 27 IMPs	12.9 VPs / 36 IMPs	Gupta	
OPEN ROOM N: Rimstedt O. S: Rimstedt M.	CLOSED ROOM E: Huang S. W: Dwyer K.	OPEN ROOM E: Cope S. W: Crouch P.	CLOSED ROOM N: Gupta N. S: Zia Mahmood	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56383-1609866884&u=olarim				
Lall	2.14 VPs / 11 IMPs	17.86 VPs / 44 IMPs	Israel Seniors	
OPEN ROOM N: Weischel P. S: Hamman B.	CLOSED ROOM E: Lall H. W: Milner R.	OPEN ROOM E: Engel Y. W: Frydrich J.	CLOSED ROOM N: Orenstein E. S: Yadlin D.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56392-1609866931&u=devo				
Hunisr	5.07 VPs / 12 IMPs	14.93 VPs / 29 IMPs	Edmonds	
OPEN ROOM N: Birman A. S: Lakatos P.	CLOSED ROOM E: Winkler G. W: Szabo C.	OPEN ROOM E: Gawrys P. W: Klukowski M.	CLOSED ROOM N: Hurd J. S: Bathurst K.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56402-1609866974&u=hatol				
Zaleski	4.42 VPs / 8 IMPs	15.58 VPs / 28 IMPs	Black	
OPEN ROOM N: Cronier P. S: Zaleski R.	CLOSED ROOM E: Volcker F. W: Combescure F.	OPEN ROOM E: McIntosh A. W: Paske T.	CLOSED ROOM N: Hallberg G. S: Hult S.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56415-1609867023&u=borno				
Ferguson	5.07 VPs / 29 IMPs	14.93 VPs / 46 IMPs	Champey	
OPEN ROOM N: Nadel J. S: Ferguson B.	CLOSED ROOM E: Van den Bos B. W: Van Lankveld J.	OPEN ROOM E: Bilde D. W: Madala A.	CLOSED ROOM N: Grossack A. S: Bussink B.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56609-1609867946&u=dank				
Israel Emerald	10 VPs / 21 IMPs	10 VPs / 21 IMPs	Salvo	
OPEN ROOM N: Barel M. S: Zack Y.	CLOSED ROOM E: Ginossar E. W: Reshef O.	OPEN ROOM E: Aluf S. W: Yilmaz G.	CLOSED ROOM N: Zorlu N. S: Uçar A.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56625-1609868036&u=yanivz				
Lewis	13.18 VPs / 25 IMPs	6.82 VPs / 15 IMPs	Rippey	
OPEN ROOM N: Smith R. S: Cohen B.	CLOSED ROOM E: Lewis L. W: Eythorsdottir H.	OPEN ROOM E: Wiankowski P. W: Nawrocki P.	CLOSED ROOM N: Cima L. S: Rippey M.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56640-1609868113&u=nawrot				
Apple	4.21 VPs / 9 IMPs	15.79 VPs / 30 IMPs	Sugi	
OPEN ROOM N: Brink S. S: Drijver B.	CLOSED ROOM E: Franceschetti P. W: Robert Q.	OPEN ROOM E: BeniJi W: Parasian Tobing R.	CLOSED ROOM N: Reza M. S: Elwindra	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56652-1609868182&u=pangi				
Wilson	5.3 VPs / 10 IMPs	14.7 VPs / 26 IMPs	Ireland	
OPEN ROOM N: van Prooijen R. S: Verhees L.	CLOSED ROOM E: Kiljan V. W: Tijssen L.	OPEN ROOM E: Hanlon T. W: McGann H.	CLOSED ROOM N: Mesbur A. S: Moran M.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56384-1609866888&u=loukie				
Skeidar	16.55 VPs / 41 IMPs	3.45 VPs / 16 IMPs	De Botton	
OPEN ROOM N: Helgemo G. S: Andresen M.	CLOSED ROOM E: Aaseng L. W: Johansen T.	OPEN ROOM E: De Botton J. W: Malinowski A.	CLOSED ROOM N: Hoftaniska S: Charlsen T.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56393-1609866931&u=malisuper				
Coppens	7.39 VPs / 23 IMPs	12.61 VPs / 31 IMPs	Harris	
OPEN ROOM N: Coppens P. S: Bakker K.	CLOSED ROOM E: Hermans R. W: Klaver N.	OPEN ROOM E: Malhasyan E. W: Harris J.	CLOSED ROOM N: Root S. S: Igoe N.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56407-1609866999&u=jdache				
Gillis	16.91 VPs / 47 IMPs	3.09 VPs / 20 IMPs	The Optimists	
OPEN ROOM N: Saelensminde E. S: Svendsen O.	CLOSED ROOM E: Bakke C. W: Brogeland B.	OPEN ROOM E: F. Kranyak K. W: Becker P.	CLOSED ROOM N: Greenspan S: B. Schenker	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=56419-1609867041&u=pirrum				
Amateurs	1.86 VPs / 15 IMPs	18.14 VPs / 50 IMPs	Marupe	
OPEN ROOM N: Baseggio F. S: Stark A.	CLOSED ROOM E: Jiang Gu W: Yang D.	OPEN ROOM E: Antonovs J. W: Khyuppenen Y.	CLOSED ROOM N: Bethers J. S: Bendiks J.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=57331-1609871391&u=astark				
Alexander	11.05 VPs / 36 IMPs	8.95 VPs / 33 IMPs	The Juniors	
OPEN ROOM N: Larsson J. S: Molberg J.	CLOSED ROOM E: Sandin A. W: Karlsson T.	OPEN ROOM E: Lien O. W: Derman E.	CLOSED ROOM N: Lavee D. S: Freeman J.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=57302-1609871247&u=olien				
Scotland-Norway	19.34 VPs / 62 IMPs	0.66 VPs / 17 IMPs	Fredin	
OPEN ROOM N: Kvangraven N. S: Lie T.	CLOSED ROOM E: Silverstone V. W: Diamond D.	OPEN ROOM E: J. Livgard A. W: Aa T.	CLOSED ROOM N: Fredin P. S: Clemmensson	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=57375-1609871544&u=aate				
Tilly	12.61 VPs / 34 IMPs	7.39 VPs / 26 IMPs	Turkish Delight	
OPEN ROOM N: Tommasini S. S: Kristensen S.	CLOSED ROOM E: Israeli D. W: Warszawski A.	OPEN ROOM E: Baskan B. W: Tatlicioglu S.	CLOSED ROOM N: Ekinci O. S: Sofu S.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=57398-1609871644&u=silversc				

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1	Israel Seniors	90.34
2	Hill	87.51
3	Gupta	85.86
4	Edmonds	84.66
5	Black	79.97
6	Skeidar	72.16
7	Lewis	71.8
8	Israel Emerald	70.05
9	Lall	69.64
10	Champey	66.67
11	Ireland	65.59
12	Hunisr	65.18
13	Marupe	63.71
14	Zaleski	61.18
15	Sugi	60.5
16	Gillis	60.24
17	Ferguson	59.79
18	Salvo	58.94
19	Coppens	58.31
20	Rippey	57.64
21	De Botton	52.45
22	Scotland/Norway	51.49
23	Wilson	51.08
24	Apple	50.88
25	Alexander	50.64
26	Harris	49.16
27	The Optimists	48.47
28	Tilly	42.6
29	The Juniors	38.68
30	Amateurs	36
31	Fredin	30.09
32	Turkish Delight	28.72

JANUARY CUP - BUTLER RANKING

	Name	Team	Result	Boards
1	Klukowski M. (Skrzat96)	Edmonds	1.6	48
	Gawrys P. (badaud4)	Edmonds	1.6	48
3	Mintz Y. (ymintz)	Israel Seniors	1.54	48
	Limor D. (doron)	Israel Seniors	1.54	48
5	Orenstein E. (eitano)	Israel Seniors	1.5	48
	Yadlin D. (Netfar)	Israel Seniors	1.5	48
7	Bilde D. (ballebo-jr)	Champey	1.38	72
	Madala A. (septiembre)	Champey	1.38	72
9	Ucar A. (no weak)	Salvo	1.27	36
10	Bareket I. (bareket)	Israel Emerald	1.26	24
	Lengy A. (lengy)	Israel Emerald	1.26	24
12	Johansen T.(Brulle)	Skeidar	1.24	36
13	Lévy A. (evil)	Zaleski	1.2	36
14	Coppens P. (PimCop)	Coppens	1.13	48
	Bakker K. (keesbak)	Coppens	1.13	48
16	Rimstedt O. (olarim)	Hill	1.13	72
	Rimstedt M. (mikaelrim)	Hill	1.13	72
18	Zatorski P. (dzeronimo)	Rippey	1.08	36
19	Szabo C. (csaboka13)	Hunisr	1.07	48
20	Auken S. (jcmax)	Lall	1.03	48
	Welland R. (roy)	Lall	1.03	48
22	Zorlu N. (begse)	Salvo	0.93	72
23	Muller B. (beukertje)	Gupta	0.91	48
	de Wijs S. (sm1)	Gupta	0.91	48
25	Bakke C. (Chrien)	Gillis	0.89	24
26	Carroll J. (coppers)	Ireland	0.81	36
27	Black A. (boggis)	Black	0.8	48
	Gold D. (dagold)	Black	0.8	48
29	Yang B. (bryanyang)	Sugi	0.78	12
	XuHeng T. (xhxhxh)	Sugi	0.78	12
31	Andresen M. (Mime477)	Skeidar	0.74	72
	Helgemo G. (micelle45)	Skeidar	0.74	72
33	Aluf S. (monk99)	Salvo	0.71	60
34	Herbst I. (ilanh)	Israel Emerald	0.68	24
	Herbst O. (herbst)	Israel Emerald	0.68	24
36	Cope S. (copeyj)	Gupta	0.66	48
	Crouch P. (pitiful)	Gupta	0.66	48
38	Dwyer K. (kdwyer)	Hill	0.61	72
	Huang S. (precisebri)	Hill	0.61	72
40	Nowak K. (kamiln)	Rippey	0.58	48
41	Gupta N. (nareng)	Gupta	0.56	48
	Zia Mahmood (zia)	Gupta	0.56	48
43	Bakhshi D. (Bakhshi)	De Botton	0.53	48
	Townsend T. (mug)	De Botton	0.53	48
45	Smith R. (ronsmithsf)	Lewis	0.53	72
	Cohen B. (billycohen)	Lewis	0.53	72
47	Elwindra (gabrialsew)	Sugi	0.52	24
	Reza M. (gabrialjak)	Sugi	0.52	24
49	Lall H. (hemantlall)	Lall	0.52	48
	Milner R. (reesem)	Lall	0.52	48
51	Volcker F. (fred92130)	Zaleski	0.51	48
52	McIntosh A. (mcintosh)	Black	0.49	48
	Paske T. (thomas1000)	Black	0.49	48
54	Brogeland B. (boye)	Gillis	0.48	72
55	Gronkvist M. (Mike_G)	Wilson	0.47	24
	Gronkvist I. (Halko)	Wilson	0.47	24
57	Nadel J. (juliejoy)	Ferguson	0.47	36
58	Hurd J. (johnhurd)	Edmonds	0.41	60
	Bathurst K. (Kmb24)	Edmonds	0.41	60
60	Winkler G. (winkiboy)	Hunisr	0.37	72
61	Sheng M. (Kainsheng)	Amateurs	0.35	24
62	Aaseng L.(lasseaa)	Skeidar	0.34	72
63	Antonovs J. (Mafuzz)	Marupe	0.32	48
	Khyuppenen Y. (hupp)	Marupe	0.32	48
65	Van den Bos B. (berendbs)	Ferguson	0.31	72
	Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)	Ferguson	0.31	72
67	Lindqvist E. (stevieg)	Gillis	0.28	48
68	Amoils L. (amoils)	Ireland	0.27	48
69	Verhees L. (loukie)	Wilson	0.24	24
70	Mendes de Leon G. (guymdl)	Wilson	0.23	24
	Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos)	Wilson	0.23	24
72	Tal N. (nogatal)	Israel Emerald	0.23	36
	Tal D. (danat85)	Israel Emerald	0.23	36
74	Combescure F. (aphobiah)	Zaleski	0.23	72
75	Birman A. (hatol)	Hunisr	0.2	72
76	Israeli D. (dan_ehh)	Tilly	0.19	60
