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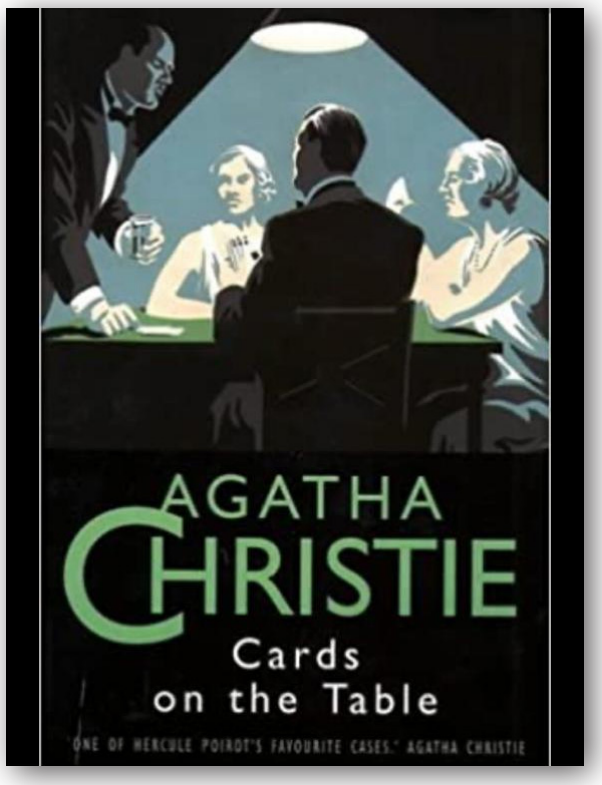
CARDS ON THE TABLE



Cards on the table is the new column of Giovanni Donati for the OCBL Journal, inspired to the famous book by Agatha Christie.

The young Italian talent poses a quiz in each column; the answer is available on the following day.

Here is the first quiz...

THE PERFECT DISTRIBUTION

♠ A 2
♡ 10 8 3 2
♢ 6 5 3 2
♣ A K 10

♠ 6 5 4 3
♡ A K
♢ A Q 10 4
♣ 5 4 3

How would you play 6NT sitting South, on every lead?

OCBL SUPER CUP: REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE TODAY!

37 AMAZING teams have registered to the OCBL SUPER CUP.

The registration will close today at 17 CET (11 EST).

The event is starting tomorrow. It includes:

Qualification (12 rounds x 16 boards)
played on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
It consists of **three rounds per day**, played at:
16.30 CET / 10.30 EST
19.00 CET / 13.00 EST
21.30 CET / 15.30 EST

KOs:
Quarterfinals - played in two rounds:
Monday March 8th at 16.30 CET / 10.30 EST: 16 boards
Monday Match 8th at 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST: 16 boards

Semifinals - played in two rounds:
Monday March 8th at 21.30 CET / 15.30 EST: 16 boards
Tuesday March 9th at 16.30 CET / 10.30 EST: 16 boards

Final - played in two rounds:
Tuesday Match 9th at 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST: 16 boards
Tuesday Match 9th at 21.30 CET / 15.30 EST: 16 boards

See registered teams on page 4

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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
Cerberus

by Mark Horton

The last task assigned to Hercules was to capture Cerberus, the three-headed dog that guarded the entrance to the Underworld, on the condition that he did not use any weapons. Just imagine what bridge would be like without all the conventions that exist in bidding and play! However, they are no substitute for the ability to think clearly and logically at crucial moments.

Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♡	2♡*	4♡
?			

2♡ Game forcing

From West's point of view his opponent's had a lot of hearts and partner, who was unlikely to hold any high cards in that suit, had made a game forcing bid suggesting he held the values for a opening bid of his own. Assuming there was nothing wasted in hearts, EW were effectively playing with a 30 point pack, and they surely held at least 20 of those high cards.

With no obvious way to discover if East had too many wasted values in diamonds, West took the view that his partner's high cards were likely to be distributed equally between the other three suits and backed his judgement with majestic leap to 6♣.

Declarer ruffed the lead of the ♢A and claimed, +1370.

This was the full deal:

Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Having completed his final Labour, Hercules may have joined Jason and the Argonauts in their quest for the Golden Fleece. Perhaps one day we will report some of those adventures!

Hercules and Cerberus statue, by Antonin Pavel Wagner, Michaelertor, Hofburg palace, Vienna, Austria.

From Wikipedia:

The twelfth and final labour was the capture of Cerberus, the three-headed, dragon-tailed dog that was the guardian of the gates of the Underworld.

To prepare for his descent into the Underworld, Heracles went to Eleusis (or Athens) to be initiated in the Eleusinian Mysteries. He entered the Underworld, and Hermes and Athena were his guides.

While in the Underworld, Heracles met Theseus and Pirithous.

The two companions had been imprisoned by Hades for attempting to kidnap Persephone. One tradition tells of snakes coiling around their legs, then turning into stone; another that Hades feigned hospitality and prepared a feast inviting them to sit.

They unknowingly sat in chairs of forgetfulness and were permanently ensnared. When Heracles had pulled Theseus first from his chair, some of his thigh stuck to it (this explains the supposedly lean thighs of Athenians), but the Earth shook at the attempt to liberate Pirithous, whose desire to have the goddess for himself was so insulting he was doomed to stay behind.

Heracles found Hades and asked permission to bring Cerberus to the surface, which Hades agreed to if Heracles could subdue the beast without using weapons.

Heracles overpowered Cerberus with his bare hands and slung the beast over his back. He carried Cerberus out of the Underworld through a cavern entrance in the Peloponnese and brought it to Eurystheus, who again fled into his pithos.

Eurystheus begged Heracles to return Cerberus to the Underworld, offering in return to release him from any further labours when Cerberus disappeared back to his master.

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SUPER CUP

2-9 March, 2021

Registered Teams

37 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)
Wademark O. (flashrex)

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)

DENMARK
Graversen H. (hcdk)

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. (radiators)

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

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

PETER AND CO
Cole M. (mtc146)
Bianchedi A. (alecuque)
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)

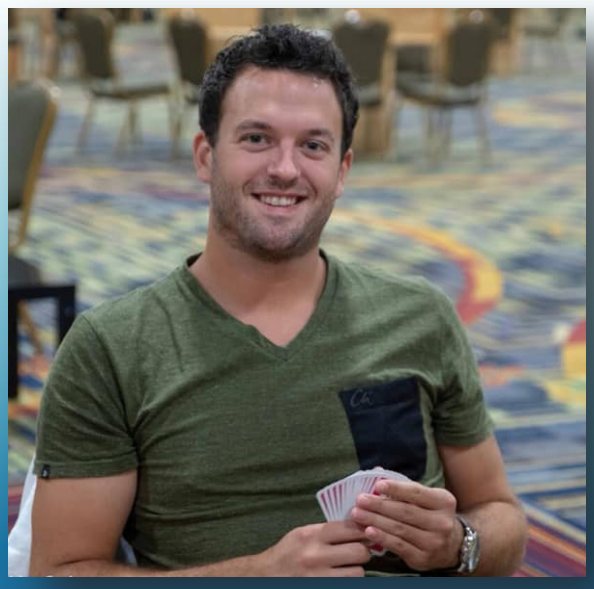
HUNGARY
Winkler G. (winkiboy)
Szabo C. (csaboka13)
Dumbovich M. (dumbovich)
Lakatos P. (nyul11)
Kemény G. (kemeny)

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)

FOX
Fox Ji (mmbridge)
Pellegrini C. (carlosp)
Garcia da Rosa R. (rgdruru)
Di Franco M. (M_DiFranco)
Manno A. (maqeda)

DREAM TEAM
Alpert C. (Clairee2)
Fruscoloni L. (frusco)
Versace A. (nevaio)
Ranis M. (doublemm)
Spellman M. (lictokill)
Burman R. (roni57)
Dufrat K. (Kas_)
Bernal F. (Franco64)



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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
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

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