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Schedule Today

OCBL JUNE CUP

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

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

RANKING AFTER ROUND 5

GROUP A

1	Orca	64.79
2	Apres-Bridge Champs	60.6
3	Scorway	50.49
4	Calcio & Football	49.45
5	Lion	47.43
6	Leslie	44
7	Donner	42.35
8	Greenspan	32.94
9	Ferguson	21.24

GROUP B

1	Hungary	76.78
2	Tilly	62.84
3	Zhao	62.22
4	Compton	55.55
5	Sugi	52.96
6	Team International	48.38
7	Black	47.04
8	Skeidar	45.79
9	Harris	35.15

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OCBL JUNE CUP - Qualification: halfway...

Three more rounds of the OCBL June Cup have been played.
Teams Orca and Hungary are leading the race in group A and B respectively.
After the 9th round, the top 4 Teams from each group will advance to the K.O.

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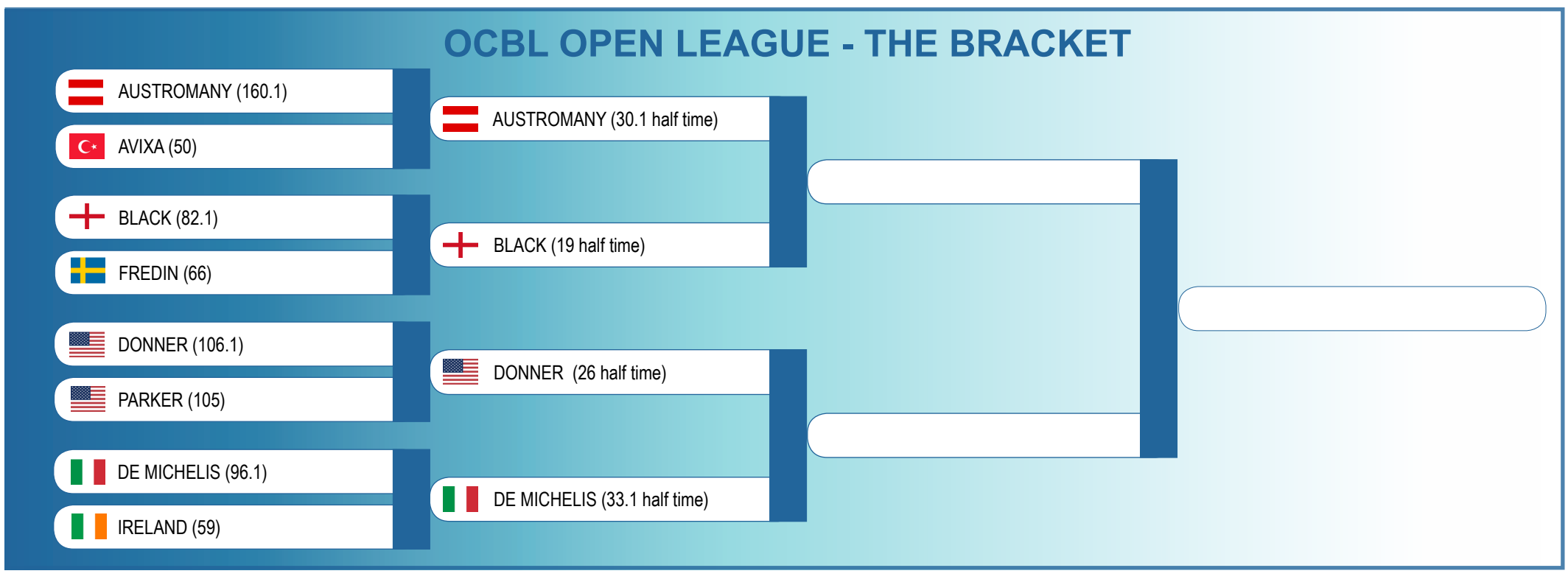

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

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		

June Cup - Rounds 3 & 4

by Brian Senior

Round 3

Tuesday was the only three-match day of the qualifying stage, and began quietly with what looked to be a straightforward game for N/S.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Orca v Sugi

West	North	East	South
Sigit	*Plackett*	*Sakkung*	*Erichsen*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*Rohinun*	*Zorlu*	*Sugiharto*
–	1♠	2♢	Pass
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Plackett could rebid 2♢, transfer, and follow through with 3♡ to show a five-five invitational hand, Erichsen going on to game. That got the contract played from the South seat, and Sigit led a trump. Erichsen played low and won dummy's six. The jack of clubs went to the king and ace, and the three of spades went to the nine, ten and king. Back came a diamond to dummy's bare ace. Erichsen led a second club to the ten and queen, and back came a spade for the queen, ace and ruff – of course, Sigit was hoping that the ♠A would win the trick, when a spade continuation would see him able to ruff with the ♡K to defeat the contract. A spade went away on the ♣9 and Erichsen attempted to ruff dummy's last spade loser. That was over-ruffed, but he had 10 tricks for +420.

Rohinun also opened 1♠, but Zorlu overcalled 2♢ and that was passed back to Rohinun, who reopened with 2♡. Sugiharto invited game, and Rohinun accepted. Zorlu led his trump, dummy's jack holding the trick. Rohinun drew trumps before leading the ♠Q from hand. Zorlu won the ace and returned the king of clubs to dummy's ace. When Rohinun now led the low club towards his jack, Crouch ducked, so the jack scored, and now Rohinun ran the jack of spades and, when that held the trick, continued with the six of spades. When Zorlu ducked that, Rohinun ran it, and must have been pleased to win the trick. He next ruffed a spade and had just one spade to lose at the end; +450 and 1 IMP to SUGI.

Ferguson v Zhao

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Snellers*	*V Prooijen*	*De Boer*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Liu*	*V D Bos*	*Zhao*
–	1♡	2NT	4♡
All Pass			

I don't know why 1♡ was the correct opening bid on Liu's hand but it worked out nicely as Van Den Bos's 2NT overcall, showing at least five-five in spades and diamonds, warned her of the bad breaks she would face when Zhao raised her to game. It also meant that Van Den Bos had no reason to suspect that declarer had a five-card spade suit on the side, so he made the natural opening lead of the ace of spades, before switching to his trump, dummy's jack winning the trick. Liu played two more rounds of trumps followed by the jack of clubs to the king and ace, then the ♣10. Van Lankveld won the♣Q and returned a spade and Liu had the rest for +450.

Straightforward, did I say to describe this hand? Well, though we have seen three declarers bring home their game easily enough, not as straightforward as it appeared, perhaps, as evidence our final table.

The Standard opening on the North cards is 1♠ and that is what Snellers opened. Van Prooijen could now see a potential misfit and kept quiet. When De Boer responded 1NT, Snellers rebid 3♡, at least five-five and invitational. De Boer, of course, went on to game, and Van Prooijen led his heart. Dummy's jack held the trick and Snellers led a spade to the queen. Van Prooijen won the ace and returned the four of spades, and Snellers ruffed. She played a diamond to her ace then ruffed another spade, and suddenly the hand fell apart when Verhees over-ruffed and returned a trump, preventing any further ruffs in the dummy. Snellers won in hand and led the jack of clubs to the king and ace, ruffed a diamond, conceded a spade to the king. There was a club to come, so the contract was down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to ZHAO.

Should Snellers have discarded a club from dummy on the spade return at trick three? Perhaps. Assuming that the ♡K was offside and that Verhees held the ♠K, that would be her third loser. On a club switch, she would now need the third spade to stand up for a second club discard. If that passed off peacefully, the last club loser would go away as Van Prooijen ruffed with the ♡K. Perhaps there was no reason why Verhees would play the ♠8 at trick two if holding ♠K9872, but neither was there any reason why he couldn't choose that card – and, of course, ♠K8 doubleton was not impossible either.

Four Hearts was made at 15 tables, down at three.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Apres-Bridge Champs v Team International

West	North	East	South
Elmroth	*Lall*	*Eliasson*	*P.Hamman*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♢
Pass	5♢	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Baskan*	*Auken*	*Tatlicioglu*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Petra Hamman used FSF, Lall judged to show his fifth club rather than bid NT. That saw Hamman raise to 4♢ and Lall went on to game. Played by South, a club lead would have seen the defence take three tricks, but the contract was played from the North hand, and there was nothing Eliasson could lead to cause a problem. He chose a club, round to the ace-queen. Lall won and led a heart, Eliasson winning the ace and trying a spade. Lall won, led a diamond to the king, followed by a club to the queen. Next he played a second diamond, and lost only to the ace; +600.

After an identical start to the auction, Baskan preferred to bid 3NT at his third turn. This was a decidedly inferior contract, which is even beaten by a club lead into declarer's tenace, as declarer needs to knock out two cards and the defence is a tempo ahead.. Auken led the five of spades to the ten and ace and Baskan played a diamond to the queen followed by a second diamond to the jack and ace. Auken cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the two for the jack and queen. Baskan returned the ♡7 so Auken won and continued with the two of spades to dummy's king. Auken was in some difficulties by now but, on the run of the diamonds, she bared the king of clubs, keeping one spade, one heart and the ♣K. Baskan got the ending wrong, exiting with the ♡8 in hope of an endplay, only to find that Auken had the ♠9 to lead to her partner's queen for down one; –100 and 12 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS.

Ferguson v Zhao

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Snellers*	*V Prooijen*	*De Boer*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Liu*	*V D Bos*	*Zhao*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Snellers chose 3NT over the 3♣ asking bid and was left to play there. Van Prooijen led the five of spades to the three, four and ace. Snellers led a diamond to the king then back to the jack and ace, and Van Prooijen persevered with hos spade attack, leading the two. Snellers ducked this to the ten, and a club through to the queen and king sealed her fate. However, Van Prooijen returned a third spade rather than a club. Snellers won the ♠K and played the ♡K to the ace, and was down one for –100.

Zhao responded with 1NT, showing spades, and followed that up with 2NT, raised to game by Liu. The initial response saw 3NT played the wrong way up. The jack of clubs went to the queen and king and the club return cleared the suit. Zhao played on diamonds, with Van Den Bos winning the second round and leading the nine of spades round to declarer's ace. When Liu now played a heart, Van Den Bos won the ace and played a second spade through, so Liu could win and cash out for down one; –100 and a flat board.

Hungary v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Winkler*	*Bell*	*Dumbovitch*
Csaba	*Burgess*	*Kemeny*	*Leslie*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Winkler bid 3NT at his third turn and played there, Bell leading the five of spades to the eight, ten and ace. A useful play that eight, tempting a cover. Winkler played on diamonds, Bell winning the second round and returning the nine of spades, but that wasn't good enough for the defence. Winkler won the king then played the ♠7 and knocked out the queen. He now had four diamonds, four spades and the ace of clubs for +600.

After the same auction, Kemeny led the nine of spades to the three, four and ace. Burgess playedthe usual diamond to the king then back to the jack and ace, and back came the five of spades. Burgess won the king and played the king of hearts. Kemeny won the ace and returned the two of spades to his partner's ten. Csaba couldn't afford to cash the ♠Q, as that would have established a third spade trick in the dummy, so he switched to the jack of clubs, and Burgess had no option but to try the finesse. When it failed, he was down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to HUNGARY.

Orca v Sugi

West	North	East	South
Sigit	*Plackett*	*Sakkung*	*Erichsen*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*Rohinun*	*Zorlu*	*Sugiharto*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Rohinun bid 3NT at his third turn, and Zorlu led the five of spades to the three, ten and ace. Rohinun played a diamond to the queen then back to the jack and ace, and Zorlu played ace then two of hearts to the jack and queen. Back came the eight of hearts to the nine, and Zorlu returned the two of spades. But Rohinun put in the eight, forcing the queen, and had an extra spade trick – his ninth – and +600.

Erichsen did not use FSF, preferring a slightly heavy raise to 3♢ and, with two scrappy suits and all his values in his shortages, Plackett was not inclined to go on. Sakkung led the nine of spades to Plackett's ace, and Plackett led a diamond to the king followed by the king of hearts. Sakkung won the ♡A and led a club round to Plackett's queen. Plackett cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, and ruffed another heart low. That was over-ruffed and there was the ace of trumps to come; +130 but 10 IMPs to SUGI.

Nine Souths used FSF, six preferring a non-forcing raise to 3♢. Of those facing FSF, only Lall rebid the diamonds, the rest bid 3NT. Five Diamonds was played twice, once making, once not. 3NT was played 10 times, making four times. Which leaves six pairs scoring a safe plus score in 3♢.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sigit	*Plackett*	*Sakkung*	*Erichsen*
–	1♡	Pass	3♢
Dble	4♡	Pass	Pass
4NT	5♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*Rohinun*	*Zorlu*	*Sugiharto*
–	1♡	Pass	3♡
Dble	4♡	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♡	Dble	All Pass

Erichsen showed a weakish four-card raise, 6-9 or so, and Sigit doubled then, when Plackett's 4♡ came round tohim, bid 4NT to show the minors. When PLackett went on to 5♡ and Sakkung never bid, Sigit gave up and left him to play there undoubled. He won the club lead, drew the missing trump, and gave up a diamond. Having ruffed his club loser, he rattled off the trumps and Sakkung carelessly bared the ♠K so Plackett had a twelfth trick and +480.

Sugiharto made a pre-emptive heart raise and Crouch doubled. When Zorlu bid 4♠ freely over 4♡, he probably set up a force for his side, and he doubled at his next turn to complete the auction. His low spade lead ran round to the queen, and Rohinun had 12 easy tricks for +750 and 7 IMPs to SUGI.

Scorway v Compton

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Levinson*	*Huang*	*Shenkin*
–	4♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	4♠	5♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Smith*	*Saur*	*Moses*
–	1♡	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Levinson opened 4♡ and there were two passes to Dwyer, who doubled. Levinson redoubled to show a very good 4♡ opener, and Huang bid his spades. Shenkin would no doubt have bid 5♡ even without the redouble, but it was absolutely clearcut now. When 5♡ came round to Huang he doubled. His low spade lead ran to the queen and Levinson had +750.

Smith opened at the one level and Moses made a pre-emptive raise. Brekka went quietly, and did so again when Smith raised himself to game via a club cuebid. Once again the lead was a spade, but this time 12 tricks meant only +480, so 7 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Calcio & Football v Black

West	North	East	South
Gold	*A. Grossack*	*Black*	*Bussink*
–	1♡	Pass	3♡
4NT	5♡	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♡	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Manno	*Hallberg*	*Di Franco*	*Hult*
–	1♡	Pass	3♣
Dble	4♡	All Pass	

Hallberg opened at the one level and Hult made a Mixed raise to 3♣. Manno doubled but Hallberg jumped to 4♡ and nobody had anything to add. Di Franco made a safe club lead and, with both defenders keeping two spades in the ending, there was a spade to be lost along with a diamond, +450.

Adam Grossack also opened at the one level and Bussink made a pre-emptive raise. Gold decided to treat his hand as a two-suiter, ignoring the spades, perhaps because his partner had had an opportunity to overcall 1♠ and had not done so. He jumped to 4NT, minors, and Black was delighted to bid 6♣ over Grossack's 5♡. That would have been defeated by a couple of tricks, but Grossack wasn't sure what was an wasn't making, so went on to 6♡. That was doubled by Black and, after a club lead, was down one for –100 and 11 IMPs to BLACK.

David Gold

Fifteen Norths opened at the one level, Levinson was the only 4♡ opener, and there were two who opened 2♣.

Round 4

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Lion v Skeidar

West	North	East	South
Molberg	*Pitt*	*Larsson*	*McNay*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Helgemo*	*Hun*	*Andresen*
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	4♢	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Andresen opened a somewhat off-centre 1NT on the South cards and Helgemo transferred to spade at the four level, giving no possibility of playing other than in 4♠. Ng led the king of clubs then continued with the ♣4, and Hun won that and played a third club. Andresen could get rid of dummy's heart loser on the king of diamonds, but there was no way to avoid a trump loser; down one for –50.

McNay opened the more normal 1♢ but then jumped to 3NT at his next turn, feeling that his hand had too much potential for a mere 3♢ rebid. That auction doesn't really invite partner to go back to his own suit, so Pitt passed and 3NT became the final contract. But Molberg led the king of clubs followed by a small club, and the defence soon had four club tricks. McNay won the heart switch in hand and cashed the top diamonds. When the queen failed to put in an appearance, he cashed the ♠K. crossed to the ♡A, and tested the spades. When they too failed to oblige, he was down two for –100 and 2 IMPs to SKEIDAR.

Apres-Bridge Champs v Harris

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Lall*	*Trendafilov*	*Milner*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gawel	*Root*	*Jagniewski*	*Igoe*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♢
Pass	5♢	All Pass	

Any game is poor on the N/S cards, with 3NT probably the best of them despite the lack of a club stopper.

Lall and Milner had a natural auction to 4♠, against which Trendafilov led a heart. Lall won the ace in hand, crossed to the king of spades, then played ace of diamonds followed by the ♢J. Isporski played the queen and Lall ruffed. He just needed spades three-three or the spade and diamond lengths together now – ace and queen of spades, king of hearts, king of diamonds – but the third diamond was ruffed and the defence had three more winners to come; down one for –50.

Root preferred to show his heart value over the 3♢ rebid, figuring that Igoe could show spade tolerance over that if he had it and wasn't able to bid NT. When Igoe could only repeat the diamonds, Root raised him to game, but the club lead had been pinpointed and there were three of those to be lost plus a trump; down two for –100 and 2 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS.

Ferguson v Sugi

West	North	East	South
Reza	*Nadel*	*Elwindra*	*Ferguson*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Ibradi*	*V D Bos*	*Parasian*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♢
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Ferguson bid as we saw from McNay, rebidding 3NT and being left to play there. Reza led the jack of spades, Ferguson winning the king and trying teold bluff play of the five of clubs towards dummy's jack, hoping to kid his opponents that he was strong in the suit. However, Reza won the queen and returned the four of clubs to the jack and ace. Elwindra was fooled, and switched to a heart for the ten, jack and ace, and Ferguson cashedthe top spades then took a diamond finesse and, when that lost, Reza had two clubs to cash for down one and –50.

Parasian only rebid 3♢, and now Ibradi made life more difficult for the defence by ignoring his extra spade length and just bidding 3NT. Ibradi won the heart lead in dummy and cashed the top diamonds. When the queen did not fall, he did not switch his attention to spades, hoping for a three-three split. Instead, he played a third diamond, pitching a club and a spade from dummy. Had the defence continued their original attack on hearts, Ibradi would have had nine tricks, but Van Den Bos discarded the two of spades, and that indicated interest in clubs, so Van Lankveld led a low club to his partner's ace and the club return meant five tricks for down one and a push board.

Ten pairs played 3NT, six played 4♠, and two played 5♢. Nobody went plus on the N/S cards.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Lion v Skeidar

West	North	East	South
Molberg	*Pitt*	*Larsson*	*McNay*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ng	*Helgemo*	*Hun*	*Andresen*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♡	Dble	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♢
Dble	All Pass		

Pitt and McNay had a free run to 2♢, against which Molberg led a heart round to the ten. McNay played a second heart to the ace, but that was ruffed and the jack of diamonds returned to the queen and ace. Molberg switched to the queen of spades to dummy's ace. Wanting to takea heart ruff, McNay tried to come to hand with a spade ruff, and suffered an over-ruff. Back came a club, which McNay won with dummy's ace. Je played a second club but that was won by Larsson, who played a spade through. That was ruffed with the eight and over-ruffed with the ten, and now MOlberg could draw dummy's last trump without costing himself a trump trick. He did so, and all McNay could make in the ending was the king of diamonds; down three for –300.

Much as I admire Helgemo, I cannot understand his double of the 2♡ overcall on his minimum opener. Nor, given his jump to 3NT in response, presumably could Andresen. The doubling started and Andresen eventually declared 4♢ doubled, on the lead of the queen of spades to dummy's ace. Andresen ducked a club, won by Hun, who returned his singleton heart to the four, eight and ace. Andresen played a diamond to the seven, nine and ten, and Ng returned the jack of clubs. Andresen played dummy's remaining trump to the jack, king and ace, ruffed the club return, and cashed the diamonds. He and Ng were both down to nothing but hearts for the last four tricks, so Andresen was able to make one more trick and was down only three, two tricks better than his other table, but that was –800 and 11 IMPs to LION.

Apres-Bridge Champs v Harris

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Lall*	*Trendafilov*	*Milner*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gawel	*Root*	*Jagniewski*	*Igoe*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Dble	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Lall and Milner had an uncontested auction to 2♢, against which Isporski led the six of hearts round to the nine and ten. Milner played a heart back to the ace, ruffed, and Trendafilov returned the jack of diamonds to the king and ace. Isporski continued with a low diamond round to Milner's eight, and Milner cashed the queen of diamonds, but with nowhere to park his losing hearts was down two for –200.

Gawel made an aggressive take-out double of spades and Root introduced his second suit. When Igoe converted that to diamonds, Gawel passed it round to his partner, and Jagniewski made a take-out double, which Gawel left in. He avoided the heart lead which was so popular

around the room, and instead led the queen of spades. Igoe won the ace and played ace and another heart. Jagniewski discarded a spade, so the ten lost to the jack and Gawel returned the nine of clubs to dummy's ace. Igoe tried to get to hand with a spade ruff now, but was over-ruffed. The eight of clubs to the queen, and Jagniewski played a spade. Igoe ruffed with the king and ruffed a heart. That was over-ruffed with the seven and the ♢J returned to the queen and ace. Gawel continued with ten and five of diamonds, and Igoe was endplayed to lead into the ♢KJ at trick 12. That was a very nicely defended +800 for the Poles, and 12 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS.

Ferguson v Sugi

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Reza	*Nadel*	*Elwindra*	*Ferguson*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
2♡	3♢	All Pass	

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
V Lankveld	*Ibradi*	*V D Bos*	*Parasian*
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♢	All Pass		

Ferguson responded with a wide-ranging 1NT then, not liking either of the options offered to him by Nadel, suggested diamonds. Now Reza decided that, with his opponents having bid everything else, his side must have a heart fit. Afraid not – but Reza was rescued from his five-one fit by Nadel, who no doubt assumed her partner to have a six-card suit, hence her competing to 3♢. Reza led the six of hearts, which Ferguson ran to his ten. He played back a second heart to the ace, but that was ruffed with the short trump holding – not good news. Elwindra returned the king of spades to dummy's ace, and Ferguson played ace and another club, Elwindra winning the queen and returning the eight of spades. Ferguson knew what was happening in spades so threw a heart loser away, Reza ruffing and cashing the ace of diamonds and following up with a second diamond. Ferguson won that but had to lose two heart tricks so was down two for –200.

It is rarely good for the same team to declare at both tables in the same suit, and this was no exception. Van Lankveld could overcall 2♢ to show both red suits and Van Den Boss left him there, hoping that this would be his partner's five-card suit. Ibradi cashed the ace of clubs then switched to the two of diamonds to cut down on dummy's ruffing potential. That went to the queen and ace, and Van Lankveld played the queen of spades. Ibradi won the ace and played his remaining trump, Parasian winning the king and switching to a heart for the six and ace. Ibradi continued with a low heart which was ducked to declarer's eight. Van Lankveld cashed the ten of diamonds then led a club to the queen followed by a spade. Parasian could ruff that and cash his other trump winner, but was then endplayed to lead into the ♡KJ at the end; down only one for –50 but 6 IMPs to

SUGI.

N/S played unsuccessfully in various numbers of diamonds on eight occasions, with the penalties ranging from –100 to –800. E/W also tried diamonds once, and hearts five times, always unsuccessfully. There were four making contracts by E/W, 2♣ once and 2♠ three times. Two of the three 2♠ contracts came in the same match; BLACK v SCORWAY, where North passed his partner's 1NT response and East, Black and Saur, competed with 2♠. The other East to compete with 2♠ was Becker, for GREENSPAN, but his opponents had bid: 1♠ – 1NT – 2♣ – 2♡ – Pass, before he ventured in.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Apres-Bridge Champs v Harris

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Isporski	*Lall*	*Trendafilov*	*Milner*
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♡	Pass	2NT(i)	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Gawel	*Root*	*Jagniewski*	*Igoe*
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♡	1♠(i)	2♠(i)	3♣
4♡	All Pass		

(i) Invitational four-card heart raise.
(ii) Denies four or more spades

The same contract was reached at both tables but there was one huge difference in the auctions – Igoe had rebid his clubs at the three level in response to Root's artificial 1♠ response, while Milner had not repeated the clubs facing a passing partner.

Both Norths led the four of clubs and both Souths won cheaply and continued with two more top clubs. Isporski did not know that clubs were six-two so ruffed low and was over-ruffed; down one for –100.

Gawel did know that clubs were six-two. He ruffed with the king and, when that held the trick as expected, led a heart to the seven! That forced the ace and a subsequent finesse against the jack picked up trumps without further loss. Well played for +620 and 12 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS.

Note that Gawel HAD to play for hearts to be three-one. Had he led low to the ten and ace with the suit two-two, a fourth round of clubs would have been ruffed by North's jack to promote South's nine into the setting trick.

Lion v Skeidar

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Molberg	*Pitt*	*Larsson*	*McNay*
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♡	Pass	2♣	3♣
4♡	All Pass		

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Ng	*Helgemo*	*Hun*	*Andresen*
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♡	2♢	2♡	3♢
3♡	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

McNay bid and rebid the long clubs so that, when the defence to 4♡ kicked off with three rounds of hearts, Molberg knew that the suit must be six-two.

He ruffed with the king and, like Gawel, found the winning play of low to the seven. Well played for +620.

That was worth 8 IMPs to SKEIDAR, as Andresen took a shot at 3NT on the South cards and was down three after ace of spades, catching an encouraging signal from partner, low spade continuation to the queen, and a heart through the bare ace. Andreseen had been hoping for a little more in dummy, given that his opponents had stopped in partscore; –300.

In FERGUSON v SUGI, both defences led three rounds of clubs and both declarers correctly ruffed with the king. Reza then led low to the seven to make his game, while Van Lankveld led low to the ten and had a second trump loser for down one and 12 IMPs to SUGI. Perhaps Van Lankveld thought the two-two break to be more likely and that the defence might not spot the necessary play of the fourth club?

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Gold	*Kvangraven*	*Black*	*Stornes*
–	–	Pass	1♣
Dble	1♠	Dble	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the match between BLACK and SCORWAY, Gold and Black found a different way to bring home a game on the E/W cards, getting to 4♠. The defence led three rounds of clubs, but Gold could afford to ruff high, draw trumps ending in dummy, and lead a heart through the ace; +620 and 12 IMPs to BLACK, as 4♡ went down at the other table, where clubs were not rebid and declarer suffered an over-ruff at trick three.

Then there was the table at which South took a unilateral save in 5♣:

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Verhees	*A. Grossack*	*V Prooijen*	*Bussink*
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	
Dble	All Pass		

Verhees cashed a top spade then switched to a heart to declarer's bare ace. Bussink gave up a spade, won Van Prooijen's trump switch, and took a spade ruff. He continued by ruffing a heart, cashing the top trumps, then setting about establishing his eighth trick in diamonds; down three for –500 but +3 IMPs to CALCIO & FOOTBALL, as Manno found the correct play on three rounds of clubs at the other table.

And then there was the oddity of the match where both N/S pairs played the hand in 4♢, which happened in no other match:

West	**North**	**East**	**South**
Elmroth	*Plackett*	*Eliasson*	*Erichsen*
Crouch	*Zeitak*	*Zorlu*	*Khutorsky*
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♡	3♢	3♡	4♢
All Pass			

The weak jump shift response took the sting out of East's heart raise, which could have been made on a substantially weaker hand, and neither West felt inclined to bid on. There were two spades and two diamonds to be lost; down one for –50 and no swing.

Online Bridge NEWS

Free junior events on RealBridge

Shireen Mohandes, from RealBridge, posted the following information about online tournaments for junior players:

HOW will we play live Bridge again? The ACBL guidelines

The cover of the latest ACBL Bridge Bulletin

In the latest issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin, the ACBL stated that in order to play live Bridge in the next face-to-face ACBL events, "all players (along with staff and volunteers) must be vaccinated *and* be able to prove it."

But "the new policy allows exceptions for medical and religious reasons."

And that is why the ACBL hopes that players who did not have, for any reason, their CoViD-19 vaccine, will not come to face-to-face events till this rule stands.

Also, face masks will be mandatory for everyone.

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

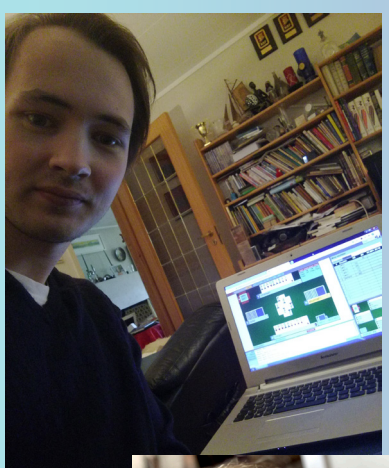
It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

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



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ROUND 3

Donner	10.91 VPs 34 IMPs	9.09 VPs 31 IMPs	Harris	
Apres-Br. Champs	13.97 VPs 52 IMPs	6.03 VPs 37 IMPs	Team International	
Orca	17.31 VPs 56 IMPs	2.69 VPs 22 IMPs	Sugi	
Ferguson	0.48 VPs 10 IMPs	19.52 VPs 64 IMPs	Zhao	
Calcio & Football	16.26 VPs 49 IMPs	3.74 VPs 22 IMPs	Black	
Scorway	7.45 VPs 39 IMPs	12.55 VPs 48 IMPs	Compton	
Leslie	0.93 VPs 16 IMPs	19.07 VPs 65 IMPs	Hungary	
Greenspan	12.03 VPs 35 IMPs	7.97 VPs 28 IMPs	Skeidar	
Lion	12.8 VPs 35 IMPs	7.2 VPs 25 IMPs	Tilly	

ROUND 4

Donner	3.58 VPs 7 IMPs	16.42 VPs 35 IMPs	Tilly	
Apres-Br. Champs	16.88 VPs 41 IMPs	3.12 VPs 10 IMPs	Harris	
Orca	10 VPs 22 IMPs	10 VPs 22 IMPs	Team International	
Ferguson	3.27 VPs 10 IMPs	16.73 VPs 40 IMPs	Sugi	
Calcio & Football	13.28 VPs 37 IMPs	6.72 VPs 25 IMPs	Zhao	
Scorway	8.24 VPs 20 IMPs	11.76 VPs 26 IMPs	Black	
Leslie	5.61 VPs 14 IMPs	14.39 VPs 31 IMPs	Compton	
Greenspan	1.79 VPs 7 IMPs	18.21 VPs 48 IMPs	Hungary	
Lion	7.71 VPs 30 IMPs	12.29 VPs 38 IMPs	Skeidar	

ROUND 5

Donner	2.15 VPs 20 IMPs	17.85 VPs 58 IMPs	Skeidar	
Apres-Br. Champs	8.52 VPs 37 IMPs	11.48 VPs 42 IMPs	Tilly	
Orca	16.88 VPs 52 IMPs	3.12 VPs 21 IMPs	Harris	
Ferguson	5.4 VPs 44 IMPs	14.6 VPs 62 IMPs	Team International	
Calcio & Football	2.03 VPs 23 IMPs	17.97 VPs 62 IMPs	Sugi	
Scorway	5.4 VPs 38 IMPs	14.6 VPs 56 IMPs	Zhao	
Leslie	12.29 VPs 59 IMPs	7.71 VPs 51 IMPs	Black	
Greenspan	9.69 VPs 41 IMPs	10.31 VPs 42 IMPs	Compton	
Lion	3.91 VPs 49 IMPs	16.09 VPs 75 IMPs	Hungary	

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1	P. Hamman, (Pete)	Apres-Bridge Champs	2.56	16
2	Ji. Beni, (beni ji)	Sugi	1.56	32
3	M. Dumbovich, (dumbovich)	Hungary	1.35	80
	G. Winkler, (winkiboy)	Hungary	1.35	80
5	R. Tobing, (pangi)	Sugi	1.31	48
6	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Zhao	1.17	64
	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Zhao	1.17	64
8	W. Gawel, (redds)	Apres-Bridge Champs	1.08	64
	R. Jagniewski, (mlodybog)	Apres-Bridge Champs	1.08	64
10	J. Liu, (Liujing)	Zhao	1	32
11	C. Zhao, (zhaochen)	Zhao	0.91	64
12	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Compton	0.83	40
	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Compton	0.83	40
14	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	0.8	80
	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	0.8	80
16	P. Liu, (peihua)	Lion	0.73	48
17	K. Dyke, (Woozle)	Leslie	0.59	64
	G. Osborne, (mayors)	Leslie	0.59	64
19	K. Ng, (smoz)	Lion	0.54	80
20	H. Lall, (hemantlall)	Apres-Bridge Champs	0.5	48
21	V. Sumarow, (beto_7)	Sugi	0.44	16
	G. Kemény, (kemeny)	Hungary	0.44	80
	C. Szabo, (csaboka13)	Hungary	0.44	80
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.44	64
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	0.44	64
26	S. Tatlicioglu, (Sinantos)	Team International	0.42	48
	B. Baskan, (baskanb)	Team International	0.42	48
28	M. Thoma, (hawai)	Tilly	0.41	80
	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Tilly	0.41	80
30	M. Michielsen, (lady007)	Donner	0.41	64
	Per Ola Cullin, (pocken)	Donner	0.41	64
32	P. King, (philking)	Tilly	0.35	80
	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Tilly	0.35	80
34	K. Siew, (icycookie)	Lion	0.25	32
35	N. Khutorsky, (nir khut)	Team International	0.23	48
	A. Zeitak, (avivz)	Team International	0.23	48
37	H. Sugiharto, (sugi)	Sugi	0.21	48
38	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.2	64
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.2	64
40	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Compton	0.18	80
	S. Huang, (precisebri)	Compton	0.18	80
42	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.16	64
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.16	64
44	L. Aaseng, (Lasseaa)	Skeidar	0.13	32
	T. Johansen, (Brulle)	Skeidar	0.13	32
46	M. Andresen, (Mime477)	Skeidar	0.09	64
	V. Pangkerego, (ayor)	Sugi	0.09	32
48	A. Nurkunyil, (nurkunyil)	Sugi	0.06	16
	J. Molberg, (juve_)	Skeidar	0.06	32
	J. Larsson, (Jela79)	Skeidar	0.06	32
51	A. Manno, (maqeda)	Calcio & Football	0	80
	K. Bogø, (osvaill83)	Skeidar	0	16
	C. Bakke, (chrien)	Skeidar	0	16
	M. Di Franco, (M_DiFranco)	Calcio & Football	0	80
	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	0	80
	N. Zorlu, (begse)	Orca	0	80
57	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.04	48
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.04	48
59	S. De Wijs, (sm1)	Zhao	-0.13	64
60	P. Becker, (badger49)	Greenspan	-0.16	80
	K. Kranyak, (kranko2013)	Greenspan	-0.16	80
62	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.17	48
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.17	48
64	B. Bussink, (bart3)	Calcio & Football	-0.18	80
	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Calcio & Football	-0.18	80
66	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Donner	-0.25	32
67	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	-0.29	48
	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	-0.29	48
69	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Skeidar	-0.36	80
70	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.4	48
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.4	48
72	G. Elwindra, (gabrialsew)	Sugi	-0.41	32
	M. Reza, (jakskal)	Sugi	-0.41	32
74	E. McNay, (ewan)	Lion	-0.5	80
	J. Pitt, (scoobyroo)	Lion	-0.5	80
76	R. Milner, (reesem)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.53	32
77	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Donner	-0.56	48
	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Leslie	-0.56	48
79	C. Compton, (compton)	Compton	-0.57	40
	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Compton	-0.57	40
81	M. Bell, (MickyB)	Leslie	-0.59	64
82	S. Rimstedt, (sandria)	Donner	-0.65	48
83	G. Elmroth, (Turnip1)	Team International	-0.67	64
	P. Eliasson, (PGEliasson)	Team International	-0.67	64
85	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-0.69	48
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-0.69	48
87	S. Auken, (jcmax)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.71	48
	R. Welland, (roy)	Apres-Bridge Champs	-0.71	48
89	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	-0.79	80
	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	-0.79	80
91	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.81	32
	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.81	32
93	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Leslie	-0.85	48
94	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Leslie	-0.94	32
95	B. Muller, (beukertje)	Zhao	-1.06	32
96	B. Greenspan, (BernieG)	Greenspan	-1.14	80
	F. Schenker, (jbcoyle)	Greenspan	-1.14	80
98	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-1.14	64
	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-1.14	64
100	J. Grue, (joegrue)	Donner	-1.16	32
	B. Moss, (brad)	Donner	-1.16	32
102	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	-1.41	32
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	-1.41	32
104	K. Sigit, (kingsladin)	Sugi	-1.5	32
	J. Sakkung, (c0rona)	Sugi	-1.5	32
106	A. Farstad, (Kha66)	Skeidar	-2.19	16

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