	Warszawski A. (aran)	Tilly	0.19	60
78	Mesbur A. (amesbur)	Ireland	0.18	48
79	Silverstone V. (Odysseus69)	Scotland/Norway	0.16	48
	Diamond D. (Derekd)	Scotland/Norway	0.16	48
81	Bethers J. (Janis-B)	Marupe	0.13	48
	Bendiks J. (doks)	Marupe	0.13	48
83	Lakatos P. (nyul11)	Hunisr	0.13	48
84	Brink S. (sjoertbr)	Apple	0.12	72
	Drijver B. (BasDr)	Apple	0.12	72
86	Hult S. (hultahult)	Black	0.11	48
	Hallberg G. (rerack)	Black	0.11	48
88	Eliasson P.(PGEliasson)	Alexander	0.1	48
	Elmroth G.(Turnip1)	Alexander	0.1	48
90	Robert Q. (ptit)	Apple	0.07	24
91	Saelensminde E. (skaal1)	Gillis	0.06	60
92	Hanlon T. (kinder1)	Ireland	0.05	72
93	Kelvin N. (smoz)	Sugi	0.04	48
	KhengHun S. (icycookie)	Sugi	0.04	48
95	Derman E. (Ethansam)	The Juniors	0.01	24
96	Lewis L. (vegaslew)	Lewis	-0.01	72
	Eythorsdottir H. (Disa)	Lewis	-0.01	72
98	Ferguson B. (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-0.07	72
99	Root S. (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.08	60
	Igoe N. (ibraves)	Harris	-0.08	60
101	Moran M. (markpm)	Ireland	-0.09	48
102	Bergdahl T. (lingonback)	Alexander	-0.11	24
	Övelius (Emma Sj)	Alexander	-0.11	24
104	Charlsen T. (tcharlsen)	De Botton	-0.11	48
	Hoftaniska T.E. (Kasper20)	De Botton	-0.11	48
106	Wiankowski P. (vifon_e)	Rippey	-0.12	60
	Nawrocki P. (nawrot)	Rippey	-0.12	60
108	Engel Y. (engel j)	Israel Seniors	-0.14	48
	Frydrich J. (yulek f)	Israel Seniors	-0.14	48
110	Kolton M. (Ladyko)	Champey	-0.15	24
	Grossack Z. (germs345)	Champey	-0.15	24
112	Dumbovich M. (dumbovich)	Hunisr	-0.17	48
113	Cima L. (100dog)	Rippey	-0.21	36
114	Cronier P. (phicro2).	Zaleski	-0.21	72
115	BeniJi (beni ji)	Sugi	-0.23	36
	Parasian R. (pangi)	Sugi	-0.23	36
117	Fitzgibbon N. (nickfg1)	Ireland	-0.25	12
118	Lien O. (Olien)	The Juniors	-0.27	60
119	Kvangraven N. (Nils123)	Scotland/Norway	-0.28	48
	Lie T. (Terjel)	Scotland/Norway	-0.28	48
121	Edmonds J. (jodi e)	Edmonds	-0.28	36
	Wooldridge J. (firechief)	Edmonds	-0.28	36
123	Sandin A.(stridsvagn)	Alexander	-0.31	48
	Karlsson T. (charlie99)	Alexander	-0.31	48
125	Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)	Wilson	-0.31	72
126	Balasovs J. (Perkons)	Marupe	-0.33	48
	Bethers U. (Uldis)	Marupe	-0.33	48
128	Ginossar E. (eldad)	Israel Emerald	-0.34	36
	Reshef O. (oreshef)	Israel Emerald	-0.34	36
130	Tommasini S. (stefanot)	Tilly	-0.34	48
	Kristensen (silversc)	Tilly	-0.34	48
132	Kolesnik A. (Kolesnik)	Amateurs	-0.34	24
133	Ros G. (rosgjw)	Coppens	-0.35	48
	Lesmeister J. (jlesme)	Coppens	-0.35	48
135	Dong J. (john2345)	The Juniors	-0.35	24
136	Kubac N. (nezihk)	Salvo	-0.37	48
137	McGann H. (hmg2)	Ireland	-0.37	24
138	Rippey M. (radiators)	Rippey	-0.39	48
139	Shenkin B. (barnets)	Scotland/Norway	-0.4	48
	Levinson S. (Sc0tsteve)	Scotland/Norway	-0.4	48
141	Zaleski R. (borno)	Zaleski	-0.42	60
142	Greenspan B. (BernieG)	The Optimists	-0.45	72
	Schenker F. (jbcoyle)	The Optimists	-0.45	72
144	Svendsen O. (Pirrum)	Gillis	-0.46	48
145	Hamman B. (tgbh3)	Lall	-0.49	48
	Weischel P. (devo)	Lall	-0.49	48
147	Kranyak K. (kranko2013)	The Optimists	-0.49	72
	Becker P. (badger49)	The Optimists	-0.49	72
149	Jiang Gu (Jiang_Gu)	Amateurs	-0.56	48
150	Bogø K. (Osvaill83)	Skeidar	-0.56	36
151	Chowdhury T. (Tilot)	The Juniors	-0.57	36
152	Wilson A. (flyfalcon)	Wilson	-0.59	48
153	Zhu B. (bruce zhu)	The Juniors	-0.6	36
154	Korbel D. (dank)	Ferguson	-0.61	36
155	Aa T. (aate)	Fredin	-0.62	60
	Livgard A. (livgard)	Fredin	-0.62	60
157	Gustwsson M. (lagom)	Fredin	-0.66	12
	Sylvan J. (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.66	12
159	Ai-Tai L. (aitail)	Amateurs	-0.67	48
	Pettis B. (buffalo6)	Amateurs	-0.67	48
161	Yılmaz G. (yilmaz_g)	Salvo	-0.67	12
162	Malhasyan E. (Master dj)	Harris	-0.71	36
	Harris J. (Jdache)	Harris	-0.71	36
164	Tatlicioglu S. (Sinantos)	Turkish Delight	-0.71	48
165	Baseggio F. (Baseggio)	Amateurs	-0.73	48
166	Trendafilov R. (rumen)	Harris	-0.73	48
	Isporski V. (smileyv)	Harris	-0.73	48
168	Lavee D. (Thekid1)	The Juniors	-0.74	36
169	Baskan B. (baskanb)	Turkish Delight	-0.8	48
170	Sugiharto (sugi)	Sugi	-0.84	24
	Nurkunyil A. (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-0.84	24
172	Franceschetti P. (gewd)	Apple	-0.89	72
173	Freeman J. (Jacob04)	The Juniors	-0.94	36
174	Gillis S. (rayas78)	Gillis	-0.98	36
175	Kiljan V. (vkill)	Wilson	-0.99	24
	Tijssen L. (luctijs)	Wilson	-0.99	24
177	De Botton J. (Capt Lulu)	De Botton	-1.05	48
	Malinowski A. (malisuper)	De Botton	-1.05	48
179	Barel M. (mich-b)	Israel Emerald	-1.07	24
	Zack Y. (yanivz)	Israel Emerald	-1.07	24
181	Serdar E. (Exerdar)	Turkish Delight	-1.07	24
182	Hermans R. (galileo60)	Coppens	-1.09	48
	Klaver N. (tttiger)	Coppens	-1.09	48
184	Ozkurt K. (Kojiroo)	Turkish Delight	-1.11	48
185	Stark A. (astark)	Amateurs	-1.13	24
186	Molberg J. (juve_)	Alexander	-1.17	24
	Larsson J. (jela79)	Alexander	-1.17	24
188	Fredin P. (P_Fredin)	Fredin	-1.18	72
	Clemmensson J. (jannec69)	Fredin	-1.18	72
190	Li D. (Obbdw)	The Juniors	-1.19	24
191	Aslan B. (baylind)	Salvo	-1.22	36
192	Umur O. (ttlfb)	Salvo	-1.24	24
193	Sofu S. (Serkansofu)	Turkish Delight	-1.24	24
194	Sohtorik Y. (yusufb)	Turkish Delight	-1.26	36
195	Setton H. (Ldase)	Apple	-1.38	48
196	Yang D. (hyang)	Amateurs	-1.47	24
197	Bhatt A. (Anshul08)	The Juniors	-1.56	12
198	Castner K. (Jafra)	Tilly	-1.66	36
	King P.(philking)	Tilly	-1.66	36
200	Ekinci O. (Ekinci)	Turkish Delight	-1.73	36
201	Bussink B. (bart3)	Champey	-1.74	48
	Grossack A. (nevereast)	Champey	-1.74	48
203	Ultav E. (Simplyhi)	Turkish Delight	-1.89	24

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