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OCBL OPEN LEAGUE: TWO MORE STEPS

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE

ROUND 9. 21.30 CEST / 3.30 p.m. EDT

Swiss A

Donner	VS	Ireland	VUGRAPH
De Michelis	VS	Turkish Delight	
Austromany	VS	Wilson	
Parker	VS	Black	
Alexander	VS	Fredin	
Muppets	VS	Denmark	

Swiss B

Avixa	VS	Bridge42
Scorway	VS	Slovakia
ECF Holding	VS	Internazionale
Bucharest Seniors	VS	Macavity
Bourricot	VS	New Amateurs
Swedese	VS	Skeidar
Harris	VS	Koda

The first stage of the Qualification ended.

The ranking has been divided into two parts: top 12 teams are now in group A and the other 14 teams are in group B.

In such division they will play two more rounds.

Then, top 7 Teams from Swiss A and the 1st Teams from Swiss B will advance to the Knockouts.

ANY INTERESTING PLAY? LET US KNOW!

If you see an interesting bid or play please let us know by e-mail at:

journal@ocbl.org

Thank you!

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OCBL June Cup
31 May - 4 June, 2021

OCBL Super Cup
2 - 7 August, 2021

OCBL Super Cup
28 June - 3 July, 2021

OCBL Super Cup
30 August - 4 September, 2021

OCBL July Cup
12 - 16 July, 2021

OCBL Open League
6 September - 3 October, 2021

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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

Love of the Draw

by Mark Horton

Ever since the changes made to the various victory point scales, a tied match has become quite a rare animal at the bridge table. However, in Round 8 of the OCBL League we witnessed not one, but two matches where the points were split 10-10.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	*Grue*	*Madala*	*Moss*
2♢*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♢ 18-19 balanced
2♠ Transfer to 2NT

North led the ♡J and declarer won with the ace and played the ♠7 for the jack and ace. South switched to the ♢J and when it held he continued with the eight, North winning with the king and returning the four to complete a textbook defence, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*K Dwyer*	*Parker*
1♣*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣
1♠ 'Denies 4M unless game forcing with longer diamonds'
2♢ 'Natural reverse or 18-19 balanced'
2♡ Asking
2NT 18-19 balanced

North led the ♡J and declarer won with dummy's king and played the ♠Q. When her majesty scored declarer continued with the ♠9 and when that also slipped past the ace the king joined his consort and declarer claimed nine tricks,+600 and 12 IMPs.

Bridge42 v Denmark

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Trenka	*Jepsen*	*Kemény*	*M Bilde*
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠5 and declarer won with dummy's king and continued with the seven to his queen, South taking the ace and exiting with a spade, declarer claiming, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bensby	*Macskásy*	*Lund Madsen*	*Talyigás*
2♣*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ 18-19
2♠ Transfer to 2NT

North led the ♡Q and declarer won with the ace and played a spade for the queen and ace, South switching to the ♢J which gave the defenders the next four tricks along with -100 and 12 IMPs. 3NT was made on 14 occasions.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	*Grue*	*Madala*	*Moss*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♢	Pass	2♢	Dble
Pass	2♡	All Pass	

1♣ Strong
1♢ 0-7 or trapping with diamonds

East led the ♢Q for the king and ace and declarer ruffed the next diamond, took two rounds of hearts and then played the ♠K. West won and exited with a club, East taking the ace and exiting with the ♡10 at which point declarer claimed, +170.

Dennis Bilde

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*K Dwyer*	*Parker*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

1NT Forcing

West led the ♢A, and then played two rounds of spades, declarer winning with dummy's jack and playing hearts, claiming as soon as they broke 3-2, +420 and 6 IMPs.

Bridge42 v Denmark

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Trenka	*Jepsen*	*Kemény*	*M Bilde*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

2♣ Gazzilli
2♠ 'Less than 8'

West led the ♣2 and East took the ace and switched to the ♢Q, continuing with the five when it held. Declarer ruffed in dummy, drew trumps, unblocked the ♣K and played the ♠Q, claiming when West took the ace, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bensby	*Macskásy*	*Lund Madsen*	*Talyigás*
—	—	Pass	2NT*
All Pass			

2NT (19)20-21

West led the ♢2 and the defenders soon had seven tricks, -100 and 11 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	*Grue*	*Madala*	*Moss*
—	—	—	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

3♠ 4♠

With the ♠K onside there were 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*K Dwyer*	*Parker*
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

2♣ 'Any game force or 20-21 balanced
2♢ 'Waiting or hearts'
2♡ 'Game forcing ♡ or 20-21 balanced'
2♠ Relay
2NT 20-21
3♠ 4+♠
4♡ 'Artificial slam try in support of spades'
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1/4 key cards

No swing.

Bridge42 v Denmark

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Trenka	*Jepsen*	*Kemény*	*M Bilde*
—	—	—	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♢*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

2NT 'Good 19-21'
3♠ 4-5♠
4♡ 'Slam interest with spades'
4NT RKCB
5♢ 1/4 key cards

Another +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bensby	*Macskásy*	*Lund Madsen*	*Talyigás*
—	—	—	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2NT 20-21
4♡ 'Slam invitation in spades'

A similar story for +680.

David Gold and Andrew Black were one of the three pairs to bid the slam, their elegant sequence being 2NT-3♣*-3♠*-6♠.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	*Grue*	*Madala*	*Moss*
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♣	Pass	2♢*	2♡
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣
2♢ 'Forcing'

South led the ♡K and declarer won with the ace, unblocked the ♣K, crossed to dummy with the ♠A and played the ♣Q, South taking the ace and cashing the ♡Q at which point declarer claimed, +460.

There is a killing lead, but not one that would occur to a human being.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*K Dwyer*	*Parker*
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♡

West led the ♣Q and in due course declarer lost a spade, two hearts, a diamond and a club, -100 but an 8 IMP gain.

Bridge42 v Denmark

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Trenka	*Jepsen*	*Kemény*	*M Bilde*
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

As before 4♡ was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bensby	*Macskásy*	*Lund Madsen*	*Talyigás*
1♣*	Pass	1♡*	4♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♡7 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♣K, South winning with the ace. This was the critical moment - if South switches to a diamond declarer will be a trick short, but continuing with the ♡Q allowed declarer to ruff with the ♣Q, draw trumps, unblock the spades and get to dummy with the ♢A to cash the ♠K, +550 and 10 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilde	*Grue*	*Madala*	*Moss*
Pass	Pass	2♢*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♢ 18-19 balanced
3♡ '5♠, choice of games'

South led the ♢2 and North won with the ace and returned the four to dummy's queen, declarer continuing with a spade for the ten and jack, South allowing it to hold. A heart to the queen lost to the king and North exited with the ♣4. Declarer won with the ace, ducked a heart, won the diamond return with the jack and claimed eight tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*K Dwyer*	*Parker*
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♡*	Dble*	Rdbl*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣
1♡ 4+♠
Dble 'Like a 1♡ overcall'
Rdbl 3♠ or 18-19 balanced (or both)

South led the ♡7 for the queen and king and declarer ducked, ducked the heart return and took the third round of the suit, cashed two clubs and played a diamond for the king and ace. North cashed his long hearts and when South discarded a diamond declarer emerged with eight tricks and a flat board.

Bridge42 v Denmark

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Trenka	*Jepsen*	*Kemény*	*M Bilde*
2♠*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♠ 0-8, 5-6♠

North led the ♡10 and declarer won with the queen and played a spade for the ten, jack and queen, South returning the ♡J. Declarer won, cashed the ♠A and then played a diamond for the king and ace. He ruffed the heart return and played the ♠9, south winning with the king and exiting with a diamond which saw declarer win, draw the outstanding trump and claim, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bensby	*Macskásy*	*Lund Madsen*	*Talyigás*
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ 18-19 balanced
3♡ Spades

South led the ♢7 and North won and returned the four. Having won with dummy's king, declarer played a spade for the ten, jack and queen and South played the ♢6, declarer winning with the nine and playing two rounds of spades. South won and played the ♣10 to declarer's ace. When a heart to the queen lost to the king declarer had to goone down,-50 and 10 IMPs.

For the record, Donner and Parker shared 40 IMPs, while Bridge42 and Denmark traded 76.

Agustin Madala

Online Bridge NEWS

BRIDGESCANNER WIN THE BALTIC TEAMS CUP ONLINE 2021

Andrei Arlovich

Boguslaw Gierulski

Wojciech Olanski

Jerzy Skrzypczak

Erikas Vainikonis

Vytautas Vainikonis

Team BRIDGESCANNER, with Andrei Arlovich, Boguslaw Gierulski, Wojciech Olanski, Jerzy Skrzypczak, Erikas Vainikonis and Vytautas Vainikonis, won the Baltic Teams Cup!

In the Final they faced team Arunas, with Arunas Jankauskas, Apolinary Kowalski, Jerzy Russyan, Cezary Krzeminski, Ewa Sobolewska, Grazyna Brewiak, Sonata Simanaitiene, Ramunas Grigoraitis. The match ended 72-37 for Bridgescanner.

Poland Mixed (Sabina Grzejdziak, Igor Grzejdziak, Natalia Sakowska, Piotr Butryn, Dominika Oglolin, Rafal Marks, Zuzanna Moszczynska, Artur Wasiak, Wlodek Krzysztofczyk) won the match for the third place.

BELGIAN MIXED TEAMS ARE LEADING THE WBT MIXED LEAGUE

Rounds 3 and 4 of the WBT Mixed League were played on Saturday. This is the ranking after Round 4:

1	Belgian Mixed Team	55.92
2	Donner	54.76
3	Alpert	48.14
4	Poland Mixed	46.20
5	Potter	40.84
6	Koeppel	36.73
7	One bourbon, one scotch, 2 beers	21.41
8	ARG Kids & Mentors	16.00

Rounds 5 and 6 will be played on Saturday May 29th. The competition will end after Round 8.

NEW ALT COMPETITION EVENT 5 IS STARTING TODAY

The New Alt Competition - Event 5 is starting today.
28 teams are registered to play.
The event will end on May 28th.

JUNE CUP

31 May - 4 June, 2021

Registered Teams

The OCBL June Cup will take place from 31 May to 4 June, 2021.

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)
Snellers A. (asnellers)
Ferguson B. (bruceferg)

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)

FERGUSON
Nadel J. (juliejoy)
Van Den Bos B. (Berendbs)
Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)
De Boer W. (bukkum)

ORCA
Plackett R. (hoofie)
Erichsen E. (espene)
Crouch P. (pitiful)
Zorlu N. (begse)

GREENSPAN
Greenspan B. (BernieG)
Schenker F. (jbcoyle)
Kranyak K. (kranko2013)
Becker P. (badger49)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs)
Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master DJ)
Gold M. (marusab)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)
Isporski V. (smileyv)

SCORWAY
Levinson S. (sc0tsteve)
Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Diamond D. (Derekd)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Saur O. (Saurdino)
Silverstone V. (Odysseus69)
Stornes H. (helsto)
Brekka G. (kaninen)

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Qualification + Knockout

JUNE CUP
31 May - 4 June

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12 - 16 July

SEPTEMBER CUP
27 September - 1 October

Qualification:

9 Rounds x 16 Boards	CEST	EDT
Monday	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
Tuesday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30
Wednesday	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00
Thursday	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EDT
Friday	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG