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SCHEDULE TODAY

OCBL APRIL CUP

ROUND 3. 16.30 CEST / 10.30 a.m. EDT

GROUP A	Gupta	VS	Harris	
	Leslie	VS	Gillis	
	BBC-PERRON	VS	Skeidar	
	Hotspurs	VS	Orca	
GROUP B	Apres-Br. Ch.	VS	Rippey	
	Baltic Express	VS	Netbridge	
	Hill	VS	Wilson	VUGRAPH
	Art	VS	BBC	
GROUP C	Black	VS	Hungary	
	Scorway	VS	Buqqy	
	Hansa	VS	Amateurs	
	Apex Predators	VS	Fredin	
GROUP D	De Botton	VS	Phoenix	
	Follow Suit	VS	ECF HOLDING	
	Sugi	VS	Apple	
	Clash	VS	Ferguson	

ROUND 4. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

GROUP A	Gupta	VS	Skeidar	VUGRAPH
	Hotspurs	VS	Leslie	
	Gillis	VS	Orca	
	Harris	VS	BBC-PERRON	
GROUP B	Apres-Br. Ch.	VS	Wilson	
	Art	VS	Baltic Express	
	Netbridge	VS	BBC	
	Rippey	VS	Hill	
GROUP C	Black	VS	Amateurs	
	Apex Predators	VS	Scorway	
	Buqqy	VS	Fredin	
	Hungary	VS	Hansa	
GROUP D	De Botton	VS	Apple	
	Clash	VS	Follow Suit	
	ECF HOLDING	VS	Ferguson	
	Phoenix	VS	Sugi	

ROUND 5. 21.30 CEST / 3.30 p.m. EDT

GROUP A	Gupta	VS	Orca	
	Harris	VS	Hotspurs	
	Leslie	VS	BBC-PERRON	
	Skeidar	VS	Gillis	
GROUP B	Apres-Br. Ch.	VS	BBC	
	Rippey	VS	Art	
	Baltic Express	VS	Hill	
	Wilson	VS	Netbridge	
GROUP C	Black	VS	Fredin	VUGRAPH
	Hungary	VS	Apex Predators	
	Scorway	VS	Hansa	
	Amateurs	VS	Buqqy	
GROUP D	De Botton	VS	Ferguson	
	Phoenix	VS	Clash	
	Follow Suit	VS	Sugi	
	Apple	VS	ECF HOLDING	

THE RACE TO QUALIFY

The qualification stage is going on in both the OCBL Open League and the OCBL April Cup.
Both the events have a two steps qualification stage.

Team Alexander is still on top of the ranking in the OCBL Open League. This event will not be played today and the next match is scheduled tomorrow.

The day will be filled with the OCBL April Cup matches. The event has started yesterday; today the teams will play three more rounds.

Picture: Brad Moss. He is leading together with Joe Grue the Butler ranking of the OCBL Open League.

OCBL APRIL CUP - RESULTS AFTER ROUND 2

GROUP A

1	Orca	33.05
2	Gupta	25.67
3	Leslie	25.09
4	Gillis	23.83
5	Skeidar	22.13
6	Harris	12.38
7	BBC-PERRON	10.74
8	Hotspurs	7.11

GROUP B

1	Wilson	32.71
2	Hill	30.11
3	Apres-Br. Ch.	26.08
4	BBC	21.38
5	Rippey	20
6	Art	12.12
7	Baltic Express	9.09
8	Netbridge	8.51

GROUP C

1	Hansa	29.16
2	Fredin	25.56
3	Black	24.18
4	Scorway	23.04
5	Amateurs	18.44
6	Apex Predators	14.34
7	Buqqy	12.87
8	Hungary	12.41

GROUP D

1	Ferguson	31.37
2	Follow Suit	30.16
3	ECF HOLDING	26.11
4	De Botton	24.83
5	Phoenix	19.27
6	Clash	13.06
7	Apple	11.95
8	Sugi	3.25

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - RESULTS AFTER ROUND 5

1	Alexander	78.18	18	Austromany	49.27
2	Anatolia	68.89	19	Slovakia	48.96
3	Ireland	68	20	The Expats	47.49
4	Ventin	61.71	21	Bourricot	46.68
5	Donner	61.36	22	DenMix	45.31
6	Denmark	60.01	23	MikaRippey	45.13
7	Robinson	59.61	24	Scorway	44.78
8	Black	58.94	25	Cannon Fodder	43.7
9	Amateurs	56.47	26	Swedese	43.37
10	Compton	55.74	27	Skeidar	39.57
11	Goded	55.59	28	Baltic Express	39.46
12	Skalman	55.14	29	Harris	38.37
13	Salvo	54.87	30	Turkish Delight	37.87
14	De Michelis	54.05	31	Leslie	36.95
15	Apex Predators	53.74	32	Swedish Fish	35.51
16	De Botton	52.04	33	German Strain	27.64
17	Moss	49.3	34	Amalgamated	26.3

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN LEAGUE

10 May - 6 June, 2021

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

MAY CUP

17 - 21 May, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 17 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 18 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 19 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 20 May	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 21 May	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

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

SUPER CUP

28 June - 3 July, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 28 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Tuesday 29 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 30 June	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Thursday 1 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
KO:	Friday 2 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Saturday 3 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

JULY CUP

12 - 16 July, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 12 July	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 13 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 14 July	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 15 July	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 16 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

The Way to the Stars

by Mark Horton

Bridge is, first and foremost, the most fun you can have with a pack of cards (although this might convince you otherwise: https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=850296385416165) and hundreds of thousands play every day simply for the pure enjoyment it brings. If you have greater ambitions, then the current array of online events offers the essential opportunity to compete against strong opposition and I am convinced that those who are doing so on a regular basis will return to 'face-to-face' play with a significant advantage.

If Internet Bridge is not your cup of tea, but you are keen to improve then devour as many books as you can.

As the latest OCBL event gets under way, I am on the lookout for deals that might be featured in some future textbooks.

This deal might not qualify, but it does contain interesting points in the bidding, and a very tough declarer play problem that I did not expect anyone to solve:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

On this deal it looks as if NS are likely to reach 4♠, but the 5-0 trump break is nasty. Declarer can still get home by playing West for the ♡Q, but with West having five spades the heart length is marked with East. East might open the bidding, and although that should probably not stop NS bidding game, it might bring notrumps into the equation. It would also be another pointer towards East being the more likely to hold the ♡Q.

Simon de Wijs

Let's see how the teams coped:

Gupta v Leslie

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	*de Wijs*	*Bell*	*Muller*
—	—	1♢	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Dble	2♢*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♢ '4+♢ unbalanced (4♢ 5♣ ok) or 5♢ 11-14 NT'
2♣ 'Cue bid'
2♢ 'No minimum'

West led the ♢9 and East played three rounds of the suit, West ruffing and exiting with the ♣Q. Declarer won and played a spade to the ace, East pitching the ♣7. A heart to the nine saw West win and cash the ♣J for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Burgess*	*Gupta*	*Leslie*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ Game forcing

West led the ♡4 and declarer won with the nine and played the ♠Q, East pitching the ♣3. Declarer unblocked the ♡K, took dummy's top spades and cashed the ♡A. he could pitch a club on the ♡J, but West ruffed and switched to a club and there were only nine tricks, still a 3 IMP swing.

BBC-Perron v Orca

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*Kaplan*	*Zorlu*	*Polet*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣Q and declarer won and cashed the ♠Q, getting the bad news. he cashed the ♡K, overtook the nine with the ace and ran the jack pitching a club. West won and continued clubs which resulted in one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Voldoire	*Plackett*	*Bigdeli*	*Erichsen*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Dble	Pass
2♡	Dble	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing ♣ or game forcing balanced or invitational with 3♠.

Would you have been sure about the meaning of your partner's double in the West seat? Its worth discussing, as responding 2♣ is becoming more popular. As a passed hand you could play it as only promising clubs.

North led the ♠A and declarer ruffed in dummy, played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, ruffed a spade and played a diamond, pitching a spade when South produced the ten. South switched to the ♡K followed by the nine so the defenders took the rest, -500 and 12 IMPs.

Black v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Diamond	*Hallberg*	*Silverstone*	*Hult*
—	—	1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣*	2♢	2♠
3♣	3♢*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ 'Good raise'
3♢ 'Undiscussed but invitational'

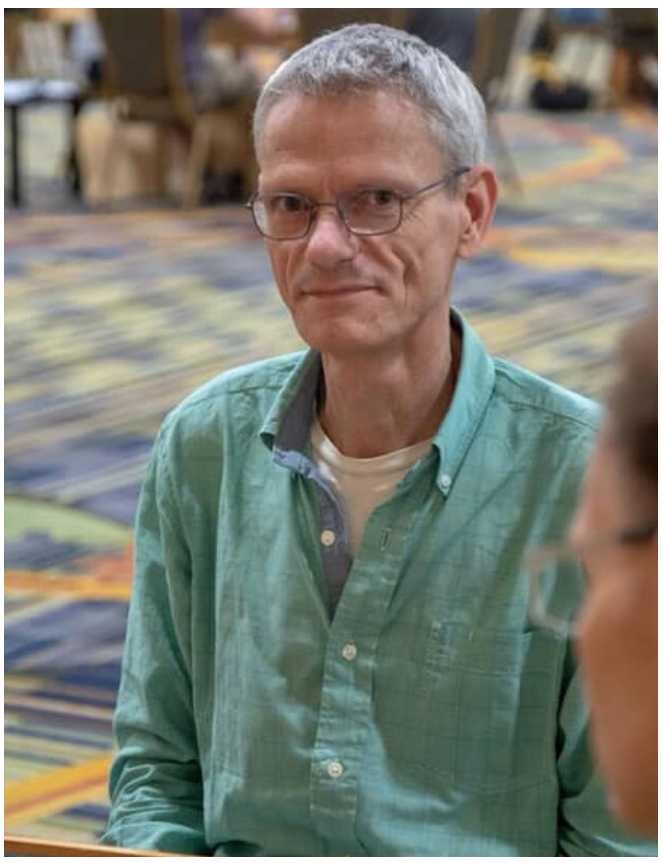
West led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the nine, West winning and switching to the ♣Q. Declarer won and cashed two hearts pitching a club. He ruffed heart high ands exited with a diamond and when East played three rounds of the suit declarer could claim the rest, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Levinson*	*McIntosh*	*Shenkin*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ Could be 2+♣, game forcing

Declarer won the club lead, cashed the ♠Q and played a diamond for the jack and king. East continued clubs and declarer ruffed the third round and played a second diamond, East winning and giving his partner a ruff for a flat board.



Bauke Muller

Apres-Bridge Ch. v Baltic Express

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Alfejeva	*Jagniewski*	*Birin*	*Gawel*
—	—	1♢	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Dble*	Pass
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♣ Drury
Dble Clubs
2♢ Better hand

West led the ♣Q and continued with the jack, East overtaking it with the king. Having won perforce, declarer played a spade to the ace and a heart to the nine, three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Milner	*Vahe*	*Lall*	*Karpov*
—	—	1♢	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Asking
2♠ 'No minimum'

Three rounds of diamonds saw West ruff and switch to the ♣Q and declarer played East for the ♡Q, two down but a 3 IMP gain.

Netbridge v Rippey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Verhoeve*	*Nawrocki*	*van Dijk*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT*	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

3NT 'No splinter,12-15, spades'

Declarer won the club lead and played five rounds of spades ending in hand. East discarding two clubs, two diamonds and a heart. When declarer exited with a diamond East could cash four tricks for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bremer	*Nowak*	*van den Hoek*	*Rippey*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ 'Not promise clubs'

West led the ♡4 and declarer won with the nine and played a spade to the ace followed by a diamond. East won and switched to a club and that was good enough for one down, East being careful to force declarer with a club when he won the second diamond.

Art v Wilson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Tebha	*van Prooijen*	*A Grossack*	*Wilson*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer took the trump lead in hand and played three rounds of hearts, pitching a club from hand. West won and switched to the ♣Q ensuring two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Z Grossack*	*Kiljan*	*Rubenstein*
—	—	1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
2♣ Cue, may not be fit

Declarer won the club lead, crossed to the ♠A and played three rounds of hearts pitching a club. West won and switched to diamonds and when East played three rounds of the suit delcarer could claim nine tricks, still -200 and a 3 IMP loss.

Gillis v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Saelensminde*	*Trendafilov*	*Gillis*
—	—	1♢	1♠
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♢ 'Normally good raise'

West led the ♢9 and East won with the king and returned the ♣3, declarer taking the ace, playing a spade to the ace and three rounds of hearts pitching a club. West won and exited with a club and declarer emerged with nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Root	Lindqvist	Igoe
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing, ♣ or any balanced

Declarer won the club lead, cashed dummy's ♠AK and then played the ♢3. East won and continued clubs, which ensured one down, no swing.

Sugi v Ferguson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
van Lankveld	*Ibradi*	*van den Bos*	*Parasian*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer won the club lead, played a spade to the ace and a heart to the nine, West winning and switching to the ♢9 which meant two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pitt	*de Boer*	*Sugiharto*	*Snellers*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♡4 and declarer won with the nine, unblocked the king, cashed the ♠Q and exited with a diamond for the two, jack and king, East switching to the ♣3. Declarer took the ace, crossed to dummy with a spade and pitched a club on the ♡A before playing a diamond. When East withheld the ace declarer had a tenth trick, +620 and 13 IMPs.

ECF Holding v Phoenix

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Croswell	*Johansen*	*Thoresen*	*Grude*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♢3, East taking the king and switching to the ♣3. Declarer took the ace, cashed the ♡K and played a heart to the jack. When that held he pitched a club on the ♡A and exited with a diamond. The defenders were helpless, declarer soon claiming ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*Sanderson*	*Høyland*	*Ahmed*
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	1NT*	All Pass	

1NT Raise in spades, 10+

East led the ♢A and switched to the ♣3, declarer taking dummy's ace and cashing his top tricks for +120, a loss of 11 IMPs.

Skeidar v Hotspurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	*Helgemo*	*Gibbons*	*Andresen*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♠2 and declarer put up dummy's ace, East pitching the ♣3. Declarer now tried a diamond and when the queen held he played the ♡9 and West went up with the queen, declarer winning with dummy's ace and playing another diamond. East took the king and returned the ♡7, declarer winning with the king, cashing the ♣A and exiting with a diamond on which West discarded his remaining heart. East won and exited with the ♡3 and declarer pitched a club, West's ruff being the third and last trick for the defence, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aaseng	*Naqvi*	*Farstad*	*Segal*
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	3♡*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♡ Spade fit

Declarer took the lead of the ♣Q with the ace and cashed the ♠Q. He crossed to dummy with a spade and played a heart to the nine, West winning and switching to the ♢9. East cashed the ♢AK and then played clubs, the contract going two down, -200 and a 13 IMP swing.

Hill v BBC

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Backes	*Dwyer*	*Coenraets*	*Huang*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Dble*	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass			

2♣ 2+♣, game forcing
Dble 'On relays we play double as the suit'
2NT 'No special agreement, naturalish'

Declarer won the club lead, played a spade to the ace and the ♢J. East won with the king and continued clubs and declarer could only score nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	*A Labaere*	*M Rimstedt*	*V Labaere*
—	—	1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

Declarer won the club lead, crossed to dummy with a spade and played a heart to the nine and queen, West continuing clubs. East won with the king and played three rounds of diamonds for -500 and 9 IMPs.

Hansa v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	*Pellegrini*	*Palma*	*Rocca*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	2♢	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Maybe short

The defence started with three rounds of diamonds and West ruffed and returned the ♣Q, declarer winning, playing three rounds of spade ending in hand and then played the ♢Q, West ruffing and playing a club for -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hinton	*Fredin*	*Whibley*	*Apteker*
—	—	1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ Can be 2♣
2♣ Good raise

Peter Fredin

Declarer won the club lead, cashed the ♠J and exited with a diamond, East winning and playing two more rounds of clubs, ensuring one down, a 3 IMP loss.

Amateurs v Apex Predators

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hanlon	*Pettis*	*Amoils*	*Lo*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	2♢	2NT
Pass	3NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing, could be balanced

After three rounds of diamonds West switched to the ♣Q and declarer won, crossed to dummy with a spade and ran the ♡J, for -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Soliman	*Rodrigues*	*Chechelashvili*	*Barbosa*
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2♣ 'Forcing only'

Declarer won the trump lead with dummy's ace and played a heart to the nine, West winning and exiting with a spade. Declarer drew trumps and had nine tricks, +140 and 8 IMPs.

Buqqy v Hungary

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	*Agha*	*Winkler*	*Hu*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♠2 and declarer won in dummy and played the ♢3, East taking the king and exiting with the ♣8. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the ♡K, overtook the nine with the ace and ran the jack pitching a club. West won and returned a club, so one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	*Gál*	*Wang*	*Szegedi*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♢*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1NT Forcing for one round
2♢ 4+♢

Declarer won the club lead, crossed to the ♠A and played the ♢J, East winning, cashing the ♣K and then playing two more rounds of diamonds for a flat board.

de Botton v Follow Suit

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Israeli	*Hoftaniska*	*Warszawski*	*Charlsen*
—	—	1♢*	1♠
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♢ 4+♢, 10+, unbalanced

West led the ♢9 and East took the king and switched to the ♣3. Declarer ducked, won the next club and played a spade to the ace, East parting with the ♢4. When declarer played a heart to the nine he was three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*Baraket*	*Townsend*	*Braunstein*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing

West led the ♡4 and declarer won with the nine and played a spade to the king, East pitching the ♣8. When declarer continued with a diamond East took the king and switched to the ♣7. Declarer won with the ace, unblocked the ♡K, crossed to dummy with a spade, cashed the ♡A pitching a club and played a diamond. When East ducked, declarer won with the queen and exited with a diamond for the jack and ace, claiming ten tricks and 14 IMPs.

Apple v Clash

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Enfield	*Drijver*	*Hinze*	*Brink*
—	—	1♢*	1♠
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♢ 2+♢, 11-15
2♢ Cue
2♡ Not a minimum

Three rounds of diamonds saw West ruff and return the ♣Q, declarer winning and cashing the ♠J. A spade to dummy was followed by a heart to the nine, so two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	*Kranyak*	*Franceshetti*	*Demuy*
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢*
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♢ 'Doesn't have to be natural'

East led the ♣7 and declarer won the second round with dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace and a heart to the nine, -300 that we have seen before, but only a 3 IMP loss.

If this deal demonstrates anything, it is perhaps that light opening bids are definitely here to stay, not least because they may cause a declarer to misplace the location of one or more of the missing high cards.

Thor Erik Hoftaniska

The Vugraph Experience

by Martin Cantor

Today (yesterday by the time you read this) I decided to follow the Vugraph match between Black and de Michelis. Two top pairs in Cima-Sementa and the Rimstedt twins, with the added bonus of Martin Johnson's learned commentary.

Board 70. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

This is what I saw

West	North	East	South
Cima	*Mikael*	*Sementa*	*Ola*
—	—		1NT Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♠ clubs GF or diamonds limit
2NT not interesting
3NT clubs, slam interest
4NT spade cuebid

This was an unrevealing auction, quite impressive in that regard, but perhaps fortunate in two ways. Firstly it left the hand with the ♢K on lead, and secondly the hand with the the outside singleton also has the ace of trumps. Sementa knew that the ♢K was in South as soon as the opening lead was made - Ola misclicked on it. He was of course allowed an undo, but whatever he did couldn't defeat a cold slam. Those who bid to 6NT were also lucky with the position of the ♢K, but didn't have to worry about a ruff. To be fair the luck is far from all on the good side; 6♣ from the wrong hand is still a pretty good contract, and much better than 6NT by West, since in clubs, even if North finds a diamond lead, 4-3 hearts will allow you to get rid of the diamond loser. Two Norths led a diamond against 6♣, Michael Byrne after Kieran Dyke doubled a ♢ cuebid, and particularly well done to Ben Green, who didn't have that assistance. East played slam ten times, five in each strain. West was in 6♣ four times, twice successful, twice not.

