World Bridge Tour
THIS IS HOW WE PLAY

Online Contract Bridge League

OCBL JOURNAL

Issue N. 99. Tuesday, 1 June, 2021

Schedule Today

OCBL JUNE CUP

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

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

HEY, JUNE...

"Bridge is, with music, the only universal language" (Li Lanqing)

The first half of the Semifinal of the OCBL Open League was played.
In the match Austromany vs Black, the Austrian team is leading by 11.1 IMPs.
In the match Donner vs De Michelis, the Italian team is leading by 7.1 IMPs.
The second (and last) half will be played tomorrow.

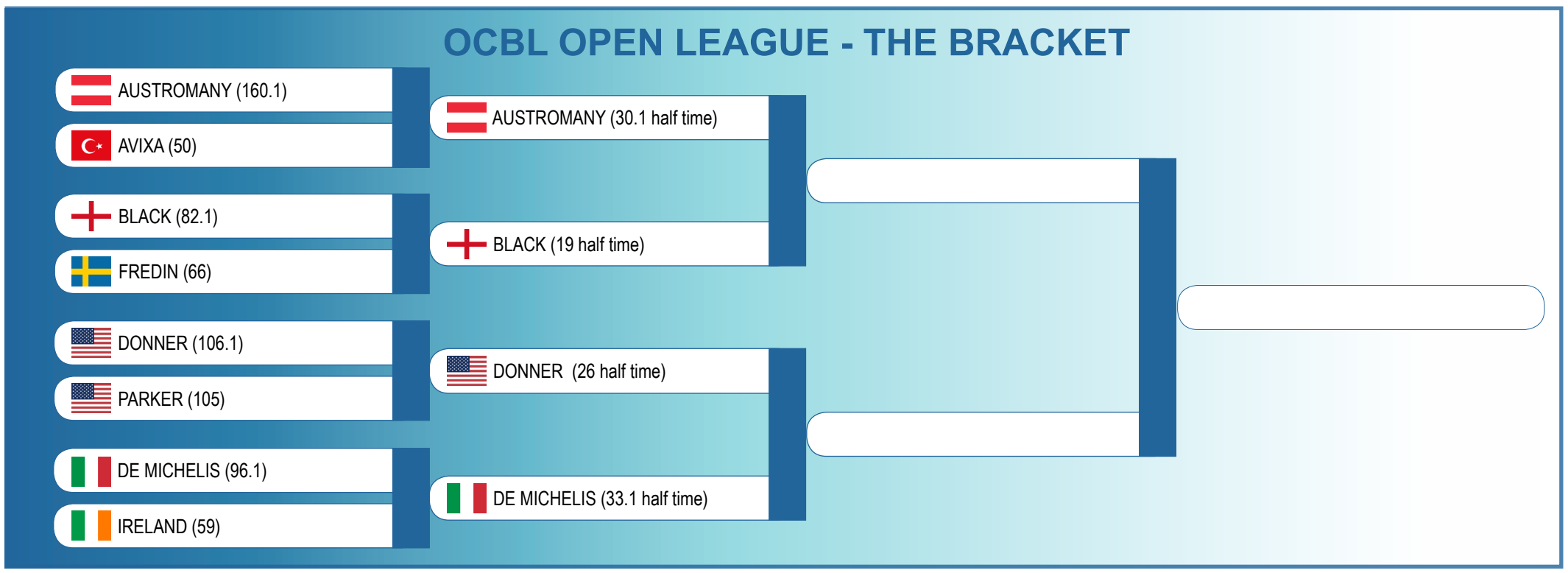
RANKING AFTER ROUND 2

GROUP A			GROUP B		
1	Scorway	29.4	1	Tilly	27.74
2	Donner	25.71	2	Black	23.83
3	Leslie	25.17	3	Hungary	23.41
4	Lion	23.01	4	Zhao	21.38
5	Apres-Bridge Champs	21.23	5	Harris	19.82
6	Orca	20.6	6	Compton	18.3
7	Calcio & Football	17.88	7	Team International	17.75
8	Ferguson	12.09	8	Sugi	15.57
9	Greenspan	9.43	9	Skeidar	7.68

The first two matches of the OCBL June Cup have been played and Scorway and Tilly are leading group A and group B rankings respectively.

Today three more matches will be played.

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - THE BRACKET



World Bridge Tour
THIS IS HOW WE PLAY

Online Contract Bridge League

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		

June Cup - Rounds 1 & 2

by Brian Senior

Round 1

Monday afternoon, or morning in the case of the Americas, saw the start of a new OCBL Open Teams competition. This time we have 18 teams, split into two groups of nine. Over four days each team will play against each team in the other section, nine x 16-board matches in all, with the top four in each group making it through to Friday's knockout stages.

Good luck to all.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Ferguson v Compton

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Snellers*	*Huang*	*De Boer*
–	–	1◇	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Smith*	*V D Bos*	*Moses*
–	–	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	2◇	Pass
3◇	Dble	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Both N/S pairs did well to bid to the heart game on this deal.

Huang's 1◇ opening was Precision, two or more diamonds with 10-15 HCP and, after Dwyer's natural 1♠ response, Snellers doubled for take-out then, on seeing her partner bid hearts, simply raised to game. Swyer led the queen of diamonds but, on sight of dummy, promptly switched to a trump. De Boer ran this to Huang's king and back came a second trump. Now, however, De Boer was in control. He played three rounds of spades, ruffing, crossed to a top club and ruffed another spade. thereby establishing the fith spade. This time he crossed back to dummy with a diamond ruff, drew the missing trump, and had 10 tricks for +620.

Van Den Bos could open a 10-13 NT, and this ran round to Smith, who doubled. When Van Den Bos now ran to the hoped for safety of his five-card suit, Van Lankveld raised to 3◇ and Smith doubled again, this time for take-out. When Moses could bid hearts, Smith raised to game. Van Lankveld cashed the ◇K then switched to a club. Moses rose with the ace and led a low heart off the dummy, an interesting play. Expecting declarer to have a decision to make much of the time, Van Den Bos played low, and Moses won the jack. He played a second heart to the ace then set about the spades, ruffing the third round. A club to the king put him back in dummy for a second spade ruff, and now a diamond ruff was followed by a winning spade. There was a heart and a club to be lost; +620 and no swing.

