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OCBL MAY CUP
RANKINGS AFTER ROUND 9

GROUP A

1	De Botton	146.33
2	Schwartz	132.91
3	Ferguson	103.6
4	Levine	89.44
5	Wilson	79.62
6	Apres-Bridge Champs	79.17
7	Scorway	73.83
8	ECF Holding	67.57
9	Macavity	63.85
10	Koeppel	63.68

GROUP B

1	Fredin	99.55
2	Black	99.41
3	Gillis	98.46
4	Compton	97.31
5	BBCRIV	96.76
6	Gupta	94.34
7	DenMix	83.48
8	Harris	83.32
9	New Amateurs	79.51
10	Rippey	67.86

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
RANKING AFTER ROUND 7

1	Donner	96.21
2	De Michelis	95.93
3	Parker	91.01
4	Austromany	84.65
5	Ireland	81.51
6	Black	81.01
7	Fredin	80.49
8	Wilson	77.59
9	Muppets	75.5
10	Turkish Delight	74.39
11	Denmark	72.11
12	Bridge42	71.45
13	Slovakia	70.08
14	Alexander	69.51
15	Bucharest Seniors	69.12
16	Avixa	68.84
17	Scorway	65.79
18	New Amateurs	62.36
19	ECF Holding	61.93
20	Internazionale	57.38
21	Skeidar	56.75
22	Swedese	56.47
23	Bourricot	54.5
24	Harris	49.88
25	Macavity	49.69
26	Koda	45.85

MAY CUP: KNOCKOUTS DAY

The qualification stage of the **OCBL May Cup** is over.

The top 4 teams from both group A and B advanced to the Knockouts.

The Quarterfinals matches are:

De Botton	vs	Compton
Black	vs	Ferguson
Schwartz	vs	Gillis
Fredin	vs	Levine

Today the Quarterfinals, the Semifinals and the Final will be played.

All the matches will be broadcast on BBO Vugraph.

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE QUALIFICATION: ONE ROUND TO END THE FIRST STAGE

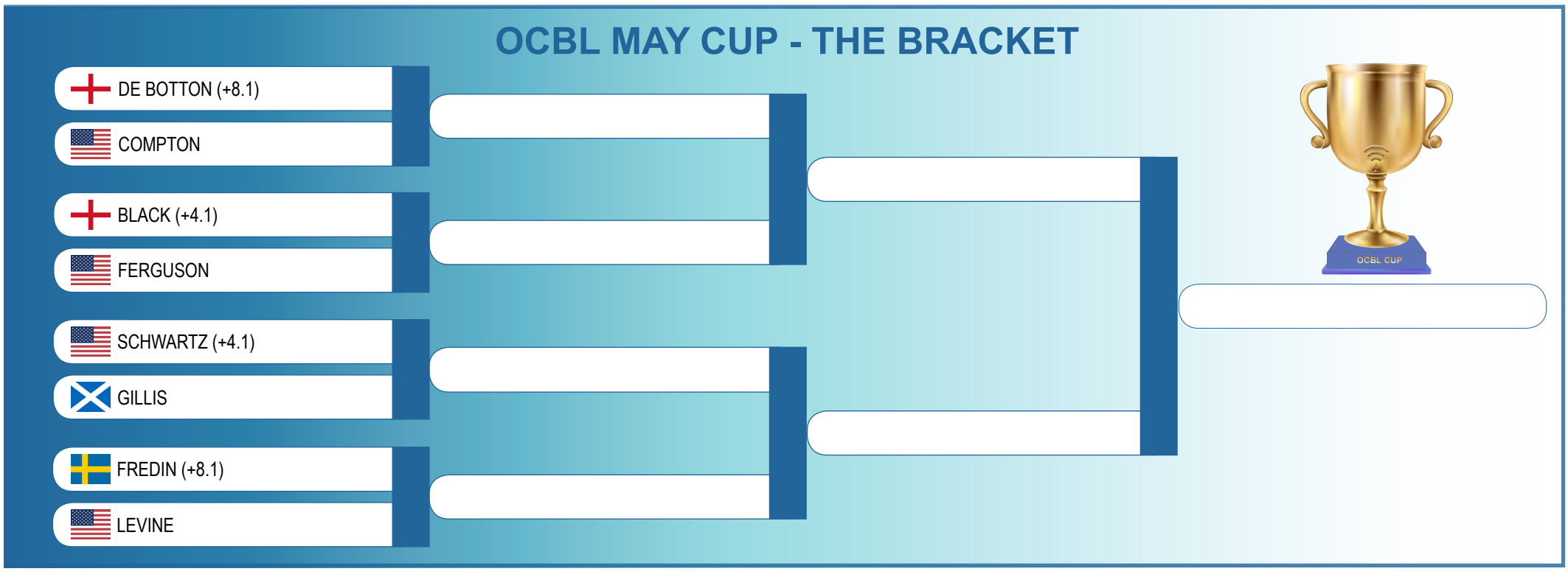
After the 7th round, Donner took the lead of the ranking (96.21 VPs).
De Michelis, the previous leaders, are now second (95.93 VPs) and Parker are third (91.01 VPs).

The 8th round of the OCBL Open League will be played tomorrow.
Then, according to the ranking, the teams will be divided into two groups:

- group A (top 12 teams)
- group B (teams ranked 13th-26th)

In each group, they will play two more rounds (Swiss format).
After that, the top 7 teams from Swiss A and the 1st team from Swiss B will advance to the Knockouts.

OCBL MAY CUP - THE BRACKET



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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SUPER CUP
2 - 7 August, 2021

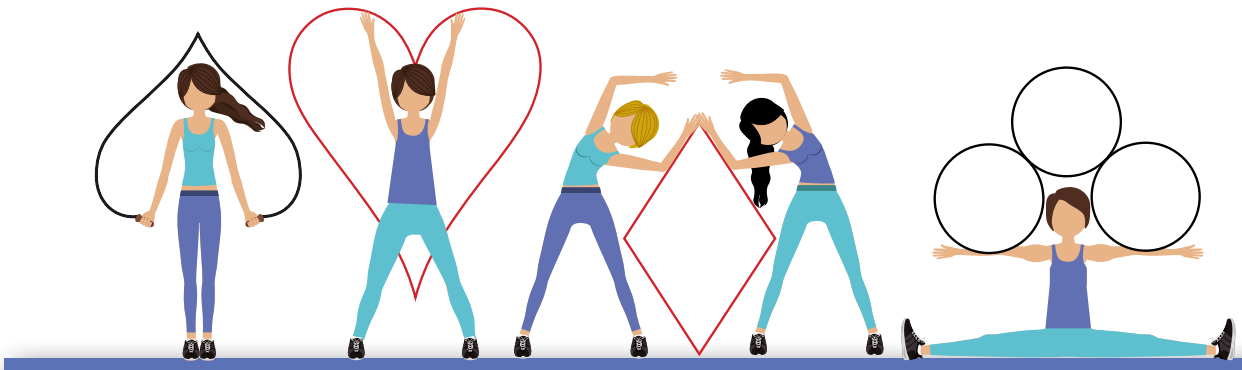
		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 2 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Tuesday 3 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 4 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Thursday 5 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
KO:	Friday 6 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Saturday 7 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

SUPER CUP
30 August - 4 September, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 30 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Tuesday 31 August	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 1 September	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Thursday 2 September	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
KO:	Friday 3 September	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Saturday 4 September	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

SEPTEMBER CUP
27 September - 1 October, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 27 September	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Tuesday 28 September	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
	Wednesday 29 September	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 30 September	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
KO:	Friday 1 October	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30



OCBL Bidding Fitness

Yesterday we posed the following question:

Dealer West. All Vul.

West	North	East	South
?			

You are sitting West, holding:
♠ K Q ♡ A 5 4 2 ♢ 7 5 ♣ A Q J 10 2

What would you bid?

This board was played during the OCBL Open League (Round 3). Here is the auction at some of the tables in play:

West	North	East	South
Manno	*Fritsche*	*Di Franco*	*Reps*
Garvey	*Hallberg*	*Hanlon*	*Hult*
Rimstedt M	*Fitzgibbon*	*Rimstedt O*	*Mesbur*
Fredin	*Farstad*	*Clementsson*	*Andresen*
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡[1]	Pass	4♡	All pass

[1]2♡ 4+♡, maybe 4♠

West	North	East	South
Jokisch	*Sementa*	*Kasimir*	*DeMichelis*
1♣[1]	1♢	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	2♢[2]	3♢
3♡	4♢	4♡	All pass

[1]1♣ Natural or 15+NT, F1
[1]2♢ Majors

West	North	East	South
Breaban	*Grossack Z*	*Chelu*	*Rubenstein*
1NT	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	All pass		

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Serban*	*Bianchedi*	*Stancescu*
1NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♡	All pass		

West	North	East	South
Thomsen	*Kaya*	*Hemberg*	*Ozcan*
1♣	1♢	Pass	2♣
Dble	2NT	Pass	3♢
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	4♢	All pass	

West	North	East	South
Peyret	*L. L. Madsen*	*Erbil*	*Graversen*
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	2NT[1]	3♠	All pass

[1]2NT Minors

West	North	East	South
Ayaz	*Dwyer*	*Koçlar*	*RimstedtC*
1♣	1♢	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All pass	

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt S	*Uslupehlivan*	*Donner*	*Suzer*
1NT[1]	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	All pass		

[1]1NT 14-16

West	North	East	South
Aaseng	*Sylvan*	*Johansen*	*Lagerman*
Vallet	*Henc*	*Bedouet*	*Lohay*
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	All pass		

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Czímer*	*Kiljan*	*Szalka*
1NT	2NT[1]	3♠	5♢
Dble	All pass		

[1]2NT Both minors

West	North	East	South
Trenka	*M de Leon*	*Kemeny*	*Sprinkhuizen*
1NT	2NT[1]	3♢[2]	3♠[3]
4♡	All pass		

[1]2NT Both minors
[2]3♢ 54+ ms, rather spades
[3]3♠ Inv + ♢

West	North	East	South
Velecky	*Boulin*	*Vodicka*	*Bellicaud*
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	2NT[1]	Pass	3♢
Pass	Pass	3♡	All pass

[1]2NT Minors

West	North	East	South
Chechel.	*Clementsson*	*Soliman*	*Övelius*
1NT[1]	2NT[2]	4♣[3]	Pass
4♡	All pass		

[1]1NT 14-17 good
[2]2NT Both m
[3]4♣ Mjs

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Tommasini*	*Malhasyan*	*Kristensen*
1♣	1♢	1♠	2♣[1]
2♡	3♣	4♡	All pass

[1]2♣ Good raise

West	North	East	South
King	*Gold*	*Castner*	*Root*
Gu	*Dewit*	*Lo*	*Vandewiele*
1NT	2NT[1]	Pass	3♢
All pass			

[1]2NT Minors

West	North	East	South
Pitt	*Schwartz*	*McNay*	*Cole*
1♣	1♢	Pass	2♣
Dble	Pass	2♠	3♢
All pass			

Send us your up-to-date pic, please!

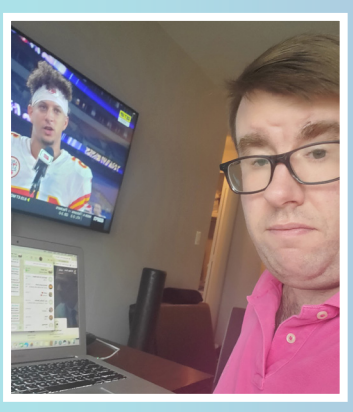
It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

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:
info@ocbl.org



Online Bridge NEWS

BIC Super Final

BIC is the Bridge International Championship.
It's a worldwide online event taking place across several bridge platforms (BBO, FunBridge, China Bridge Online), in partnership with the World Bridge Federation. Ranked players are awarded both WBF and BBO points.

From the Bridge Base Online Website:

The winners of the BIC from all three participating online platforms are ready for one final confrontation.

Who'll be victorious when they meet head-to-head and be crowned the Super BIC Champion? Login to BBO Vugraph on May 22 to find out who's going to be taking home the BB$ and WBF Master Points!

Ranked 1st:

Phil Markey (Australia)	1st of the Bridge Base Online ranking
Steven de Donder (Belgium)	1st of the Funbridge ranking
Huanzhou Peng (China)	1st of the China Bridge Online ranking

Ranked 2nd - 8th:

	Bridge Base Online	FunBridge	China Bridge Online
2	Samuel Ieong (USA)	Olivier Las Pada (Switzerland)	Xiao Xu (China)
3	Silviu Iovescu (Romania)	Per-Ola Cullin (Sweden)	Xiangyu Liu (China)
4	Zahari Zahariev (Bulgaria)	Antonio de Palma (Portugal)	GuopingHuang (China)
5	Jeffrey Klemm (USA)	Mikael Rimstedt (Sweden)	Changchun Zheng (China)
6	Yuval Yener (Israel)	Peter Splettstößer (Germany)	Zhengkun Zhang (China)
7	Jose Cortina (USA)	Jerzy Misiak (Poland)	Zhengfei Hu (China)
8	Tugbars Bozkurt (Turkey)	John Zaluski (Canada)	Hua Mi (China)

The Superfinal will be played on Saturday, May 22,
at 9am New York Time (3pm Paris time, 9pm Beijing time)

Tournament specifics
23 boards, Individual, MPs.

Invitational:
top 8 winners of the BIC event from each participating online bridge platform

Default system card is the WBF standard card
Video chat on, no screens

Director in Charge: Maurizio di Sacco

WBF Masterpoints and BB$ Prizes awarded:
1st place: 200 BB$
2nd place: 150 BB$
3rd place: 100 BB$

With a nod to Benito

by Mark Horton

Although many of the Bols Bridge Tips have faded into obscurity, some have survived the test of time, including Garozzo's advice to make attacking leads against slams.
In Round 6 of the most recent OCBL League 12 of the 26 pairs reached 6♢ on my featured deal - and only one of them was defeated.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Henc	*A Grossack*	*Lohay*	*Parker*
—	1♢	Dble	3NT
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

In the other room Vodica and Velecky had bid 1♢-(1♠)-3NT-4♢-5♢ so there was a lot riding on East's lead.

Appreciating that an attacking lead was called for East clicked on the ♣2 and declarer was doomed. West won with the queen and returned the ♡5, and although declarer could now take a club finesse to get rid of his losing spade, he could not avoid the loss of a second trick.

OCBL May Cup - Rounds 7, 8 and 9

by Brian Senior

Round 7

Two-thirds of the way through the qualifying stage we see a number of heavyweight teams with plenty of work to do if they are to get through to the last eight. I was about to refer to this as the Wednesday evening match but, of course, that is only the case for the European teams – it is the lunchtime/early afternoon match for the North Americans. It's a pity that we can't include the Asian/South Pacific time zones in these tournaments, but that would take some seriously creative scheduling.

The popular spot on Board 2 was 3NT on the E/W cards, nine times successful, five times unsuccessful. However, there were also a few penalties scattered around.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

ECF Holding v Ferguson

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Stabell*	*V D Bos*	*Thoresen*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Nadel*	*Fasting*	*Ferguson*
–	–	1NT	Dble
3NT	All Pass		

Thoresen went quietly over Van Den Bos's 1♣ opening, presumablu having an agreement that a two-suited overcall would be somewhat stronger than this South hand. This meant that the Dutch pair had a free run to 3NT, against which Thoresen made the passive lead of the ten of diamonds. Van Den Bos won in hand with the king and led a spade to the ten and king. He won the diamond return with the jack and played the jack of spades, which Thoresen won with the ace. Thoresen continued to defend passively, returning a spade, and Van Den Bos won that and led a club to the queen and king. Back came the nine of clubs. Van Den Bos put in the the and, when that scored, had nine tricks. He tried a heart towards the queen for the overtrick, but Thoresen grabbed the king to hold him to nine; +400.

Fasting opened 1NT and Ferguson doubled to show his two-suiter, Lie just blasting 3NT. Ferguson opted for the attacking lead of the jack of hearts, which Fasting won with the ace. Four rounds of diamonds, discarding a spade from hand, were followed by a low club to the ten. Fasting next cashed the ace of clubs before playing a spade. Nadel won the king and played a spade back. Ferguson won the ♠A and played king and another heart to dummy's queen, and declarer had to play a club to Nadel's jack and king at the end; down one for –50 and 10 IMPs to FERGUSON.

Levine v Schwartz

West	North	East	South
Helness	*Z. Grossack*	*Helgemo*	*Robinson*
–	–	1NT	2♣
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	*Meckstroth*	*Hurd*	*Rodwell*
–	–	1NT	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Both Easts opened 1NT and both Souths overcalled 2♣ to show the majors. Helness just bid 3NT over that, but Bathurst preferred to start with a double and, when his opponents unwound into 2♠, Hurd was happy to make a penalty double to complete the auction.

Robinson led the ten of hearts against 3NT, Helgemo winning the ace and playing the queen of spades. Robinson ducked that so Grossack won the king and returned a heart, which Robinson ducked to dummy's queen. When Helgemo now knocked out the ace of spades, Robinson had three heart winners to cash so the contract was down one for –50.

Hurd, seeing from the auction that Meckstroth was likely to want to take a heart ruff in his hand, set about preventing that by leading the queen of spades. Meckstroth won the king and led a heart to the jack and queen, and Bathurst returned a club to the jack and ace. Not knowing who had the ♠10, Hurd went back to spades, leading the jack in case declarer held the ten. Meckstroth won the ♠A and played the ♡10, which was ducked, followed by another heart to Hurd's ace. Hurd led the nine of diamonds to then ten and ace, and back came a diamond to the jack (interesting, but that is what the play record assures us happened), and now Hurd switched to the ten of clubs to dummy's king. Meckstroth could only take his trumps from here so was down two for –500 and 11 IMPs to SCHWARTZ.

Compton v Harris

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Smith*	*Malhasyan*	*Moses*
–	–	1NT	2♣
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Compton	*Isporski*	*Morgan*	*Trendafilov*
–	–	1NT	2♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Again, both Easts opened 1NT and both Souths overcalled to show both majors.

Harris raised to 3NT. WE have seen that an attacking heart lead beats 3NT, while passive defence gives declarer time to come to nine tricks. Moses went for an attacking heart lead, but he chose the king! That changed everything. Malhasyan ducked, won the heart continuation with the ace, and led a club to the queen and king. With no heart to return, Smith instead played king and another spade, and Malhasyan had nine tricks for +400.

Compton doubled the artificial overcall and Isporski passed to show no preference. When Trendafilov redoubled to ask him again to choose, Isporski chose hearts, and played there doubled. Morgan led a low heart and we saw the benefit of playing in hearts rather than North's stronger doubleton spade when Isporski called for the king then played three rounds of spades, threatening a ruff. Compton prevented that by going in with the ♡Q and returning a heart to his partner's ace, but that was OK for Isporski. He had to lose three minor-suit tricks but now had trump control and could draw the missing trump then concede a spade to set up his fifth card in the suit, and was down only one for –200 but 5 IMPs to HARRIS.

There was plenty of variety on this next deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

ECF Holding v Ferguson

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Stabell*	*V D Bos*	*Thoresen*
–	Pass	1♢	2♣
Dble	3♢	3♡	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Nadel*	*Fasting*	*Ferguson*
–	Pass	1♢	2♣
Pass	3♣	3♢	3NT
All Pass			

Ferguson overcalled 2♣ and, after a pass from Lie, Nadel made a simple club raise. Though Fasting repeated the long diamonds, Ferguson took a shot at 3NT, expecting nine tricks to be easier than 11. Lie led a diamond to the queen and king and, wide open in hearts, Ferguson had to win the trick. He rattled off all six clubs, pitching two spades from dummy, while Fasting threw two hearts followed by three diamonds, and Lie discarded a diamond, a heart, a spade, and then another heart. Thinking that there was the possibility of an endplay rather than banking on the spade finesse, Ferguson now played a heart. Fasting won that and cashed the second heart and two diamonds, but dummy had the last

two tricks in the ♠A and ♡J; +600.

From somewhere, Van Lankveld scraped up the values in the West hand to justify a negative double. To be fair, he did have the perfect shape for the call. Stabell made a splinter raise in clubs and, though Van Den Bos now bid 3♡, a suit in which the South hand did not contain a stopper, Thoresen bid 3NT. Van Lankveld led the seven of hearts to his partner's king, and Van Den Bos switched to the king of diamonds to pin dummy's queen. Thoresen had to win the ace and now cashed the clubs. Van Mankveld discarded diamond, spade, heart, spade, and Van Den Bos two hearts, two diamonds, than the five of spades. Thoresen decided that Van Den Bos had bared the king of spades and now led a spade to the ace – down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to FERGUSON.

Nobody else played the hand in NT, while all four suits were tried as trumps by one side or the other.

De Botton v Macavity

West	North	East	South
V Bijsterveldt	*Hoftaniska*	*Schols*	*Charlsen*
–	Pass	1♢	2♣
Dble	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♢	4♣	5♢	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	*Pitt*	*De Botton*	*McNay*
–	Pass	1♢	2♣
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♢	4♣	4♢	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

In this match it was the E/W pairs who got to game at both tables, though with different trump suits.

Charlsen led the king of clubs against 5♢, looking for a count signal. He continued with the ace of clubs, ruffed by Schols, who led a heart to the queen followed by a diamond to the queen, king and ace. Charlsen led the nine of spades to the two, queen and jack, and Hoftaniska switched to a trump. There was a spade to be lost at the end so the contract was down two for –100.

Pitt led a club against 4♡. McNay won the ace and promptly switched to ace and another diamond. Pitt accepted the ruff then cashed the ace of spades, and that was down one for –50 but 2 IMPs to DE BOTTON.

Fredin v Black

West	North	East	South
Black	*Fredin*	*Gold*	*Apteker*
–	Pass	1♢	2♣
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Hallberg*	*Morath*	*Hult*
–	Pass	1♢	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Despite holding genuine club support, Fredin responded with 2♠, which surely cannot be forcing when bid by a passed hand? Apteker clearly didn't think so, and passed. Gold cashed a to heart then switched to his club, Fredin winning the ace and running the ♠9 to Gold's jack. Not seeing an obvious way to get to his partner's hand to collect a club ruff, Gold simply returned his remaining spade, Fredin winning the ten. Fredin continued with ace then queen of spades, discarding a diamond and a club from dummy. He won the diamond return and cashed four more club tricks and had just one heart loser at the end; nine tricks for +140.

Hallberg followed a different path with the North hand, making a 3♠ fit jump in response to the 2♣ overcall. When Hult signed off in 4♣, I would have expected that to end the auction, but no, Hallberg went on to game. That game was dependent on a spade finesse into the opening bidder, so was odds against to succeed, but the spade was onside so Hult had no trouble in making his game for +600 and 10 IMPs to BLACK.

Three No Trump was making overtricks on this next deal, and was the contract at 14 tables out of 20. But 6♣ was a good contract and five E/W pairs got there, three of them to earn 12 IMP swings for their teams, two merely to flatten the board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Scorway v Apres-Bridge Champs

West	North	East	South
Gawel	*Levinson*	*Jagniewski*	*Shenkin*
–	Pass	1♠	3♡
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Lall*	*Saur*	*P.Hamman*
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Given a free run, Saur/Brekka were able to have a comfortable auction. Saur splintered in support of clubs and, after a cuebid from Brekka, took control and bid the small slam. Brekka rose with the ace on the heart lead – just as well with the six-one split – and took a heart discard on the king of diamonds. He cross-ruffed, giving up a heart along the way, and soon had 12 tricks for +1370.

Shenkin's weak jump overcall made life a little tougher for the Poles, but they handled the problem well and also reached the cold slam, Jagniewski's natural jump to 4NT being the key bid. After a diamond lead, Saur drew trumps then passed the jack of spades to ensure 1`2 tricks; +1370 and no swing.

DenMix v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Hammelev	*Nowak*	*Krefeld*	*Rippey*
–	Pass	1♠	3♡
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*N. Monsted*	*Bedouet*	*R. Monsted*
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♢	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Once again, a pass from South gave E/W a free run and the French pair took full advantage, quickly agreeing the trump suit then exploring to their hearts' content. Having asked for key cards and found all to be present, Vallet could continue with 5NT to invite the grand. With no side-suit kings, Bedouet was not interested and settle for the small slam; +1370 after a heart lead, declarer rising with dummy's ace, cashing one top club, then setting about a crossruff.

Rippey's 3♡ overcall made life more difficult in the other room and, when Krefeld responded 3NT to the negative double, that didn't have to be any more than a minimum opening, so Hammelev didn't feel safe in going on; +690 but 12 IMPs to RIPPEY.

Of the 14 pairs who stopped in the NT game, everyone had to combat a 3♡ overcall. Of the five who bid to 6♣, three did not suffer any interference. There were also two pairs who found the club fit but stopped in game. One had to overcome the weak jump overcall, one did not.

The other successful pair who had to overcome the weak jump overcall were Malinowski and De Botton:

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	*Pitt*	*De Botton*	*McNay*
–	Pass	1♠	3♡
4♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Malinowski was the only West to commit to bidding his clubs, rather than double in the hope of seeing partner bid 3NT.

There was one other choice made by a West player:

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Carroll*	*Stamatov*	*Hanlon*
–	Pass	1♠	3♡
4♡	Pass	4NT	All Pass

If you want to know what was going on here, you will have to ask one of Zia and Jerry. The only thing of which we can be certain is that they were not on the same page in their system file. My guess is that 4♡ showed clubs and Jerry intended 4NT as Key-card but Zia took it as natural.

David Gold

Round 8

And so to the last day of qualifying, with just two rounds to go. Two teams had dominated Group A so far, and DE BOTTON and SCHWARTZ could safely assume that they would be in the knock-outs whatever happened today. A number of teams could also assume that even two 20s would not be enough to see them through to Friday's play. Group B, however, was a very different kettle of fish, with nobody in a safe position and only the bottom team without realistic hope at the start of the day.

We didn't have to wait long for the first big-swing board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Wilson v Levine

West	North	East	South
Helness	*V Prooijen*	*Helgemo*	*Wilson*
–	–	2NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuizen	*Meckstroth*	*M de Leon*	*Rodwell*
–	–	2NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

Was there a point difference in the two opening ranges, or was Helness just in more optimistic mood than Sprinkhuizen?

Rodwell led the four of spades against 4NT – nine, ten, ace. Mendes de Leon played the ♣K, which was ducked, and continued with the ♣Q. This time Meckstroth won his ace and returned a club, establishing three winners for himself. Now, of course, de Leon couldn't afford to take the diamond finesse in search of extra overtricks, as that would have been into the hand with the club winners. He played safely so had only 10 tricks for +430.

Wilson too led the four of spades, but Helgemo won with dummy's king. He too played on clubs but, on winning the second round, Van Prooijen did not clear the suit, instead returning a low heart for the nine and queen. Helgemo cashed the jack of clubs, pitching a diamond from hand, then tested the hearts. Wilson, who had discarded a spade on the third club, now pitched a diamond on the third heart. It looked to Helgemo as though the initial spade lead had been from length so, rather than rely on diamonds providing four tricks, he led a spade to the nine, cashed the ♠Q, and came back to hand with the ◇A to cash the ♠A. He still had to choose between the diamond finesse and a red-suit squeeze on Van Prooijen for his twelfth trick. There was no good reason to go against the odds – Wilson was known to have started with four diamonds, Van Prooijen with only two – so he took the finesse and that was +990 and 11 IMPs to LEVINE.

Apres-Bridge Champs v Schwartz

West	North	East	South
Bathurst	*Lall*	*Hurd*	*Milner*
–	–	2NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Schwartz*	*Auken*	*A.Grossack*
–	–	2♣	Pass
2◇	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6◇	Pass	6♡	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Bathurst made the invitational response and Hurd said 'No thanks'. Lall won the first club so Hurd could afford to play for overtricks. He played on diamonds while he still had an entry back to hand so that, when the ◇10 fell under the jack, he could take a second finesse of the nine; 12 tricks for +490.

Auken/Welland went through a Kokish auction to 2NT, then Welland began a sequence to check in case a four-four fit might provide an extra trick. No, there was no such fit so Auken was left to play the NT slam.

Adam Grossack led the seven of clubs to the two, ace and queen. Schwartz continued with a low club to declarer's king, and Auken Cashed the king and queen of spades followed by the ♣J, on which she discarded a diamond, retaining the fourth spade as a possible threat card for a squeeze. Next came three rounds of hearts, the third forcing a diamond discard from Grossack. Auken cashed the ace of spades then played ace and another diamond and, like Helgemo, had no reason not to take the finesse. That meant four diamond tricks and 12 in all; +990 and 11 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS.

In total, nine pairs bid and made slam, the rest stopping in game.

We didn't have to wait long for the next potential swing deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Compton v BBCRIV

West	North	East	South
Compton	*Kaplan*	*Morgan*	*Engel*
–	–	–	Pass
1◇	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dedonder	*Smith*	*Deroos*	*Moses*
–	–	–	Pass
1◇	Pass	2♣	2♠
Dble	4♠	5♣	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Everything was very straightforward where there was no opposition bidding. Morgan's 3♣ response was natural and invitational, and Compton had an easy conversion to 3NT; +630.

Deroos had t respond 2♣ and that left room for Moses to overcall. A brave call, perhaps, but it allowed Smith to make a pre-emptive raise to 4♠ and suddenly nothing was easy for E/W. Yes, they could have collected +800 on defense, but it seemed to Deroos, with his excellent club suit and diamond fit, that his side should be playing the hand. He bid 5♣ over 4♠, but now Dedonder expected his partner to have more high cards and guessed to jump to 6NT. Moses doubled and, after winning the club lead, cashed the spade for down one and –200; 13 IMPs to COMPTON.

Harris v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	*Isporski*	*Wiankowski*	*Trendafilov*
–	–	–	1♠
Dble	4♠	5♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Nowak*	*M. Gold*	*Rippey*
–	–	–	Pass
1◇	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both E/W pairs reached unbeatable games in this match. Trendafilov opened with the South cards – aggressive one-level openings are a little safer when playing a strong club system – and that enabled Isporski to really put the pressure on with a jump to 4♠ over Nawrocki's double. Wiankowski bid 5♣ and Nawrocki left him to play there for +600.

Rippey neither opened nor overcalled, so Harris and Gold had a free run to 3NT. It might have been better for Harris to have bid 3NT himself rather than use fourth-suit, but with both spade honours onside no harm was done; +630 and 1 IMP to HARRIS.

Macavity v ECF Holdings

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Kerr*	*Bogo*	*Reynolds*
–	–	–	Pass
1◇	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	3◇	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	Dble
4NT	Pass	5◇	All Pass

West	North	East	South
V Bijsterveldt	*Ovesen*	*Schols*	*Thoresen*
–	–	–	Pass
1◇	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	3◇	Pass
4◇	Pass	5◇	Pass
6◇	All Pass		

Lie and Bogo had a well-controlled auction to 5◇, involving an exchange of cuebids followed by Key-card; +600.

The first two rounds of the auction were identical to the other room, but then Van Bijsterveldt seems to have double-crossed himself. His 4◇ bid set trumps for a slam hunt but then, despite the lack of a cuebid from Schols, he went on to slam. There were two aces to be lost and that meant –100 and 12 IMPs to ECF HOLDINGS.

There were four pairs going off in slam, 16 stopping safely in 3NT, 4NT, 5♣ or 5◇.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Macavity v ECF Holdings

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Kerr*	*Bogo*	*Reynolds*
–	–	–	1♠
2♡	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
V Bijsterveldt	*Ovesen*	*Schols*	*Thoresen*
–	–	–	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

Van Bijsterveldt/Schols had an uncontested auction and bid smoothly to the heart game. With hearst three-two and the ♠A onside Van Bijsterveldt soon had 10 tricks for +620.

It was a little more challenging for E/W at the other table, where Reynolds opened the South hand, allowing Kerr to make a pre-emptive raise to 3♠. However, Bogo's decision to make a competitive double rather than commit to a red suit, worked out well when Lie could repeat his hearts in response and 4♡ proved to be the right spot; +620 and no swing.

Gupta v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Baseggio	*Madala*	*Jiang*	*Bilde*
–	–	–	Pass
1♡	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	*Pettis*	*Muller*	*Lo*
–	–	–	1♠
2♡	2♠	3♢	All Pass

Lo opened the South hand and de Wijs overcalled. Pettis made only a simple spade raise, and that made it easy for Muller to introduce his strong diamond suit. With no diamond honour and only a single spade stopper, de Wijs didn't fancy a shot at 3NT, while Muller might have doubled 2♠ had he wanted to keep hearts in the picture. De Wijs passed out 3♢, and that was +130.

Bilde did not open as South, so Baseggio got to open 1♡ on the West cards. Jiang's 3♢ response was natural and invitational, and Baseggio accepted, bidding 3NT. A spade lead might have defeated 3NT, but Madala made the normal lead of a low club. Baseggio won the queen and crossed to the ace of diamonds to lead a heart and run it. Madala won the jack of hearts and returned a spade. Baseggio had five hearts, two diamonds, and one trick in each black suit; +600 and 10 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

DenMix v Black

West	North	East	South
R. Monsted	*McIntosh*	*N. Monsted*	*Paske*
–	–	–	1♠
2♡	3♠	4♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Krefeld*	*Black*	*J.Henneberg*
–	–	–	1♠
2♡	3♠	4♢	All Pass

After identical starts to the two auctions, Monsted supported partner's hearts with the ♡9-8 doubleton, and that worked out well; +620. Black, however, preferred to bid his own suit, and Gold didn't fancy bidding on over 4♢ so the heart game was missed; +130 but 10 IMPs to DenMix.

Levine v Wilson

West	North	East	South
Helness	*V Prooijen*	*Helgemo*	*Wilson*
–	–	–	1♠
2♡	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sprinkuizen	*Meckstroth*	*M de Leon*	*Rodwell*
–	–	–	1♠
2♡	3♠	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Again, the two auctions started identically. However, while Sprinkhuizen judged to try 3NT in response to the competitive double, Helness chose the heart game. As we have seen, 4♡ is easy on this lie of the cards so Helness soon chalked up +620.

Meckstroth led a spade against 3NT, Rodwell winning the ace and continuing with a low spade to clear the suit. Sprinkhuizen cashed a top heart just to check that there was no miracle about to occur in that suit and, when no honour appeared, led a diamond to the jack. That lost to the queen and the defense cashed out for down two and –200; 13 IMPs to LEVINE.

Three No Trump was bid and made twice where South did not open the bidding and, as we have just seen, failed once where South had opened. There were four diamond partscores while the rest bid and made 4♡.

Eric Rodwell

Six Souths passed as dealer, the rest all opening 1♠. Three Norths raised to only 2♠ and this worked out well for all three as East bid 3♢ and played there. Eleven Norths made the pre-emptive raise to 3♠. Two Easts bid 4♡, while three bid 4♢. Of the latter, two played there, while one West went on to 4♡. The other Easts doubled 3♠ and, with the exception of the table we have just seen, West responded 4♡.

Round 9

There was an enterprising double at both tables on this first board, though only one managed to catch their opponents for a penalty.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

ECF Holdings v Koeppel

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Koeppel*	*Fasting*	*Tokay*
–	Pass	1♢	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♡
3♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♢	3♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Dobrescu	*Ovesen*	*Greenberg*	*Thoresen*
–	Pass	1♢	1♠
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Should West bid over the opposing overcall? The problem with bidding 2♣ is that it is normally played as forcing, and Dobrescu caught Greenberg with no good rebid. He chose 2NT and Dobrescu passed and passed again when Ovesen's penalty double came back round to her – of course, she knew that the double had to be based on a club stack, so there was no temptation to run back to her long suit.

Tokay led the three of hearts to the king and ace and Greenberg, hoping for something good to happen, tried a club to the eight and ten. Ovesen returned his spade to the nine and ten, and Tokay switched back to hearts, leading low to his partner's jack. A heart return picked up two more heart tricks and Tokay now played a low diamond. That ran to the queen and Greenberg played a diamond back, Tokay winning the ace and getting out with his last diamond. Dummy, which was now down to nothing but clubs, won the ♢Q and could now lead the ♢9 to get two of the last four club tricks; down three for –500.

Lie did not bid 2♣ with the West hand, instead passing. However, he then chose to compete with 3♣ at his next turn, and Koeppel doubled for penalty. That would have been no more fun to play than was 2NT doubled, but Lie now guessed to run to 3♢. Had diamonds been other than three-three, there would no doubt have been another penalty double, but they were three-three and, though 3♢ doubled would also have been not much fun for declarer, nobody quite had a double. Koeppel instead competed with 3♡, and that ended the auction.

Lie led a diamond to the nine, queen and ace. Tokay led his club up and Lie took his ace and played king and another diamond to dummy's jack. Koeppel led his singleton spade now, Fasting winning the ace and playing the 13th diamond – ♠8, ♡8, ♡J – the key play for the defense. The king of clubs was ruffed and over-ruffed, and Koeppel next played king of spades and ruffed a spade. The ♣Q was now ruffed and over-ruffed, and that left Fasting with the ♡A10 sitting over the king; down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to ECF HOLDING.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Scorway v Macavity

West	North	East	South
V Bijsterveld	*Levinson*	*Schols*	*Shenkin*
–	–	1♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Pitt*	*Saur*	*McNay*
–	–	1♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Brekka led the queen of clubs, McNay ducking to Saur's bare king. Saur switched to a low heart, which McNay ducked to Brekka's queen, and back came a second heart to the ace. Saur returned a third heart, so McNay wonand led the eight of clubs, playing low when Brekka didn't split his remaining honours. Now McNay cashed the fourth heart, all the spades, and the ace of clubs, before leading a diamond towards his hand at trick 12; nine tricks for +600.

Barnet Shenkin - pic: Peter Hasenson

Van Bijsterveldt also led the queen of clubs, ducked to the king. Schols, however, switched to a spade, attacking declarer's communications. Shenkin won in hand with the ace and played the eight of clubs to dummy's nine, then ran the eight of hearts, losing to the queen. Back came a second spade. Shenkin won and cashed the rest of dummy's winners, then played a diamond up. Schols ducked so Shenkin won the ten and led the ten of hearts. Schols won and put him back in with the king of hearts, and Shenkin had to lead away from the ♢KJ at trick 12; down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to Macavity.Well defended.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Scorway v Macavity

West	North	East	South
V Bijsterveld	*Levinson*	*Schols*	*Shenkin*
1♣	Dble	1♢	Pass
2♡	2♠	3♡	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Pitt*	*Saur*	*McNay*
1♣	Dble	1♡	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Van Bijsterveld opened 1♣ and Levinson doubled. One Diamond was a transfer to hearts and, after a pass from Shenkin, Van Bijsterveldt showed heart support but a near minimum with a jump to 2♡. When Levinson now introduced his spades, Schols competed in hearts but that was brushed aside by Shenkin, who didn't have much, but was facing a hand that was too good for an initial overcall, so was happy to raise to game.

Schols led the queen of clubs, which was ducked to declarer's king. Wanting a dummy entry to allow him to take the trump finesse, Levinson gave up a heart at trick two. Schols won the ♡Q and led his remaining club through dummy's jack, so Van Bijsterveldt won the eight and continued with the ace. Levinson ruffed with the jack, ruffed a heart and took the spade finesse. He ruffed his last heart then played a spade to the ace and had 11 tricks for +650.

And now, as they say, for something completely different. In the other room, Pitt doubled the 1♣ opening but, when the bidding was at the three level when it came back to him, passed rather than see it through and show his spade suit. Saur went on to 4♡, and now Pitt doubled. That was presumably for penalty as he had not taken the opportunity to double for take-out at his previous turn, and it ended the auction. A spade lead beats 4♡, of course, but McNay led the jack of diamonds to the queen and king. Pitt returned the seven of hearts round to dummy's eight, and Saur led a low club towards his queen. Pitt won the king and returned the ace of diamonds, which Saur ruffed in dummy. Cashed th queen of clubs, and had the rest; +990 and a huge 17 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Pitt*	*Saur*	*McNay*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
5♡	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♡	Pass
7♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
V Bijsterveld	*Silverstone*	*Schols*	*Shenkin*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Brekka's 2♡ cuebid set up a force and Saur felt that he could do nothing other than repeat his four-card spade suit. Five Hearts was Exclusion and 5NT showed one key card for spades. Now 6♣ asked for the spade queen, 6♡ said 'Yes', and Brekka bid 7♢. That was down two for –200.

What went wrong? Brekka simply assumed that his partner had five or more spades as he had bid them twice. Facing ♠KQxxx or better, 7♢ would have made if both spades and diamonds broke evenly. Unlucky, after all, what else could Saur have done?

Silverstone did not overcall, perhaps hoping that, if not warned about the heart position, his opponents might bid to 3NT when there was a better spot available to them. Well, it worked, as 5♢ is the better spot, but dummy having bid hearts meant that things were not as simple as Silverstone had hoped. To beat 3NT, he had to lead the five of hearts, which works on the actual layout and also if partner has nine-doubleton sitting over ten-eight to five unless declarer has second sight. The only problem is that a low heart lead lets the contract through when dummy has ten-nine to four and leading the suit from the top would beat it. Silverstone, of course, led a top heart, and that was +600 and 13 IMPs to MACAVITY.

Geir Brekka - pic: Peter Hasenson

At the other extreme to Brekka and Saur:

Fredin v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Baseggio	*Sylvan*	*Jiang*	*Morath*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	Pass	1♠
3♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Falk*	*Apteker*	*Lusky*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	Dble	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Sylvan overcalled 1♡ and Jiang passed the East hand. Morath now laid claim to the spades, and Baseggio jumped to 3♢ and was left to play there, making 12 tricks for +170.

Falk also overcalled 1♡, but Apteker doubled to show four spades. When Dredin now cuebid, Apteker could rebid the spades without overstating his length, but now Fredin cuebid again. Well, with any luck six low hearts would prove to be a stopper, and Apteker had nothing else to show, so he tried 3NT, and that ended the auction. If Lusky had only led his partner's suit..

Thinking that declarer should have a heart stopper, Lusky looked elsewhere for his opening lead, selecting a low club, and Apteker did indeed find that he had a heart stopper, just a non-material one; 11 tricks for +660 and 10 IMPs to FREDIN.

Gupta v BBCRIV

West	North	East	South
Neve	*Gupta*	*Bocken*	*Korbel*
–	–	Pass	Pass
2♣	2♡	Pass	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♢	Pass	5♢	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Backes*	*Bilde*	*Engel*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	Dble	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♢	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Neve opened a strong and artificial 2♣ and Gupta overcalled 2♡. Bocken passed for now but admitted to having some spades at his next turn. When Neve repeated the diamonds, Bocken had nothing more to say so raised to game, concluding the auction; 11 tricks for +600.

Madala opened at the one level and backs overcalled. Bilde doubled to show four spades then rebid the spades in response to Madala's first cuebid. When Madala cuebid for a seconds time, Bilde agreed diamonds rather than show something else that he didn't hold, and Madala leaped to the small slam. Backes led the king of hearts, which Madala ruffed. He ducked a club, but it was easy for Engel to see what he was about so he won the queen and returned a trump. Madala won and ran all but one of the diamonds, then played ace and another spade to dummy and ruffed a heart. Alas, with both defenders guarding clubs and the spade guard sitting over the spade menace, there was no squeeze; down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to BBCRIV.

It wasn't necessary to bid a slam to get in trouble on this deal. Witness this next match.

Compton v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Smith*	*Bedouet*	*Moses*
–	–	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Compton	*Nowak*	*Morgan*	*Rippey*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	Pass	1♠
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Bedouet opened 2♣, which obviously included a weak option – I don't have their convention card so I'm guessing that this was with both majors. Vallet asked, and asked again, the attempted to sign off in 3NT but Bedouet wouldn't let him play there and bid those powerful hearts one more time. Vallet now gave up. After a club lead the contract rather fell apart and Bedouet came to only six tricks for –400.

Meanwhile, Compton opened 1♢ and heard his opponents bid both majors. His jump cuebid presumably asked for a heart stopper, and 3♠ showed spade values. Well, N/S clearly didn't have a big heart fit, so Compton took a stab at 3NT with his void! Well done in a sense. Yes, 5♢ is a better contract, but if you have to play 3NT then it is much harder to beat when played by West – ♡4 from ♡AKQJ4 being a much tougher lead to find than 10 from ♡105. Sure enough, Nowak led a top heart and Compton had only four losers; +600 and 14 IMPs to COMPTON.

ECF Holding v Koeppel

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Koeppel*	*Fasting*	*Tokay*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	Dble	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dobrescu	*Ovesen*	*Greenberg*	*Thoresen*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	1♠	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		

Fasting showed four spades then admitted to a heart stopper, and Lie raised to 3NT. Tokay led his partner's suit, th ten of hearts followed by the five, and the defence took the first five tricks. 'Look partner, I do have a heart stopper, in fact I even have a heart winner'! Too late, down one for –100.

Greenberg bid 1♠ over the 1♡ overcall and Dobrescu splintered. Was she gambling that partner would hold a fifth spade, or had he promised five? Greenber quickly signed off, and Thoresen doubled. Dobrescu knew a good hand when she saw one and redoubled, completing a spirited E/W auction.

Thoresen led the ten of hearts, which Greenberg ruffed in dummy. He cashed two top diamonds, discarding a club from hand, then played ace of clubs and ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, and ruffed another club. Having made all four low trumps between the two hands, it was now just a simple matter of making the three top cards separately. Greenberg duly ruffed a heart with the ace of spades and had the king and queen to come – 10 tricks for +1080 and 15 IMPs to KOEPPEL.

Helgemo made 4♠ on the same line, but without the double and redouble. That gained him just 1 IMP when comparing with 5♢ just made at the other table. But the third declarer to play the spade game didn't see the winning line and, after ruffing the heart lead, drew two rounds of trumps at tricks two and three, presumably intending to play for spades three-three. If spades did behave as hoped for, declarer would have been able to cope with diamonds four-one, as they could be ruffed out and the ace of clubs would serve as an entry to the established winners. And 4♠ down two cost only 3 IMPs as it compared with 3NT–1.

And there we conclude our coverage of the qualifying stage of the May OCBL Open Teams. On Friday, the knock-outs!

OCBL MAY CUP - RESULTS

Round 8

GROUP A

Levine	18.09 VPs 59 IMPs	1.91 VPs 19 IMPs	Wilson
Apres-Br. Ch.	1.67 VPs 21 IMPs	18.33 VPs 63 IMPs	Schwartz
Koeppel	0 VPs 17 IMPs	20 VPs 80 IMPs	De Botton
Ferguson	20 VPs 73 IMPs	0 VPs 12 IMPs	Scorway
Macavity	6.48 VPs 34 IMPs	13.52 VPs 47 IMPs	ECF Holding

GROUP B

Compton	10.31 VPs 24 IMPs	9.69 VPs 23 IMPs	BBCRIV
Rippey	10.91 VPs 33 IMPs	9.09 VPs 30 IMPs	Harris
New Amateurs	7.2 VPs 31 IMPs	12.8 VPs 41 IMPs	Gupta
Black	6.48 VPs 24 IMPs	13.52 VPs 37 IMPs	DenMix
Gillis	9.69 VPs 18 IMPs	10.31 VPs 19 IMPs	Fredin

Round 9

GROUP A

Levine	14.6 VPs 35 IMPs	5.4 VPs 17 IMPs	Apres-Br. Ch.
De Botton	14.8 VPs 43 IMPs	5.2 VPs 24 IMPs	Wilson
Schwartz	13.04 VPs 38 IMPs	6.96 VPs 27 IMPs	Ferguson
ECF Holding	10 VPs 39 IMPs	10 VPs 39 IMPs	Koeppel
Scorway	5 VPs 42 IMPs	15 VPs 62 IMPs	Macavity

GROUP B

Compton	14.8 VPs 33 IMPs	5.2 VPs 14 IMPs	Rippey
Gupta	5.2 VPs 22 IMPs	14.8 VPs 41 IMPs	BBCRIV
Harris	1.45 VPs 13 IMPs	18.55 VPs 57 IMPs	Black
Fredin	10 VPs 37 IMPs	10 VPs 37 IMPs	New Amateurs
DenMix	4.62 VPs 14 IMPs	15.38 VPs 36 IMPs	Gillis

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - RESULTS

Round 7

De Michelis	9.39 VPs 41 IMPs	10.61 VPs 43 IMPs	Black
Austromany	2.03 VPs 20 IMPs	17.97 VPs 59 IMPs	Donner
Parker	9.09 VPs 11 IMPs	10.91 VPs 14 IMPs	Fredin
Ireland	14.18 VPs 44 IMPs	5.82 VPs 28 IMPs	Bridge42
Slovakia	5.82 VPs 20 IMPs	14.18 VPs 36 IMPs	Wilson
Alexander	6.48 VPs 21 IMPs	13.52 VPs 34 IMPs	Turkish Delight
Muppets	14.6 VPs 36 IMPs	5.4 VPs 18 IMPs	Scorway
New Amateurs	5 VPs 14 IMPs	15 VPs 34 IMPs	Denmark
Bucharest Sen.	12.29 VPs 38 IMPs	7.71 VPs 30 IMPs	ECF Holding
Avixa	12.8 VPs 27 IMPs	7.2 VPs 17 IMPs	Swedese
Internazionale	10.91 VPs 15 IMPs	9.09 VPs 12 IMPs	Bourricot
Harris	4.62 VPs 13 IMPs	15.38 VPs 35 IMPs	Macavity
Koda	3.58 VPs 20 IMPs	16.42 VPs 48 IMPs	Skeidar

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1	A. Malinowski, (malisuper)	De Botton	1.53	64
	J. De Botton, (Capt Lulu)	De Botton	1.53	64
3	E. Schwartz, (Waldorf1)	Schwartz	1.45	80
	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Schwartz	1.45	80
5	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	1.33	48
6	T.E. Hoftaniska, (Kasper20)	De Botton	1.15	112
7	T. Charlsen, (tcharlsen)	De Botton	1.04	96
8	K. Bathurst, (Kmb24)	Schwartz	0.95	128
	J. Hurd, (johnhurd)	Schwartz	0.95	128
10	A. Kaplan, (kaplan70)	BBCRIV	0.94	16
11	D. Bakhshi, (Bakhshi)	De Botton	0.93	80
12	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.83	96
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.83	96
14	D. Padon, (Drorp)	De Botton	0.79	80
15	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.7	64
16	N. Van Bijsterveldt, (nielsvbij)	Macavity	0.64	64
17	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Gillis	0.63	112
	J. Carroll, (coppers)	Gillis	0.63	112
19	T. Townsend, (mug)	De Botton	0.57	80
20	J. Hammelev, (johse61)	DenMix	0.55	64
	C. Krefeld, (camse2)	DenMix	0.55	64
22	S. De Wijs, (sm1)	Gupta	0.54	80
	B. Muller, (beukertje)	Gupta	0.54	80
24	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.49	96
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	0.49	96
26	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	0.47	144
	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	0.47	144
28	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.42	144
	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.42	144
30	J. Henneberg, (joh1)	DenMix	0.41	64
	M. Henneberg, (makir)	DenMix	0.41	64
32	L. Robinson, (saba)	Schwartz	0.4	80
	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Schwartz	0.4	80
34	J. Meckstroth, (jjmeck)	Levine	0.35	128
	E. Rodwell, (bumportant)	Levine	0.35	128
36	E. Schols, (Mkgnao)	Macavity	0.34	80
37	R. Jagniewski, (mlodybog)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.33	96
	W. Gawel, (redds)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.33	96
39	Z. Engel, (hros)	BBCRIV	0.32	96
40	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Compton	0.28	144
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Compton	0.28	144
42	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.27	128
43	O. Svendsen, (Pirrum)	Gillis	0.25	80
44	V. Silverstone, (Odysseus69)	Scorway	0.23	56
45	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	0.2	64
	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	0.2	64
47	O. Neve, (oliviern)	BBCRIV	0.19	80
	P. Bocken, (bocken)	BBCRIV	0.19	80
49	E. Vandewiele, (blink128)	Macavity	0.16	64
	D. Dewit, (Hyperon)	Macavity	0.16	64
51	R. Monsted, (Rikkemusdk)	DenMix	0.14	64
	N. Monsted, (Monsted)	DenMix	0.14	64
53	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Wilson	0.13	16
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Wilson	0.13	16
55	P. Hamman, (pete)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.1	48
	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Wilson	0.1	48
57	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Wilson	0.1	80
58	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Wilson	0.09	64
	K. Bogo, (osvaill83)	ECF Holding	0.09	32
60	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Rippey	0.08	80
	P. Bedouet, (pi420)	Rippey	0.08	80
62	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	New Amateurs	0.06	112
	S. Deroos, (stevedr)	BBCRIV	0.06	80
	J.M. Backes, (baks)	BBCRIV	0.06	64
	S. Dedonder, (pikarek)	BBCRIV	0.06	80
66	Zia Mahmood, (Zia)	Gupta	0	48
	J. Stamatov, (jerry72)	Gupta	0	48
68	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.01	96
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.01	96
70	D. Korbel, (dank)	Gupta	-0.01	80
	N. Gupta, (nareng)	Gupta	-0.01	80
72	J. Morgan, (Jpmnbr)	Compton	-0.03	144
	C. Compton, (compton)	Compton	-0.03	144
74	A. Madala, (septiembre)	Gupta	-0.04	80
	D. Bilde, (ballebo-jr)	Gupta	-0.04	80
76	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.04	96
77	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	-0.1	112
78	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-0.1	80
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-0.1	80
80	A. Morath, (andersm)	Fredin	-0.13	144
	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.13	144
82	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.15	80
83	S. Auken, (jcmax)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.21	80
	R. Welland, (roy)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.21	80
	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Wilson	-0.21	80
86	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	-0.22	96
	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	-0.22	96
88	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-0.23	96
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-0.23	96
90	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	-0.27	48
91	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Wilson	-0.28	40
92	M. Levine, (mikerl)	Levine	-0.28	32
	E. Wold, (womoco)	Levine	-0.28	32
94	P. Coenraets, (philippeiv)	BBCRIV	-0.33	80
95	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Wilson	-0.36	120
96	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF Holding	-0.37	128
97	T. Stabell, (TolleS)	ECF Holding	-0.38	32
98	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Wilson	-0.39	112
99	T. Helness, (Helstokk)	Levine	-0.4	128
	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Levine	-0.4	128
101	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	-0.4	80
	J. Lusky, (pachyderms)	New Amateurs	-0.4	80
103	M. Tokay, (tokay1975)	Koeppel	-0.42	144
	L. Koeppel, (lgkoeppel)	Koeppel	-0.42	144
105	F. Helness, (Fredrik101)	Gillis	-0.44	64
	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF Holding	-0.44	112
107	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF Holding	-0.45	112
108	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-0.46	48
109	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF Holding	-0.48	48
110	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	-0.5	64
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.5	96
112	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	-0.52	64
113	R. Bowdery, (rbowdery)	Macavity	-0.53	32
114	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.55	64
115	E. McNay, (ewan)	Macavity	-0.56	32
116	J. Pitt, (scoobyroo)	Macavity	-0.61	80
117	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	-0.61	96
118	R. Dobrescu, (ralooka)	Koeppel	-0.65	144
	T. Greenberg, (Ted Greenb)	Koeppel	-0.65	144
120	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.68	96
121	H. Lall, (hemantlall)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.68	112
122	M. Schols, (futuralis)	Macavity	-0.69	16
	T. Van Den Bos, (Timvdb)	Macavity	-0.69	16
124	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.77	104
125	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.78	112
126	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	-0.8	112
	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	-0.8	112
128	A. Stark, (astark)	New Amateurs	-0.81	16
129	S. Høyland, (sioslo)	ECF Holding	-0.88	16
130	B. Pettis, (buffalo6)	New Amateurs	-0.97	64
	S. Thomsen, (Thomsen)	DenMix	-0.97	64
	P. Jepsen, (P_Jepsen)	DenMix	-0.97	64
133	L.A. Johansen, (larsarthur)	ECF Holding	-1.04	48
134	R. Milner, (reesem)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-1.27	64
135	P. Schaltz, (PS_DK)	DenMix	-1.38	32
	D. Schaltz, (DS_DK)	DenMix	-1.38	32
137	T. Reynolds, (tomreynold)	Macavity	-1.7	64
	L. Kerr, (lkerr)	Macavity	-1.7	64
139	S. Simonsen, (fijijoe)	ECF Holding	-1.72	32
140	C. Bakke, (chrien)	ECF Holding	-2.19	16
141	M. Diamond, (diamondm)	Scorway	-3.31	16

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BUTLER RANKING

1	S. Bech, (s bech)	Swedese	4.5	16
2	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Wilson	1.9	40
3	A. Madala, (septiembre)	Parker	1.44	64
4	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Wilson	1.4	40
5	G. Hammarstrom, (maximum)	Swedese	1.19	32
6	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	1.15	48
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	1.15	48
8	L. Cima, (100dog)	De Michelis	1.06	80
9	D. Guttmann, (daviesG)	Austromany	1.02	64
	H. Berger, (wuzi5)	Austromany	1.02	64
11	P. Talyigás, (taliga)	Bridge42	0.86	80
	G. Macskásy, (macsek)	Bridge42	0.86	80
13	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Parker	0.84	64
	C. Parker, (cmp56)	Parker	0.84	64
15	J. Cooke, (mugsmate)	Muppets	0.83	48
16	J. Lagerman, (Jan_L)	Fredin	0.81	32
17	J. Clemmensson, (jannec69)	Fredin	0.75	112
	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.75	112
19	A. Sementa, (ilaria75)	De Michelis	0.69	80
20	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Wilson	0.66	32
21	A. Manno, (maqeda)	De Michelis	0.65	80
22	S. Tatlicioglu, (sinantos)	Avixa	0.63	48
23	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Donner	0.61	96
24	M. Rimstedt, (Mikaelrim)	Black	0.6	48
	O. Rimstedt, (olarim)	Black	0.6	48
26	S. Hoyland, (sioslo)	ECF Holding	0.59	64
27	D. Bilde, (ballebo-jr)	Parker	0.58	64
28	E. Erbil, (erlusty)	Turkish Delight	0.54	72
	H. Peyret, (peyret)	Turkish Delight	0.54	72
	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Muppets	0.54	48
31	S. Rimstedt, (sandria)	Donner	0.54	80
32	B. Moss, (brad)	Donner	0.53	64
	A. Khandelwal, (Fide51)	Muppets	0.53	64
	J. Grue, (joegrue)	Donner	0.53	64
35	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Donner	0.53	80
	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.53	80
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.53	80
38	I. Ayaz, (kanaryaz)	Avixa	0.51	112
39	L. Amoils, (amoils)	Ireland	0.5	32
40	M. Di Franco, (M_DiFranco)	De Michelis	0.49	96
41	J. Larsson, (Jela79)	Alexander	0.44	48
	J. Molberg, (juve_)	Alexander	0.44	48
43	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.42	64
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.42	64
45	U. Kasimir, (udo)	Austromany	0.41	80
	P. Jokisch, (jockel)	Austromany	0.41	80
	S. Rubenstein, (stewr)	Parker	0.41	80
	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Parker	0.41	80
49	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Ireland	0.41	112
50	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Donner	0.41	64
	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	0.41	32
	A. Sandin, (stridsvagn)	Alexander	0.41	64
53	J. Aker, (Jaker)	New Amateurs	0.39	64
	D. Simson, (dougs)	New Amateurs	0.39	64
55	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF Holding	0.39	80
56	M. Axdorph, (axdorph63)	Swedese	0.38	32
	T. Garvey, (tgarv)	Ireland	0.38	80
58	M. Henc, (hewex)	Slovakia	0.35	80
59	E. Kaya, (emre kaya)	Turkish Delight	0.34	80
	O. Ozcan, (gr8okan)	Turkish Delight	0.34	80
61	S. Kristensen, (silversc)	Muppets	0.33	48
62	P. King, (philking)	Muppets	0.31	64
63	E. Velecký, (edowell)	Slovakia	0.29	96
64	C. Matei, (martelatul)	Bucharest Seniors	0.28	40
	R. Gliga, (radug)	Bucharest Seniors	0.28	40
	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.28	80
67	G. Kemény, (kemeny)	Bridge42	0.26	80
	P. Trenka, (trp42)	Bridge42	0.26	80
69	S. Sofu, (Serkansofu)	Turkish Delight	0.25	16
70	G. Failla, (gioffi)	De Michelis	0.2	64
71	J. Fritsche, (joefri)	Austromany	0.2	80
	K. Reps, (rops)	Austromany	0.2	80
73	M. Askgaard, (askgaard)	Denmark	0.19	80
	K. Konow, (konow)	Denmark	0.19	80
	C. Bakke, (chrien)	ECF Holding	0.19	16
	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	0.19	16
77	M. Moran, (markpm)	Ireland	0.17	64
	J. Carroll, (coppers)	Ireland	0.17	64
79	A. Koçlar, (koclar)	Avixa	0.14	64
80	S. Clementsson, (237425)	Alexander	0.11	64
81	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Skeidar	0.08	48
82	U. Ivatury, (uday)	Koda	0.06	48
	C. Henner, (christal)	Koda	0.06	48
84	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Wilson	0.02	56
	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Wilson	0.02	56
86	H. Graversen, (HCDK)	Denmark	-0.02	64
87	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	Internazionale	-0.02	96
	A. Soliman, (Rabie3)	Internazionale	-0.02	96
89	E. Serdar, (Exerdar)	Turkish Delight	-0.03	40
90	J. Thomsen, (pentacon)	Denmark	-0.03	32
	R. Hemberg, (ricoh)	Denmark	-0.03	32
92	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	-0.07	96
93	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.08	64
94	K. Bogo, (osvaill83)	Skeidar	-0.09	32
95	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Wilson	-0.11	64
	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF Holding	-0.11	64
97	M. Vodička, (vodka47)	Slovakia	-0.12	112
98	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	-0.13	32
99	L. Aaseng, (Lasseaa)	Skeidar	-0.13	112
	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Muppets	-0.13	112
101	C. Stancescu, (stc)	Bucharest Seniors	-0.14	72
	S. Draghicescu, (serban191)	Bucharest Seniors	-0.14	72
103	T. Johansen, (Brulle)	Skeidar	-0.15	80
	J. Kvoček, (Big Baran)	Slovakia	-0.15	80
105	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Bourricot	-0.17	112
	P. Bedouet, (pi420)	Bourricot	-0.17	112
107	E. Jepsen, (emilos)	Denmark	-0.19	16
	M. Bilde, (ballebo)	Denmark	-0.19	16
	M. Schols, (futuralis)	Macavity	-0.19	64
	D. Savin, (daniel sav)	Bucharest Seniors	-0.19	64
	D. Urseanu, (dan_ur)	Bucharest Seniors	-0.19	64
	E. Chelu, (donatoru)	Bucharest Seniors	-0.19	48
	L. Breaban, (ledace)	Bucharest Seniors	-0.19	48
	H. Caspersen, (hcasp)	Denmark	-0.19	48
	T. Van Den Bos, (Timvdb)	Macavity	-0.19	64
116	A. Mesbur, (AMesbur)	Ireland	-0.21	48
	N. Fitzgibbon, (nickfg1)	Ireland	-0.21	48
	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF Holding	-0.21	48
119	T. Bergdahl, (lingonback)	Alexander	-0.24	96
120	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	-0.25	80
	L. De Michelis, (lucadm)	De Michelis	-0.25	48
122	M. Gustawsson, (Lagom)	Fredin	-0.27	48
123	A. Bianchedi, (alecuque)	Parker	-0.28	32
124	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Wilson	-0.29	48
	L. Lund Madsen, (lalun2)	Denmark	-0.29	48
126	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.3	112
127	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.31	80
	V. Silverstone, (Odysseus69)	Scorway	-0.31	48
129	D. Probert, (davpro)	Swedese	-0.33	80
	T. Borgesson, (saturmos)	Swedese	-0.33	80
131	Y. Kapusuz, (Leganes)	Avixa	-0.33	48
132	T. Karlsson, (Charlie99)	Alexander	-0.38	16
133	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Wilson	-0.41	56
	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Wilson	-0.41	56
135	L. Andersson, (bt)	Alexander	-0.42	48
136	B. Pettis, (buffalo6)	New Amateurs	-0.44	64
	M. Sheng, (Kainsheng)	New Amateurs	-0.44	16
	E. Övelius, (Emma Sj)	Alexander	-0.44	64
	B-E. Efraimsson, (berik56)	Swedese	-0.44	64
140	O. Ekinci, (Ekinci)	Turkish Delight	-0.45	56
141	B. Cole, (April2)	New Amateurs	-0.45	64
	A. Schwartz, (alansc)	New Amateurs	-0.45	64
143	K. Rubins, (karlisr)	Internazionale	-0.46	48
	J. Sigurjonsson, (donjulio1)	Internazionale	-0.46	48
145	M. Thoma, (hawai)	Muppets	-0.48	64
146	K. Lohay, (karci)	Slovakia	-0.49	80
147	A. Tebha, (anamtebha)	Koda	-0.5	64
	S. Zolotow, (lvzee)	Koda	-0.5	64
149	M. Andresen, (Mime477)	Skeidar	-0.51	112
150	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	-0.51	96
151	J. Pitt, (scoobyroo)	Macavity	-0.51	80
152	A. Morath, (andersm)	Swedese	-0.54	48
	T. Gullberg, (psotogul)	Swedese	-0.54	48
154	D. Dewit, (Hyperon)	Macavity	-0.56	80
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.56	32
	H. Avkan, (hsynavkn)	Avixa	-0.56	16
157	C. Henderson, (cwh)	Turkish Delight	-0.63	32
	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF Holding	-0.63	48
	A. Uçar, (no weak)	Avixa	-0.63	64
160	J. Donn, (jdonn)	Koda	-0.67	48
	S. Winestock, (sheri)	Koda	-0.67	48
	T. Guichet, (Krati_Lyz)	Bourricot	-0.67	48
163	M. Bensby Nohr, (mbn1974)	Denmark	-0.69	32
164	U. Uslupehlivan, (sarpinsarp)	Avixa	-0.71	48
165	T. Stabell, (TolleS)	ECF Holding	-0.72	32
166	L. Bellicaud, (lbellicaud)	Bourricot	-0.74	112
167	U. Süzer, (suzeru)	Avixa	-0.77	48
168	C. Lahrmann, (christianL)	Internazionale	-0.78	80
	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	Internazionale	-0.78	80
170	A. Boulin, (tutur300)	Bourricot	-0.8	64
171	T. Szalka, (szalkat)	Bridge42	-0.88	64
	C. Czímer, (csabi)	Bridge42	-0.88	64
173	G. Hinze, (ghinze)	Koda	-0.91	64
	K. Enfield, (cx107)	Koda	-0.91	64
175	E. McNay, (ewan)	Macavity	-0.92	64
176	A. Farstad, (Kha66)	Skeidar	-0.95	64
177	E. Vandewiele, (blink128)	Macavity	-0.98	64
178	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-1.02	96
	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-1.02	48
180	L.A. Johansen, (larsarthur)	ECF Holding	-1.15	48
	S. Simonsen, (fijijoe)	ECF Holding	-1.15	48
182	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.15	112
183	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-1.16	32
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-1.16	32
185	A-Z. Efraimsson, (annazack)	Swedese	-1.25	32
186	E. Schols, (Mkgnao)	Macavity	-1.31	16
	S. van Oosten, (Sibrand)	Macavity	-1.31	16
188	P.O. Sundelin, (1swepo)	Fredin	-1.47	32
189	M. Arnberg, (marnberg)	Swedese	-2.13	16

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Registered Teams

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SKEIDAR
Andresen M. (Mime477)
Helgemo G. (micelle45)
Aaseng L. (Lasseaa)
Johansen T. (Brulle)
Kristoffersen C. (Stoffers)
Bogø K. (osvaill83)
Berg E. (eberg)
Farstad A. (Kha66)

APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS
Auken S. (jcmax)
Welland R. (roy)
Milner R. (reesem)
Lall H. (hemantlall)
Jagniewski R. (mlodybog)
Gawel W. (redds)

CALCIO & FOOTBALL
Bussink B. (bart3)
Grossack A. (nevereast)
Di Franco M. (M_DiFranco)
Manno A. (maqeda)

BLACK
Black A. (boggis)
Gold D. (dagold)
McIntosh A. (mcintosh)
Paske T. (thomas1000)
Hult S. (hultahult)
Hallberg G. (rerack)

COMPTON
Goodman A. (agoodman1)
Dwyer K. (kdwyer)
Huang S. (precisebri)
Moses T. (hottodstl)
Smith R. (ronsmithsf)
Compton C. (compton)

ZHAO
Zhao C. (zhaochen)
Liu J. (Liujing)
Loo C. (bridgeboy)
De Wijs S. (sm1)
Muller B. (beukertje)
Verhees L. (loukie)
Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)

DONNER
Donner G. (GDonnersc1)
Rimstedt C. (CillaR)
Rimstedt S. (sandria)
Grue J. (joegrue)
Moss B. (brad)
Michielsen M. (lady007)
Cullin Per Ola (poken)

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Nadel J. (juliejoy)
Van Den Bos B. (Berendbs)
Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)
De Boer W. (bukkum)
Snellers A. (asnellers)
Ferguson B. (bruceferg)

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Erichsen E. (espene)
Crouch P. (pitiful)
Zorlu N. (begse)

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Schenker F. (jbcoyle)
Kranyak K. (kranko2013)
Becker P. (badger49)

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Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
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