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MOSS IS LEADING

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OCBL Open League
10 May - 6 June, 2021

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17 - 21 May, 2021

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28 June - 3 July, 2021

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12 - 16 July, 2021

OCBL Super Cup
2 - 7 August, 2021

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The first 20 boards of the Final have been played.

Halfway, team Moss (S. Moss, Lee, Klukowski, Kalita, de Wijs, Muller) is leading versus team Skalman (Ahlesved, Selberg, Skalman, Warne, Wademark, Karlsson, Nilsland, Fallenius) by 53 IMPs.

The two teams will play the last segment tomorrow.

The last 20 boards will define the winners of this edition of the OCBL Open League.

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OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - THE BRACKET

- ANATOLIA (64.1)
- SKALMAN (98)
- SKALMAN (114)
- VENTIN (58.1)
- GODED (80)
- GODED (41)
- SKALMAN (18 half time)
- MOSS (86.1)
- ROBINSON (45)
- MOSS (136)
- ALEXANDER (97.1)
- SALVO (109)
- SALVO (69)
- MOSS (71 half time)

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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

One Way Traffic

by Martin Cantor

The final started off with a lively board, even if it was flat. Also, with the players in good humour, as we have come to expect.

Board 241. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Kvick*	*Lee*	*Karlsson*
—	Pass	Pass	2♢
3♢	Dbl	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	*de Wijs*	*Warne*	*Muller*
—	1♡	Pass	1♠*
3♢	Dbl	All Pass	
1♠	art GF		

On the plus side both Wests prevented NS reaching their making games in either hearts or notrump. On the negative side they both went for 800. On arrival Simon de Wijs had greeted the table with "have fun all". The next comment to appear in the chat came from Niklas Warne at the end of this deal: "that was no fun at all". To which de Wijs responded: "that will teach you not to jump with only 7-4".

The first big swing came on

Board 244. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Both tables bid simply 1NT - 3NT, avoiding the 4-4 spade game that has no play; not that 3NT is a contract of beauty either. Both Souths led a small club, which gets declarer off to a good start, although GIB makes 3NT (by East only) on any lead. Lee took the club in dummy and played the ♢Q, Kvivk doing well to take his ace to protect partner's entry, and playing a second club, won perforce in hand. Now Lee led a small heart which was a form of Morton's Fork on South. Duck the trick and declarer reverts to diamonds for 4 spades, three clubs and a trick in each red suit. Take the ace and there are two hearts to go with the seven black winners. At the other table Warne led a small diamond off dummy at trick 2, and de Wijs also rose to the task by rising with his ace to play a second club. Warne decided to play North for the ace of hearts, so played a second diamond now. Muller could take the king and clear the clubs while he still had the ♡A entry, one down and 12 IMPs to Moss. I see nothing that tilts the odds in favour of either hand holding the ♡A, but you can't argue with success.

Moss scored another double digit swing on the very next deal.

Board 245. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Kvick*	*Lee*	*Karlsson*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♢	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Karlsson led the ♡4, won by the jack, and Lee promptly played diamonds from the top. South played the ♣10 when in with the ♢J, but on the run of the long suit North was squeezed in the black suits and twelve tricks were the result.

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	*de Wijs*	*Warne*	*Muller*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3NT*	All Pass

1NT inv+ relay
2♠ 13-15, 4+♣. or special hands
2NT relay
3♢ 4+♣, short ♢ or 5224
3♡ relay
3NT 5-3-1-4

De Wijs led the ♣4 and Ahlesved tried the 9, losing to Muller's 10, who returned the suit to the ace. Declarer now started the diamonds with the 7 to his 10 and North's bare queen, and a spade came back. Ahlesved took the ace in hand, cashed a top diamond to get the bad news, took four more spades and tried for a non-existent endplay. Two down, 11 IMPs in the out column. Unlucky, I think, and in two ways. Firstly, the ♣9 is the right card, but if he had played the jack he could still have made his contract with two in each minor and five spades. Secondly, and being no odds expert I could be wrong here, but simple me thinks that, missing QJxxx, the odds of a small singleton in North are 3:2 times higher than a singleton honour, and therefore the diamond play was also correct. Probability experts are welcome to contact the Journal to explain why I'm wrong.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

The auction in the Open Room was refreshingly simple

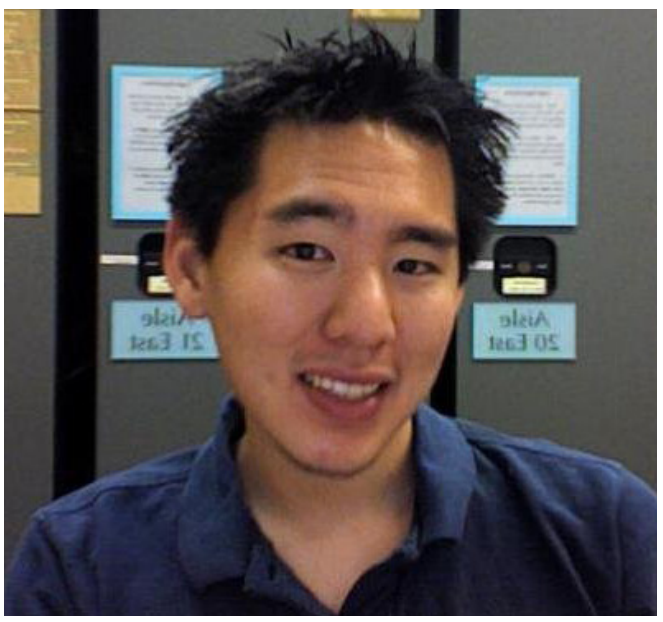
West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	*de Wijs*	*Warne*	*Muller*
1♠	3♡	4♠	All Pass

On a club lead to the queen and ace declarer could draw trumps in two rounds and continue clubs for a comfortable make.

In the Closed Room the auction was a little more convoluted

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Kvick*	*Lee*	*Karlsson*
1♠	2♡	3♡*	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

My initial thought was that 4♣ was showing a suit or lead, with heart tolerance or better, and that certainly fits the hand. If it was meant that way, he must have thought that his partner's pass showed a willingness to play in clubs, else he would surely have gone back to hearts. I can only guess that Kvick may have reasoned that 4♣ directly over Lee's 3♡ would have shown the clubs and heart tolerance hand, and the delayed bid was just long clubs. It will give them something to talk about. If declarer has second sight he can play small clubs twice and come to seven tricks, but in reality he went four light and lost 9 IMPs, Moss now leading 39-7. At the halfway mark Moss and Lee withdrew to be replaced by Klukowski and Kalita.



Roger Lee

It wasn't long before Moss added another hefty number to their total.

Board 252. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Kvick*	*Kalita*	*Karlsson*
1♣*	1♠	2♢*	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

1♣ Polish
2♢ ♡

The spade lead was ruffed, trump finessed, another spade ruff and another trump meant an overtrick. Bridge is an easy game. Sometimes.

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	*de Wijs*	*Warne*	*Muller*
1♢*	1♠	2♢*	2NT*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♢ 0+
2♢ 5+♡
2NT inv+ ♠

Not for the first time in this tournament, de Wijs - Muller showed that they are the masters of the steal. 4♠ lost the obvious four tricks, but that was 8 more IMPs for Moss.

There was one further double digit swing, and again it went to Moss.

Board 254. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Kvick*	*Kalita*	*Karlsson*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♡*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ Polish
2♡ GF no 4M

Karlsson led out his three top diamonds, which made Kalita's task a simple one. Perhaps he expected East to hold more major suit cards on the auction, and therefore misread an even number signal from partner for four rather than two. Might North have doubled the artificial 2♡ bid? I'd have been tempted, since whether partner takes it as hearts or takeout for the majors, I have it. Meanwhile things were a little livelier at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	*de Wijs*	*Warne*	*Muller*
—	—	1♢*	Pass
1♡*	1♠	Pass*	2♠
3♣	3♠	3NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass

1♢ 0+
1♡ 3+
Pass 0-2♡s

South's double surprised me a little, but I guess with three tricks in his hand, and partner having overcalled, he felt confident of no overtricks. If he hadn't doubled, might North have, for a heart lead (dummy's first suit)? East took fright, but couldn't avoid the loss of four tricks. If he had stood for the double, what odds on Muller finding a heart lead or trick 2 switch? We'll never know, but we do know that it all added up to another 10 IMPs. In the final six boards Moss added a further 14, but Skalman also had three plus boards for 10 IMPs. Leaving a half-time score of 71-18 to Moss. Skalman will be hoping that the computer has a few drinks before it generates the deals for Sunday's second half.

WBT Survivor
April 12th - 23rd 2021

The WBT Survivor tournament ended yesterday.

Team **Leslie** (Tim Leslie, Mike Bell, Ollie Burgess, Ben Norton, Michael Byrne, Kieran Dyke) won the Final match versus team **Hansa** (Hansa Narasimhan, Carlos Pellegrini, Michael Whibley, Sumit Mukherjee, Debrabata Majumder).

The match ended 151 - 109.

The third place is shared between the opponents of the two teams in the Semifinals: Red Devils (H. Huntz, S. De Roos, S. De Donder, P. Caputo, W. van den Hove, S. Bahbout, G. Arts, M. Vandervorst) and Fredin (P. Fredin, A. Apteker, G. Gottlieb, A. Morath, J. Sylvan).

WBT Challengers Cup
Apr 19th - 23rd 2021

The qualification stage of the WBT Challengers Cup ended yesterday.

The ranking after the last round:

1	Abisco	107.27
2	Daugava	98.99
3	Kinds	95.98
4	Skeidar	95.73
5	Harris	94.91
6	Texan Aces	89.18
7	Les Berrichons	88.9
8	Zaza's Boys	86.59
9	ECF Holding	83.05
10	Flekkefjord	81.56
11	Balzacc	79.17
12	Köln Lindenthal	76.14
13	Anatolia	74.4
14	Germany Juniors	72.75
15	Marupe	66.6
16	Munlein	57.47
17	Denmark Juniors	52.49
18	European Juniors	38.82

The Semifinals will be:
ABISCO vs SKEIDAR and **DAUGAVA vs KINDS**

ABISCO:	A. B. Fossum, K. O. Bogø, F. Helness, T. E. Grude, K. Hegge, S. Evenstad, G. Harr, C. Bakke, S. Fredrik
SKEIDAR:	L. Aaseng, A. Farstad, S. Johnsen, A. Stokkeland, J. Mikkelsen, T. Johansen, J. Egil Furunes, K. Konow, A. Sæterdal, J. Hansen, M. Askgaard
DAUGAVA:	U. Jansons, I. Rubenis, A. Germanis, A. Smilgajs, J. Neimanis, M. Karpov
KINDS:	A. Thorfinnsson, A. Kindsbekken, R. Voll, S. Vestveit, O. M. Myrvold, R. Paulsen, J. R. Strømsvåg, K. G. Fyrun

The Semifinals and the Final will be played today.

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