Talking of impressive auctions, here is another one:

Board 75. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cima	*Mikael*	*Sementa*	*Ola*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT*
Pas	3♣*	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ gazzilli
2♢ 8+ artificial
2NT 0-2 hearts
3♣ relay
3♡ 5233 or 6♠
3NT short ♠

The play was equally accurate. The ♣10 was taken by the ace and dummy's spade was led. West played small (of course) and, after some thought, Ola also played small. How to play the spade suit to best effect, in isolation, is an interesting question - but an irrelevant one. The key point of the deal is to avoid a heart lead from East in case you have three trump losers. At the other table declarer put the ♠10 in at trick 2, meaning East had two trump tricks, and with them two entries to set up and cash the heart winner. Note that a singleton honour is twice as likely as the singleton 9. Seventeen declarers made 4♠, fifteen went down.

On my next board the contracts were a bit all over the place.

Board 79. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

EW can make game in any of clubs, hearts or notrump. The play in hearts is straightforward, discarding one or more spades on diamonds. In clubs, if South ducks a spade lead you win, cross to ♡A and discard your other two spades before touching trumps. If South wins the lead, you take the second and discard the third. Notrump is more challenging. Now you have to duck if South puts the ♠10 in, otherwise they cash four spades when in with the ♣A. It's especially difficult if South has been silent and the opponents lead small from a doubleton, when it would be right to take the first trick if spades were 4-3. So where did everyone play the deal? The most popular spot was 5♣, with twenty adherents, nineteen of them making it. All seven in 4♡ were successful, as were, unsurprisingly, the two in 2♡. Three overbid to 6♣ and went off, once doubled, and another overbidder ended in 5♡, also off.

The dealing machine saved the best board to last.

Board 80. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cima	*Mikael*	*Sementa*	*Ola*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣+
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♢*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♣ balanced or natural, GF
2♢ hearts or balanced or 6+spades
2♡ ask
3♣ 6-4 or 5-5 majors
3♢ ask
3♠ 5-5 weak or strong

Ola and Mikael Rimstedt

Another impressive relay auction, but, unusually for a relay auction, a fairly revealing one, since it is clear that South is strong in the minors. Cima spent quite some time choosing his opening lead - maybe he was trying the old at-the-table trick of waiting in the hope that partner would lead out of turn. His least of evils choice was the ♢3. These misfitting hands are awful to play in notrump - even when you can see enough tricks, getting to them can be an altogether tougher problem. Still, if West has the ♡Q you just need to build a spade trick for your contract, so at trick 2 Ola played a spade to his king. Experts rarely rush to take their tricks in a notrump contract so declarer, not wanting to rely solely on the heart suit, played a second spade, taken by Cima's queen, and giving him an even more horrible problem than the opening lead one. As evidenced by his even longer tank, this time somewhere around five minutes. That was time well spent when he exited with the ♣Q. Yes this gives declarer three club tricks, but with no way to untangle them. His reasoning was, I imagine, something like this: I have no spades so can't lead one even if I wanted to, which I don't, since declarer is playing on them and has tricks there. Hearts are clearly the key, and I have to place the queen with partner, either doubleton or tripleton, else we have almost no hope; if doubleton I don't want to give declarer any clue that encourages him to play for the drop, so I won't lead a heart unless everything else is worse. Declarer certainly has the ♢K on the bidding, and might well have the jack too, so either of my diamonds is out. Declarer also surely has the ♣CA for his bidding, and likely the ♣K with it. If he has both, a small club is just a gift. If he has the ace alone, the queen might create an entry for partner to push a diamond through, or tricks for partner if he has ♣K10x. And if declarer has both honours ,my queen will block the suit. Whatever his reasoning, it brought him to the correct solution. Declarer won the club in hand and, having no reason to play to drop the ♡Q - indeed if anything West's obvious difficulties suggested that he had that card - he proceeded to finesse into East who promptly put a diamond through for one off.

At the other table Failla in South's response of 2♣ was game forcing but promised only 2 cards in that suit, so that was the suit that Paske's chose to lead. When the jack held declarer played the ♢DQ, ducked, then a spade to the king, and then the heart finesse which McIntosh won to play a club back, and declarer had nine tricks. I can't help wondering, if McIntosh had ducked the heart smoothly, would Failla have repeated the finesse, restricting himself to a single heart trick. We'll never know, but it would have been a great coup to try, and one to tell your grandkids about, especially if it had worked. Altogether in the Open League twenty-nine played 3NT and sixteen of them were successful. Spade contracts at the 3, 4 and 6 (!!) levels all went down, as did the one 4♡ bidder.

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ROUND 5

Alexander	18.33 VPs 67 IMPs	1.67 VPs 25 IMPs	Robinson
Anatolia	12.29 VPs 38 IMPs	7.71 VPs 30 IMPs	Donner
Compton	3.42 VPs 26 IMPs	16.58 VPs 55 IMPs	Ireland
Ventin	11.76 VPs 34 IMPs	8.24 VPs 28 IMPs	Goded
De Michelis	7.2 VPs 25 IMPs	12.8 VPs 35 IMPs	Black
Moss	4.26 VPs 20 IMPs	15.74 VPs 44 IMPs	Denmark
De Botton	8.24 VPs 39 IMPs	11.76 VPs 45 IMPs	Skalman
Apex Predators	11.48 VPs 32 IMPs	8.52 VPs 27 IMPs	Austromany
Salvo	14.6 VPs 49 IMPs	5.4 VPs 31 IMPs	Scorway
The Expats	9.09 VPs 44 IMPs	10.91 VPs 47 IMPs	Slovakia
Leslie	0 VPs 20 IMPs	20 VPs 88 IMPs	Amateurs
Bourricot	11.2 VPs 23 IMPs	8.8 VPs 19 IMPs	Cannon Fodder
Skeidar	6.48 VPs 22 IMPs	13.52 VPs 35 IMPs	DenMix
MikaRippey	13.52 VPs 46 IMPs	6.48 VPs 33 IMPs	Turkish Delight
Swedese	12.55 VPs 31 IMPs	7.45 VPs 22 IMPs	Swedish Fish
Harris	13.04 VPs 46 IMPs	6.96 VPs 35 IMPs	German Strain
Baltic Express	15.38 VPs 36 IMPs	4.62 VPs 14 IMPs	Amalgamated

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1	J. Grue, (joegrue)	Donner	2.56	48
	B. Moss, (brad)	Donner	2.56	48
3	J. Breihan, (devilscoup)	Anatolia	2.09	32
	C. Berktas, (babacan2)	Anatolia	2.09	32
5	G. Fractman, (gabrielf)	Goded	1.84	32
6	T. Townsend, (mug)	De Botton	1.78	32
	D. Bakhshi, (Bakhshi)	De Botton	1.78	32
8	B. Cole, (April2)	Amateurs	1.75	16
	A. Schwartz, (alansc)	Amateurs	1.75	16
10	J.C. Ventin, (phave)	Ventin	1.72	32
	J. Pacareu, (paca1987)	Ventin	1.72	32
12	E. Övelius, (Emma Sj)	Alexander	1.66	32
13	S. Amer, (Samer026)	The Expats	1.63	16
	E. Endelman, (E11)	The Expats	1.63	16
15	A. Boulin, (tutur300)	Bourricot	1.46	48
16	A. Madala, (septiembre)	Robinson	1.35	48
17	T. Bergdahl, (lingonback)	Alexander	1.33	48
18	T.E. Hoftaniska, (Kasper20)	De Botton	1.23	48
19	T. Karlsson, (Charlie99)	Alexander	1.22	32
20	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	1.16	32
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	1.16	32
22	J. Hammelev, (johse61)	DenMix	1.13	32
	C. Krefeld, (camse2)	DenMix	1.13	32
24	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Swedish Fish	1.06	32
	M. Di Franco, (M_DiFranco)	De Michelis	1.06	32
	A. Manno, (maqeda)	De Michelis	1.06	32
27	A. Sandin, (stridsvagn)	Alexander	1.03	64
28	Jie Zhao, (brgpro)	Compton	1.02	80
	Fu Zhong, (dutouqi)	Compton	1.02	80
30	J. Sabaté, (jsabate)	Goded	1.01	80
31	K. Konow, (konow)	Denmark	0.91	32
	M. Askgaard, (askgaard)	Denmark	0.91	32
33	D. Schaltz, (DS_DK)	DenMix	0.88	32
	P. Schaltz, (PS_DK)	DenMix	0.88	32
35	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Donner	0.85	48
36	S. Clementsson, (237425)	Alexander	0.84	32
37	J. Larsson, (Jela79)	Alexander	0.83	48
	J. Molberg, (juve_)	Alexander	0.83	48
	D. Probert, (davpro)	Swedese	0.83	48
	T. Borgesson, (saturmos)	Swedese	0.83	48
41	G. Goded, (fluffy)	Goded	0.81	64
	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	Amateurs	0.81	16
	D. Wolkowitz, (wolkowitz)	Amateurs	0.81	16
	T. Erkoc, (MrAce)	Anatolia	0.81	64
	I. Chorush, (Chorush)	Anatolia	0.81	64
46	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Ireland	0.78	80
	H. McGann, (hmg2)	Ireland	0.78	80
48	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Apex Predators	0.75	32
	P. King, (philking)	Apex Predators	0.75	32
50	J. Selberg, (janselb)	Skalman	0.71	48
	O. Wademark, (flashrex)	Skalman	0.71	48
52	L. Andersson, (bt)	Alexander	0.69	16
	K. Bogø, (osvaill83)	Skeidar	0.69	16
	M. Moran, (markpm)	Ireland	0.69	48
	J. Carroll, (coppers)	Ireland	0.69	48
	T. Helness, (Helstokk)	De Botton	0.69	32
	M. Sheng, (Kainsheng)	Amateurs	0.69	64
58	H. Graversen, (HCDK)	Denmark	0.67	48
59	J. Fritsche, (joefri)	Austromany	0.63	64
	K. Reps, (rops)	Austromany	0.63	64
	S. Aluf, (monk99)	Salvo	0.63	64
	J. Thomsen, (pentacon)	Denmark	0.63	16
	R. Hemberg, (ricoh)	Denmark	0.63	16
64	L. Bellicaud, (lbellicaud)	Bourricot	0.61	80
65	K. Rosenberg, (kevsters)	Robinson	0.59	32
66	M. Byrne, (Mgb81)	Leslie	0.56	48
	K. Dyke, (Woozle)	Leslie	0.56	48
68	K. Ahlesved, (kruska)	Skalman	0.52	48
	N. Warne, (nikwar2)	Skalman	0.52	48
70	M. Vodička, (vodka47)	Slovakia	0.5	48
	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Donner	0.5	64
72	N. Kubac, (nezihk)	Salvo	0.46	48
	M. Rimstedt, (Mikaelrim)	Black	0.46	48
	O. Rimstedt, (olarim)	Black	0.46	48
75	K. Lohay, (karci)	Slovakia	0.44	32
76	J. Rumančík, (The_Dagda)	Slovakia	0.41	32
	D. Bilde, (ballebo-jr)	Robinson	0.41	64
78	F. Goded, (aupaleti)	Goded	0.38	32
79	N. Zorlu, (begse)	Salvo	0.36	64
	P. Trenka, (trp42)	The Expats	0.36	64
	G. Kemény, (kemeny)	The Expats	0.36	64
82	F. Nystrom, (F_Nystrom)	Ventin	0.33	48
	C. Henderson, (cwh)	Turkish Delight	0.33	24
84	S. De Wijs, (sm1)	Moss	0.31	64
	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0.31	16
86	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Robinson	0.29	48
87	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	Amateurs	0.25	80
88	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.23	64
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.23	64
90	E. Velecký, (edowell)	Slovakia	0.22	64
91	A. Palma, (apalma)	Ventin	0.21	80
92	B. Muller, (beukertje)	Moss	0.21	48
	O. Ekinci, (Ekinci)	Turkish Delight	0.21	48
	T. Charlsen, (tcharlsen)	De Botton	0.21	48
95	J. Campos, (jpapc)	Apex Predators	0.19	32
	B. Aslan, (baylind)	Salvo	0.19	16
97	E. Jepsen, (emilos)	Denmark	0.13	32
	L. Robinson, (saba)	Robinson	0.13	64
99	M. Klukowski, (skrzat96)	Moss	0.11	64
	J. Kalita, (paulinka18)	Moss	0.11	64
101	L. Aaseng, (Lasseaa)	Skeidar	0.1	80
102	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Apex Predators	0.08	48
103	N. Monsted, (Monsted)	DenMix	0.06	32
	R. Monsted, (Rikkemusdk)	DenMix	0.06	32
105	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0	48
106	L. Cima, (100dog)	De Michelis	-0.02	64
	A. Sementa, (ilaria75)	De Michelis	-0.02	64
108	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.03	32
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.03	32
110	L. Lund Madsen, (lalun2)	Denmark	-0.04	48
	M. Bensby Nøhr, (mbn1974)	Denmark	-0.04	48
112	T. Johansen, (Brulle)	Skeidar	-0.05	64
113	N. Fitzgibbon, (nickfg1)	Ireland	-0.06	32
	J. Pitt, (scoobyroo)	Cannon Fodder	-0.06	80
	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	MikaRippey	-0.06	16
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	-0.06	32
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	-0.06	32
	A. Mesbur, (AMesbur)	Ireland	-0.06	32
119	O. Yilmaz, (ovncylmz)	Amalgamated	-0.08	64
	D. Seker, (possessed)	Amalgamated	-0.08	64
121	H. Caspersen, (hcasp)	Denmark	-0.09	32
122	A-Z. Efraimsson, (annazack)	Swedese	-0.13	16
	J. Cooke, (mugsmate)	Apex Predators	-0.13	16
	B. Rubenis, (brunchiks)	Baltic Express	-0.13	48
	U. Jansons, (ugisj)	Baltic Express	-0.13	48
126	B. Pettis, (buffalo6)	Amateurs	-0.15	48
127	G. Zanasi, (Mikadinho)	MikaRippey	-0.15	80
	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	MikaRippey	-0.15	80
129	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	-0.16	32
130	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.19	64
	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.19	64
	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-0.19	16
	J. Alfejeva, (Helenaaa)	Baltic Express	-0.19	48
	E. McNay, (ewan)	Cannon Fodder	-0.19	64
135	T. Hantveit, (hantveit)	Cannon Fodder	-0.2	64
136	M. Nilsland, (Nilsland)	Skalman	-0.22	32
	B. Fallenius, (Bf88)	Skalman	-0.22	32
138	C. Lahrmann, (christianL)	Swedish Fish	-0.23	80
139	A. Soliman, (Rabie3)	The Expats	-0.23	48
	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	The Expats	-0.23	48
141	A. Morath, (andersm)	Swedese	-0.25	48
	T. Gullberg, (psotogul)	Swedese	-0.25	48
	T. Dressing, (TEDressing)	Cannon Fodder	-0.25	32
	R. Lee, (rogerclee)	Moss	-0.25	48
145	L. De Michelis, (lucadm)	De Michelis	-0.27	64
	G. Failla, (gioffi)	De Michelis	-0.27	64
147	J. Kvoček, (Big Baran)	Slovakia	-0.27	48
	S. Sofu, (Serkansofu)	Turkish Delight	-0.27	48
149	E. Yamut, (eyamut)	Anatolia	-0.3	64
	C. Seker, (Cngz)	Anatolia	-0.3	64
151	A. Uçar, (no weak)	Salvo	-0.3	80
152	B. Green, (benjy)	Apex Predators	-0.31	80
	T. Lie, (Terjel)	Scorway	-0.31	32
	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	Scorway	-0.31	32
	A. Khandelwal, (Fide51)	Apex Predators	-0.31	80
156	D. Guttmann, (daviesG)	Austromany	-0.33	64
	H. Berger, (wuzi5)	Austromany	-0.33	64
158	M. Rippey, (radiators)	MikaRippey	-0.34	80
159	D. Marker, (marker544)	Cannon Fodder	-0.35	80
160	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-0.35	48
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-0.35	48
162	F. Wrang, (fly21)	Ventin	-0.38	48
163	M. Schneider, (docms)	German Strain	-0.39	64
	G. Smykalla, (karo72003)	German Strain	-0.39	64
165	M. Henc, (hewex)	Slovakia	-0.4	48
166	B-E. Efraimsson, (berik56)	Swedese	-0.41	32
	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Robinson	-0.41	64
	P. Thurston, (Thurston)	MikaRippey	-0.41	64
169	V. Vahe, (Vilmar)	Baltic Express	-0.42	48
	M. Karpov, (rott2020)	Baltic Express	-0.42	48
171	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Leslie	-0.44	48
	Y. Sohtorik, (yusufb)	Turkish Delight	-0.44	16
173	C. Fernandez, (carlitosf)	Ventin	-0.46	48
	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Compton	-0.46	48
	C. Compton, (compton)	Compton	-0.46	48
176	E. Ultav, (Simplyhi)	Turkish Delight	-0.48	48
177	S. Birin, (birin)	Baltic Express	-0.48	64
	Lo Ai-Tai, (aitail)	Amateurs	-0.48	64
179	H. Kvick, (kvicken)	Skalman	-0.5	32
	PA Karlsson, (st1energy)	Skalman	-0.5	32
181	M. Thoma, (hawai)	Ventin	-0.53	32
182	E. Suiçmez, (grundar)	Salvo	-0.54	48
183	E. Serdar, (Exerdar)	Turkish Delight	-0.55	40
184	A. Farstad, (Kha66)	Skeidar	-0.56	32
	U. Kasimir, (udo)	Austromany	-0.56	32
	P. Jokisch, (jockel)	Austromany	-0.56	32
187	P. Bedouet, (pi420)	Bourricot	-0.64	80
	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Bourricot	-0.64	80
189	T. Guichet, (Krati_Lyz)	Bourricot	-0.66	32
190	S. Uras, (safaku)	Turkish Delight	-0.67	72
191	M. Axdorph, (axdorph63)	Swedese	-0.69	16
	J. Jakabšic, (oldo)	Slovakia	-0.69	16
	S. Moss, (sylvie)	Moss	-0.69	32
194	M. Andresen, (Mime477)	Skeidar	-0.76	80
195	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.78	64
196	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Leslie	-0.83	80
197	D. Padon, (Drorp)	De Botton	-0.84	32
198	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Skeidar	-0.9	48
199	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Swedish Fish	-0.9	80
	J. Clemmensson, (jannec69)	Swedish Fish	-0.9	80
201	G. Botta, (gio 89)	The Expats	-0.97	32
	I. Savchenko, (Igors)	The Expats	-0.97	32
203	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.98	48
204	P. Belčák, (blog)	Slovakia	-1	32
205	M. Wust, (desert)	Amalgamated	-1.03	64
	P. Freche, (pfreche)	Amalgamated	-1.03	64
207	S. Tatlicioglu, (sinantos)	Turkish Delight	-1.04	24
208	K. Todd, (Kmtnyc)	Swedish Fish	-1.08	48
209	J.O. Henneberg, (joh1)	DenMix	-1.13	32
	M. Henneberg, (makir)	DenMix	-1.13	32
211	S. Hein, (shein)	German Strain	-1.14	64
	M. Weiß, (eller90)	German Strain	-1.14	64
213	M. Felmy, (Game Over)	Amalgamated	-1.19	32
	A. Smirnov, (Smirny)	Amalgamated	-1.19	32
215	J. De Botton, (Capt Lulu)	De Botton	-1.21	48
	A. Malinowski, (malisuper)	De Botton	-1.21	48
217	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Donner	-1.25	64
218	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Leslie	-1.28	32
219	M. Bell, (MickyB)	Leslie	-1.34	64
220	J. Neimanis, (zombis)	Baltic Express	-1.38	16
221	V. Silverstone, (Odysseus69)	Scorway	-1.44	16
	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	-1.44	16
223	R. Gómez, (comissure)	Goded	-1.47	64
224	S. Rimstedt, (sandria)	Donner	-1.48	48
225	G. Hammarstrom, (maximum)	Swedese	-1.53	32
	M. Arnberg, (marnberg)	Swedese	-1.53	32
227	P. Gonçalves, (pgonsalvs)	Goded	-1.58	48
228	J. Lepper, (mumenrider)	German Strain	-1.59	32
	F. Doermer, (feli1912)	German Strain	-1.59	32
230	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Compton	-1.66	32
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Compton	-1.66	32
232	P. Jepsen, (P_Jepsen)	DenMix	-1.72	32
	S. Thomsen, (Thomsen)	DenMix	-1.72	32
234	M. Bilde, (ballebo)	Denmark	-1.94	16

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ROUND 1

GROUP A

Gupta	5.82 VPs 24 IMPs	14.18 VPs 40 IMPs	Leslie
BBC-PERRON	4.26 VPs 16 IMPs	15.74 VPs 40 IMPs	Orca
Skeidar	13.04 VPs 35 IMPs	6.96 VPs 24 IMPs	Hotspurs
Gillis	10.31 VPs 30 IMPs	9.69 VPs 29 IMPs	Harris

GROUP B

Apres-Br. Ch.	11.48 VPs 23 IMPs	8.52 VPs 18 IMPs	Baltic Express
Hill	12.8 VPs 27 IMPs	7.2 VPs 17 IMPs	BBC
Wilson	13.28 VPs 33 IMPs	6.72 VPs 21 IMPs	Art
Netbridge	5.82 VPs 12 IMPs	14.18 VPs 28 IMPs	Rippey

GROUP C

Black	10 VPs 21 IMPs	10 VPs 21 IMPs	Scorway
Hansa	10 VPs 41 IMPs	10 VPs 41 IMPs	Fredin
Amateurs	11.48 VPs 38 IMPs	8.52 VPs 33 IMPs	Apex Predators
Buqqy	12.03 VPs 22 IMPs	7.97 VPs 15 IMPs	Hungary

GROUP D

De Botton	9.09 VPs 20 IMPs	10.91 VPs 23 IMPs	Follow Suit
Sugi	1.91 VPs 15 IMPs	18.09 VPs 55 IMPs	Ferguson
Apple	11.2 VPs 16 IMPs	8.8 VPs 12 IMPs	Clash
ECF HOLDING	7.45 VPs 30 IMPs	12.55 VPs 39 IMPs	Phoenix

ROUND 2

GROUP A

Gupta	19.85 VPs 65 IMPs	0.15 VPs 7 IMPs	Hotspurs
Gillis	13.52 VPs 54 IMPs	6.48 VPs 41 IMPs	BBC-PERRON
Orca	17.31 VPs 50 IMPs	2.69 VPs 16 IMPs	Harris
Leslie	10.91 VPs 39 IMPs	9.09 VPs 36 IMPs	Skeidar

GROUP B

Apres-Br. Ch.	14.6 VPs 36 IMPs	5.4 VPs 18 IMPs	Art
Netbridge	2.69 VPs 12 IMPs	17.31 VPs 46 IMPs	Hill
BBC	14.18 VPs 34 IMPs	5.82 VPs 18 IMPs	Rippey
Baltic Express	0.57 VPs 5 IMPs	19.43 VPs 58 IMPs	Wilson

GROUP C

Black	14.18 VPs 41 IMPs	5.82 VPs 25 IMPs	Apex Predators
Buqqy	0.84 VPs 21 IMPs	19.16 VPs 71 IMPs	Hansa
Fredin	15.56 VPs 39 IMPs	4.44 VPs 16 IMPs	Hungary
Scorway	13.04 VPs 60 IMPs	6.96 VPs 49 IMPs	Amateurs

GROUP D

De Botton	15.74 VPs 49 IMPs	4.26 VPs 25 IMPs	Clash
ECF HOLDING	18.66 VPs 69 IMPs	1.34 VPs 24 IMPs	Sugi
Ferguson	13.28 VPs 35 IMPs	6.72 VPs 23 IMPs	Phoenix
Follow Suit	19.25 VPs 74 IMPs	0.75 VPs 23 IMPs	Apple

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1	A. Madala, (septiembre)	Gupta	2.69	16
	D. Bilde, (ballebo-jr)	Gupta	2.69	16
3	J. Hinton, (johnhinton)	Hansa	2.59	32
	M. Whibley, (jafa)	Hansa	2.59	32
5	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Wilson	2.56	16
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Wilson	2.56	16
7	A. Warszawski, (aran)	Follow Suit	1.84	32
	D. Israeli, (dan_ehh)	Follow Suit	1.84	32
9	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF HOLDING	1.81	16
10	A. Palma, (apalma)	Fredin	1.66	32
	F. Wrang, (fly21)	Fredin	1.66	32
12	T. Townsend, (mug)	De Botton	1.59	32
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	1.59	32
	D. Bakhshi, (Bakhshi)	De Botton	1.59	32
	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	1.59	32
16	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	1.44	16
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	1.44	16
18	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	1.38	32
	N. Zorlu, (begse)	Orca	1.38	32
20	Z. Shahar, (shaharz)	Follow Suit	1.19	16
21	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF HOLDING	1.13	16
	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF HOLDING	1.13	16
23	J. Thoresen, (Jon A T)	Phoenix	1.09	32
	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF HOLDING	1.09	32
	C. Croswell, (croz01)	Phoenix	1.09	32
	M. Rimstedt, (Mikaelrim)	Hill	1.09	32
	O. Rimstedt, (olarim)	Hill	1.09	32
28	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	1.06	16
	W. Hu, (buqqy)	Buqqy	1.06	16
	R. Agha, (tagha)	Buqqy	1.06	16
31	M. Bell, (MickyB)	Leslie	1	32
	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Leslie	1	32
33	V. Vetrushkova-Kostova, (velina)	Buqqy	0.88	16
	K. Kostov, (kosta)	Buqqy	0.88	16
35	R. Jagniewski, (mlodybog)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.81	32
	W. Gawel, (redds)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.81	32
	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Wilson	0.81	16
38	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Skeidar	0.69	32
	M. Andresen, (Mime477)	Skeidar	0.69	32
40	R. Milner, (reesem)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.63	16
	G. Hegedus, (gal)	Hungary	0.63	32
	H. Lall, (hemantlall)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.63	16
	B. Szegedi, (korszurku)	Hungary	0.63	32
44	V. Silverstone, (Odysseus69)	Scorway	0.56	16
	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	0.56	16
	P. Bocken, (bocken)	BBC	0.56	16
	O. Neve, (oliviern)	BBC	0.56	16
	B. Dehaye, (alienor2)	BBC	0.56	16
	I. Dewasme, (totilas001)	BBC	0.56	16
50	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	0.53	32
	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	0.53	32
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Wilson	0.53	32
53	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	0.5	16
	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Wilson	0.5	16
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.5	16
	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Wilson	0.5	16
57	B. Brogeland, (boye)	Gillis	0.44	32
	E. Lindqvist, (stevieg)	Gillis	0.44	32
	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	Amateurs	0.44	16
	A. Soliman, (Rabie3)	Amateurs	0.44	16
61	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Hill	0.38	32
	A. Stark, (astark)	Amateurs	0.38	16
	S. Høyland, (sioslo)	ECF HOLDING	0.38	16
	S. Huang, (precisebri)	Hill	0.38	32
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.38	16
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.38	16
	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	Amateurs	0.38	16
	N. Gupta, (nareng)	Gupta	0.38	16
	Zia Mahmood, (Zia)	Gupta	0.38	16
	O. Segal, (oseg63)	Hotspurs	0.38	16
71	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.31	32
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.31	32
73	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.25	32
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.25	32
	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	0.25	32
	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	0.25	32
	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Wilson	0.25	16
	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	0.25	32
79	J. Alfejeva, (Helenaaa)	Baltic Express	0.19	16
	S. Birin, (birin)	Baltic Express	0.19	16
	A. Tebha, (anamtebha)	Art	0.19	32
	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Art	0.19	32
83	A. Braunstein, (rel49)	Follow Suit	0.13	32
	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Apple	0.13	8
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	0.13	16
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	0.13	16
87	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	0.06	16
	B. Muller, (beukertje)	Gupta	0.06	32
	S. De Wijs, (sm1)	Gupta	0.06	32
	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	0.06	16
91	G. Hinze, (ghinze)	Clash	0	32
	K. Enfield, (cx107)	Clash	0	32
93	M. Byrne, (Mgb81)	Leslie	-0.25	16
	K. Dyke, (Woozle)	Leslie	-0.25	16
95	A. Rodrigues, (drinbet)	Apex Predators	-0.28	32
	B. Barbosa, (beto)	Apex Predators	-0.28	32
97	J.M. Backes, (baks)	BBC	-0.31	16
	P. Coenraets, (philippeiv)	BBC	-0.31	16
99	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Leslie	-0.38	16
	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Leslie	-0.38	16
	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	-0.38	16
	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	-0.38	16
	Lo Ai-Tai, (aitail)	Amateurs	-0.38	32
	B. Pettis, (buffalo6)	Amateurs	-0.38	32
	L. Sanderson, (lsanderson)	Phoenix	-0.38	16
106	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.44	16
	V. Oranje, (VictorNL)	Netbridge	-0.44	16
	P. Caputo, (caputo)	BBC-PERRON	-0.44	16
	A. Roelofs, (arjanNL)	Netbridge	-0.44	16
	J. Lafourcade, (foxyguy52)	BBC-PERRON	-0.44	16
111	F. Bigdeli, (faramarz)	BBC-PERRON	-0.5	32
	L. Aaseng, (Lasseaa)	Skeidar	-0.5	32
	A. Farstad, (Kha66)	Skeidar	-0.5	32
	J. Voldoire, (jmvold)	BBC-PERRON	-0.5	32
	S. Rubenstein, (stewr)	Art	-0.5	16
116	V. Labaere-C, (etpuiszut)	BBC	-0.56	16
	I. Nanev, (inanev)	Rippey	-0.56	16
	R. Gunev, (8888)	Rippey	-0.56	16
	W. Strzemecki, (ojtan)	Rippey	-0.56	16
	A. Labaere, (Kortrijk)	BBC	-0.56	16
	Y. Wang, (wang1688)	Buqqy	-0.56	16
	L. Liu, (liuleiace2)	Buqqy	-0.56	16
123	S. Auken, (jcmax)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.63	16
	R. Welland, (roy)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.63	16
125	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Apex Predators	-0.66	32
	L. Amoils, (amoils)	Apex Predators	-0.66	32
127	M. Karpov, (rott2020)	Baltic Express	-0.72	32
	V. Vahe, (Vilmar)	Baltic Express	-0.72	32
	S. Brink, (Sjoertbr)	Apple	-0.72	32
	Bas Drijver, (BasDr)	Apple	-0.72	32
131	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.75	32
132	N. Verhoeve, (slin55)	Netbridge	-0.84	32
	R. Van Dijk, (rvandijk)	Netbridge	-0.84	32
	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Apple	-0.84	32
135	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-0.88	16
	J. Kranyak, (jkrans)	Clash	-0.88	32
	V. Demuy, (Okvince)	Clash	-0.88	32
	H. Narasimhan, (rajda)	Hansa	-0.88	16
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-0.88	16
140	D. Padon, (Drorp)	De Botton	-0.94	16
	I. Bareket, (bareket)	Follow Suit	-0.94	16
142	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	-1	32
	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	-1	32
144	A. Ahmed, (sheikohear)	Phoenix	-1.03	32
145	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-1.06	16
	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-1.06	16
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.06	16
	G. Winkler, (winkiboy)	Hungary	-1.06	16
	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-1.06	16
	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.06	16
151	C. Pellegrini, (carlosp)	Hansa	-1.09	32
152	T. Charlsen, (tcharlsen)	De Botton	-1.13	32
	A. Nurkunyil, (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-1.13	16
154	W. Naqvi, (waseem)	Hotspurs	-1.16	32
	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Art	-1.16	32
156	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Apple	-1.17	24
157	L.A. Johansen, (larsarthur)	ECF HOLDING	-1.31	16
	D. Kendrick, (dkendrick1)	Hotspurs	-1.31	32
	R. Gibbons, (rgibbons21)	Hotspurs	-1.31	32
	S. Rocca, (malambo)	Hansa	-1.31	16
	T.E. Hoftaniska, (Kasper20)	De Botton	-1.31	16
	R. Tobing, (pangi)	Sugi	-1.31	32
	T.E. Grude, (teg91)	ECF HOLDING	-1.31	16
164	Ji. Beni, (beni ji)	Sugi	-1.5	16
165	M. Dumbovich, (dumbovich)	Hungary	-1.53	32
166	H. Sugiharto, (sugi)	Sugi	-1.63	32
	J. Pitt, (scoobyroo)	Sugi	-1.63	32
168	A. Kaplan, (kaplan70)	BBC-PERRON	-1.69	16
	G. Polet, (guy99)	BBC-PERRON	-1.69	16
	G. Orsmond, (grammmy)	Phoenix	-1.69	16
171	B. Bussink, (bart3)	Art	-1.81	16
172	C. Szabo, (csaboka13)	Hungary	-2	16
173	B. Rubenis, (brunchiks)	Baltic Express	-2.56	16
	U. Jansons, (ugisj)	Baltic Express	-2.56	16
175	B. Ritacca, (8oc)	Hotspurs	-2.69	16
176	Z. Shah, (march26)	Buqqy	-3.88	16
	M. Chowdhury, (rajib bd)	Buqqy	-3.88	16

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