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OCBL OPEN LEAGUE: THE SEMIFINAL COUNTDOWN

SCHEDULE TODAY

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE

SEMIFINALS 2/2. 21.30 CET / 15:30 EST

Moss	VS	Ireland	VUGRAPH
Black	VS	Lebowitz	VUGRAPH

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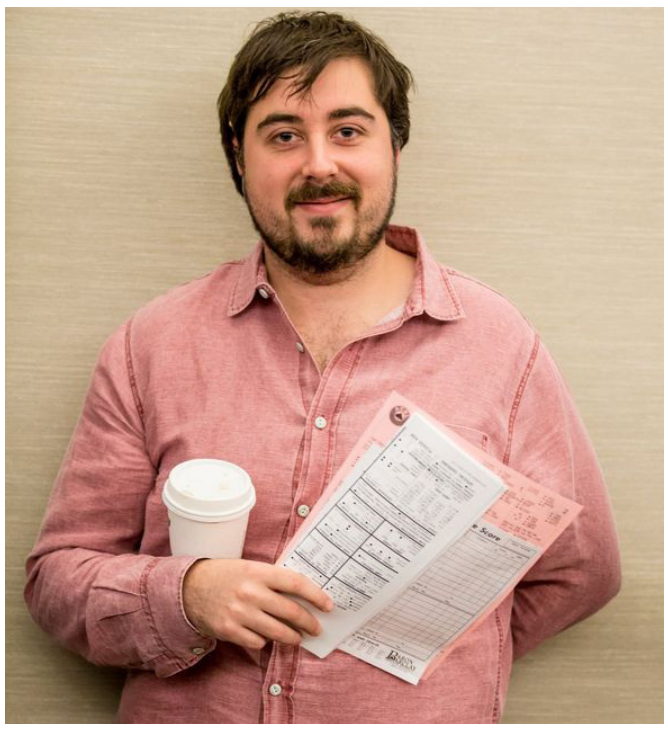
The Semifinals of the OCBL Open League will end today.
At the moment:
In the match between Moss and Ireland, Moss is leading by 17.1 IMPs.
In the match bewteen Black and Lebowitz, Lebowitz is leading by 8.9 IMPs.

There will be Twitch Broadcast.
Enjoy the show at:
https://www.twitch.tv/worldbridgetour

ADAM SPEAKS



Adam Grossack is the person behind Twitch broacasts of OCBL and WBT events!

We have asked Adam some questions about the organization of Twitch commentary.

He obviously replied on video!

You can watch the video at:
http://www.t.ly/nCsM

DISCOVER THE SUPER CUP

The new OCBL event will be played from 2 to 9 March, 2021.

29 A*M*A*Z*I*N*G teams have already registered!

Check the details on pages 7-8.

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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

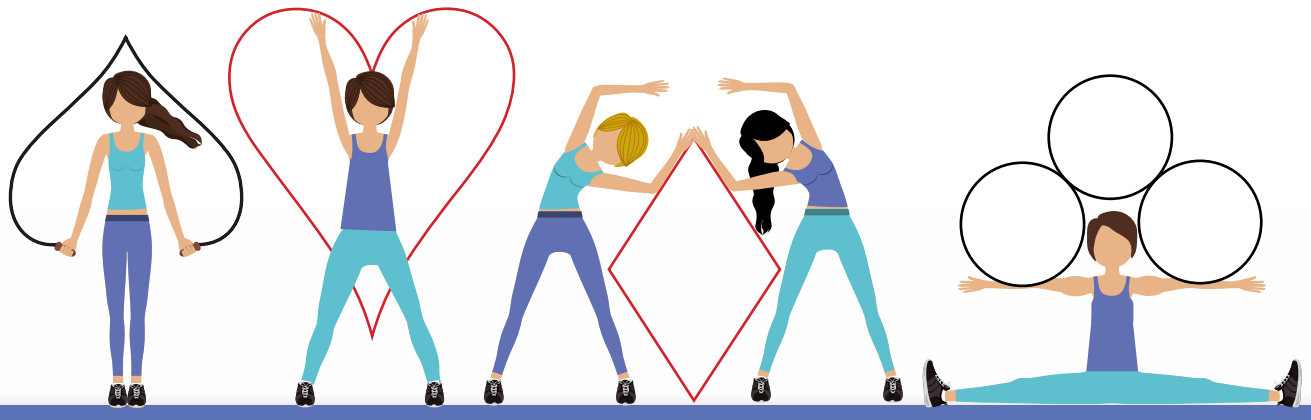
10 May - 6 June, 2021

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



OCBL Training

♠ A Q 9 7 6 5 2
♡ K 5
♢ 7 6
♣ Q 7

Dealer East. All Vulnerable

West	North	East	Sud
—	—	Pass	Pass
?			

What would you bid?

Champions' answers will be posted tomorrow

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:
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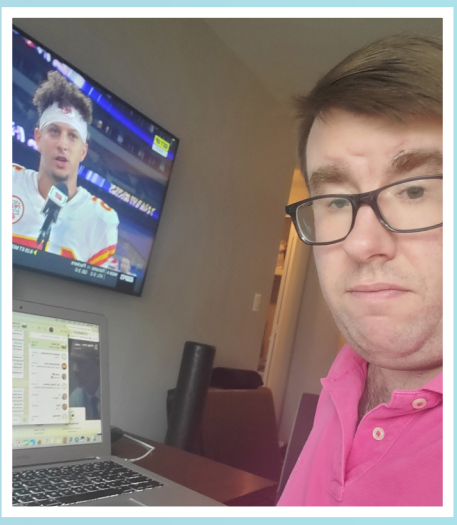


Opening Moves

by **Mark Horton**

The OCBL Open League is down to four teams - in the semifinals Lebowitz were meeting Black, while Ireland faced Moss.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

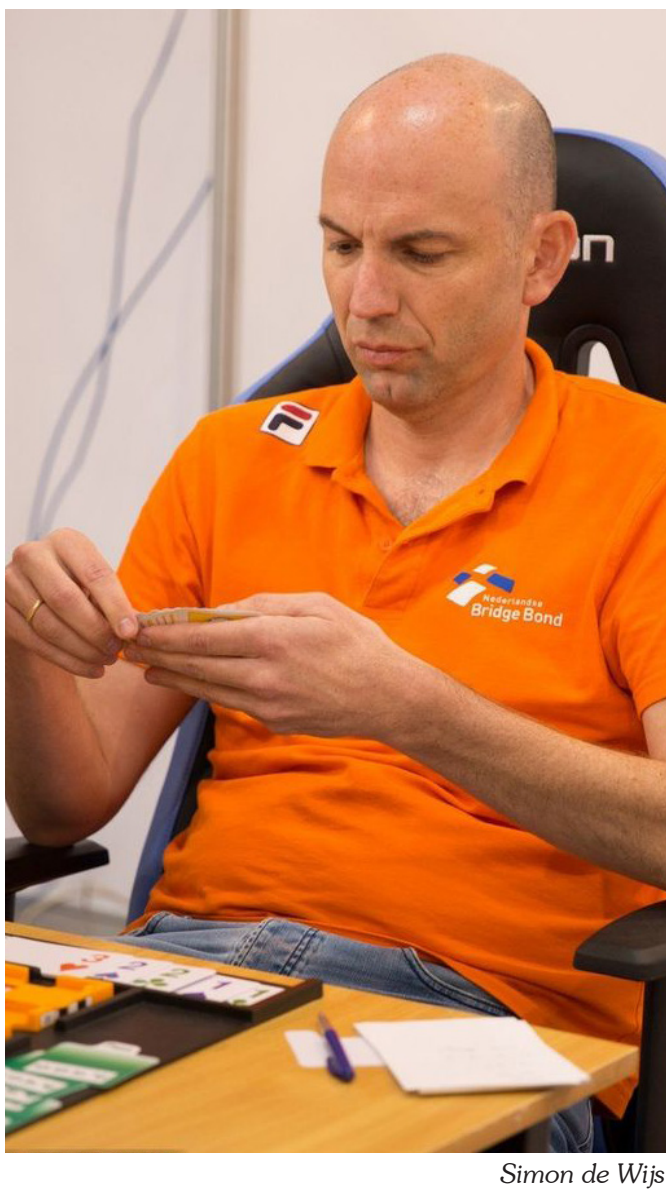
Only Madala and Bilde reached 6♡.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Hallberg*	*Bilde*	*Hult*
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

4♠ RKCB
5♣ 0/3 key cards

South led the ♡8 and declarer took all the tricks, +1460.



Simon de Wijs

Agustin Madala

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Hallberg*	*Bilde*	*Hult*
—	—	—	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♡A and switched to the ♢5, declarer taking South's king with the ace and playing a club to the queen.

When it held he cashed the ace pitching a diamond and played a spade to the ten, +620.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Hallberg*	*Bilde*	*Hult*
—	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	Dble	Pass
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♣2 and declarer won with dummy's ten and played a heart for the six, nine and ten. West switched to the ♡3 and when dummy's ten was taken by the ace declarer was soon claiming nine tricks, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*A Grossack*	*Black*	*Lebowitz*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♣ 'Invitational spade raise or normalish 2/1 game forcing'
2♢ 'Not minimum, not 4♡'
2♠ Non-forcing

South started with the ♣AK and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A and ducked a spade, finishing with 11 tricks, +650 and 8 IMPs.

Muller and de Wijs also found the save in 5♣ to earn 8 IMPs for Moss:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moran	*de Wijs*	*Carroll*	*Muller*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣*	Dble*	3♢	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All pass

3♣ 3♠ limit raise
Dble ♣

Dennis Bilde

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Hanlon*	*Lee*	*McGann*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q
♡ A K 2
♢ A K J 10 7 6
♣ A 10 5

♠ K 10 9 2
♡ Q 8 3
♢ Q 8 5 3
♣ K 9

♠ J 8 5 4
♡ J 9 5
♢ 9 2
♣ Q J 6 4

♠ A 7 6 3
♡ 10 7 6 4
♢ 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Hallberg*	*Bilde*	*Hult*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♢*
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	

2NT 23-24
3♢ Stayman
3NT No major

East led the ♠5 and West won with the king and returned the two. Declarer won with the ace, played a diamond to the jack and cleared the suit.

The defenders could cash two more spades but the rest belonged to declarer, +400.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fitzgibbon	*de Wijs*	*Carroll*	*Muller*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♢*
Pass	1♡*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	3♢*	Pass	3NT
All pass			

1♣ 15+
1♢ 0-8
1♡ 18+ any
1♠ 0-5
3♢ NF

Jacek Kalita

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Hanlon*	*Kalita*	*McGann*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♢*
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♢	Pass	3NT
All pass			

1♣ 11-13 bal or any 17+
1♢ 0-7
2♡ Kokish
2♠ Relay
2NT 23+
3♣ Puppet

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 8
♡ 3
♢ K Q 10 8 7 4
♣ 9 6 5 3

♠ A K 5
♡ Q 9 7 5
♢ A J 9
♣ 10 4 2

♠ Q 9 7 6 4
♡ A J 10 8
♢ —
♣ A K Q 7

♠ 10 3 2
♡ K 6 4 2
♢ 6 5 3 2
♣ J 8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Hallberg*	*Bilde*	*Hult*
1♣	2♢	Dble	4♢
Pass	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♡	All pass		

2♢ weak

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fitzgibbon	*de Wijs*	*Carroll*	*Muller*
1NT*	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡*	Pass
4♢*	Dble	Redble*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♡	All pass

1NT 14-16
2♡ ♠
3♡ Natural 4+
4♢ Cue for ♡
Redble Normally first round + ♣ control
4♠ Cue

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Hanlon*	*Kalita*	*McGann*
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♡	All pass

1♣ Polish
2♢ GF
2♡ 3♠
3♠ 3433 Most likely
4♣ ♡ fit

Mixed Emotions

by **Mark Horton**

Fan went into the last 20 deals of the Mixed League Final against Pace e Salute leading by 52.1 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	All Pass	

2♣ Puppet to 2♢
2♡ To play

East led the ♠K and declarer won with the ace and played the ♣3, East taking the ace as West discarded the ♢9. Declarer won the switch to the ♢2 with dummy's ace and played the ♡5, West going up with the king, cashing the ♢K and then going back to spades, declarer winning with the queen, cashing three hearts and playing a club for +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Bessis*	*Charmian*	*Baroni*
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	Dble	1NT*	Pass
2♢	Dble	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
Dble Natural

When defending a low-level part score with a good trump holding a defender usually has a choice of plans, either to attempt to force declarer with a long side suit, or to play for ruffs by leading a short suit. It is unclear which is the best approach, and North had a difficult choice between a heart or a club.

He went with the ♣10 and declarer won with dummy's ace pitching a heart and continued with the ♢2, following the generally sound policy of developing the side suit first. When the king held declarer played the ♠3 and when dummy's king held he continued with the ♢Q. South took the ace and switched to the ♣K and declarer ruffed and continued with the ♢J. North ruffed and switched to the ♡Q, South taking the ace and playing the ♣Q, but declarer ruffed, losing only one more trick to the ♠A, +670 and 13 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
—	—	1♢	2♣
2♢	Dble	5♢	All Pass

South led the ♣K and declarer ruffed as North followed with the ten (almost certainly suggesting that a spade switch would be welcome) drew trumps and played the ♠2 for the jack and queen. North cashed the ace and exited with the ♠5, declarer winning with dummy's seven and playing the ♡J for the king and ace. Declarer cashed the ♢Q, crossed to dummy with the ♢10 and played the ♡9, North following with the three. South was known to hold at least eight clubs - with nine the overcall might have been at a higher level, so declarer placed North with a 5-3-1-4 shape and ran the nine for +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Bessis*	*Charmian*	*Baroni*
—	—	1♢	1NT
Pass	2♡*	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl*	Pass	3♣
3♢	3♡	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♢	Dble
All Pass			

2♡ Transfer
Rdbl Values

Kwok-Fai Mak

Po-Ya Tsai

The early play was identical, but after North's spade exit declarer cashed the ♡K and then played a heat to the queen and was one down, -200 and 14 IMPs the poorer.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Fan*	*Franceschetti*	*Tsai*
2NT	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3NT*	All Pass		

3♢ Transfer
3NT No fit in hearts

North led the ♣3 and when South put in the queen declarer had ten tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Bessis*	*Charmian*	*Baroni*
1♢	1♡	2♢	Dble*
3NT	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

East led the ♢5 and declarer ruffed and played the ♡5, West winning with the king and playing two rounds of spades. Declarer won with dummy's queen, ruffed a diamond and, with a nod to the Rabbi played a club to dummy's ace. When his majesty was kind enough to appear, declarer claimed, +400 and a 14 IMP swing.

These three deals aside, the boards offered little scope for swings and Fan got slightly the better of those that took place, winning the session 41-33 and the match 98.1-38.

SUPER CUP

2-9 March, 2021

Registered Teams

29 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)
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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
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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)

RIPPEY
Rippey M.

DONNER
Donner G.

COLE
Cole M.
Bianchedi A.
Bertheau P. (Pbertheau)
Zagorin D. (pez007)
Toledano O. (orentol)
Zamir A. (zamir1)

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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

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