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OCBL JOURNAL

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Schedule Today

OCBL JUNE CUP

ROUND 1. 16.30 CEST / 10.30 a.m. EDT

Donner	VS	Sugi	
Apres-Br. Champs	VS	Zhao	VUGRAPH
Orca	VS	Black	
Ferguson	VS	Compton	
Calcio & Football	VS	Hungary	
Scorway	VS	Skeidar	
Leslie	VS	Tilly	
Greenspan	VS	Harris	
Lion	VS	Team International	

ROUND 2. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

Donner	VS	Team International	
Apres-Br. Champs	VS	Sugi	
Orca	VS	Zhao	
Ferguson	VS	Black	VUGRAPH
Calcio & Football	VS	Compton	
Scorway	VS	Hungary	
Leslie	VS	Skeidar	
Greenspan	VS	Tilly	
Lion	VS	Harris	

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE

Semifinals 1/2. 21.30 CEST / 3.30 p.m. EDT

Austromany	VS	Black	VUGRAPH
De Michelis	VS	Donner	VUGRAPH

LINE-UPs GENERAL RULE

The teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical but, in any case, not later than 30 minutes before thestart of the round.
Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

- 1st occasion: warning.
- 2nd and any subsequent occasion: 0.5 VP penalty

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE: SEMIFINALS

Yesterday the second half of the Quarterfinals of the OCBL Open League was played.

In all the matches, the teams who were ahead after the first half managed to keep the lead and to grant a pass to the Semifinal.

The tiniest gap was between teams Donner and Parker. After the first set, Parker was 33.1 IMPs behind. The team managed to reduce this gap and had a final sprint, but the final result was still in Donner's favour by 1.1 IMPs.

The Semifinals will be:
Austromany vs **Black**
Donner vs **De Michelis**

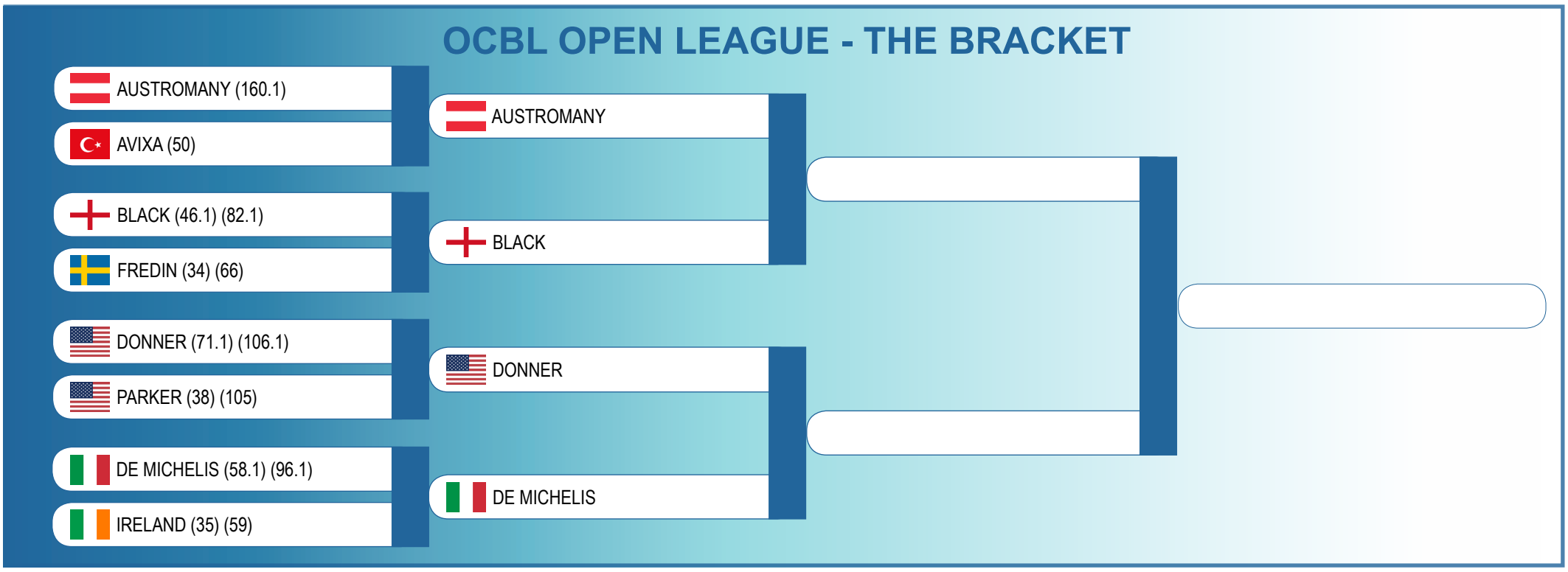
THE OCBL JUNE CUP IS STARTING TODAY

It's not really June yet, but the OCBL June Cup is starting today!

The 18 teams have been divided into two groups (A and B). Teams of group A will play vs the 9 teams of group B and the other way around.

Top 4 Teams from each group will advance to the K.O. (Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final).
Check all details on page 3.

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - THE BRACKET



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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

AUGUST CUP
2 - 6 August, 2021

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

SEPTEMBER CUP
31 August - 4 September, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Tuesday 31 August	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 1 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 2 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 3 September	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

OPEN LEAGUE
6 - 30 September, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at:		21.15	15.15
Qualification:	9 Rounds		
KO:	3 Rounds		

STARTING TODAY!

OCBL JUNE CUP

FORMAT

Qualification Phase

Teams are divided into two groups: A and B. Each team will play 9 matches of 16 boards each. (Round Robin)
Teams of group A will play vs the 9 teams of group B and the other way around.

Knockout Phase

Top 4 Teams from each group will advance to the K.O. (Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final)
One session of 16 boards each match.
#1A vs #4A #2B vs #3B #2A vs #3A #1B vs #4B

In the Quarterfinal: # 1-A and # 1-B get a carry-over of 6.1 IMP
2-A and # 2-B get a carry-over of 3.1 IMP

In the Semifinals and the Final no. 1 - 2 get a carry-over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

USEFUL LINKS

Line-Up
http://lineup.ocbl.org/event/6

Results
https://www.ocbl.org/2021-ocbl-june-cup/#results

BBO Links & Handrecords
https://www.ocbl.org/2021-ocbl-june-cup-records/

Journal
https://www.ocbl.org/ocbl-journal

OCBL JUNE CUP

GROUP A

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

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

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

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

LESLIE
Leslie T. (Culross66)
Burgess O. (mrspen)
Bell M. (MickyB)
Norton B. (Bechno)
Byrne M. (Mgb81)
Dyke K. (Woozle)
Osborne G. (mayors)

LION
McNay E. (ewan)
Pitt J. (scoobyroo)
Ng K. (smoz)
Siew K. (icycookie)
Liu P. (peihua)

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

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)

GROUP B

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)

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

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

SKEIDAR
Andresen M. (Mime477)
Helgemo G. (micelle45)
Aaseng L. (Lasseaa)
Johansen T. (Brulle)
Kristoffersen C. (Stoffers)
Bogø K. (osvaill83)
Bakke C. (chrien)
Farstad A. (Kha66)
Molberg J. (juve_)
Larsson J. (Jela79)

SUGI
Sugiharto H. (sugi)
Nurkunyil A. (nurkunyil)
Beni Ji. (beni ji)
Tobing R. (pangi)
Elwindra G. (gabrialsew)
Reza M. (jakskal)
Sakkung J. (c0rona)
Sigit K. (kingsladin)
Pangkerego V. (Ayor)
Sumarow Y. (beto_7)

TEAM INTERNATIONAL
Zeitak A. (avivz)
Khutorsky N. (nir khut)
Elmroth G. (Turnip1)
Eliasson P. (PGEliasson)
Baskan B. (baskanb)
Tatlicioglu S. (Sinantos)

TILLY
Castner K. (Jafra)
King P. (philking)
Tommasini S. (Stefanot)
Thoma M. (hawai)
Khandelwal A. (Fide51)
Cooke J. (mugsmate)

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

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Round Robin - Schedule

Monday, 31 May 2021

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ROUND 2. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

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Orca	VS	Zhao
Ferguson	VS	Black
Calcio & Football	VS	Compton
Scorway	VS	Hungary
Leslie	VS	Skeidar
Greenspan	VS	Tilly
Lion	VS	Harris

Tuesday, 1 June 2021

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

Donner	VS	Harris
Apres-Bridge Champs	VS	Team International
Orca	VS	Sugi
Ferguson	VS	Zhao
Calcio & Football	VS	Black
Scorway	VS	Compton
Leslie	VS	Hungary
Greenspan	VS	Skeidar
Lion	VS	Tilly

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

Donner	VS	Tilly
Apres-Bridge Champs	VS	Harris
Orca	VS	Team International
Ferguson	VS	Sugi
Calcio & Football	VS	Zhao
Scorway	VS	Black
Leslie	VS	Compton
Greenspan	VS	Hungary
Lion	VS	Skeidar

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

Donner	VS	Skeidar
Apres-Bridge Champs	VS	Tilly
Orca	VS	Harris
Ferguson	VS	Team International
Calcio & Football	VS	Sugi
Scorway	VS	Zhao
Leslie	VS	Black
Greenspan	VS	Compton
Lion	VS	Hungary

Wednesday, 2 June 2021

ROUND 6. 16.30 CEST / 10.30 a.m. EDT

Donner	VS	Hungary
Apres-Bridge Champs	VS	Skeidar
Orca	VS	Tilly
Ferguson	VS	Harris
Calcio & Football	VS	Team International
Scorway	VS	Sugi
Leslie	VS	Zhao
Greenspan	VS	Black
Lion	VS	Compton

ROUND 7. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

Donner	VS	Compton
Apres-Bridge Champs	VS	Hungary
Orca	VS	Skeidar
Ferguson	VS	Tilly
Calcio & Football	VS	Harris
Scorway	VS	Team International
Leslie	VS	Sugi
Greenspan	VS	Zhao
Lion	VS	Black

Thursday, 3 June 2021

ROUND 8. 16.30 CEST / 10.30 a.m. EDT

Donner	VS	Black
Apres-Bridge Champs	VS	Compton
Orca	VS	Hungary
Ferguson	VS	Skeidar
Calcio & Football	VS	Tilly
Scorway	VS	Harris
Leslie	VS	Team International
Greenspan	VS	Sugi
Lion	VS	Zhao

ROUND 9. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

Donner	VS	Zhao
Apres-Bridge Champs	VS	Black
Orca	VS	Compton
Ferguson	VS	Hungary
Calcio & Football	VS	Skeidar
Scorway	VS	Tilly
Leslie	VS	Harris
Greenspan	VS	Team International
Lion	VS	Sugi

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WBT Challengers Cup
May 24th - 28th 2021

Christian Bakke

Magne Eide

Espen Fasting

Tor Eivind Grude

Jim Hoyland

Sven-Olai Hoyland

Terje Lie

Jo Arne Ovesen

Siv Thoresen

Lars Arthur Johansen

Team **ECF Holding** (Christian Bakke, Magne Eide, Espen Fasting, Tor Eivind Grude, Jim Hoyland, Sven-Olai Hoyland, Terje Lie, Jo Arne Ovesen, Siv Thoresen, Lars Arthur Johansen) won the WBT Challengers Cup!
In the Final, the Norwegian team faced another Norwegian team: **Skeidar** (Lasse Aaseng, Kare Osvald Bogo, Arve Farstad, Jon Egil Furunes, Jonny Hansen, Sverre Johnsen, Tom Johansen, Jan Mikkelsen, Atle Saterdal, Aasmund Stokkeland).
The match ended 33 - 31 IMPs for ECF Holding.
The third place is shared between the other two Semifinalists: **Les Berrichons** (Philippe Baguenier, Odet De Cassin, Raphael Guenoun, Bernard Laugier, Luc Monnet, Michel Moreau, Marie Christine Valenti Janiak) and **Texan Aces** (Keyzad Anklesaria, Thomas Charlsen, Sunit Chokshi, Per Grime, Anil Padhye).

TEAM MOSS WON THE ALT NEW COMPETITION 5

Sylvia Moss

Kevin Bathurst

John Hurd

Jacek Kalita

Roger Lee

Michal Nowosadzki

Team **Moss** (Sylvia Moss, Kevin Bathurst, John Hurd, Jacek Kalita, Roger Lee, Michal Nowosadzki) won the ALT New Competition 5.
Team **Black** (Andrew Black, David Gold, Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Andrew McIntosh, Thomas Paske) placed 2nd and team **Nickell** (Marty Fleisher, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Chip Martel, Nick Nickell, Steve Weinstein) placed 3rd.

The Power of Six

by Mark Horton

Going into day 2 of the quarter finals all the trailing teams were hoping for a lively set of deals. Although they are not always essential requirements for overturning a significant deficit, those offering a chance of a slam are frequently harbingers of swings.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ A Q J 10 ♡ K Q 9 4 ♢ K 6 5 ♣ Q 9	
♠ 8 7 5 3 ♡ 10 7 6 5 ♢ — ♣ J 10 8 76		♠ K 4 ♡ J 8 3 2 ♢ J 10 9 8 4 3 2 ♣ —
	♠ 9 6 2 ♡ A ♢ A Q 7 ♣ A K 5 4 3 2	

Austromany v Avixa

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Uçar	*Guttmann*	*Kapusuz*	*Berger*
—	1NT	3♢	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♢*	Pass	6NT
Dble	All Pass		

5♢ '1/4 aces'

West knew that clubs were not breaking and the situation in the match made his double an attractive proposition.

East led the ♢J and declarer won with the king and cashed the ♣Q. When East discarded the ♢2 declarer crossed to dummy with a heart and took a spade finesse. East won and returned a diamond, declarer soon claiming, +1680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reps	*Ayaz*	*Fritsche*	*Koçlar*
—	1♣*	3♢	6NT
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣

North's raise was predicated on the status of the match and on a good day it would have delivered a big swing. On this occasion it was in the wrong direction, to the tune of 18 IMPs.

Fredin v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*M Rimstedt*	*Clementsson*	*O Rimstedt*
—	1NT*	3♢	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♢*
Pass	6♣	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

1NT 15-17
4♠ 6+♣, slam invitational+
4NT Positive
5♢ Cue

That was a painless +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Sylvan*	*Black*	*Lagerman*
—	1NT*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3NT	4♢	4♡
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

1NT 15-17
2♠ ♣, 0+ or 5♢, 5+♣ game forcing
2NT 'Accept if invitational with clubs'
3♡ 'Shortness ♡, 6+♣, game forcing'
4♡ 'Void or stiff ace'

East led the ♢J and West ruffed and switched to the ♠3. Declarer went up with dummy's ace and cashed the ♣Q, but East's discard of the ♢10 meant the best declarer could do was three down,-300 and a 17 IMP swing.

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Grue*	*Bilde*	*Moss*
—	1NT*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♢*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	7♣
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

1NT 15-17
2♠ 'Clubs or range'
3♣ 'Max'
4♢ RKCB
4♠ 1/4 key cards
4NT ♣Q?
5NT '♣Q and ♠K or other kings'

7NT by North is clearly the best grand slam. It means that if the clubs don't break declarer still has the chance of finding the ♠K on side.

Brad Moss

Declarer won the diamond lead with dummy's queen, played a club to the queen and went to dummy with the ♡A to take a spade finesse, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*Z Grossack*	*Dwyer*	*Rubenstein*
—	1NT	4♢	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

That was +1440 and 17 IMPs.

Ireland v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Garvey	*Failla*	*Hanlon*	*DeMichelis*
—	1NT	4♢	5♢*
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West led the ♠7 and declarer went up with dummy's ace and played a club to the ace getting the bad news. He unblocked the ♡A, crossed to dummy with the ♣Q and pitched two spades on the ♡KQ, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cima	*FitzGibbon*	*Sementa*	*Mesbur*
—	1♣*	4♢	7NT
All Pass			

1♣ Precision

Perhaps I should describe the result of one down as 'another dull push'.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Austromany v Avixa

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Uçar	*Guttmann*	*Kapusuz*	*Berger*
—	—	Pass	1♡
3♠	Dble*	4♠	Dble
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

The club suit offers a 76.56% chance of losing only one trick, but here two tricks had to be lost, declarer taking the spade lead with dummy's ace and playing a club to the nine. East took the jack and switched to a diamond and declarer won with dummy's king, played a diamond to the ace and then played the ♢10, East's ruff with the ♣8 meaning the contract was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reps	*Ayaz*	*Fritsche*	*Koçlar*
—	—	Pass	1♡
3♣*	3♠*	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♡
All Pass			

3♣ Spades and diamonds
3♠ Hearts

Declarer ruffed the spade lead in dummy, cashed the ♡A and played the ♣K, East taking the ace and exiting with the ♠10. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the king, drew trumps and played the ♣7, claiming, +450 and 11 IMPs.

If East had been inspired and ducked the ♣K West would have been able to ruff after which declarer has no hope of making eleven tricks. However, after ruffing the spade lead, declarer can come to hand with a diamond and play a club and the defenders are helpless.

Fredin v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*M Rimstedt*	*Clementsson*	*O Rimstedt*
—	—	Pass	1♡
1♠	3♣*	3♡*	4♡
4♠	5NT*	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

3♣ Clubs and hearts
3♡ 'Spades, positive'
5NT Pick a slam

Declarer ruffed the spade lead in dummy' drew trumps and played a club, the 4-0 split meaning he was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Sylvan*	*Black*	*Lagerman*
—	—	Pass	1♡
2♠	3♣	4♠	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Declarer took the spade lead with dummy's ace and played a club to the king, continuing with the queen when it held. East won and played another spade and declarer ruffed and played the ♣10, finishing with eleven tricks, -50 and a couple of IMPs.

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Grue*	*Bilde*	*Moss*
—	—	Pass	1♡
1♠	2♣	2NT*	3♣
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass

2NT 'Limit+, 4+♠'

Declarer took the spade lead with dummy's ace, played a club to the king and continued with the ten, East taking the jack and returning a spade. Declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the king, a diamond to the ace and the ♣Q, East winning and playing a spade. Declarer ruffed, drew the outstanding trump and played hearts, +550.

Suppose West had started with a 5-4-4-0 pattern? Then declarer would have been able to ruff the third round of diamonds, play a heart to the ace and only then play a third club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*Z Grossack*	*Dwyer*	*Rubenstein*
—	—	Pass	1♡
2♠	3♣	4♠	5♣
Pass	5♢	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Declarer won the spade lead with dummy's ace and played a club for the king and ace. He ruffed the spade return and played two rounds of clubs, soon claiming eleven tricks, -50 and a 12 IMP loss.

Ireland v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Garvey	*Failla*	*Hanlon*	*DeMichelis*
—	—	Pass	1♡
1♠	2♣	3♡*	Pass
4♠	4NT	Dble	5♣
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

3♡ 'Mixed'

Declarer won the spade lead and played a club to the king followed by the queen, East winning and exiting with the ♢J. Declarer took dummy's king, played a club to the nine and could soon claim for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cima	*FitzGibbon*	*Sementa*	*Mesbur*
—	—	Pass	1♡
2♠	3♠*	4♠	Pass*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♢*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

3♠ Heart fit
Pass 'Weaker than double'
5♣ 'Not discussed'
5♢ Cue

Declarer ruffed the spade lead in dummy, drew trumps and played a club to the king, East ducking, winning the next club with the jack and then cashing the ace, which meant declarer was only one down, -50 and a couple of IMPs were pocketed.

Going into the final session Austromany's lead over Avixa was 85.1, but the other three matches were far from over.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Fredin v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*M Rimstedt*	*Clementsson*	*O Rimstedt*
—	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

North led the ♠5 and declarer won with dummy's jack and continued with the ten, North winning and exiting with a club. Declarer won, drew trumps and ran the ♡8, claiming on the next round of the suit, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Sylvan*	*Black*	*Lagerman*
—	—	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♢*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♠	All Pass

2♠ 'Can be three cards'
3♢ 'Game try+, promises 5♠'
3♠ 'Showing 4♠ now I think'
4♡ 'Cue/Last train'

The play was more or less identical, +680 but a loss of 13 IMPs.

Donner v Parker

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	*Grue*	*Bilde*	*Moss*
—	Pass	1♡	3♣
4♣*	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

4♠ RKCB
4NT 1 key card

A diamond lead would have been a killer, but when South went with the ♣J declarer won perforce with dummy's ace and advanced the ♡Q, claiming when it was covered, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*Z Grossack*	*Dwyer*	*Rubenstein*
—	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4♣ Cue

A straightforward +680, but 13 IMPs in the out column reducing the gap to just 12.1 IMPs.

Luca De Michelis

Ireland v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Garvey	*Failla*	*Hanlon*	*DeMichelis*
—	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♢*	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	All Pass

2♢ '10+, 3♡'
2♠ 'Game forcing, 5♠'

South led the ♢10 so the defenders took two tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cima	*FitzGibbon*	*Sementa*	*Mesbur*
—	Pass	1♡	3♣
4♣*	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

4♣ 'Heart support, slam try'
4♠ 'Cue'
4NT '1 key card'
5♢ '3 key cards'

South found the essential diamond lead that was worth 13 IMPs.

By the time the final deal appeared Black led by 16.1 IMPs, De Michelis by 36.1. Donner's lead was down to just 2.1 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Donner v Parker

Open Room

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

East led the ♣2 and declarer won the second round of the suit and played a spade to the queen. When that held he cashed four rounds of diamonds and repeated the finesse claiming nine tricks, +600.

The door was ajar.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*Z Grossack*	*Dwyer*	*Rubenstein*
—	1♢	1♡	Dble*
2♢*	Dble	2♡	3♡*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♡*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♢	All Pass	

2♢ 'Stronger or weaker raise than 2♡'
4♡ 'Keycard'
4♠ '1/4 keys'

Given that South had cue bid in spades it was likely that he held the ♠A, but how strong was South for his 3♡ bid? One of the inherent weaknesses of bridge is that you don't know the running score. Parker had gone into the set trailing by 17.1 IMPs. If North had known he was still behind he would probably have tried 6♢, but he couldn't be sure.

Had he bid the slam his team would have advanced!

East led the ♡A and declarer took 12 tricks to win and IMP, an agonising loss by 1.1 IMPs.

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Quarterfinals 2

Austromany (+8.1)	**79 IMPs** TOTAL: 160.1	**24 IMPs** TOTAL: 50	**Avixa**
OPEN ROOM N: Guttmann D. S: Berger H.	CLOSED ROOM E: Reps K. W: Fritsche J.	OPEN ROOM E: Kapusuz Y. W: Uçar	CLOSED ROOM N: Ayaz I. S: Koçlar A.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=70157-1622402962			
Black (+1.1)	**36 IMPs** TOTAL: 82.1	**32 IMPs** TOTAL: 66	**Fredin**
OPEN ROOM N: Rimstedt M. S: Rimstedt O.	CLOSED ROOM E: Black A. W: Gold D.	OPEN ROOM E: Clemmensson J. W: Fredin P.	CLOSED ROOM N: Sylvan J. S: Jan_L
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=70163-1622402982			
Donner (+3.1)	**35 IMPs** TOTAL: 106.1	**67 IMPs** TOTAL: 105	**Parker**
OPEN ROOM N: Grue J. S: Moss B.	CLOSED ROOM E: Dwyer K. W: Rimstedt C.	OPEN ROOM E: Bilde D. W: Madala A.	CLOSED ROOM N: Grossack Z. S: Rubenstein S.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=70158-1622402962			
De Michelis (+6.1)	**38 IMPs** TOTAL: 96.1	**24 IMPs** TOTAL: 59	**Ireland**
OPEN ROOM N: Failla G. S: De Michelis L.	CLOSED ROOM E: Sementa A. W: Cima L.	OPEN ROOM E: Hanlon T. W: Garvey T.	CLOSED ROOM N: Fitzgibbon N. S: Mesbur A.
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=70159-1622402963			

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