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LEBOWITZ IS LEADING THE OPEN LEAGUE FINAL

The Final of the OCBL Open League between teams Moss vs Lebowitz has started!

After the first segment, Lebowitz are leading by 36.9 IMPs.
The next segment was originally scheduled for Saturday, 27 February,
but has been delayed by agreement between the two teams.

We don't yet know when the match will take place, it may be on Monday, 1 March, but it really depends on the qualification to the JLall event.
We will keep you posted!

Yesterday's match was also broadcast on Twitch.
The commentators were Magnús Ólafsson and Kevin Rosenberg.

You can replay the show at: https://www.twitch.tv/videos/928235069

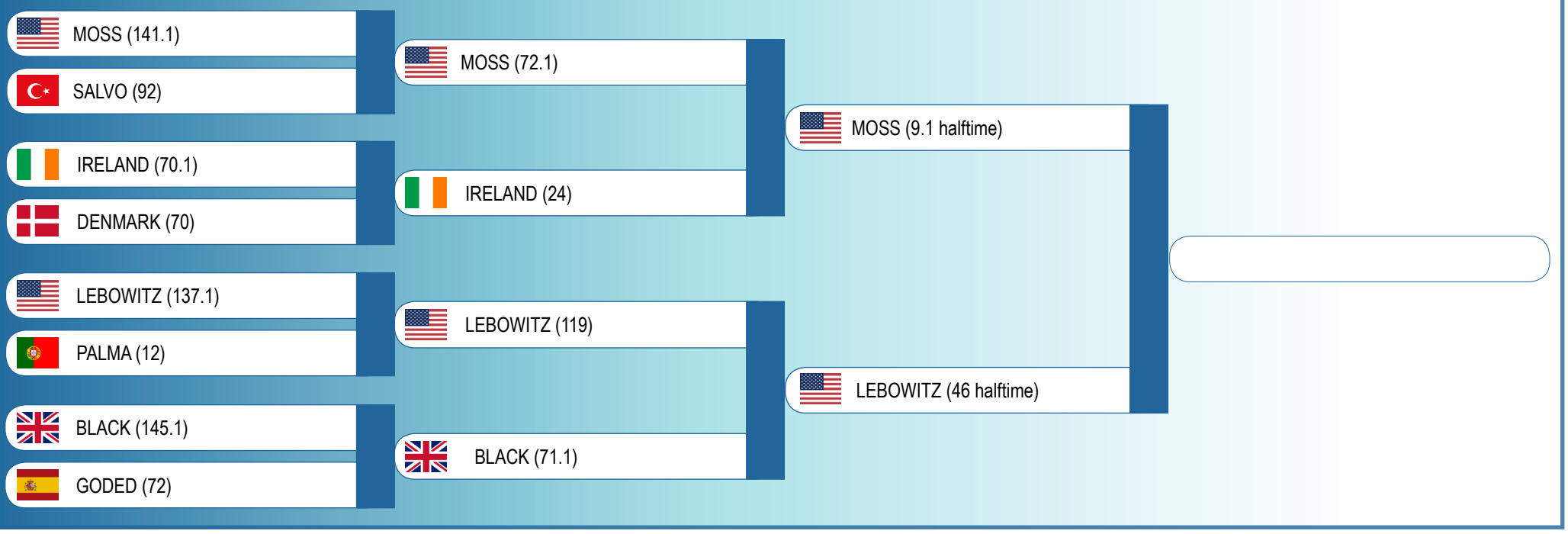
DISCOVER THE SUPER CUP

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

32 AMAZING teams have already registered!

Check the details on pages 5-6.

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - THE BRACKET



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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

A quiet day at the Office

by **Mark Horton**

The final of the OCBL Open League was between Moss and Lebowitz. The first day's play did not feature many deals to set the pulse racing.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*de Wijs*	*Bilde*	*Muller*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♢	All Pass

If we assume that 5NT was 'pick a slam' East made a good choice. His ♢10 turned the chance of five tricks in the diamond suit from 61.7% to 100%.

North led the ♣7 and declarer won with the queen, crossed to dummy with a spade and ran the ♢10. He returned to hand with a heart, cashed the ♢A and claimed 12 tricks, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	*A Grossack*	*Lee*	*Lebowitz*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Agustin Madala

When East cue bid 4♡ West knew enough to jump to the best slam.

Here too the lead was the ♣7 and declarer won with the queen and simply played the ♢A followed by the queen, +920 and a strong start by both teams.

The deal that followed was a tough one:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*de Wijs*	*Bilde*	*Muller*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♡	5♢	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

No book can tell you how high to bid with North's hand. One way of making a decision is to ask yourself at what level you would like your opponents to play and bid accordingly. From your hand it looks as if EW may play in hearts and, all things being equal, you would like them to be in 5♡. The vulnerability is a factor, but is often taken too seriously.

South's spade holding meant that declarer lost only four tricks, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	*A Grossack*	*Lee*	*Lebowitz*
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♡	4♢	4♡	All Pass

North led the ♢A and continued with the ten, South ruffing and exiting with the ♠J. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart, South following with the nine. Unless you are of a rabbinical persuasion you will dismiss the idea of going up with the ace hoping to drop a singleton king, so the choice is between the queen and the ten. I consulted the man on the Clapham Omnibus and he was in favour of playing the queen and that was declarer's choice, leading to an unlucky one down.

It was the only major swing of the first quarter which ended with Lebowitz ahead 18-6.1.

The second half saw only two significant swings...

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Rosenberg*	*Kalita*	*Z Grossack*
Pass	1♢	1♠	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠6 and East took the ace and switched to the ♣5 for the three and queen, West returning the seven for the king and ace. Declarer played a club to dummy's jack and a diamond to the jack and ace. He won the spade return and cashed the ♣10 and the ♠Q before taking his red suit winners, +600.

In the other room East did not overcall and North passed South's1NT response.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*de Wijs*	*Bilde*	*Muller*
—	—	—	4♢
4♠	5♢	6♠	Dble*
Pass	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Dble Lead directing

South led the ♢Q and declarer won with the ace and cashed the ♣A, South discarding the ♢4. A spade to the king was followed by the ♣J and declarer took three more tricks in the suit ending in dummy and played a heart for the king and ace. South exited with the ♢10 and declarer won, played a heart to the queen, and came to hand with the ♣9. South was down to ♠J106 ♢J and had to part with the ♢J, whereupon declarer presented the ♢2 and claimed his contract!

I'll leave you to spot how South might have upset declarer's applecart.

In the replay South opened 5♢ and when West doubled East bid 6♢ and then converted West's 6♠ to 7♣ which South doubled. Lebowitz had taken the quarter 28-3 and at the midway point of the final they led 46-9.1.

PET PRECISION

WE KNOW YOU LOVE YOUR PARTNER, BUT THE BEST PAIR FOR SURE IS YOU AND YOUR PET!

Alejandro Bianchedi introduces

UMA

What is your pet's name?
Uma

When and how did you get it and why?
She was one of the puppies of Agustin Madala's dog. We originally brought two home the first day because of course my kids wanted two, but after the first night I decided to return one of them and we kept only Uma. That was in June 2014.
We always wanted a dog.

Do you talk to your pet? What do you say?
Yes of course! That she is so lovely, the best dog in the world. That I love her.
She is very obedient and nice.
We use to take her out without a chain and she stops when we cross a street... when we say go she crosses.
We call her UMETA PISPIRETA

If your pet could talk, what would it say?
Please Ale play with me and pet me all the time I love it !!!

What's the best and the worst thing your pet has ever done?
The worst she pooed sometimes inside and she eats the furniture of my parents-in-law home.
The best is how she welcomes us when we come home.
Also at nights she knocks on my daughter's door and waits to enter and sleep with her.

What is the funniest thing your pet does?
The funniest is she asks different people for food when she has already eaten - and she knows she shoudn't eat again, but she lies to us as if she hasn't eaten yet.
And also she lays next to her water bowl to ask for more.
She is very intelligent.

Can you tell us a funny episode related to your pet?
One night i went to the pharmacy with her and let her out with the chain.
Then I exited from another door and came home without her !!!!!
When I arrived, everybody asked where she was and i ran to pick her up.
She was outside waiting for me and she was very very happy to see me, omg!

Tell us all about your pet!
Send us a pic and your pet's story to:
info@ocbl.org

SUPER CUP

2-9 March, 2021

Registered Teams

34 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)

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)
Ševák 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)

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)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin)

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)
Smilgajs A. (smilgajs)
Romanovska M. (MaijaLat)
Lorencs M. (malorencs)

RIPPEY
Rippey M.

MIKADINHO
Verhaegen M. (Marcel_ve)
Zanasi G. (Zanna9)
Todd K. (Ktmnyc)
Lahrmann C. (christianl)
Drijver B.
Nab B.
Rimstedt O.

DONNER
Donner G. (GDonnerSC1)
Rimstedt C. (CillaR)
Grue J. (joegrue)
Moss B. (brad)
Rimstedt S. (sandria)

PETER AND CO
Cole M.
Bianchedi A.
Bertheau P. (Pbertheau) Zagorin D. (pez007)
Toledano O. (orentol) Zamir A. (zamir1)
Muzzio T. (oyzzum)

MARUPE
Antonovs J. (Mafuzz)
Khyuppenen Y. (hupp)
Balasovs J. (Perkons)
Bethers U. (Uldis)
Bethers J. (Janis-B)
Bendiks J. (doks)
Rubenis B. (brunchiks)

SELIGMAN
Seligman M. (Mseligman)
Lair M. (mslair)
Klukowski M. (Skrzat96)
Kalita J. (paulinka18)
Kwiecien M. (michal1)

HUNGARY
Winkler G. (winkiboy)
Szabo C. (csaboka13)
Dumbovich M. (dumbovich)
Lakatos P. (nyul11)
Kemény G. (kemeny)

BISHEL
Bishel J. (rxguy2)
Bishel T. (tobias31)
Seelbach C. (babushkka)
Greenspan B. (BernieG)
Schenker F. (JBCoyle)

HOTSPURS
Naqvi W. (waseem)
Segal O. (oseg63)
Dewit D. (Hyperon)
Vandewiele E. (blink128)
Van Bijsterveldt N. (nielsvbij)
Schols E. (Mkgnao)
Van den Bos T. (Timvdb)
Schols M. (futuralis)

Book your seat at:
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SUPER CUP

Qualification + Knockout

2 - 9 March 2021

QUALIFICATION

12 Rounds x 16 boards

	CET	EST
Tuesday 2 March	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
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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

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG