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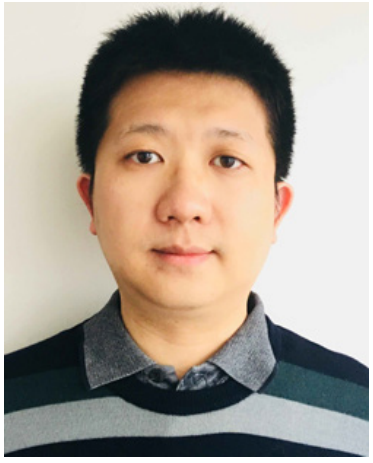
FAN WIN THE OCBL MIXED LEAGUE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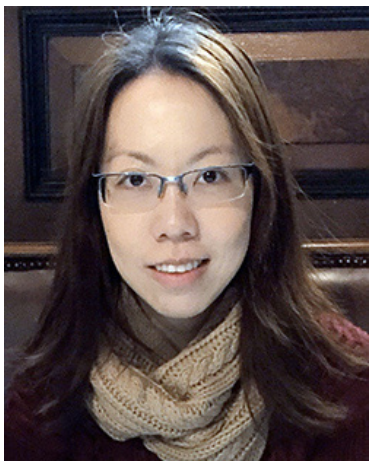
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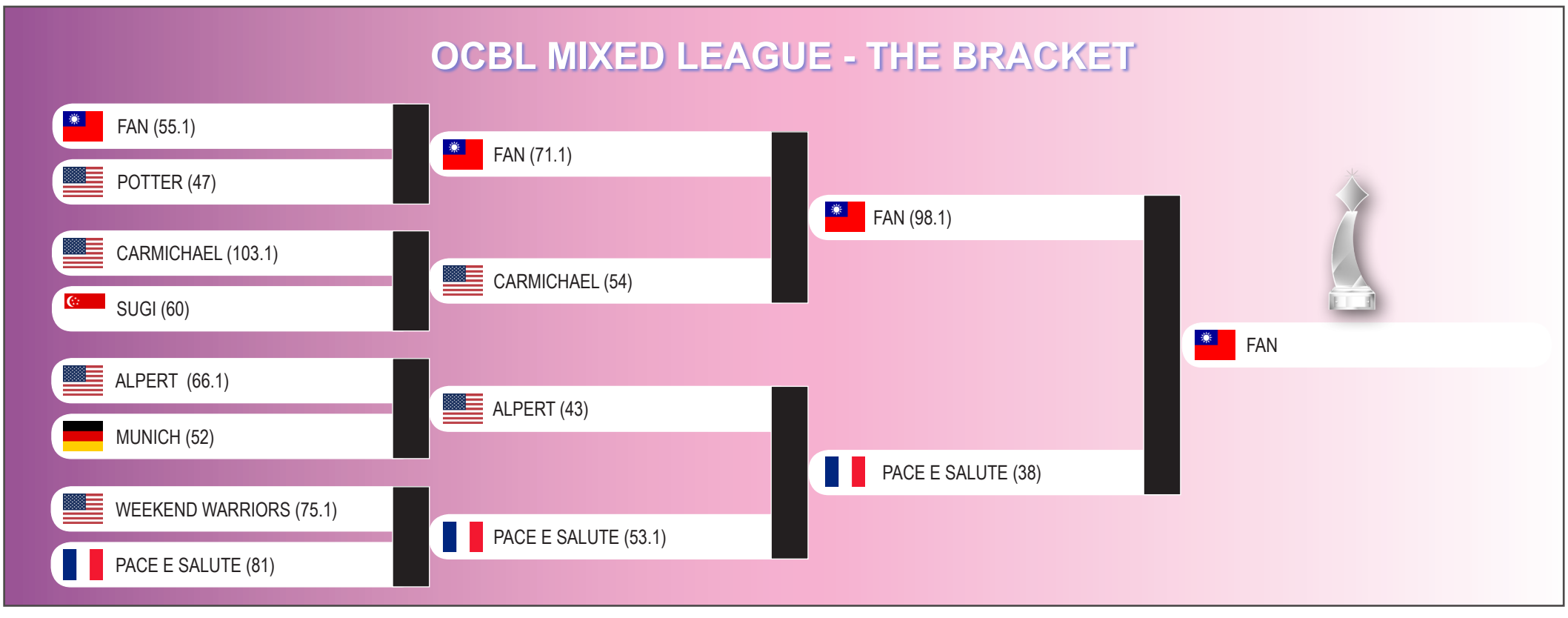
Pik-Kin Lau

Team FAN, with Kang-Wei Fan, Ho-Yee So, Hor-yung Koo, Pui-Yi Chan, Po-Ya Tsai, Li-Jen Chen, Kwok-fai Mak, and Pik-Kin Lau won the OCBL Mixed League!

In the Final they faced team Pace e Salute, with Hilda Setton, Thomas Bessis, Irene Baroni and Pierre Franceschetti, who got the silver medal of this Mixed League marathon.

The third place is shared among teams Alpert (C. Alpert, J. Seamon-Molson, C. Hoyos, A. Versace, L. Fruscoloni, E. Pramotton) and Carmichael (J. Carmichael, T. Carmichael, C. Henner, J. Donn, S. Winestock, U. Ivatury, R. Lee, S. Moss).

Today there is no play.
The OCBL events are coming back tomorrow, with the second half of the Semifinal of the OCBL Open League.



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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

Pick a Slam

by **Mark Horton**

The first half of the final of the Mixed League between Fan and Pace e Salute was full of slams.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
1♡	Pass	2♢	2♠
3♢	Pass	4♡	All Pass

North led the ♠Q and declarer took dummy's ace and played a club for the queen and ace. North switched to the ♢6 and declarer won with the queen and tried to cash the ♣K. South ruffed, cashed the ♠K and continued with the jack. Declarer ruffed with the five and North overruffed with the seven and exited with the ♣3. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ace and played a heart, South taking the king and playing the ♠10. Declarer ruffed and played the ♢A, but South had pitched a diamond and ruffed putting the contract three down, -300.

On Board 8 NS held

♠ K J 9 5 4 ♡ A 10 9 ♢ 9 ♣ A 6 5 4

opposite

♠ A Q 10 7 ♡ K Q ♢ A 8 7 6 2 ♣ J 10

and both teams reached the excellent 6♠.

As the cards lay, even though trumps were 4-0 it was possible to take all the tricks via a cross-ruff.

Thomas Bessis

PoYa Tsai

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	*Bessis*	*So*	*Baroni*
1♡	Pass	1NT*	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♡	All Pass

1NT 'Semi-F1'

North led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ace as South followed with the king. A diamond to the ace was followed by the queen, after which declarer played the ♡Q, overtaking it with dummy's ace and continuing with the ♢K. When South ruffed with the ♡4 declarer overruffed with the eight and exited with the ♡J, South taking the king and playing two rounds of spades. Declarer ruffed and played the ♣K and North won (ducking does not help as declarer continues with the ♣Q) and returned the ♣4, declarer claiming, +620 and 14 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
—	3♡	3NT	4♡
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♡A and when West discarded the ♢K he switched to the ♢2, West taking the eight and continuing with the nine. Declarer ruffed and played a heart and East took his winners, West's♠K adding up to three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	*Bessis*	*So*	*Baroni*
—	3♡	3NT	4♡
5♢	Pass	6♢	All Pass

North led the ♠Q so the defenders scored a trick, -1370 and another 13 IMPs for Fan.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♡	3♣	4♡	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West led the ♡K and declarer ruffed in dummy and cashed the ♠A. That gives an 82.78% chance of losing only one spade, but this was one of the exceptions. Declarer was able to establish a club for a heart discard, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	*Bessis*	*So*	*Baroni*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♢	Pass	4♡
Pass	5♡	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

7♠ was two down after the lead of the ♡K, so Fan collected 3 more IMPs.

On Board 11 NS were looking at a combined holding of

♠ - ♡ A K Q 8 5 3 ♢ 10 9 8 4 ♣ A K 3 and

♠ A Q J 7 6 ♡ J 9 7 ♢ A 7 5 3 ♣ 4

and both sides took 12 tricks in 6♡.

East's diamonds were ♢KJ6 so both declarer's escaped the testing diamond lead, but even had East found it declarer would have had excellent chances as hearts were 2-2 and East also held ♠K103, the winning view leading to 13 tricks.

Irene Baroni

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
—	—	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♢*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

1NT 14-17
2♢ Transfer
3NT Short spades
4♣ Cuebid
4♢ Cuebid
4♠ Cuebid

West led the ♢4 and declarer won with the ten, cashed the ♡K and then played two rounds of clubs, East taking dummy's jack with the king and exiting with a spade. Declarer won and claimed, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	*Bessis*	*So*	*Baroni*
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♢*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

2♢ Transfer
4♣ Natural slam try 5+, 5+
4♠ RKCB
5♢ 2 key cards, no ♡Q
5NT Kings?

Pierre Franceschetti

West led the ♢Q and declarer won with the king, cashed the ♡K and played the ♣2 for the six, jack and king. The diamond return was taken by dummy's ace and declarer cashed the ♡QJ, unblocked the ♣A, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a spade drew the outstanding trump and played the ♣Q, no swing.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

This deal might easily appear in a text book illustrating the importance of playing in your strongest suit. If EW play in diamonds then 13 tricks are easy, declarer establishing dummy's hearts.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pas
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♢ 1 key card

On this layout 6♠ was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chen	*Bessis*	*So*	*Baroni*
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♢*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

2♠ 'Catch all'
3NT 'Minimal'
5♠ 'took it as asking for trump quality'
4♣ Cuebid
4♢ Cuebid
4♡ Cue bid

It was a missed opportunity for both teams, but Fan could more readily afford it as they led 57.1-5, a demonstration that conceding less than an IMP a board is usually winning bridge.

Send us your up-to-date pic, please!

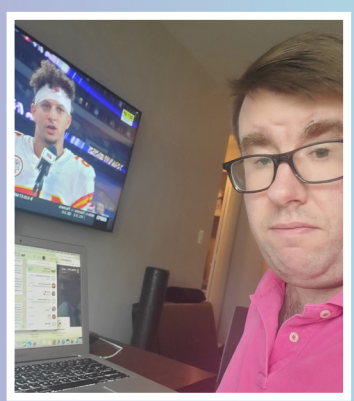
It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

Obviously when producing Bridge articles it is necessary
to use photos from the archives, as the last international face-to-face Bridge event was held several months ago (the 2020 Winter Games in Monaco).

Since online play is at the moment our new 'present', we would like to represent it as it is!

So if you can please send us a picture (can be a selfie)
of yourself playing online Bridge.
Let your Bridge friends see you in the present!

You can send the pic to:
info@ocbl.org



MIXED LEAGUE - RESULTS

FINALS 1/2

Fan (+0.1)	41 IMPs TOTAL: 98.1	33 IMPs TOTAL: 38	Pace e Salute

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Kang-Wei Fan S: Po-Ya Tsai	E: Hor-yung Koo W: Kwok-fai Mak	E: Franceschetti P. W: Setton H.	N: Bessis T. S: Baroni I.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=47941-1613923190

SUPER CUP

2-9 March, 2021

Registered Teams

26 Teams already registered to the **new OCBL event**!
The Super Cup will take place from 2 to 9 March, 2021.

GUPTA
Gupta N. (nareng)
Zia Mahmood (zia)
Muller B. (beukertje)
de Wijs S. (sm1)
Madala A. (septiembre)
Bilde D. (ballebo-jr)

BLACK
Black A. (boggis)
Gold D. (dagold)
McIntosh A. (mcintosh)
Paske T. (thomas1000)
Hult S. (hultahult)
Hallberg G. (rerack)

CLASH
Hinze G. (ghinze)
Enfield K. (cx107)
Kranyak J. (jkrans)
Demuy V. (okvince)

SKEIDAR
Andresen M. (Mime477)
Bogø K. (osvaill83)
Farstad A. (kha66)
Aaseng L. (lasseaa)
Johansen T. (Brulle)
Kristoffersen C. (stoffers)

ISRAEL SENIORS
Engel Y. (engel j)
Frydrich J. (yulek f)
Yadlin D. (Netfar)
Orenstein E. (Eitano)
Mintz Y. (ymintz)
Limor D. (doron)

GILLIS
Gillis S. (rayas78)
Saelensminde E. (skaal1)
Brogeland B. (boye)
Lindqvist E. (stevieg)
Bakke C. (Chrien)
Svendsen O. (Pirrum)

ORCA
Plackett R. (Hoofie)
Crouch P. (Pitiful)
Forrester T. (Anthonyf)
Erichsen E. (Espene)
Cope S. (CopeyJ)

SCORWAY
Levinson.S (sc0tsteve)
Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Lie T. (Terjel)
Silverstone V. (Odysseus 69)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Saur O. (saurdino)
Brekka G. (kaninen)
Ovesen J. (jo-arne)

SKALMAN
Ahlesved K. (kruska)
Warne N. (nikwar2)
Selberg J. (janselb)
Petersson J. (motvillige)
Kvick H. (kvicken)
Karlsson PA (st1energy)
Säfsten J. (johansaf)
Malmström P. (pekk_swe)

DE BOTTON
De Botton J. (Capt Lulu)

COMPTON
Compton C. (Compton)
Goodman A. (Agoodman1)
Dwyer K. (Kdweyer)
Huang S. (precisebri)
Moses T. (Hottodstl)
Smith R. (RonsmithSF)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs)
Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master dj)
Gold M. (Marusab)
Isporski V. (smileyv)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)

FERGUSON
Ferguson B. (bruceferg)
Nadel J. (juliejoy)
Van den Bos B. (berendbs)
Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)
Snellers A. (asnellers)
De Boer B. (bukkum)

SLOVAKIA
Velecký E. (edowell)
Števák D. (dustek)
Ploščica M. (mirop)
Belčák P. (blog)
Lohay K. (karci)
Henc M. (hewex)
Vodička M. (vodka47)
Kvoček J. (big baran)
Jakabšic J. (oldo)
Rumančík J. (the_dagda)

APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS
Auken S. (jcmax)
Welland R. (roy)
Jagniewski R. (mlodybog)
Gawel W. (redds)
Lall H. (hemantlall)
Milner R. (reesem)

SEPTUPLE DUMMY
Warner M. (marcwarner)
Bussink B. (bart3)
Zolotow S. (lzvee)
McAllister J. (jgm7x)
Tebha A. (anamtebha)
Grossack Z. (germs345)
Grossack A. (nevereast)

AMATEURS
Ai-Tai L. (aitail)
Pettis B. (buffalo6)
Kolesnik A. (Kolesnik)
Baseggio F. (Baseggio)
Chechelashvili D. (dato)
Soliman A. (rabie3)

SALVO
Zorlu N. (begse)
Aluf S. (monk99)
Kubac N. (nezihk)
Ucar A. (no weak)
Aslan B. (baylind)
Umur O. (ttlfb)
Koksoy E. (koksoy)
Suiçmez E. (grundar)

LEVINE
Levine M. (mikerl)
Wold E. (womoco)
Helgemo G. (micelle45)
Helness T. (helstokk)
Meckstroth J. (jjmeck)
Rodwell E. (bumportant)
Morris R (bobat3333)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin)

IRELAND
Barton G. (barton)
Moran M. (markpm)
Carroll J. (coppers)
Hanlon T. (kinder1)
McGann H. (hmg2)
Mesbur A. (amesbur)
Fitzgibbon N. (nickfg1)
Amoils L. (amoils)

LESLIE
Leslie T. (culross66)

APPLE
Setton H. (Ldase)
Franceschetti P. (Gewd)
Brink S. (Sjoertbr)
Drijver B. (Basdr)
Robert Q. (Ptit)

FRANCE SUD
Poizat P. (taziop)
Cabanes B. (tonel34)
Mus M. (musmarc)
Gautret E. (truffe34)
Guillaumin PY. (pyg)
Palau JJ. (grozny06)
Fleury H. (juransson)
Girollet M. (maxile)

WILSON
Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)
Verhees L. (loukie)
Mendes De Leon G. (guymdl)
Wilson A. (flyfalcon)
Gronkvist I. (Halko)
Gronkvist M. (Mike_G)
Kiljan V. (Vkill)
Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos)
Tijssen L. (luctijs)

DAUGAVA
Neimanis J. (zombis)
Rubenis I. (banco1)
Jansons U. (ugisj)
Germanis A. (aigars31)

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Qualification + Knockout

2 - 9 March 2021

QUALIFICATION

12 Rounds x 16 boards

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KOs

QuarterFinals, SemiFinals, Final: 32 boards each

	CET	EST
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

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