If the action in that match implied that this was a straightforward board, that in our next shows that it was far from being straightforward.

Orca v Black

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Crouch*	*McIntosh*	*Zorlu*
–	–	1◇	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2◇	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Plackett	*Black*	*Erichsen*	*Gold*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
2◇	All Pass		

McIntosh opened 1◇ then rebid 1NT to show a weak NT type, and Paske went through a puppet to 2◇ to sign off in what looked to be the safest partscore. Only when 2◇ was passed round to him did Crouch finally come in on the N/S cards, with a the-out double. When Zorlu responded 2♡, Crough invited with 3♡, but Zorlu felt that he didn't have enough to accept, so the game was missed. Paske led the king of diamonds then switched to a club, Zorlu winning the ace and playing three rounds of spades, ruffing, followed by a diamond ruff, a spade ruff, and a second diamond ruff. Next he cashed the king of clubs before ruffing dummy's winning spade. He had the ace of hearts to come for +170.

In our first match, +170 would have cost 10 IMPs, but in this one it gained 6 IMPs. Erichsen opened a potentially short club and Plackett's response showed spades. One Spade showed 11-13 with two or three spades and Plackett converted to 1NT. However, Black now doubled and, when that came back to Plackett, he judged well to remove to 2◇. Black, I think, really owed his partner a take-out double now and, when he instead passed, that was that. Black led three rounds of spades, Plackett ruffing high in the dummy and drawing trumps. He could discard a club on the queen of spades before leading towards the ♡K, so there was no need for a club guess, and he had eight tricks for +90 and 6 IMPs to ORCA.

Calcio & Football v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Csaba	*A. Grossack*	*Kemeny*	*Bussink*
–	–	1◇	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♡
3◇	3♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Manno	*Winkler*	*Di Franco*	*Dumbovitch*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	2◇	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♡
3◇	4♡	All Pass	

Adam Grossack doubled the natural 1♠ response then bid 3♡ at his next turn, but Csaba's competitive 3◇ took a little sting out of the heart raise and Bussink did not go on to game. Csaba ked the king of diamonds then switched to a club, and Bussink played low, losing to the queen. Kemeny returned a club to dummy's ace, and Bussink played ace and another heart, winning when Kemeny played low. Bussink could come to 10 tricks in a variety of ways now and did so; +170.

Winkler passed quietly over the 1♡ transfer response and waited until Di Franco rebid 1NT before doubling. Di Franco ran to 2◇ and Manno did not raise, so Winkler doubled again, then raised the 2♡ response to game. Manno too cashed the ◇K then switched to a club, but Dumbovitch rose with the ace and played three rounds of spades, ruffing. A club to the king was followed by a second spade ruff, a diamond ruff, and the fifth spade was ruffed, after which Dumbovitch had 10 tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to HUNGARY.

Thomas Paske

Scorway v Skeidar

West	North	East	South
Aaseng	*Levinson*	*Johansen*	*Shenkin*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Helgemo*	*Saur*	*Andresen*
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

Levinson doubled the 1♠ response then invited game when Shenkin responded in hearts. Shenkin, however, declined the invitation. Aaseng led a trump, the only one of our six Wests not to lead a diamond honour, and Shenkin ducked that to the king, winning the heart continuation in hand to lead a spade to the ace. Fearing a five-one spade break and defensive ruff, Shenkin now played a heart to hand to lead the second spade to the king, ruffed a spade, then led a club to the ace before conceding a spade. He had nine tricks now for +140.

Johansen was the only one of our eight Easts to pass the 11-count, so the bidding ran round to Helgemo, who opened 1♠ with the North cards – and was left to play there. With nothing else looking very safe, Saur led the jack of spades. Hegemo won the ace and cashed the king, then played ace and another heart. He lost two spades plus one trick in each side-suit; eight tricks for +110 but 1 IMP to SCORWAY.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Scorway v Skeidar

West	North	East	South
Aaseng	*Levinson*	*Johansen*	*Shenkin*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♢
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Helgemo*	*Saur*	*Andresen*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♢
3♡	Dble	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Both Wests passed so it started with a strong NT and transfer to hearts. Now there was quite a dramatic difference in evaluation between the two West players. While Aaseng passed throughout, Brekka made a 3♡ jump overcall to show a black two-suiter and, presumably, given his initial pass, quite a shapely one at that. When Helgemo doubled to show good hearts, Saur jumped to 4♠, where he was doubled by Andresen.

There was nothing to the play in 4♡, where Levinson soon chalked up +420.

Against 4♠ doubled, Andresen cashed a top diamond then switched to his singleton club. That relieved Saur of the need to get that suit right, which he would surely have succeeded in doing, given the auction. Saur won the ♡J with his ace, cashed the ace of spades, then ruffed a heart to dummy to lead the second spade towards his queen. He had to lose to the two black kings, but that was all; +590 and 14 IMPs to SCORWAY.

West	North	East	South
Csaba	*A. Grossack*	*Kemeny*	*Bussink*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♢
2♠	3♡	3♠	4♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Manno	*Winkler*	*Di Franco*	*Dumbovitch*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♢
2♡	3♡	Dble	4♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♢
Pass	5♡	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Manno passed as dealer but then came in with a two-suited overcall, settling for a simple 2♡ cuebid. The auction got very competitive from this point, resulting in Di Franco judging to save in 5♠ over 5♡. Well, he was unlucky in that, had the red queens been switched, 5♡ would almost certainly have been making. On the actual lie, however, he would have had three defensive tricks, so had turned a small plus into a minus. Winkler led a top heart, ruffed by Manno, who led the ten of spades to the three, queen and king. Dumbovitch played two top diamonds, Manno ruffing and leading the queen of clubs to the king and ace. Had he continued by cashing the ♠A, he would have been down one, but he in practice played the ten of clubs instead. That lost to the jack and a club ruff resulted in down two for –300.

In the other room, Csaba made a simple 2♠ overcall and, when Kemeny could show spade support in competition, went on to 4♠, where he was doubled, offering a chance to HUNGARY. Csaba ruffed the heart lead and led a spade to the queen and king. Two rounds of diamonds came back and he ruffed the second. He too led the queen of clubs now to the king and ace, and he too continued with the ten of clubs without cashing the ace of spades. Bussink ruffed and there was still the ♣J to be lost; down one for –100 but 5 IMPs to HUNGARY.

