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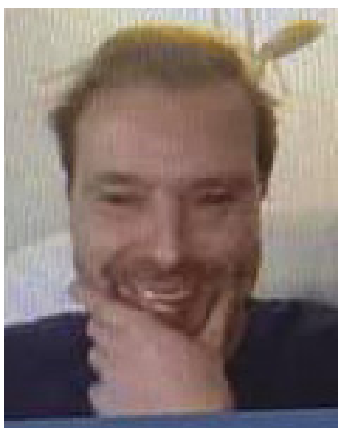
TEAM MARUPE WON THE WBT CHALLENGERS CUP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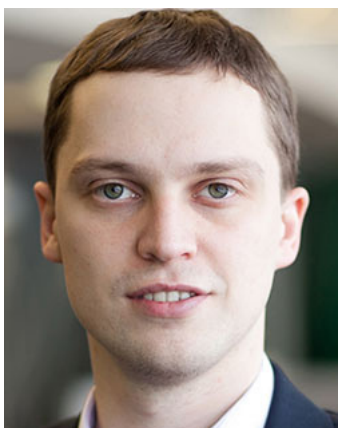
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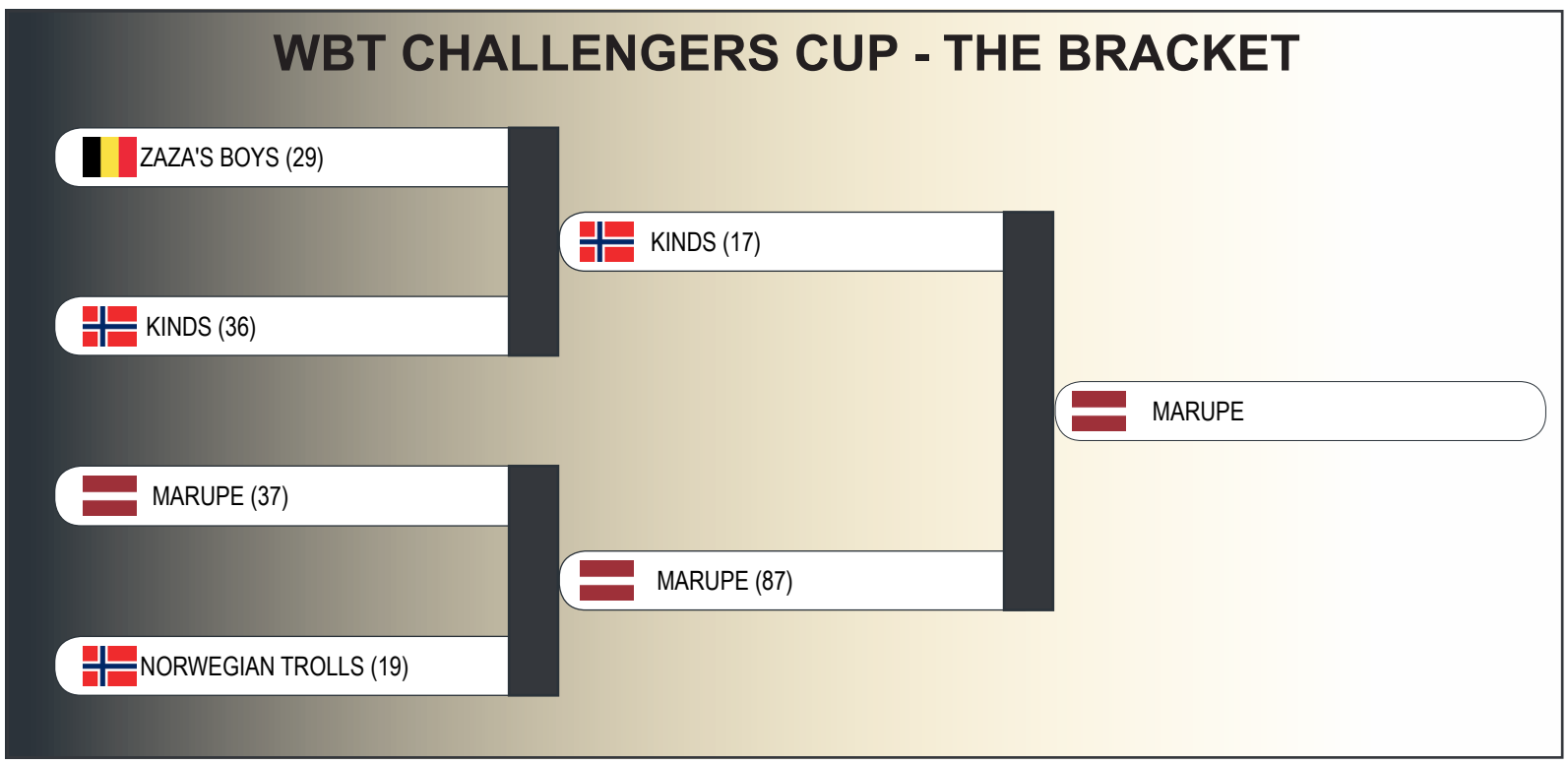
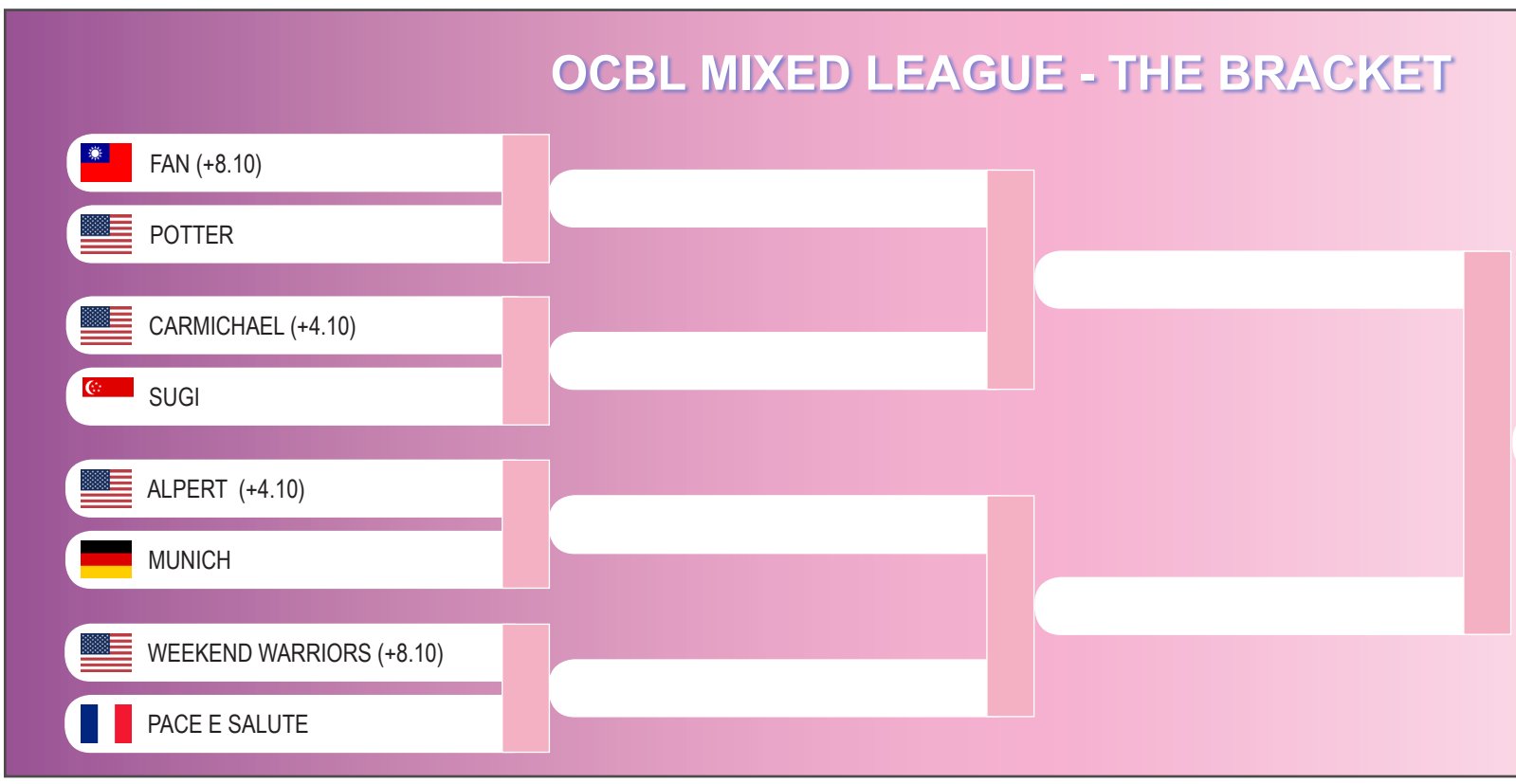


Team **Marupe** (Jevgenij Antonov, Jurijs Balasovs, Janis Bendiks, Uldis Bethers, Janis Bethers, Yury Khyuppenen) won the WBT Challengers Cup!
In the final they faced team **Kinds** (Torkild Hagen, Asbjørn Kindsbekken, Ole Marius, Gjermund Rekstad, Stig Vestveit, Roar Voll).
The third place is shared by **Zaza's Boys** (Clovis Dehaye, Jean-Marie Backes, Patrick Bocken, Bernard Dehaye, Isabelle Dewasme, Olivier Neve) and **Norwegian Trolls** (Lisbeth Glærum, Maja Rom Anjer, Stine Holmøy, Åse Langeland, David Ueland, Ranja Sivertsvik, Ida Wennevold).



Schedule Today

Today the quarterfinals of the OCBL Mixed League will be played at:

16:00 (CET) - 10:00 (EST): QF1
18:30 (CET) - 12:30 (EST): QF2

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPER CUP

2 March - 9 March, 2021

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 2 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 3 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Thursday 4 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Friday 5 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
KO:	Monday 8 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Tuesday 9 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

OPEN LEAGUE

29 March - 25 April, 2021

Play every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday at 21.30 CEST - 15.30 EDT

APRIL CUP

5 - 9 April, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 5 April	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 6 April	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 7 April	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 8 April	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 9 April	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

MAY CUP

3 - 7 May, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 3 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 4 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 5 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 6 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 7 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

OPEN LEAGUE

10 May - 6 June, 2021

Play every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday at 21.30 CEST - 15.30 EDT

JUNE CUP

31 May - 4 June, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 31 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 1 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 2 June	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 3 June	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 4 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

The Labours of Hercules
The Belt of Hippolyta

by Mark Horton

As I expect you all know, Hippolyta was queen of the Amazons. Her belt (sometimes referred to as a girdle) had magical properties, offering power and supremacy to the wearer, which would be much appreciated by most bridge players.

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♡ Transfer

After a routine auction you find yourself in 4♠. South leads the ♡A and when North follows with the seven he cashes the king, North playing an 'upside down' three and exits with the ♢5. That goes to North's nine and your ten and you cash the ♠A, South follwing with the queen and North the three.

How do you continue?

When South produced the ♠Q, declarer cashed the ♢AK pitching a club from dummy, ruffed the ♡Q and played three rounds of clubs, ruffing, to reach this position:

	♠ K 9 8 ♡ — ♢ — ♣ —	
♠ 5 ♡ — ♢ Q 8 ♣ —		

Declarer played the ♠5 and when South produced the ♡6 he could put in dummy's eight and claim, +620 (and a 12 IMP swing).

This was the full deal:

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

From Wikipedia:

In Classical Greek mythology, Hippolyta, or Hippolyte "was a daughter of Ares and Otrera, queen of the Amazons, and a sister of Antiope and Melanippe. She wore, as an emblem of her dignity, a girdle given to her by her father."

Hippolyta figures prominently in the myths of both Heracles and Theseus. The myths about her are varied enough that they may therefore be about several different women.

The name Hippolyta comes from Greek roots meaning "horse" and "let loose".

In the myth of Heracles, Hippolyta's girdle was the object of his ninth labour. He was sent to retrieve it for Admete, the daughter of King Eurystheus.

Most versions of the myth indicate that Hippolyta was so impressed with Heracles that she gave him the girdle without argument, perhaps while visiting him on his ship. Then, according to Pseudo-Apollodorus, the goddess Hera, making herself appear as one of the Amazons, spread a rumour among them that Heracles and his crew were abducting their queen, so the Amazons attacked the ship. In the fray that followed, Heracles slew Hippolyta, stripped her of the belt, fought off the attackers, and sailed away.

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Heracles Obtaining the Girdle of Hyppolita
by Nikolaus Knüpfer

Online Bridge NEWS

TURKISH NATIONAL MIX won the MMT

Sedat Aluf

Tuna Aluf

Omer Kizilok

Namik Kokten

Basak Kutuk

Sirma Sanus

Nafiz Zorlu

The February Monthly Mixed Teams ended yesterday.

The winners are Turkish National Mix, with Sedat Aluf, Tuna Aluf, Omer Kizilok, Namik Kokten, Basak Kutuk, Sirma Sanus and Nafiz Zorlu.

In the Final they faced the French team Strawberries (Irene Baroni, Thomas Bessis, Pierre Franceschetti, Hilda Setton). The match ended 102.1 - 91 IMPs.

The third place is shared between teams Austerlitz Brigitte Aubonnet, Patrick Bogacki, Blandine Delestre, Daniel Delestre, François Joligeon, Georges Romanowski, Martine Rossard, Valérie Sauvage, Christophe Carde) and Just Spinnin (Allie Cappelletti, Mike Cappelletti, Kay Enfield, Greg Hinze, Patty Hinze).

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OCBL OPEN LEAGUE

Qualification + Knockout

UPCOMING OPEN LEAGUE (1)
29 March - 25 April 2021

UPCOMING OPEN LEAGUE (2)
10 May - 6 June 2021

Qualification:

10 Rounds x 16 Boards
Play every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday
at 21.30 CEST - 15.30 EDT

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 40 Boards each

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG