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BLACK IS BACK

OCBL Super Cup Ranking after Round 9

1	Black	112.63
2	De Botton	111.83
3	Seligman	111.26
4	Rippey	108.03
5	Hungary	104.38
6	Fredin	103.84
7	Mikadinho	101.07
8	Flyfalcon	98.44
9	Gupta	95.02
10	Gillis	94.77
11	Orca	94.65
12	New Amateurs	91.98
13	Ireland	90.56
14	Tilly	86.23
15	Donner	82.48
16	Parker	76.7
17	Harris	75.28
18	Ferguson	73.15
19	Marupe	73.06
20	Compton	70.98
21	Lion	70.65
22	Squirrel	53.01

While trying to figure out which animal bit him in the night*, Andrew Black and his team (A. Black, D. Gold, G. Hallberg, S. Hult, A. McIntosh, T. Paske) climbed the ranking, moving from the 8th to the 1st place.

They are followed at short distance by teams De Botton (J. De Botton, D. Bakhshi , T. Charlsen, T. Helness, T.E. Hoftaniska, A. Malinowski, D. Padon, T. Townsend) (111.83 VPs) and Seligman (M. Seligman, J. Kalita, M. Klukowski, M. Kwiecien, W. Starkowski) (111.26 VPs).

Today the last 3 rounds of the Qualification stage will be played, then, the top 8 teams of the ranking will advance to the Knockouts.

**Andrew has posted a picture of the dark red spot behind his knee, asking if somebody has any idea of which animal may have caused it - if you haven't missed any Doctor House episode please check his Facebook page*

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Schedule Today

Round 10 16.30 CEST / 10.30 a.m. EDT

De Botton	VS	Seligman	
Black	VS	Fredin	
Rippey	VS	New Amateurs	
Mikadinho	VS	Flyfalcon	
Hungary	VS	Gillis	
Gupta	VS	Orca	VUGRAPH
Ireland	VS	Marupe	
Parker	VS	Compton	
Ferguson	VS	Donner	
Harris	VS	Tilly	
Lion	VS	Squirrel	

Round 11 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

Black	VS	Rippey	
De Botton	VS	Hungary	VUGRAPH
Seligman	VS	Fredin	
Mikadinho	VS	Gillis	
Flyfalcon	VS	New Amateurs	
Gupta	VS	Ferguson	
Orca	VS	Compton	
Ireland	VS	Tilly	
Donner	VS	Marupe	
Parker	VS	Squirrel	
Harris	VS	Lion	

Round 12 21.30 CEST / 3.30 p.m. EDT

To be announced

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - 5 August, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 2 August	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Tuesday 3 August	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 4 August	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Thursday 5 August	16.30 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

SEPTEMBER CUP

31 August - 3 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		

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Rounds 5, 6 and 7

by Brian Senior

Round 5

On this first deal, at most tables E/W either played peacefully in 4♡ when N/S were unwilling to bid up to 4♠ because of the prevailing vulnerability, or defended against 4♠ doubled when N/S did bid 4♠. Looking at their two hands, E/W clearly would not want to be pushed to the five level, however, 5♡ can always be made as the cards lie.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♡	2♠	3♠	4♠
5♢	Pass	5♡	All Pass
West	North	East	South

North cashed the ace of spades then switched to the ten of diamonds round to declarer's ace. Declarer cashed the ace then king of hearts and followed up with the king of diamonds. Had the suit been divided three-two, he could now have thrown South in with the third round and the endplay would have solved the club guess. However, as was a serious danger after the diamond switch, the suit was actually four-one. Had declarer been willing to give up on the endplay, he could have led the ♢8 from hand after the ♡K, ensuring only one diamond loser, but would now have had to find the ♣Q himself.

The good news was that the contract was still cold, the bad news was that declarer didn't see the possibility. He played a third diamond so South won and cashed the setting trick before being endplayed to pick up the ♣Q; down one.

Now suppose that declarer plays for North, who is by now known to have the longer club holding, to also hold the queen, a normal, everyday, assumption. He plays the ace of clubs, the jack of clubs to the queen and king, and cashes the ten of clubs. Next he plays the two of clubs and discards a diamond, allowing North to win the trick. North is obliged to lead a spade, so declarer ruffs in dummy and discards his remaining diamond from hand – contract made.

Ida Gronkvist

The next deal was a quiet affair in one match, yet full of action in another.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Flyfalcon v Gillis

West	North	East	South
M Rimstedt	*Kiljan*	*O Rimstedt*	*Verhees*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	1♡	2♣	Pass
2♢	Dble	3♢	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
I Gronkvist	*Saur*	*M Gronkvist*	*Brekka*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	1♡	2♢	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Verhees did not bid over Ola's 2♣, but Kiljan doubled the 2♢ rebid for take-out and Verhees was now willing to bid spades at the three level, ending the auction. Mikael cashed a top diamond then switched to a club, Ola winning the ace and continuing with the ten. Verhees won with the queen and drew three rounds of trumps. He played on hearts next but no longer had the entries to take more than one heart trick so was held to nine; +140.

Brekka made a take-out double of the diamond raise and Saur simply bid 4♠ in response. Mikael Gronkvist led the five of diamonds and Ida won the ace and returned the ten, ruffed by Saur. He cashed the ace of spades then led a club to the jack and ruffed dummy's last diamond. He cashed the king of spades next and would have been home had either the suit split two-two or clubs been four-three, but neither proved to be the case. Mikael won the queen of clubs with the ace and gave Ida a ruff. There was a heart still to come; down one for –100 and 6 IMPs to FLYFALCON.

Parker v Donner

West	North	East	South
Rubenstein	*Michielsen*	*Z Grossack*	*Cullin*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Dble	1♡	1♠
2♢	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Heathcote	*Chechelashvili*		*Pitt Lo*
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Facing a Precision 1♢ opening, Grue did not bid with the East cards and that left room for Wooldridge to respond 1♠ to his partner's overcall. Grainger raised that to game and now Grue made a point-count double, ending the auction. He did, of course, have a potentially awkward heart holding from declarer's point of view. Dwyer cashed the king of diamonds then switched to the six of clubs to the nine and jack. Wooldridge ruffed a diamond, cashed the ace of spades, then played dummy's remaining low club. Grue won the ace and gave Dwyer a ruff so the contract was down one for –200.

At the other table, Michielsen chose to double rather than overcall, and now it was Zack, East, who bid hearts. Cullin responded to the double with a quiet 1♠ and Rubenstein rebid diamonds. When Michielsem supported her partner's spades, Zack loved his hand so cuebid in support of diamonds and now I suspect a misunderstanding, with Rubenstein admitting to some heart support but Zack taking his 4♡ as a cuebid. Zack now drove to slam and Michielsen doubled the final contract. She cashed the two major-suit aces then continued with a second heart to declarer's queen. Rubenstein ruffed a spade then discarded a club on the king of hearts, but that was ruffed so the contract was down two for –500 and 12 IMPs to DONNER.

Declarer didn't expect hearts to be five-two after Michielsen's take-out double, but he could have played more safely and escaped for down one. Have taken a spade ruff, he should play a diamond to hand, ruff his last spade, then ruff the nine of hearts high. He could now draw the outstanding trumps and get to dummy with the ace of clubs to take his discard on the ♡K.

Board 10 gave the E/W pairs first a bidding test, then a challenge in the play.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

New Amateurs v Lion

West	North	East	South
Sigurjonsson	*Ng*	*Rubins*	*Siew*
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Pitt and Heathcote had a transfer sequence, Heathcote showing five hearts with invitational values, and Pitt accepting the invitation but offering spades as an alternative denomination for game. With three-card spade support, Heathcote raised to 4♠, which, while a reasonable decision, proved to be the wrong one on the actual deal. Lo led a low diamond, which Pitt ran to Chechelashvili's king, and back came a second diamond. Pitt won the queen and cashed the ace and king of spades, his only real hope in the trump suit. Alas, he found himself with two trump losers. Pitt switched his attention to hearts, leading the jack, which Chechelashvili won with the ace. A club back collected the fifth defensive trick and that was that; down two for –200.

The auction at the other table began in the same fashion but Sigurjonsson rebid 3NT to offer a choice of games, rather than leave open the possibility of stopping in partscore. Perhaps the West hand is only really worth a 2NT rebid with that empty heart suit, but that is not the way the modern game is played – not when a vulnerable game is a possibility. I'd expect the majority of experts to bid as did Sigurjonsson. Siew led the ten of diamonds. Rubins ran that to Ng's king and Ng switched to the three of spades. Rubins ran that to Siew's jack and Siew reverted to diamonds. Rubins won in hand and played the queen of hearts, which was ducked, followed by the jack, which was won by Ng, who returned another low spade. Rubins ran that to dummy's ten and needed only to set up a club for his ninth trick, not needing to rely on an even heart break; +600 and 13 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

So, was this deal just about getting to the right game?

Donner v Parker

West	North	East	South
Rubenstein	*Michielsen*	*Z Grossack*	*Cullin*
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*Grainger*	*Grue*	*Wooldridge*
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

One via a transfer sequence, the other via invitational Stayman, the respective Easts became declarer in 3NT.

Cullin led a low diamond, which Grossack ran to Michielsen's king. Back came a second diamond, which he won in hand. Grossack played the jack of hearts and, when that held the trick, continued with the queen. That too was ducked, so he switched his attention to spades, cashing the ace. When the jack dropped he continued with a low spade to the ten and queen. Michielsen cashed the ace of hearts then led a club through and Cullin won the ace but that was it for the defence; nine tricks for +600.

Wooldridge too led a diamond, choosing the ten, and Grue ducked. Grainger won the ♢K and continued with a diamond to Grue's queen. Grue played the jack of hearts and, when that held the trick, continued with the queen. We appeared to be following a familiar path but, when the second heart also held, Grue led a club to the queen followed by a spade to his eight. That lost to the jack and Wooldridge returned a heart to his partner's ace. A club return saw Wooldridge collect three club tricks and the contract was down two for –200 and 13 IMPs to PARKER.

Four pairs tried the doomed 4♠, with one stopping in 2♠. The rest played 3NT, always by East. That was made 13 times and failed four times.

Round 6

Round Six featured three slam deals, starting with Board 4.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

De Botton v Black

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	*Malinowski*	*Hult*	*De Botton*
1♣	1♡	5♣	5♡
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*Black*	*Townsend*	*Gold*
1♣	1♡	3♣	4♡
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

Hult's big pre-emptive raise to 5♣ bullied De Botton into bidding 5♡ – could she really fail to bid when holding such trump support? If partner could support a simple overcall at the five level, however much pressure she had been under, Malinowski could hardly fail to go on to slam.

Would the smaller club pre-empt leave room for Black/Gold to miss the slam? No. Gold jumped to 4♡, and Black made a club cuebid to invite slam. That was all Gold needed to see and he jumped to the small slam.

Both declarers ruffed the club lead, drew the missing trump, and played a diamond to the ten; 13 tricks for a flat board at +1460.

Nineteen out of 22 N/S pairs bid to the small slam, with just three stopping short, so we won't spend any more time on that one.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Rippey v Squirrel

West	North	East	South
Bucknell	*Vallet*	*Wieczorek*	*Bedout*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♢	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Leslie*	*Gawel*	*Burgess*
–	–	1♢	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♡	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♢	All Pass		

Wieczorek opened 1♣, promising only two cards, and Bucknell responded 1♡. As an aside, I think that is wrong when holding such a strong hand, as it risks losing a diamond fit on a likely slam hand – but maybe there was a systemic reason to have to bid hearts? When Wieczorek now showed a weak NT type, Bucknell jumped to 5NT to ask her to pick a slam. Six Diamonds was the obvious choice, but now Bucknell would have just been guessing had he gone on to Seven – a slower approach might have been wiser; +1390.

The Polish pair at the other table sailed into the grand slam. Two Diamonds was inverted and 3♢ marked time while, presumably, denying a suitable hand to bid NT at this point in the auction. An exchange of cuebids was followed by Key-card and Wiankowski went on with 5♡ asking about the trump queen. Five No Trump showed the queen and something extra that could not be shown below 6♢, and Wiankowski bid the grand; +2140 and 13 IMPs to RIPPEY.

I don't know their methods in detail, but did 5NT show specifically the king of hearts, with a 5♠ response to 5♡ showing the ♢Q and ♠K? That looks right, and would explain why Wiankowski could bid the grand slam with confidence.

Of course, while bidding 7♢ is a good effort, top marks should go to anyone who could get to 7NT while knowing that they had 13 tricks, as that cannot suffer an unlucky ruff and is also worth an extra couple of IMPs.

Orca v Parker

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	*A Grossack*	*Crouch*	*Parker*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rubenstein	*Plackett*	*Z Grossack*	*Erichsen*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♢	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

Crouch's 1♣ opening only promised two cards and the 1♢ response showed hearts. One No Trump showed Crouch's hand-type and now 2♢ inquired. Everything appeared to be going smoothly, with diamonds agreed and Key-card used. However, after Crouch had shown one key card, Zorlu followed through with a grand slam try and Crouch, I assume, showed the king of clubs. Clearly, Zorlu did not see the situation in quite the same way as did Crouch, because he passed, not only missing the grand slam, but leaving his partner to declare a four-three fit when there was a five-four fit available. Clubs were three-three, so there was no problem in the play, but the grand slam had been missed; +1390.

Grossack could open in his longest suit, 1♢, and Rubenstein responded 1♡. When Grossack rebid to show a weak NT type, Rubenstein inquired and found his partner with three hearts. Four Spades was Key-card for hearts, with the response showing two without the trump queen. Rubenstein continued with a grand slam try and Grossack showed the ♣K. Unless there is something in their methods of which I am not aware, I doubt that Rubenstein could count 13 tricks now, as he knew about the ♡K and ♣K but not about the ♢Q, but he felt sure that there should be play for 13 tricks, so jumped to 7NT; +2220 and 13 IMPs to PARKER.

Seligman v Donner

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Grue*	*Kalita*	*Dwyer*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
7♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*Seligman*	*Donner*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♣	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

Kalita opened 1♢, rebid to show a weak NT, then admitted to three-card heart support in response to Klukowski's game-foring inquiry. Klukowski confirmed a diamond fit then used Key-card. On finding his partner with one key-card, he blasted 7♢. Did he know that he would find partner with the ♣K rather than something in spades? Perhaps the 3♡ bid implied spade weakness? Anyway, at worst the grand would be on a club finesse if the king was missing; +2140.

Donner too opened 1♢ and rebid 1NT. However, in response to Celia's asking bid he bid 3♢. Celia set trumps then, over the heart cuebid, asked for key cards. On finding partner with one, she continued with 5♡ and found that he also had the king of clubs along with his trump queen. Facing ♢AQxxx and the kings of hearts and clubs, there were 13 top tricks, so Celia jumped to 7NT. Nicely bid, and +2220 was worth 2 IMPs to DONNER as well as bragging rights for getting to the top spot.

We have seen the two pairs who bid to 7NT. Ten pairs bid 7♢, 11 stopped in 6♢, and there was also the one pair we have already seen who played in 6♣.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Ireland v Ferguson

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Hanlon*	*V D Bos*	*Garvey*
1♡	Pass	2♣	4♣
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Moran	*Nadel*	*Carroll*	*Ferguson*
1♡	Pass	2NT	4♣
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♢	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Van Den Bos responded with a game-foring 2♣ and Garvey made a pre-emptive jump overcall of 4♣, suggesting a lot of playing stregth, given the prevailing vulnerability. Van Lankveld doubled for take-out and Van Den Bos left it in despite his four-card heart support. Probably he could not imagine his partner being quite so shapely as was actually the case. The play was pretty straightforward, with Garvey losing two tricks in each minor plus a spade; down two for –500.

Carroll started with a game-forcing heart raiseand Ferguson too made the pre-emptive jump overcall. Moran liked his hand a lot now and cuebid 5♣. The Irish pair exchanged another pair of cuebids before Carroll signed off in the small slam, neither player being willing to commit to Seven; +1010 and 11 IMPs to IRELAND.

Hungary v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Winkler*	*Apteker*	*Dumbovitch*
1♡	Pass	2NT	4♣
4♢	Pass	4NT	Pass
7♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Szabo	*Sylvan*	*Szegedi*	*Morath*
1♡	Pass	2NT	3♣
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♡	All Pass

Apteker made a game-forcing heart raise and Dumbovicth overcalled 4♣. Fredin cuebid 4♢and Apteker asked for key cards. If his partner could take control like this, Fredin could not imagine how 7♡ could not be a good contract, probably cold, so that is what he bid. There was nothing to the play, just take a diamond pitch on the ace of clubs, draw trumps, and ruff out the spades; +1510.

Szegedi too showed the game-forcing heart raise, but Morath overcalled only3♣. That left room for Szabo to cuebid clubs at the four level, showing a void, and now 4♢ was presumably Last Train. Szabo was always going to go on, even had Szegedi signed off in game. Four Spades asked about key cards, 5♣ showing one, ignoring the club ace because it was known to be facing a void, and Szabo now asked about spades. It was difficult to imagine having a better holding than two of the top three honours, so Szegedi jumped to 7♡; +1510 and no swing.

Guota v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Korbel*	*Kiljan*	*Gupta*
1♡	Pass	2♣	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	*V Prooijen*	*Meckstroth*	*Wilson*
1♣	Pass	2♡	4♣
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♡	Pass	7NT	All Pass

Kiljan started with a game-forcing 2♣ and Gupta overcalled at the three level, leaving Verhees room to introduce his spades at a convenient level. The Dutch pair exchanged cuebids, Korebl doubling Verhees's 4♢. Kiljan left that back round to his partner who redoubled to confirm first-round control. Now Kiljan asked for key cards and Verhees jumped to 6♣ to show the void along with three key cards. Thinking that there might be a diamond loser, Kiljan settled for 6♡; +1010. Should he perhaps have played Verhees to be six-five, when there should be 13 tricks? Partner might well have rebid 3♡ rather than 3♠ with six-four.

Rodwell opened a strong club and Meckstroth showed a balanced positive, if I remember their methods correctly, missing out a middle-range positive, which is shown via a different route (or am I just inventing that memory?). Wilson made a pre-emptive jump to 4♣ and Rodwell cuebid 5♣ to show the two-suited nature of his hand. Meckstroth cuebid 6♣ to find out which suits his partner held, then jumped to 7NT.

On our previous deal, 7NT was the top spot though 7♢ was also cold. This time 7♡ was cold but 7NT was far from also having 13 easy tricks. Wilson led the ten of diamonds. Meckstroth won the ace and cashed the king of hearts, seeing Wilson discard a club. He continued with a spade to the king then back to dummy with a heart to run the ten of spades, playing for the four-one break despite having already seen Wilson show up with a heart void. And right he was! The ♠10 held the trick, and now a spade to the queen, discard the diamond loser on the ace of clubs, and back to dummy with ace and another heart to cash out the majors. Well done Meckstroth, and 13 tricks for +1520 and 11 IMPs to GUPTA.

Round 7

Going into Day Three we are half-way through the qualifying stage. Team SELIGMAN leads the way, but only by a narrow margin, with ninth place within half a match of first. The bottom three teams will have to do very well to get into the top eight, but everyone else is very much in the mix and no team cab yet be confident of a place in the knock-outs.

The start of the DE BOTTON v MIKADINHO match looked as though it would have made an ideal match report, with serious action on each of the first four boards.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

De Botton v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
Ros	*Hoftaniska*	*Lesmeister*	*Helness*
–	Pass	1♡	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*Verhaegen*	*Townsend*	*Drijver*
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Townsend opened 1NT and was raised to game. Lesmeister preferred to open 1♡, and Ros showed an invitational three-card raise. Lesmeister suggested 3NT as an alternative contract and Ros, with a 4-3-3-3 hand and soft values, was happy to agree.

Both Souths led the jack of diamonds round to declarer's queen, and both declarers cashed a top heart then crossed to dummy with a club to run the jack of hearts, losing to the queen.

Helness returned the ten of diamonds and Lesmeister put up dummy's king, after which he could cash out and come to a spade at the end for an overtrick; +430.

Drijver returned the nine of diamonds. Whether the choice of ten or nine had any bearing on declarer's decision, Townsend guessed to play low, so the nine score. Drijver could now cash four more diamonds and lead a spade to his partner's ace for down three and –150; 11 IMPs to MIKADINHO, who added another 10 IMPs on Board 2 by bidding and making a borderline game on the N/S cards which was missed at the other table.

On Board 1, 3NT was played 18 times. Everyone played it essentially the same way – win the ♢Q, cash one top heart then cross to dummy to take the heart finesse. Only two misguessed on the diamond continuation. Nobody thought it right to play against the odds in the heart suit by cashing the ace and king to reduce the risk of getting a second diamond through the king. Of course, four heart tricks might not be sufficient, and if North has queen to three South may have a spade entry to push a diamond through if North has the ♢A.

Two boards later, DE BOTTON was almost level.

How do you like your pre-empts – weak, very weak, or…?

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

De Botton v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
Ros	*Hoftaniska*	*Lesmeister*	*Helness*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	3♡	Dble	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*Verhaegen*	*Townsend*	*Drijver*
–	–	–	1♢
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When Ros opened a strong NT, Hoftaniska took one look at the vulnerability and the fact that his partner had passed as dealer, and made a 3♡ pre-emptive overcall. Lesneister made a take-out double and Ros responded 3NT. That might have been that, with E/W playing their normal contract, but Helness had an ace-king and an ace and doubled. Hoftaniska couldn't stomach that, and ran to 4♣, where he found a very suitable dummy indeed.

Lesmeister led the king of diamonds. Hoftaniska ruffed and played ♡A, diamond ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff. The fun finally came to an end when the fourth diamond was over-ruffed, and Hoftaniska just made the ace and king of clubs so was down two for –300.

Bob Drijver opened the South hand and Bakhshi overcalled 1NT, raised to game by Townsend. After a heart lead, Bakhshi soon claimed 10 tricks for +630 and what must have been, for him, a surprise 8 IMP swing to DE BOTTON.

As you might have guessed, that was very much a solo effort from Hoftaniska, with all the other 21 E/W pairs playing in 3NT and making between 10 and 12 tricks.

The action continued at the Hoftaniska table on the next deal:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

De Botton v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
Ros	*Hoftaniska*	*Lesmeister*	*Helness*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*Verhaegen*	*Townsend*	*Drijver*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
3♡	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	5♠	All Pass

When Helness doubled the 1♠ opening, Ros made a simple spade raise. That was enough for Lesmeister to bid the spade game, and Helness doubled again. Hoftaniska pulled that to 5♣, and Lesmeister doubled, ending the auction. Hoftaniska ruffed the top spade lead high and played two rounds of clubs ending in hand, followed by the ten of diamonds. When Lesmeister played low, Hoftaniska went up with the king and continued with a low diamond. Ros played low so that was won by Lesmeister, who returned the king of hearts to dummy's ace. That was not good enough for the defence. Hoftaniska could ruff out the diamonds and cross to dummy's last top club to cash the two established diamond tricks, pitching spades, just conceding a heart at the end; +750.

But suppose that West goes up with the queen and wins the second round of diamonds. He can lead a spade through the queen and force dummy to ruff with its last honour, thereby promoting the ten of clubs into a defensive trick. Declarer can still ruff out the diamonds, but has to lose a club and one other trick so is down one.

At the other table, Bakhshi put in his own bid for weakest pre-empt of the day, 3♡ showing a pre-emptive spade raise. Townsend went on to game but, when his opponents got to 5♣, rather than double he took the push to 5♠, and was left to play there. Townsend ruffed the top club lead and cashed a top spade. Seeing South show out, he led a low diamond towards the queen in an attempt to get to dummy. Drijver went in with the king and returned a diamond, which Townsend won in dummy. He picked up the spades without loss but eventually had to lose two heart tricks so was down one for –100 but 12 IMPs to DE BOTTON.

Squirrel v Ferguson

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Leslie*	*V D Bos*	*Burgess*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♣	Dble	3♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Kemp	*Snellers*	*Bucknell*	*De Boer*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♣	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Van Lankveld did not find a spade raise over the double. However, when Van Den Bos doubled 2♣ for take-out and Burgess raised to 3♣, he now found a free bid of 3♠ and Van Den Bos raised himself to game. N/S had done their club bidding by now, so 4♠ was left undisturbed. Burgess led a top club. Van Den Boss ruffed and followed the same line as Townsend, except that as he was playing a level lower that meant making his contract for an excellent +620.

Kemp made a single spade raise and Snellers made an aggressive free bid of 3♣. When Bucknell now raised himself to 4♠, De Boer had an easy 5♣ bid, which would be a winner if either game was making. Bucknell doubled and led a top spade. Snellers ruffed high and cashed a top club, discovering the three-nil split. She led a low heart to the jack and king, and Bucknell returned a low spade – but Snellers was ready for that and discarded a diamond from dummy, winning her queen. Bucknell rose with the ace on Snellers lead of a diamond, and played the king of spades. Snellers ruffed low, cashed dummy's last trump, and played ace then ruffed a heart. She could now cash the trumps and had the ♢K in dummy for trick 13; +750 and a massive 16 IMPs to FERGUSON.

New Amateurs v Black

West	North	East	South
Gu	*Black*	*Yang*	*Gold*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Chechelashvili*		*McIntoshLo*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♠	3♣	4♠	5♠
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Gu made a simple raise and Yang jumped to game. Gold doubled for take-out and Black took it out to 5♣, where he was doubled by Yang. There was the usual top spade lead, ruffed high in the dummy. Black played a club to his jack without cashing a top card from dummy first, and saw the three-nil break. He led a diamond, putting up the king when Yang played low. And playing a second round back to the ten and ace. Yang returned the king of hearts to dummy's ace, and Black ruffed out the diamonds. He could now draw trumps and cash the two diamond winners, so had 11 tricks and his contract for +750.

It looks as though playing to the jack of clubs at trick two is an improvement on cashing a

top club first as we have seen elsewhere. Say that West rises with the queen on the second round of diamonds, as I suggested previously, and leads a spade through the queen and forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer can establish the diamonds and still has a club entry to dummy. He can then play a winning diamond and discard his last spade as West ruffs with his winner. There is still the ace of hearts as an entry to the remaining diamond winner, so the heart goes away and the contract is just made.

Paske made a simple spade raise and Chechelashvili, like Snellers, bid a free 3♣. Alas, Lo took that too seriously, and committed his side to slam, cuebidding 5♠ over McIntosh's 4♠. That forced Chechelashvili to bid 6♣, and McIntosh doubled. Rather than try to cash a spade, which was surely about to be ruffed in dummy, McIntosh led the king of hearts. Chechelashvili won the ace and cashed a top club then led a heart to the jack and queen. McIntosh wasn't taking any risks from here and cashed the ace of diamonds; down one for –200 and 14 IMPs to BLACK.

Four E/W pairs were allowed to play in 4♠ for +620. Ten N/Ss made 5♣, often doubled.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ –
♡ J 8 7 6 5
♢ A Q 10 9 5 3
♣ J 5

♠ K 9 8 5 3
♡ K
♢ J 8
♣ A K Q 8 4

♠ A Q J 10 6 4
♡ 9 3
♢ 7 6
♣ 10 9 2

♠ 7 2
♡ A Q 10 4 2
♢ K 4 2
♣ 7 6 3

Gupta v Donner

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	*De Wijs*	*Cullin*	*Muller*
1♠	2♠	4♠	5♡
Pass	Pass	5♠	6♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Zia	*C Rimstedt*	*Gupta*	*Donner*
1♠	3♢	4♠	All Pass

De Wijs showed a heart/minor two-suiter and Muller, with a huge heart fit, bid 5♡ over Cullin's 4♠. When Cullin took the push to 5♠, Muller in turn went on to 6♡, where he was left to play. Michielsen cashed two clubs then switched to a spade. Cullin ruffed in dummy and took the heart finesse; down two for –200.

Celia didn't show her two-suiter, preferring to stress her longer and stronger diamond suit with a weak jump overcall. With no reason to suspect the big heart fit, Donner passed over 4♠ and, when Celia didn't come again, 4♠ became the final contract. Celia led a heart, Donner winning the ace and switching to king and another diamond. That was it for the defence though; +420 and 6 IMPs to GUPTA.

Ireland v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	*Carroll*	*Csaba*	*Moran*
1♠	3♣	4♠	5♡
5♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Amoils	*Hegedus*	*Hanlon*	*Szegedi*
1♠	2♠	4♠	5♡
5♠	All Pass		

Carroll overcalled 3♣, showing the red suits, so again Moran was happy to compete to 5♡ over 4♠, and Lakatos bid 5♠ and played there. Carroll led a heart so Moran won the ace and switched to a low diamond. Carroll won the queen and ace of diamonds for down one and –50.

Hegedus made a MIchaels Cuebid so, knowing of the heart fit, Szegedi was happy to bid 5♡ over 4♠. Amoils accepted the push to 5♠, hoping that one or other major-suit game would be making. Hegedus led a heart to Szegedi's ace. However, Szegedi wasn't sure which minor his partner held and switched to a club, and both declarer's diamond losers went away on the clubs; 12 tricks for +480 and 11 IMPs to IRELAND.

Compton v Marupe

West	North	East	South
Jansons	*Shenkin*	*Smilgajs*	*Levinson*
1♠	2♠	5♠	6♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Smith	*Antonov*	*Moses*	*Khyuppenen*
1♠	2♠	4♠	5♡
5♠	All Pass		

Antonov made a Michaels Cuebid so Khyuppenen bid 5♡ over 4♠, but then allowed Smith to play in 5♠. Antonov led a heart and Khyuppenen won and found the diamond switch; down one for –50.

Shenkin too made a Michaels Cuebid and Smilgajs, imagining that his opponents were about to find a massive fit, made the pressure bid of jumping immediately to 5♠ on his huge trump support and total lack of defence. Levinson was not willing to be silenced and bid 6♡, where he played. Jansons cashed two top clubs then switched to a diamond. Remembering the 5♠ bid, Levinson did not believe that Smilgajs would have the king of hearts, so he won the diamond switch and led a heart to the ace, dropping the bare king; down one for –100, and 4 IMPs to MARUPE.

Fredin v Lion

West	North	East	South
Heathcote	*Sylvan*	*Pitt*	*Morath*
1♠	2♢	4♠	5♢
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Ng*	*Apteker*	*Siew*
1♠	2♠	4♠	5♡
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Ng showed the two-suiter so Siew bid 5♡ over 4♠. When Fredin went on to 5♠, Siew doubled, concluding the auction. Like everyone else, Ng led a heart. Siew won the ace and switched to a diamond, so the contract was down one for –100.

Sylvan found a different bid on the North hand, a simple 2♢ overcall. When Pitt raised to 4♠, Morath found the brave bid of 5♢ on his flattish hand with only three-card support. How right he was! Heathcote doubled and Pitt, quite innocently, led the nine of hearts, knowing that it was unlikely that a spade would stand up. That, of course, tipped Sylvan off as to the position of the ♡K, so he went up with the ace and was delighted to see the king appear on his right. He drew trumps and cashed out his 11 red tricks for +750 and 12 IMPs to FREDIN.

We have seen all three tables at which N/S bought the contract. E/W were allowed to play 4♠ on nine occasions, twice doubled, and always making, of course. They also played 5♠ nine times, making only on the one occasion we have seen above, and once they went on to 6♠, which was doubled for down two and –300.

Nine Norths made a two-suited overcall, eight overcalled 2♢, and four overcalled 3♢. And there was just one North who passed over 1♠ but then bid 4NT when East's raise to game came back round to him. That odd one out was once again Hoftaniska, and he ended up defending against 5♠ doubled for down one and +100.

A strange sort of justice was done in one match on this next deal.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 9 7 6 4 2
♡ 7 6 2
♢ J 9 7 4
♣ 10

♠ Q J
♡ A J 10 5 3
♢ 2
♣ K Q J 9 4

♠ A 10
♡ K Q 9 4
♢ A K Q 10 3
♣ 5 2

♠ K 8 5 3
♡ 8
♢ 8 6 5
♣ A 8 7 6 3

Ferguson v Squirrel

West	North	East	South
Kemp	*Snellers*	*Bucknell*	*De Boer*
–	Pass	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Leslie*	*V D Bos*	*Burgess*
–	Pass	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♡	All Pass

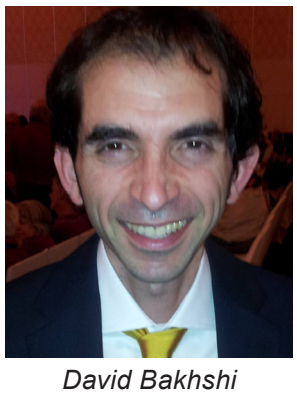
Twenty-one pairs out of 22 bid this one to 6♡. Nineteen of them were defeated when either North led the singleton club and was given a ruff, or South led ace and another club, again giving North a ruff. That was really unfortunate, as 6♡ is a very good contract.

It pains me to say that the pair who stopped in 4♡ and scored +680 had a huge gain on the Butler, but at least they lost where it mattered – in the direct match. Why? Because this was one of the two occasions on which slam was not beaten. Burgess had doubled a spade cuebid, so can Leslie be blamed for leading the suit his partner had requested instead of the singleton club? Van Lankveld rose with the ace of spades, drew trumps and took a spade pitch on the diamonds before conceding a club; +1430 and 13 IMPs to FERGUSON.

Online Bridge NEWS

De Botton won the ALT NEW COMPETITION - EVENT 6

Janet de Botton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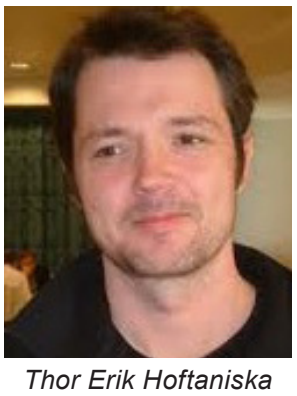
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Team De Botton (Janet de Botton, David Bakhshi, Thomas Charlsen, Thor Erik Hoftaniska, Artur Malinowski, Tom Townsend, Tor Helness) won the ALT New Competition - Event 6.

The tournament was held from 21 to 25 June, 2021.

Team Black (Andrew Black, David Gold, Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Andrew McIntosh, Thomas Paske) placed 2nd and team Vinita (Morten Bilde, Soren Bilde, Vinita Gupta, Bob Hamman, Petra Hamman, Emil Jepsen, Hemant Lall, Andreas Plejdrup) placed 3rd.

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OCBL SUPER CUP - RESULTS

ROUND 7

De Botton	16.09 VPs 63 IMPs	3.91 VPs 37 IMPs	Mikadinho
Orca	4.62 VPs 13 IMPs	15.38 VPs 35 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Gupta	11.76 VPs 42 IMPs	8.24 VPs 36 IMPs	Donner
Black	17.17 VPs 41 IMPs	2.83 VPs 8 IMPs	New Amateurs
Seligman	13.75 VPs 29 IMPs	6.25 VPs 15 IMPs	Parker
Lion	5.61 VPs 13 IMPs	14.39 VPs 30 IMPs	Fredin
Ireland	8.52 VPs 18 IMPs	11.48 VPs 23 IMPs	Hungary
Gillis	12.29 VPs 37 IMPs	7.71 VPs 29 IMPs	Harris
Tilly	2.97 VPs 35 IMPs	17.03 VPs 67 IMPs	Rippey
Marupe	3.91 VPs 6 IMPs	16.09 VPs 32 IMPs	Compton
Ferguson	15.19 VPs 63 IMPs	4.81 VPs 42 IMPs	Squirrel

ROUND 8

Seligman	12.03 VPs 34 IMPs	7.97 VPs 27 IMPs	Orca
De Botton	18.87 VPs 65 IMPs	1.13 VPs 18 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Mikadinho	16.09 VPs 50 IMPs	3.91 VPs 24 IMPs	Gupta
New Amateurs	19.07 VPs 63 IMPs	0.93 VPs 14 IMPs	Parker
Black	13.97 VPs 55 IMPs	6.03 VPs 40 IMPs	Ireland
Fredin	14.18 VPs 43 IMPs	5.82 VPs 27 IMPs	Gillis
Donner	1.23 VPs 1 IMPs	18.77 VPs 47 IMPs	Rippey
Lion	0.15 VPs 32 IMPs	19.85 VPs 90 IMPs	Hungary
Harris	7.45 VPs 33 IMPs	12.55 VPs 42 IMPs	Marupe
Tilly	15.92 VPs 56 IMPs	4.08 VPs 31 IMPs	Squirrel
Ferguson	15.56 VPs 47 IMPs	4.44 VPs 24 IMPs	Compton

ROUND 9

Seligman	9.69 VPs 39 IMPs	10.31 VPs 40 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Black	10.91 VPs 38 IMPs	9.09 VPs 35 IMPs	Gupta
De Botton	6.48 VPs 41 IMPs	13.52 VPs 54 IMPs	Gillis
Fredin	11.2 VPs 32 IMPs	8.8 VPs 28 IMPs	Orca
Ireland	9.69 VPs 34 IMPs	10.31 VPs 35 IMPs	Mikadinho
Rippey	15.74 VPs 41 IMPs	4.26 VPs 17 IMPs	Parker
New Amateurs	1.91 VPs 22 IMPs	18.09 VPs 62 IMPs	Hungary
Donner	14.8 VPs 41 IMPs	5.2 VPs 22 IMPs	Harris
Lion	8.8 VPs 53 IMPs	11.2 VPs 57 IMPs	Compton
Marupe	3.12 VPs 21 IMPs	16.88 VPs 52 IMPs	Squirrel
Ferguson	2.41 VPs 12 IMPs	17.59 VPs 48 IMPs	Tilly

OCBL JUNE CUP - RESULTS

BUTLER RANKING

1	G. Gottlieb, (Garybrook)	Fredin	2.5	16
2	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	2.38	16
3	F. Bakkeren, (Fbak1)	Mikadinho	1.67	48
4	G. Winkler, (winkiboy)	Hungary	1.42	48
5	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	1.29	80
6	W. Gawel, (redds)	Rippey	1.25	64
7	T. Bakkeren, (Tbak)	Mikadinho	1.22	64
8	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	1.21	96
9	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Tilly	1.01	80
	M. Thoma, (hawai)	Tilly	1.01	80
11	A. Smilgajs, (smilgajs)	Marupe	1	64
	U. Jansons, (ugisj)	Marupe	1	64
13	J. Wooldridge, (firechief)	Parker	0.95	80
14	G. Percario, (giacomopr)	Rippey	0.94	16
15	D. Barker, (cueballs)	Squirrel	0.88	16
16	M. Dumbovich, (dumbovich)	Hungary	0.82	96
17	A. Malinowski, (malisuper)	De Botton	0.81	48
	J. De Botton, (Capt Lulu)	De Botton	0.81	48
19	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.77	112
20	L. Cima, (100dog)	Rippey	0.71	48
21	D. Grainger, (drg)	Parker	0.64	96
22	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.57	144
23	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	0.55	96
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	0.55	96
25	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Compton	0.53	80
	T. Charlsen, (tcharlsen)	De Botton	0.53	80
	D. Padon, (Drorp)	De Botton	0.53	80
28	J. Kalita, (paulinka18)	Seligman	0.51	144
	M. Klukowski, (skrzat96)	Seligman	0.51	144
30	T. Garvey, (tgarv)	Ireland	0.48	64
31	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	0.47	144
	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	0.47	144
33	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.45	144
34	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	Mikadinho	0.45	80
35	O. Rimstedt, (olarim)	Gillis	0.45	96
	M. Rimstedt, (Mikaelrim)	Gillis	0.45	96
37	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	0.41	80
38	D. Marker, (marker544)	Lion	0.41	32
	E. McNay, (ewan)	Lion	0.41	32
40	B. Muller, (beukertje)	Gupta	0.4	96
	S. De Wijs, (sm1)	Gupta	0.4	96
42	K. Bakker, (keesbak)	Mikadinho	0.39	64
	P. Coppens, (pimcop)	Mikadinho	0.39	64
44	E. Rodwell, (bumportant)	Gupta	0.38	96
	T. Helness, (Helstokk)	De Botton	0.38	80
	J. Meckstroth, (jjmeck)	Gupta	0.38	96
	T.E. Hoftaniska, (Kasper20)	De Botton	0.38	80
48	B. Szegedi, (korszurku)	Hungary	0.35	144
49	K. Ng, (smoz)	Lion	0.33	96
	K. Siew, (icycookie)	Lion	0.33	96
51	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.33	128
	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	0.33	64
53	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.32	96
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.32	96
55	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.3	96
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.3	96
57	Bob Drijver, (bobdrijver)	Mikadinho	0.29	96
	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	0.29	48
59	C. Szabo, (csaboka13)	Hungary	0.25	96
	M. Sheng, (Kainsheng)	New Amateurs	0.25	16
61	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.24	112
62	C. Compton, (compton)	Compton	0.24	96
	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	0.24	96
	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	0.24	96
	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.24	96
66	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	0.21	48
	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	0.21	48
68	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	0.2	64
	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	0.2	64
70	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	0.2	80
71	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Ireland	0.19	128
	G. Venkatesh, (texanace)	Tilly	0.19	48
	A. Padhye, (oqonil)	Tilly	0.19	48
74	J. Sigurjonsson, (donjulio1)	New Amateurs	0.13	80
	K. Rubins, (karlisr)	New Amateurs	0.13	80
76	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	0.07	96
77	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	0.04	112
	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	0.04	112
79	M. Michielsen, (lady007)	Donner	0	96
	P.O. Cullin, (pocken)	Donner	0	96
	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	0	64
	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	0	64
83	P. Lawrence, (raggino)	Squirrel	-0.02	64
84	D. Bakhshi, (Bakhshi)	De Botton	-0.04	80
	T. Townsend, (mug)	De Botton	-0.04	80
86	G. Hegedus, (gal)	Hungary	-0.04	96
87	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-0.05	80
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-0.05	80
89	E. Wieczorek, (ew19)	Squirrel	-0.1	48
90	L. Amoils, (amoils)	Ireland	-0.11	64
91	A. Mesbur, (AMesbur)	Ireland	-0.11	80
	N. Fitzgibbon, (nickfg1)	Ireland	-0.11	80
93	T. Verbeek, (timve)	Mikadinho	-0.13	16
	J. Cooke, (mugsmate)	Tilly	-0.13	16
	C. Small, (cameron_1)	Tilly	-0.13	16
96	K. Anklesaria, (Key1809)	Tilly	-0.17	48
	S. Choksi, (sunit)	Tilly	-0.17	48
98	M. Moran, (markpm)	Ireland	-0.19	80
	J. Carroll, (coppers)	Ireland	-0.19	80
	L. Chen, (lc chen)	Lion	-0.19	16
	P. Bedout, (pi420)	Rippey	-0.19	96
	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Rippey	-0.19	96
	D. Hsieh, (hsiehdh)	Lion	-0.19	16
104	P. Lakatos, (nyul11)	Hungary	-0.21	96
105	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.22	96
	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	-0.22	96
107	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Gillis	-0.29	80
	O. Sauer, (Saurdino)	Gillis	-0.29	80
109	O. Lawrence, (lawrenzo)	Squirrel	-0.31	48
110	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.33	144
	A. Morath, (andersm)	Fredin	-0.33	144
112	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	-0.39	80
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Flyfalcon	-0.39	80
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	-0.39	80
115	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	-0.43	144
	N. Zorlu, (begse)	Orca	-0.43	144
117	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	-0.46	144
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	-0.46	144
119	B. Nab, (bnab)	Mikadinho	-0.5	16
120	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Parker	-0.52	96
121	S. Rubenstein, (stewr)	Parker	-0.54	112
122	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Donner	-0.55	80
123	N. Gupta, (nareng)	Gupta	-0.57	96
124	C. Parker, (cmp56)	Parker	-0.58	96
125	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Compton	-0.59	96
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Compton	-0.59	96
127	J. Antonovs, (Mafuzz)	Marupe	-0.61	64
	Y. Khyuppenen, (hupp)	Marupe	-0.61	64
129	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Donner	-0.62	112
130	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Parker	-0.63	96
	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Donner	-0.63	80
	J. Grue, (joegrue)	Donner	-0.63	80
133	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Tilly	-0.65	96
	P. King, (philking)	Tilly	-0.65	96
135	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	-0.66	32
136	J. Bendiks, (doks)	Marupe	-0.7	80
	J. Bethers, (Janis-B)	Marupe	-0.7	80
138	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Compton	-0.72	96
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Compton	-0.72	96
140	D. Korbel, (dank)	Gupta	-0.75	72
141	S. Rimstedt, (sandria)	Donner	-0.78	32
142	C. Bucknell, (shisai)	Squirrel	-0.79	128
143	J. Balasovs, (Perkons)	Marupe	-0.98	80
	U. Bethers, (Uldis)	Marupe	-0.98	80
145	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.01	96
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-1.01	96
147	J. Pitt, (scoobyroo)	Lion	-1.03	144
	J. Heathcote, (hesa)	Lion	-1.03	144
149	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Squirrel	-1.08	96
	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Squirrel	-1.08	96
151	G. Ros, (rosgjw)	Mikadinho	-1.11	64
	J. Lesmeister, (jlesme)	Mikadinho	-1.11	64
153	Zia Mahmood, (Zia)	Gupta	-1.13	16
154	C. Kemp, (otemplar)	Squirrel	-1.2	80
155	I. Del Monte, (ishd)	Compton	-1.63	8

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Registered Teams

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GILLIS
Gillis S. (Rayas78)
Brogeland B. (boye)
Svendsen O. (Pirrum)
Lindqvist E. (stevieg)
Saelensminde E. (skaal1)

MOSS
Moss S. (sylvie)
Lee R. (rogerclee)
Gawrys P. (badaud4)
Klukowski M. (skrzat96)
Nowosadzki M. (kot_korba)
Kalita J. (paulinka18)

SCHWARTZ
Schwartz E. (Waldorf1)
Robinson L. (saba)
Wolpert J. (Rymanjenny)
Grossack A. (nevereast)
Demuy V. (Okvince)
Kranyak J. (jkrans)

ECF HOLDING
Lie T. (Terjel)
Fasting E. (mehe)
Ovesen J. (jo-arne)
Høyland S. (sioslo)
Thoresen S. (sivt)
Bakke T. (torbak)
Høyland S.O. (soh2)
Høyland J. (jimidarh2)

BRAIN GLUCOSE
Grossack Z. (germs345)
McNay E. (ewan)
Di Franco M. (M_DiFranco)
Manno A. (maqeda)
Donati G. (Giova007)

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

BISHEL
Bishel J. (rxguy2)
Bishel T. (tobias31)
Schenker F. (jbcoyle)
Greenspan B. (BernieG)
Mullins B. (rblainemul)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin)
Apteker A. (alonap)
Sylvan J. (JoppeSyl)
Morath A. (andersm)

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

DONNER
Donner G. (GDonnersc1)
Rimstedt S. (sandria)
Rimstedt C. (CillaR)
Grue J. (joegrue)
Moss B. (brad)
Michielsen M. (lady007)
Cullin P.O. (pocken)

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Pigot P. (ppiglett)
Coyne C. (ciaran)
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Walsh D. (dodge31)
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Thursday 15 July	16.30 - 19.00	10.30 - 13.00

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