Say that declarer had cashed the ♠A before playing the second club and that spades were three-one, when he next played the club, North could have won the jack, cashed the ♠J, and forced declarer with a red card. Declarer would have been ruffing this with his last trump, and the clubs were blocked by West's nine. That would have led to going more down, while retaining the ♠A in dummy permitted declarer to keep better control of proceedings.

Orca v Black

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Crouch*	*McIntosh*	*Zorlu*
2♠	Dble	2NT	4♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Plackett	*Black*	*Erichsen*	*Gold*
3♠	Dble	4♠	4NT
5♠	Dble	All Pass	

We have seen four Wests who passed as dealer. Paske is our first bidder and he opened with a weak 2♠ then went on to 4♠ over the opposing heart game. He was doubled and Crouch led a top heart. Paske ruffed and led the eight of spades to the queen and king. Two rounds of diamonds came back at him. He ruffed, led the queen of clubs to the king and ace, then laid down the ace of spades. When the jack dropped, he could give up a club and had 10 tricks for +590.

Plackett opened a level higher and, despite having opened at the three level on ten-to-six, took the advance save in 5♠ over Gold's two places to play 4NT. Black doubled to conclude the auction. The play was exactly as at Paske's table, but Plackett was a level higher so that meant down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to BLACK.

Ferguson v Compton

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Snellers*	*Huang*	*De Boer*
3♠	Dble	4♠	5♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Smith*	*V D Bos*	*Moses*
2♠	Dble	3♠	4♡
All Pass			

Again we saw both Wests open the bidding, one at the two level, one a level higher.

Dwyer's 3♠ opening and the raise from Huang bullied De Boer up to the five level, where he elected to simply bid his hearts rather than go through 4NT to offer a choice of red suits. It would have made no difference, with three losers whichever was the trump suit; down one for –50.

Van Lankveled contented himself with a weak 2♠ and Van Den Bos competed to 3♠ over Smith's double. However, when Moses not bid 4♡, Van Lankveld didn't fancy a second bid on such a weak suit, so Moses was left in peace to declare w♡. That was just made for +420 and 10 IMPs to COMPTON.

This next board produced double-figure swings in six of the nine matches.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Apres-Bridge Champs v Zhao

West	North	East	South
Milner	*Liu*	*Lall*	*Zhao*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	*Jagniewski*	*Muller*	*Gawel*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

For APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS, Milner and Lall had a simple auction to 3NT, 3♠ being a puppet to 3NT as 2NT – 3NT would not have been natural. Liu led the jack of hearts and Milner came to 10 tricks by leading a low spade towards

the jack; +630.

For ZHAO, de Wijs opened a strong club and Jagniewski doubled to show the majors. Two Diamonds was 9-11 balanced and 2♡ just a noise to gather more information. Three Clubs showed a the single-suiter, and de Wijs just blasted the NT slam. He won the club lead in hand, cashed the ace of spades, then led a low spade. Jagniewski won the queen and returned the jack of hearts. De Wijs won that and played a club to the ace, getting the bad news in that suit. He continued with a diamond to the ten, losing to the jack, and had 10 tricks for –200 and 13 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS.

Ferguson v Compton

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Snellers*	*Huang*	*De Boer*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♡	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Smith*	*V D Bos*	*Moses*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Dwyer opened a strong club, Huang making a natural positive of 2♣. Three natural NT bids followed but Huang, who had nothing to spare for his initial response, had an easy pass of the invitational 4NT. Dwyer won the heart lead and played ace then a low spade, Snellers winning the queen and clearing the hearts, after which he could nor afford to do anything other than cash out for +630.

Van Lankveld opened 2♢ and rebid 2NT. Now Van Den Bos seems to have committed to clubs, perhaps taking 4♢ as a cuebid in support of his suit? Van Lankveld liked his controls enough to go on to slam but, with clubs five-one, that was completely hopeless; down three for –300 and 14 IMPs to COMPTON.

Tilly v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Osborne	*King*	*Dyke*	*Castner*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♢	Pass	6NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Thoma	*Bell*	*Tommasini*	*Leslie*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Thoma and Tommasini stopped safely in the NT game after a Kokish sequence. When Thoma unwound and showed his balanced hand-type, Tommasini asked about majors then settled for 3NT on finding his partner with one or more four-card suits in the majors but no five-carder. Thoma made 10 tricks after a heart lead, playing the usual, ♠A followed by a low spade; +630.

I'm not sure of the exact range shown by Osborne when he opened 2♣ then rebid 2NT, but it was sufficient to tempt Dyke into inviting slam, and for Osborne to accept the invitation, offering an opportunity for Dyke to look for a fit along the way. As neither was impressed with their partner's suggested minor, that resulted in Osborne declaring 6NT on the lead of the jack of clubs. Osborne won the ♣Q and played a club back to the ace, learning the bad news. He cashed the third club, pitching a heart from hand, then tried a diamond to the ten. That lost to the jack and back came a heart. Osborne accepted his fate now, winning the heart and playing ace then a low spade; down two for –200 and 13 IMPs to TILLY.

There proved to be another way to earn a big swing, apart from staying out of a poor slam. Witness:

Lion v Team International

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Zeitak*	*Liu*	*Khutorsky*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Elmroth	*Pitt*	*Eliasson*	*McNay*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	Rdbl	1♢
Dble	Pass	Pass	1♡
Dble	All Pass		

For LION, Ng and Liu stopped in 3NT without ever threatening to get too high. Ng made only nine tricks when, having won the heart lead, he played ace and king of spades, so had no third spade trick. However, the partnership had avoided the trap on the board so would not have been too worried at scoring only +600.

But at the other table Elmroth opened a strong club and Pitt doubled to show the majors. That didn't suit McNay at all and he responded 1♢. When that got back to him, doubled, McNay ran to 1♡ and was doubled again, and that concluded the auction. Elmroth led the king of hearts to take a look at dummy. He then switched to three rounds of diamonds, Eliasson ruffing and cashing the king of clubs then switching to a low spade. Elmroth won that, cashed the ace of hearts, then played the queen of clubs. McNay ruffed and tried a low spade, but Eliasson could win the jack and force dummy with the ace of clubs. McNay drew the missing trump but that was that; down four for –1100 and 11 IMPs to TEAM INTERNATIONAL.

Kevin Dwyer

Round 2

Round 2 started with two potential slam deals in the first three boards.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Harris v Lion

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Root*	*Liu*	*Igoe*
–	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Pitt*	*Malhasyan*	*McNay*
–	2♡	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

Once North opens at the one level, it is always going to be hard for South to stop short of slam – and this proved to be the case for Igoe, though it isn't quite clear that the partnership was on the same wavelength. Liu cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a diamond, and when Ng covered the queen of hearts there was a trump trick for the defence; down one for –50.

Pitt's 2♡ opener was a constructive weak two bid and the 4♢ response splinter. That suited Pitt very well so he cuebid his spade control and McNay blasted the slam. Again the ace of clubs was cashed but the key difference came when Pitt led the queen of hearts off the table – Harris ducked, so the queen scored, and a moment later so did the jack; 12 tricks for +980 and 14 IMPs to LION.

Donner v Team International

West	North	East	South
Baskan	*C. Rimstedt*	*Tatlicioglu*	*Donner*
–	3♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	*Elmroth*	*Cullin*	*Eliasson*
–	2♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

In this match both Norths opened with a pre-empt and were raised to game, slam never being a consideration, though Elmroth's weak two bid was constructive, 8-11, similar to Pitt's in the other match. The board was flat at +450.

It's funny how it goes sometimes. Slam was bid just twice and, as we have seen both times were in the same match.

The North hand was opened at the one level 10 times, the two level seven times, and we have seen the solitary three-level opening.

Roy Welland

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 4 3
♡ Q 10
♢ 8 7 4 2
♣ Q 7 3

♠ 6
♡ K 6 5 2
♢ A K Q J 6 3
♣ J 5

♠ A Q J
♡ A J 7 4
♢ 9
♣ A 10 9 8 6

♠ K 10 9 5 2
♡ 9 8 3
♢ 10 5
♣ K 4 2

Harris v Lion

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Root*	*Liu*	*Igoe*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Pitt*	*Malhasyan*	*McNay*
–	–	–	2♢
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

McNay opened a multi to launch a bad weak two bid and Harris overcalled 3♢. Malhasyan had quite a bit but, with a singleton diamond, could hardly do much more than respond 3NT. With hearts rolling in, Malhasyan could have made all 13 tricks after the spade lead round to his queen, but he didn't want to rely on both red suits coming in so crossed to the ace of diamonds to lrun the jack of clubs, and so held himself to 12 tricks; +690.

After a pass from Igoe, Ng opened 1♢, reversed into hearts, and when Liu agreed hearts, splintered. Liu asked for key cards then bid the heart slam, and the favourable trump position meant all 13 tricks; +1460 and 13 IMPs to LION.

Donner v Team International

West	North	East	South
Baskan	*C. Rimstedt*	*Tatlicioglu*	*Donner*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	*Elmroth*	*Cullin*	*Eliasson*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♢	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♡	All Pass

The TEAM INTERNATIONAL auction was short and to the point. When Tatlicioglu responded 1♡ rather than the popular 2♣, he collected a game raise from his partner and just blasted the small slam.

Michielsen/Cullin, by contrast, had a controlled auction in which Michielsen rebid her powerful diamonds before splintering in support of her partner's second suit. When Cullin now cuebid, covering Michielsen's weak spot, though 4♣ was a non-serious try, she took control, asking for key cards. On finding all three missing key cards with her partner, she bid 5♠ to ask for the queen of hearts, but Cullin couldn't oblige so signed off in 6♡.

The board was flat at +1460.

Apres-Bridge Champs v Sugi

West	North	East	South
Reza	*Jagniewski*	*Elwindra*	*Gawel*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♡	1♠
3♡	3♠	3NT	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Sugiharto*	*Auken*	*Tobing*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Reza took a slightly less optimistic view of the West hand than we saw from Baskan, raising to only 3♡ after Elwindra had been the second East to start with a bid of his shorter suit. Neither player seems to have considered slam and Elwindra played the heart game for +710.

As you might guess, there were precious few natural bids in the Welland/Auken auction. One Diamond was natural, unbalanced, and 1NT a game-forcing relay. Welland showed five diamonds and four hearts, then in response to two further relays he showed spade shortage then 1-4-6-2. Three Spades asked for key cards, 4♡ showing two without the ♡Q, and that was enough for Auken, who bid the small slam. The lead was a club, so Welland rose with dummy's ace and played ace then jack of spades. When Tobing did not cover, he discarded his club losers, and the friendly lie of the trump suit meant that he had 13 tricks for +1460 and 13 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS.

Marion Michielsen

Thirteen pairs bid the small slam, with five stopping in game.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 5
♡ A K J 9 4
♢ K 10 2
♣ 10 8

♠ J 9 7 4
♡ 6
♢ 8 7 4 3
♣ K 5 4 3

♠ Q 10 6 3
♡ 10 8 7 5
♢ 9 6
♣ 9 7 6

♠ K 2
♡ Q 3 2
♢ A Q J 6
♣ A Q J 2

Donner v Team International

West	North	East	South
Baskan	*C. Rimstedt*	*Tatlicioglu*	*Donner*
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♢	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	*Elmroth*	*Cullin*	*Eliasson*
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♢	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♢	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

When Donner showed three-card heart support, Cecilia Rimstedt made a serious slam try with a spade cuebid, and Donner bid 4♠, asking for key cards, then followed up with 5♠, promising that all the key cards were present and asking about kings. When Rimstedt showed the ♢K, but denied the ♣K, Donner settled for the small slam.

It's a tough hand, but the spade ruff is the thirteenth trick and the club finesse is not required as declarer's second club goes away on the fourth diamond; +1460.

But TEAM INTERNATIONAL got there. Elmroth's 2NT rebid showed 14-15 (maybe 16) and, having limited his hand, he could afford a serious slam try. At the end, Elmroth seems to have asked a question that Eliasson liked the look of and he jumped to the grand; +2210 and 13 IMPs to TEAM INTERNATIONAL. I'd like to be more precise with my description, but the bids were described in a language that I can't follow – sorry.

Calcio & Football v Compton

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*A. Grossack*	*Huang*	*Bussink*
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Manno	*Goodman*	*Di Franco*	*Compton*
Pass	1NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Grossack opened with a strong NT and Bussink used Gerber, asking first for aces, then for kings. On finding two of each, he settled for 6NT; +1440.

Goodman and Compton had an even simpler auction, Goodman too opening 1NT and Compton simply raising to 6NT; +1440 for a flat board.

Apres-Bridge Champs v Sugi

West	North	East	South
Reza	*Jagniewski*	*Elwindra*	*Gawel*
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♢
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♢	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Sugiharto*	*Auken*	*Tobing*
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4♢	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♢	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

Gawel started with a 2♣ game-forcing relay and continued with a series of relays, discovering that Jagniewski had 17-19 balanced, 3-5-3-2, three key cards but not the ♡Q, either the ♢K or both black kings, and finally, no queens. Well, that is how it was described, though we can all see that North does not have 17-19, though everything else is correct. Knowing North's precise shape and that he had the ♢K was the key to the grand; +2210.

On the face of it, the Indonesians were not on as firm ground in bidding Seven. Did Sugiharto have to be the right shape for 13 tricks? Tobing certainly knew about the key cards and ♢K. Anyway, they needed to bid the grand to flatten the board, so well done to them; +2210 and no swing.

I should add that, while I am not sufficiently familiar with all the pairs' methods to know for sure one way or the other, I suspect, from looking at the various auctions, that most of the successful pairs were just hoping not to require the club finesse, as opposed to knowing that they had 13 tricks, which would not be the case if North was 2-5-3-3.

Exactly half the field bid the grand slam, half stopping a level lower. Rimstedt and Donner were the only pair to stop in Six after a 1♡ opening, the other three 1♡ openers bidding the grand. Of those who opened 1NT, six bid to 7♡, eight bid to 6NT without any serious exploration.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Scorway v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Szabo	*Kvangraven*	*Kemeny*	*Stornes*
–	1NT	Pass	3♢
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Shenkin	*Winkler*	*Levinson*	*Dumbovitch*
–	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♢	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

If Stornes showed slam interest with his 3♢ response to 1NT, Kvangraven did very well to sign off in 3NT, where he made 11 tricks for +660. Three No Trump, played by North, is of course where you would like to play this hand.

Dumbovitch transferred to diamonds and Winkler said that he liked the suit. I'm guessing that 4♣ was a retransfer, and when Dumbovitch continued with 4NT, Winkler was encouraged by the double of clubs on his right and jumped to the small slam. Alas, while the ♣K was where it needed to be, this was a thoroughly bad slam, also requiring a winning spade guess – an impossible guess on the actual layout; down one for –100 and 13 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Greenspan v Tilly

West	North	East	South
Thoma	*Greenspan*	*Tommasini*	*Schenker*
–	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♢
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*King*	*Becker*	*Castner*
–	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Schenker transferred to diamonds and Greenspan said he liked the suit, so Schenker made a slam try and slam was soon reached; down one for –100.

Castner too transferred, and I guess that 3NT showed a real prospect of running the suit. Castner therefore asked for key cards and bid 6NT on finding his partner with three of them. Again, the contract was down one; –100 and no swing.

Donner v Team International

West	North	East	South
Baskan	*Rimstedt*	*Tatlicioglu*	*Donner*
–	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♢	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	*Elmroth*	*Cullin*	*Eliasson*
–	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♢
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♡	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

I'm not going to try to guess what exactly was going on, but suffice it to say that Rimstedt/Donner were the only pairs to go past 3NT in search of a slam then stop in game, which looks to be very well judged. Their +600 went well with +200 on defence to 6NT, and earned DONNER 13 IMPs.

Five pairs were off in 6♢, and another three in 6NT. There was one pair collecting +500 from 4♠ doubled, the rest declared 3NT, always by North.

Sugiharto

Online Bridge NEWS

The 2021 Swedish Bridge Festival will be played online

The Swedish Bridge Federation announced that the 2021 Swedish Bridge Festival will be played online on the same date, July 30-August 8.
More information will be available soon.

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

Accessible UI for Vision-Impaired Players

Gonzalo Goded posted the following announcement on Bridgewinners:

For the past few months I've been developing, in collaboration with RealBridge, a modified interface to provide accessibility to the platform for users with impaired vision.

Widely used screen readers such as Jaws fail to give a practical response to cards being shown on screen, making players with impaired vision unable to play at all during the pandemic. I hope to change that.

My interface will identify and read out loud all bids and cards as they are being made/played, and when a certain key is hit, will read the cards the player holds and also dummy's.

The interface also provides keyboard access to play cards and make bids.

All of this is only possible thanks to RealBridge's integrated microphone, which handles some parts of the game such as alerting and explaining bids using players' voices, keeping the total number of words the script needs to read low.

How does it work?

The interface is a user script that adds JavaScript functionality to the RealBridge webpage. Once set up correctly, it will automatically run whenever RealBridge is active, allowing the player to use keyboard commands to read and play the cards (and bids).

Using the script itself is easy, but installing it might require some help from someone computer-savvy. I have set up a web page with detailed instructions on how to install it and how to use it:https://bridgegod.com/accessibility.htm

The interface is in English (2 voices recorded) and German (1 voice), although Spanish and Italian might be added soon. If you want to help by adding your own language, or your own particular accent/voice to a language already there, please contact me.

The Big Four

by Mark Horton

Not many IMPs changed hands on the first day of the OCBL League semifinals, but the players had to work hard, facing some challenging deals.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Austromany v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fritsche*	*Black*	*Reps*
—	Pass	1♢	1♠
3♢*	Pass	5♢	All Pass

3♢ 'Less than invitational'

South led the ♡6 for the seven, queen and ace and declarer played back the ♡3, South taking the king and exiting with the ♠7.Declarer won with the jack and played the ♢J for the king and ace. A diamond to the nine was followed by a heart ruff, a spade to the ace, a spade ruff, a club ruff and declarer drew the outstanding trump and claimed 12 tricks, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jokish	*Hallberg*	*Kasimir*	*Hult*
—	Pass	1♢*	1♠
3♢*	Pass	5♢	All Pass

1♢ '5♢ or some 4441's'
3♢ 'Mixed raise'

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with the jack and played the ♡3, South winning with the king and continuing with the ♠7. Declarer won with the king, cashed the ♡A, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and played the ♡J. South ruffed that with the ♢K and when declarer pitched a club from dummy played the ♠8, but declarer's trumps were too strong and he ruffed with the ♢A and claimed, +400, an IMP changing hands.

Donner v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Sementa*	*Grue*	*Cima*
—	Pass	1♣*	1♠
All Pass			

1♣ 16+

West's pass showed 0-7 and he led the ♡10 for the queen and ace. East switched to the ♢7 and West won and returned the two, declarer ruffing and playing a club to the king. East ruffed and returned a diamond, ruffed by declarer who played a club to the nine. East ruffed and switched to the ♡4, declarer winning with dummy's eight and playing a spade. East won and played a heart for West to ruff, declarer claiming six tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Failla	*S Rimstedt*	*De Michelis*	*Donner*
—	Pass	1♢*	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢*	Pass	5♢	All Pass

1♢ Unbalanced
2♠ 'Forcing one round'
3♢ 'Not forcing'

South led the ♣A and declarer ruffed and played two rounds of hearts, South winning with the king and playing the ♣2. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ace and the ♡J, ruffed and overruffed. A spade to the king was followed by a spade, ruffed with the ♢10 and declarer claimed 11 tricks, +400 and 8 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Austromany v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fritsche*	*Black*	*Reps*
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♢*	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
1♢ 4+♡

West led the ♠2 and declarer won with the ace, played two rounds of hearts and claimed ten tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jokish	*Hallberg*	*Kasimir*	*Hult*
—	—	—	1♢
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Here declarer ducked the first two spades, won the third and like his counterpart took ten tricks.

Donner v De Michelis

Open Room

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

1♣ 2+♣ could be 4/5♢
2♣ 'Game forcing 5♣'
2♢ Balanced relay
4♠ RKCB
5♡ 2 keys +♣Q

West led the ♡6 and declarer won with the ten, played a club to the ace and claimed, +920.

As it happens a spade lead would have beaten the contract as although declarer can win, cross to dummy and play a heart to the ten, West can ruff the ♡Q and cash a spade, the defenders also scoring a diamond trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Failla	*S Rimstedt*	*De Michelis*	*Donner*
—	—	—	1♢*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♢ 2+♢
2♢ Artificial game force
2NT 'Not 3♡, no five-card minor
3♣ '2425'

West led the ♠2 and declarer won the third round, finishing with the regulation ten tricks, +430, but a 10 IMP loss.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Austromany v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fritsche*	*Black*	*Reps*
Pass	1♠	2♠*	4♠
5♡	5♠	All Pass	

2♠ Michaels

East led the ♣A and switched to the ♡2, West taking the ace and returning the ♣5. Declarer ruffed with the ♠8, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ten, ruffed a heart, ruffed the ♣Q and played his remaining trumps. On the last of them, East, down to ♢Q65 ♣K, discarded the ♢5. Declarer went to dummy with the ♢K and played a diamond to the....ace, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jokish	*Hallberg*	*Kasimir*	*Hult*
Pass	1♠	2♠*	4♠
5♡	5♠	All Pass	

The play followed a similar pattern here, but declarer did not cash the last spade, simply crossing to dummy with the ♢K and taking the diamond finesse, -100 and a 13 IMP swing.

The deal reminded me of some advice attributed to Belladonna, 'You first set up the squeeze and then take the finesse'.

Donner v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Sementa*	*Grue*	*Cima*
Pass	1♠	2♠*	3♡*
4♡	Dble	All Pass	

2♠ ♡+ a minor
3♡ 4+♠ game invitation or slam try

Declarer ruffed the spade lead in dummy, took two trumps ending in hand and played a club to the ten, South winning with the jack and returning the ♠Q. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played the ♣A, North's ruff ensuring that the contract would finish two down, as subsequently he was careful to cover declarer's ♢9 with the jack, giving the defenders three tricks in the suit, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Failla	*S Rimstedt*	*De Michelis*	*Donner*
Pass	1♠	2♠*	4♠
5♡	5♠	All Pass	

2♠ 'Hearts +♣'

Here declarer played for the minor suit squeeze, +650 and 4 IMPs.

Giuseppe Failla

Joe Grue

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Austromany v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fritsche*	*Black*	*Reps*
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♢*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♡*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

2♢ 5+♢, game forcing
3♣ 'Natural, good hand'
4♣ 'Maybe short ♢, not sure'
4NT RKCB
5♡ '2 key cards, no queen'

South led the♡7 and declarer put in dummy's jack, cashed the ♠K, came to hand with the ♢A and played a spade for the jack and queen, +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jokish	*Hallberg*	*Kasimir*	*Hult*
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

1NT Game forcing relay
2♠ 14-16, 5♠ unbalanced or 6♠ balanced
2NT Relay
3♠ 5314
4♣ Sets spades
4NT Maximum, 2 key cards without ♠Q
5♣ Asking
5NT ♣K and ♡K, no ♢K

North led the ♡10 for the queen and ace and declarer crossed to dummy with a diamond, returned to hand with the ♣A and cashed the ♢KQ, claiming all the tricks and an IMP.

Donner v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Sementa*	*Grue*	*Cima*
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♡*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♢	Pass	6♡*	Pass
6NT	Pass	7♣	Pass
7♢	Pass	7NT	All Pass

2♣ Artificial game force
2♢ Artificial,16+
2♡ Asking
2♠ 4+♣
2NT Ask
3♠ 5314
4NT RKCB ♠
5♡ 2 key cards, no queen
6♣ King
6♡ King

North led the ♡5 and declarer took South queen with the ace, unblocked the ♢A,cashed two hearts and then played off the ♢KQ, +2220.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Failla	*S Rimstedt*	*De Michelis*	*Donner*
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♢*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♢	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

2♣ Game force
2♠ 15+, 5+♠, 4+♣
2NT Relay
3♣ 5♠ 4♣
3♠ Slam try, support in spades
4♣ Cue + even keycards
4♢ Cue
4♡ Cue
5NT Ask ♠Q

David Gold

North led the ♡10 and declarer was soon claiming, +2200.

If North finds a passive lead against 7NT - for example a diamond, declarer wins with dummy's ace, comes to hand with a club and cashes the diamonds, discarding a heart and three spades from dummy. On the last diamond South will be down to ♠10 ♡Q72 ♣10876. One way or another declarer will emerge with all the tricks.

Board 16. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Austromany v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fritsche*	*Black*	*Reps*
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♡*
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣, could be 11-14 with 5♢ 5332
1♡ 4+♠
1♠ 3♠, forcing (not 11-14 balanced)

Antonio Sementa

East led the ♡7 for the jack and nine, declarer pitching a diamond. A spade to the king was followed by the ♣9, ruffed in dummy and a spade to the ace. When East discarded the ♡2 declarer knew his fate and when he subsequently took a ruffing club finesse he was two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jokish	*Hallberg*	*Kasimir*	*Hult*
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♡5 for the king and ace and declarer ruffed a heart and cashed the ♠AK, East parting with the ♣4. Declarer cashed dummy's ♣A and ran the queen, claiming ten tricks when West exited with the ♢K, +420 and 11 IMPs.

Donner v De Michelis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Sementa*	*Grue*	*Cima*
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♡*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡*
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♢
Pass	5♡	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
1♡ 4+♠
2♢ 'Multi reverse'
2♡ Relay, 8+
3♡ 6♣ and 3♠

West led the ♢K and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the top spades. East's discard was a blow against which there was no solution. Declarer cashed the ♣A and ran the queen and West won and exited with a club, waiting for his trump tricks. The defenders also scored a heart for -100.

If you assume that West's lead is a singleton and decide to play for a bad trump break you can secure 11 tricks in a number of ways. One possibility, having won the diamond is to ruff a club, cross to dummy with a spade, ruff a club and then play a second spade disclosing the split. You cash the ♣A, ruff a club, ruff a heart and play a winning club. While all this is happening East is in trouble in the red suits and all you lose are the ♠Q10.

Another idea is to play a diamond to the nine at trick two. West can ruff, but declarer is in control and should have little trouble in securing 11 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Failla	*S Rimstedt*	*De Michelis*	*Donner*
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♡*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♡*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♢*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1♣ 16+
1♡ 'Either 11/13 balanced or 5+♠ game forcing'
2♡ No club fit, minus hand, confirms spades'
3♡ '5+♠, exactly 4♡'
6♢ 'Likely 5440'

East led the ♡7 and having won with dummy's queen declarer played a spade to the ace, cashed the ♣A and ran the ♣Q, finishing two down, -100 and a flat board.

With both matches still very much in the melting pot we can look forward to Wednesday's second legs.

Sandra Rimstedt

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE - RESULTS

Semifinal 1

Austromany (+0.1) 30 IMPs — TOTAL: 30.1 — 19 IMPs — TOTAL: 19 — **Black**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Fritsche J.	E: Kasimir U.	E: Black A.	N: Hallberg G.
S: Reps K.	W: Jokisch P.	W: Gold D.	S: Hult S.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=78647-1622489396

De Michelis (+0.1) 33 IMPs — TOTAL: 33.1 — 26 IMPs — TOTAL: 26 — **Donner**

OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
N: Sementa A.	E: De Michelis L.	E: Grue J.	N: Rimstedt C.
S: Cima L.	W: Failla G.	W: Moss B.	S: Donner G.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=78636-1622489350

OCBL JUNE CUP - RESULTS

ROUND 1

Donner	10.91 VPs 34 IMPs	9.09 VPs 31 IMPs	Sugi
Apres-Br Champs	7.71 VPs 31 IMPs	12.29 VPs 39 IMPs	Zhao
Orca	9.69 VPs 31 IMPs	10.31 VPs 32 IMPs	Black
Ferguson	5.61 VPs 19 IMPs	14.39 VPs 36 IMPs	Compton
Calcio & Football	1.79 VPs 4 IMPs	18.21 VPs 45 IMPs	Hungary
Scorway	14.6 VPs 51 IMPs	5.4 VPs 33 IMPs	Skeidar
Leslie	7.45 VPs 31 IMPs	12.55 VPs 40 IMPs	Tilly
Greenspan	4.62 VPs 38 IMPs	15.38 VPs 60 IMPs	Harris
Lion	7.45 VPs 33 IMPs	12.55 VPs 42 IMPs	Team International

ROUND 2

Donner	14.8 VPs 47 IMPs	5.2 VPs 28 IMPs	Team International
Apres-Br Champs	13.52 VPs 24 IMPs	6.48 VPs 11 IMPs	Sugi
Orca	10.91 VPs 20 IMPs	9.09 VPs 17 IMPs	Zhao
Ferguson	6.48 VPs 22 IMPs	13.52 VPs 35 IMPs	Black
Calcio & Football	16.09 VPs 39 IMPs	3.91 VPs 13 IMPs	Compton
Scorway	14.8 VPs 26 IMPs	5.2 VPs 7 IMPs	Hungary
Leslie	17.72 VPs 48 IMPs	2.28 VPs 11 IMPs	Skeidar
Greenspan	4.81 VPs 16 IMPs	15.19 VPs 37 IMPs	Tilly
Lion	15.56 VPs 48 IMPs	4.44 VPs 25 IMPs	Harris

BUTLER RANKING

1	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	1.94	16
	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	1.94	16
3	J. Liu, (Liujing)	Zhao	1.38	16
	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Compton	1.38	16
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Compton	1.38	16
6	M. Dumbovich, (dumbovich)	Hungary	1.28	32
	R. Jagniewski, (mlodybog)	Apres-Bridge Champs	1.28	32
	W. Gawel, (redds)	Apres-Bridge Champs	1.28	32
	G. Winkler, (winkiboy)	Hungary	1.28	32
10	C. Zhao, (zhaochen)	Zhao	1.22	32
11	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	1.19	16
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	1.19	16
	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	1.19	16
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	1.19	16
15	K. Ng, (smoz)	Lion	1.03	32
	P. Liu, (peihua)	Lion	1.03	32
17	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Tilly	0.91	32
	M. Thoma, (hawai)	Tilly	0.91	32
19	Per Ola Cullin, (pocken)	Donner	0.81	32
	M. Michielsen, (lady007)	Donner	0.81	32
	R. Tobing, (pangi)	Sugi	0.81	16
22	G. Osborne, (mayors)	Leslie	0.75	32
	K. Dyke, (Woozle)	Leslie	0.75	32
24	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	0.72	32
	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	0.72	32
26	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.69	16
	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.69	16
28	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.47	32
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.47	32
30	H. Sugiharto, (sugi)	Sugi	0.28	32
31	S. Rimstedt, (sandria)	Donner	0.25	16
	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Leslie	0.25	16
	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Tilly	0.25	32
	P. King, (philking)	Tilly	0.25	32
35	M. Bell, (MickyB)	Leslie	0.22	32
36	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	0.19	16
	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Leslie	0.19	16
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	0.19	16
39	B. Baskan, (baskanb)	Team International	0.13	16
	S. Tatlicioglu, (Sinantos)	Team International	0.13	16
	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.13	32
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.13	32
43	S. De Wijs, (sm1)	Zhao	0.09	32
44	G. Elmroth, (Turnip1)	Team International	0.06	32
	P. Eliasson, (PGEliasson)	Team International	0.06	32
	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Donner	0.06	32
47	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Donner	-0.13	16
	B. Bussink, (bart3)	Calcio & Football	-0.13	32
	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Calcio & Football	-0.13	32
50	K. Kranyak, (kranko2013)	Greenspan	-0.22	32
	P. Becker, (badger49)	Greenspan	-0.22	32
52	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-0.25	16
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-0.25	16
	J. Molberg, (juve_)	Skeidar	-0.25	16
	J. Larsson, (Jela79)	Skeidar	-0.25	16
	V. Pangkerego, (ayor)	Sugi	-0.25	16
57	E. McNay, (ewan)	Lion	-0.28	32
	J. Pitt, (scoobyroo)	Lion	-0.28	32
	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Compton	-0.28	32
	S. Huang, (precisebri)	Compton	-0.28	32
	M. Di Franco, (M_DiFranco)	Calcio & Football	-0.28	32
	A. Manno, (maqeda)	Calcio & Football	-0.28	32
63	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.41	32
	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.41	32
65	J. Sakkung, (c0rona)	Sugi	-0.5	16
	K. Sigit, (kingsladin)	Sugi	-0.5	16
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.5	16
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.5	16
69	A. Zeitak, (avivz)	Team International	-0.63	16
	N. Khutorsky, (nir khut)	Team International	-0.63	16
71	G. Kemény, (kemeny)	Hungary	-0.66	32
	C. Szabo, (csaboka13)	Hungary	-0.66	32
73	L. Aaseng, (Lasseaa)	Skeidar	-0.69	16
	T. Johansen, (Brulle)	Skeidar	-0.69	16
	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.69	16
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.69	16
77	S. Auken, (jcmax)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.81	16
	R. Welland, (roy)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.81	16
79	B. Muller, (beukertje)	Zhao	-0.88	16
	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	-0.88	32
	N. Zorlu, (begse)	Orca	-0.88	32
82	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Zhao	-0.94	16
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Zhao	-0.94	16
84	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	-1.03	32
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	-1.03	32
86	M. Andresen, (Mime477)	Skeidar	-1.19	16
87	R. Milner, (reesem)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-1.38	16
	H. Lall, (hemantlall)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-1.38	16
89	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Compton	-1.56	16
	C. Compton, (compton)	Compton	-1.56	16
91	B. Greenspan, (BernieG)	Greenspan	-1.59	32
	F. Schenker, (jbcoyle)	Greenspan	-1.59	32
93	G. Elwindra, (gabrialsew)	Sugi	-1.69	16
	M. Reza, (jakskal)	Sugi	-1.69	16
	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Skeidar	-1.69	32
96	A. Farstad, (Kha66)	Skeidar	-2.19	16

SUPER CUP

28 June - 3 July, 2021

Registered Teams

The OCBL Super Cup will take place from 28 June to 3 July, 2021.

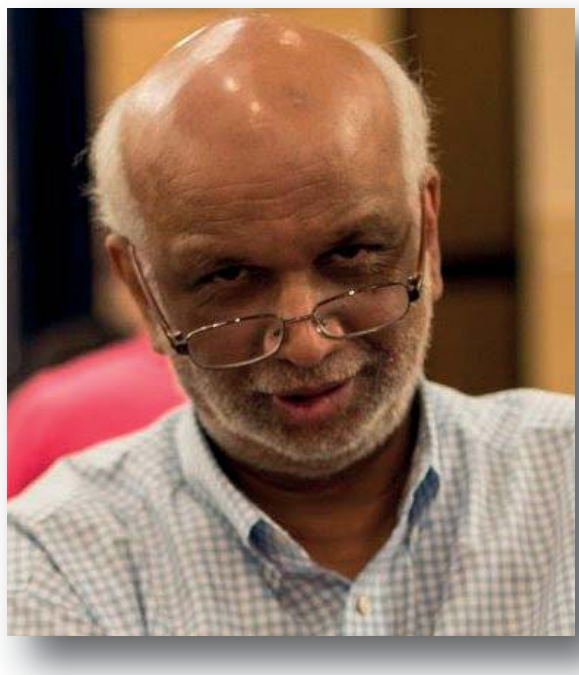
APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS
Auken S. (jcmax)
Welland R. (roy)
Milner R. (reesem)
Lall H. (hemantlall)
Jagniewski R. (mlodybog)
Gawel W. (redds)

SELIGMAN
Seligman M. (mseligman)
Klukowski M. (skrzat96)
Kalita J. (paulinka18)
Kwiecien M. (michal1)
Starkowski W. (wstarkowski)

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

PARKER
Rubenstein S. (stewr)
Parker C. (cmp56)
Grossack A. (nevereast)
Grossack Z. (germs345)
Wooldridge J. (firechief)
Grainger D. (drg)

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



Book your seat at:
https://www.ocbl.org/registration/

World Bridge Tour
THIS IS HOW WE PLAY

Online Contract Bridge League

SUPER CUP

Qualification + Knockout

28 June - 3 July 2021

QUALIFICATION:	CET	EST
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:	**CET**	**EST**
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

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG