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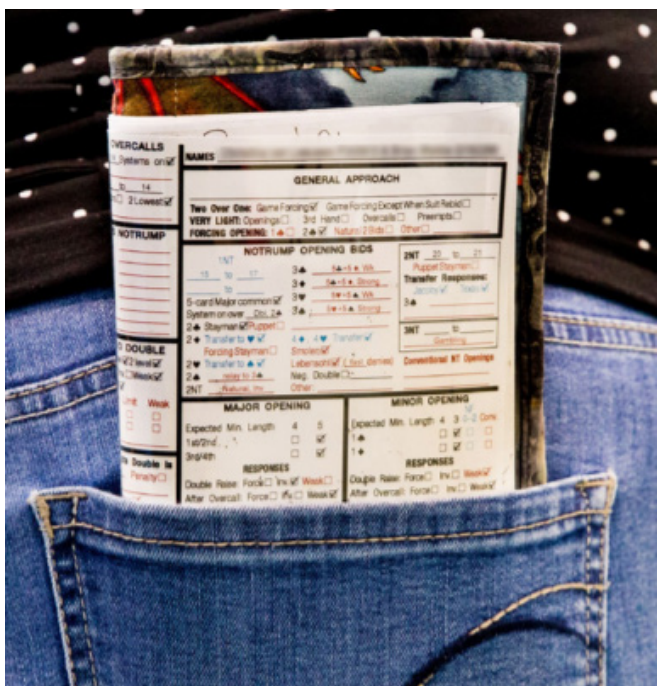

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Yesterday the Qualification matches have been played (in two sessions).

Black, Gupta, Seligman and Mikadinho won their matches and advanced to the Semifinals.

After the first half of the Semifinals:

Black is leading by 21.1 IMPs versus **Gupta**
Mikadinho is leading by 23.9 IMPs versus **Seligman**

Today the second half of the Semifinals and the Final will be played.

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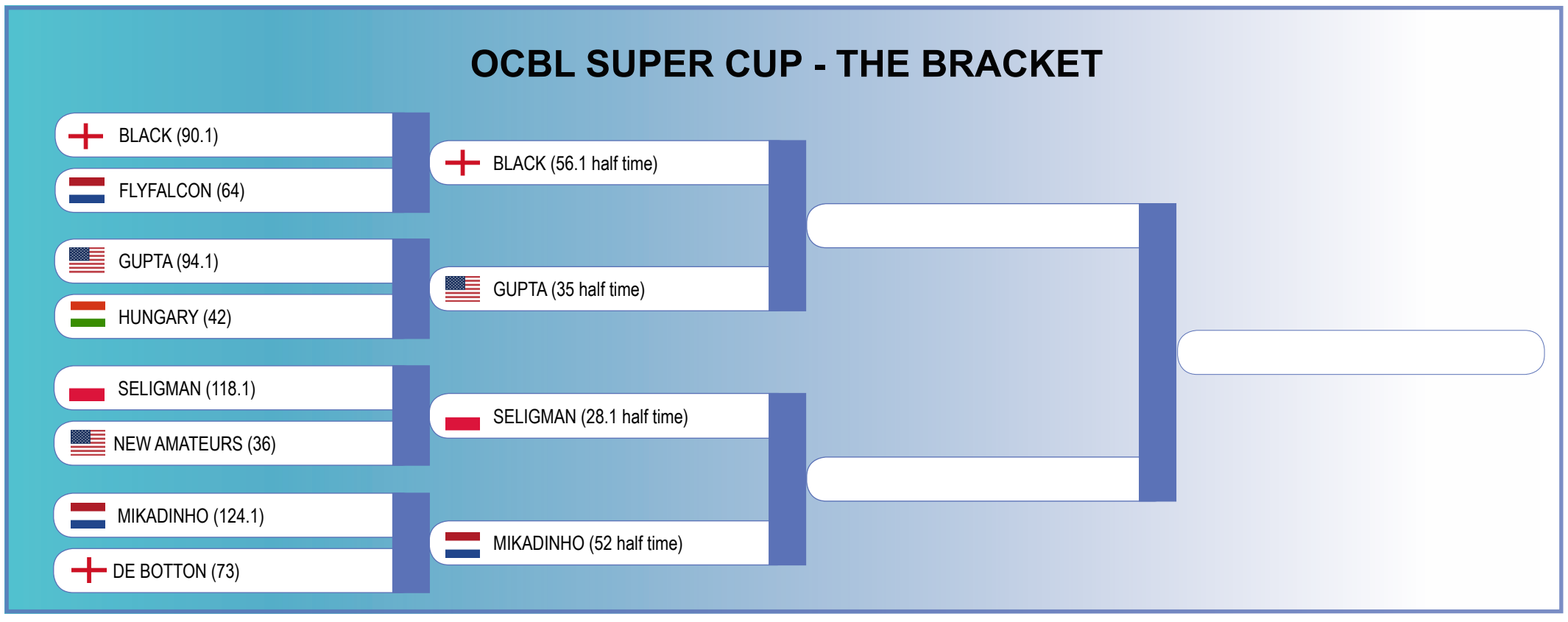

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

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 11 and 12

by Brian Senior

Round 11

On Board 3 20 N/S pairs bid to game, but only five were successful.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Ferguson v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Nadel	*Rodwell*	*Ferguson*	*Meckstroth*
–	–	–	2♣
Pass	2NT(i)	Pass	3♣
Pass	3◇(ii)	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

(i) Forces 3♣
(ii) GF with six-plus spades

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	*V D Bos*	*Muller*	*V Lankveld*
–	–	–	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Van Lankveld opened 4♣, which silenced De Wijs who had no sensible action with his flat 15-count. Van Den Bos converted to 4♠ and played there. Muller led a trump, which De Wijs, of course, ducked to declarer's queen. Van Den Bos played two more rounds of spades, De Wijs winning the king and returning the five of diamonds. Muller won the ten and continued with a low diamond to the king and ace, and Van Den Bos took his only shot at the contract, leading his singleton club and overtaking with dummy's queen. When that lost to the king, the defence took a heart and two diamond tricks for down three; –150.

Meckstroth opened a Precision 2♣. Rodwell responded 2NT, forcing 3♣, then followed through with 3◇, showing six or more spades in a game-force. Meckstroth stressed the clubs, but Rodwell insisted on spades, and Nadel doubled, to conclude the auction. Ferguson led the ten of hearts to his partner's ace, and Nadel switched to a low spade. Rodwell won the queen and ace then cashed the king of hearts before playing a third spade to Nadel's king. Nadel got out with the jack of hearts to dummy's queen so Rodwell came to hand by ruffing the last heart and cashed his remaining spades.. Ferguson had thrown a club and a diamond on the spades, Nadel two diamonds. Rodwell cashed the ace of diamonds and Nadel followed with the jack. Backing his card-reading – Nadel surely had to hold the ♣K for her double – Rodwell exited with a diamond, and Nadel won the king but had to lead into dummy's club tenace at trick 12 to give the tenth trick for +590 and 12 IMPs to GUPTA.

Rodwell was the only one of 16 declarers to bring home 4♠.

Black v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Black*	*Gawel*	*Gold*
–	–	–	1♣
1NT	Dble	2◇	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4◇	Pass	4♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Nowak*	*McIntosh*	*Rippey*
–	–	–	1♣
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◇	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Rippey opened 1♣ then rebid the suit twice before allowing Nowak to declare the spade game. McIntosh led the six of hearts to the three. Jack and king, and Nowak immediately took the club finesse, losing to the king. Paske returned a low trump, so Nowak put in the queen then played two more rounds of the suit. Paske won the third spade and switched to a low diamond, ducked to the ten, and McIntosh switched to the ten of hearts for the queen and ace. In the fullness of time, Nowak had to lose two more diamond tricks so was down three for –150.

Gold opened 1♣ and bid the suit twice more as Black explored alternative contracts. Finally, Gold bid 5♣ and played there. Wiankowski led a low diamond to dummy's ace. At trick two, Gold took the club finesse, losing to the king, and Wiankowski played ace and another heart. To dummy's king. Gold came to hand with a diamond ruff, cashed a few trumps, then the queen of hearts, one more trump, then took the spade finesse, and had 11 tricks for +400 and 11 IMPs to BLACK.

And if Wiankowski had not switched to ace and another heart, instead defending passively by playing a diamond? Declarer can ruff the diamond, draw trumps, then lead a heart to the king and come back to hand with another diamond ruff. Cashing the remaining trumps now squeezes West, who must keep three spades so has to bare the ace of hearts. A spade to the queen followed by a heart exit endplays West, who has to repeat the spade finesse for declarer, to concede the contract.

Flyfalcon v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Yang	*I Gronkvist*	*Gu*	*MGronkvist*
–	–	–	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuizen	*Chechel.*	*M de Leon*	*Lo*
–	–	–	1♣
Dble	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Lo opened 1♣ and rebid 2♣, but Chechelashvili was interested only in spades so jumped to game in that suit, ending the auction. Mendes de Leon led the ten of hearts, which was ducked to declarer's king. Chechelashvili took the club finesse at trick two, losing to the king. He put in the queen on the trump return then ducked a heart to the jack. Sprinkhuizen played the ace of hearts, which declarer ruffed, and he now ducked a diamond, but Mendes de Leon won the ten and played back a diamond and the defence came to three of those plus the king of spades; down three for –150.

Mikael Gronkvist reached 5♣ in the simplest way possible, giving Yang, who doubled, a blind lead. Yang chose a low spade. Gronkvist put in the queen. He ran the ten of clubs at trick two, losing to the king, and Yang returned the king of diamonds to dummy's ace. Gronkvist played ace and another spade, ruffing out the king, then drew trumps. When he next led a heart towards the king, Yang took his ace as it was clear that he would not otherwise get it; 11 tricks for +550 and 12 IMPs to FLYFALCON.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Ferguson v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Nadel	*Rodwell*	*Ferguson*	*Meckstroth*
–	Pass	1♡	2♠
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	*V D Bos*	*Muller*	*V Lankveld*
–	Pass	1♡	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

Meckstroth made a weak jump overcall and Ferguson, with a strong spade holding, jumped to 3NT in response to his partner's negative double. Meckstroth didn't lead a spade, instead trying a low club, which was ducked to Rodwell's ten. Rodwell switched to the jack of spades for the queen and king, and Meckstroth switched back to clubs. Ferguson won the ace, cashed the ten of spades, and played queen and another heart, taking the marked finesse. He had 10 tricks for +630, an excellent result with 4♡ far from secure.

Sure enough, Muller preferred to declare 4♡ at the other table, and Van Lankvedl too avoided the fatal spade lead. He led a club so Muller won the ace and played a diamond. Up went Van Den Bos with the ace, and back came the three of spades. Muller won the ace, of course, imagining that the suit was splitting

seven-one. He played a second diamond, but Van Lankveld won the king and played king and another spade, and the contract was doomed. Muller ruffed with the queen and led the seven of hearts to his ten, but it was to no avail, the four-nil split meaning that he had an unavoidable trump loser; down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to FERGUSON.

Black v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Black*	*Gawel*	*Gold*
–	Pass	1♡	2♠
Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Nowak*	*McIntosh*	*Rippey*
–	Pass	1♡	2♠
Dble	3♠	4♡	All Pass

In this match both Easts rebid 4♡.

Gold led a club, Gawel winning the ace and leading a spade to the queen and king despite the weak jump overcall on his left. Back came a spade for the ten, jack and ace, and Gawel ruffed his third spade with the queen. He continued by finessing the ten of hearts but, as we have seen, that left him with a trump loser to go with the two top diamonds so he was down one for –100.

Rippey led a spade to the jack and queen. McIntosh played a diamond at trick two, losing to Nowak's ace. Back came a spade, so he won the ace and led a heart to the queen and back to the ten. After drawing trumps, McIntosh tried for an overtrick by setting up the diamonds, but it was Rippey who won the king, so he could cash the king of spades as well; 10 tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to BLACK.

Eighteen Easts declared the heart game. Sis made their contract after receiving a spade lead into their tenace. Most of those who received a club lead made their contract by playing a diamond and seeing North rise with the ace to push a spade through. But the spade they chose was the jack, so declarer could win the ace, draw trumps, and set up a spade for his tenth trick. The sole exception was Van Den Bos who, as we have seen, switched to the three of spades. As his partner, Van Lankveld, had overcalled 3♠, there was no way that declarer was going to play for the actual position, so that thoughtful switch earned a well-deserved game swing.

Miklos Dumbovich

Round 12

Round 12 was all about the last-round scramble for a qualifying spot, and about two slam deals.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ K 10 7 6 5 ♡ K Q J 9 ♢ – ♣ K 6 4 2	
♠ A Q 9 4 2 ♡ 6 ♢ K 9 ♣ A J 10 8 3		♠ J ♡ A 5 2 ♢ QJ10876542 ♣ –
	♠ 8 3 ♡ 10 8 7 4 3 ♢ A 3 ♣ Q 9 7 5	

Donner v Squirrel

West	North	East	South
P Lawrence	*Grue*	*Barker*	*Dwyer*
–	–	4♢	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Donner	Kemp	C Rimstedt	Bucknell
–	–	5♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Celia opened her nine-card suit at the five level and Donner did not raise. He must have been pleased with that decision when Kemp doubled and that was left in. However, Bucknell led the eight of spades and Celia could win the ace, take a heart pitch on the ace of clubs, then play ace and another heart to ruff her last heart loser. She had to concede to the ace of diamonds, but that was all; +950.

Barker opened a level lower, but Patrick Lawrence liked his controls enough to raise the vulnerable pre-empt to slam. Dwyer led a club, so once again on eheart went away on the ♣A and the other was ruffed; 12 tricks for +1370 and 9 IMPs to SQUIRREL.

Black v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Szabo*	*Black*	*Szegedi*
–	–	4♢	Pass
5♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dumbovich	*Hallberg*	*Winkler*	*Hult*
–	–	5♢	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Black opened 4♢ and was raised to game by Gold. Szegedi led a club, so the hearts went away as we have already seen.

Winkler opened a level higher and so Dumbovitch's raise was to a small slam. Hult led ace and another trump. Winkler won the second diamond in dummy and took a heart pitch on the ace of clubs. He continued by ruffing a club then rattling off all the rest of the trumps, followed by the ace of hearts. Finally, he led the jack of spades, but Hult had discarded both his spades so there was no point in taking the finesse, and Winkler had to concede the last trick to the king; down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to BLACK.

There was no squeeze. According to which major-suit ace was cashed, either defender could keep a club guard and South could guard hearts if necessary, so the ♠K would never have to be bared.

Gillis v Ferguson

West	North	East	South
Sauer	*Nadel*	*Brekka*	*Ferguson*
–	–	5♢	Pass
6♢	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*O Rimstedt*	*V D Bos*	*MRimstedt*
–	–	5♢	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Both Easts opened 5♢ and both were raised to slam, Nadel doubling. There is, of course a paying save in 6♡ doubled, but, take-out though it may be, would you take the double out to 6♡ with the South cards?

Both Souths found the defence of leading ace and another trump.

Van Den Bos won the second diamond in dummy and played ace of clubs for a heart pitch, followed by a second club, ruffed. Six more rounds of diamonds put the pressure on, but Mikael could guard clubs and hearts, and Ola spades. Van Den Bos cashed the ♡A then tried a spade, and was down one for –100.

Brekka too won the second diamond in dummy but he did not reveal the club position at trick three. Instead, he came to hand with the ace of hearts and, like everyone else, rattled off the diamonds. Ferguson had discarded the eight then three of spades early but, under the pressure of having to find nine discards, Nadel buckled, as might many, and came down to three bare kings. Dummy was down to ♠AQ ♣A, and Brekka simple led the jack of spades to the ace and watched the king appear on his right; +1540 and 17 IMPs to GILLIS.

Six Diamonds was bid and made 12 times, three times doubled. Five Diamonds was made with a doubled overtrick five times, and an undoubled overtrick three times. Six Diamonds was defeated only twice, with just three Souths finding the killing defence of ace and another trump.

Seventeen E/W pairs played this next one in 6♠. However, we begin with a look at the match in which the two extremes were reached.

David Gold

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Lion v Marupe

West	North	East	South
Khyuppenen	*Hsieh*	*Antonovs*	*Chen*
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Heathcote	*Smilgajs*	*Pitt*	*Jansons*
–	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Antonovs did not open the East hand and now Khyuppenen treated his hand as balanced. Though he jumped to game opposite the transfer, Antonovs was not interested and passed it out in game, where he came to 11 tricks for a safe +650. They were the only pair to stop short of slam.

Pitt opened a multi 2♢. Facing a vulnerable weak two bid, Heathcote checked which suit his partner held then, despite the 3♠ rebid showing a minimum, blasted the grand slam. After all, it surely couldn't be much worse than a finesse, and could easily be cold. Jansons led a diamond. Pitt won the ace, ruffed a club, crossed to the king of spades and took a second club ruff. Now he too the heart finesse, losing to the king. He won the diamond return with the king and led the jack of spades to dummy's ace, and was down two for –200 and 13 IMPs to MARUPE.

Parker v Harris

West	North	East	South
Grainger	Root	Wooldridg	Igoe
–	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Harris	*A Grossack*	*Malhasyan*	*Z Grossack*
–	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Root opened the North hand. When Wooldridge overcalled 1♠, Grainger cuebid then jumped to the small slam. Igoe led the three of clubs, Wooldridge winning the ace and discarding a heart from hand. He ruffed a club, crossed to the ace of diamonds and took a second club ruff. A diamond ruff was followed by a third club ruff, bringing down the king, and now Wooldridge led a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. A diamond was ruffed with the king, a second heart ruffed, and the ten of diamonds played. Igoe ruffed with the four, forcing dummy's ace, and now the queen of hearts went to the king, jack of spades and queen of spades. Igoe's seven of spades won the last trick so the contract was down one for –100.

Malhasyan opened the East hand with a weak two bid after a pass on his right. Harris asked then bid the small slam on finding that he was facing a minimum. Again, the lead was the three of clubs. Malhasyan tried the queen – king, ruff. He crossed to the ace of diamonds and took a heart pitch on the ace of clubs then played ace of hearts and ruffed a heart, king of diamonds for a club pitch and ruffed a diamond. A second heart ruff was followed by a diamond ruff with the king, a club ruff, and a diamond ruff with the ace. That left Malhasyan with the jack and ten of spades for the last two tricks, so he lost to the queen but won the other one; 12 tricks for +1430 and 17 IMPs to HARRIS.

Selignam v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*V D Brom*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Lesmeister	*Seligman*	*Ros*	*Kwiecien*
–	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Kalita opened a natural weak two bid, Ros a multi. Klukowski and Lesmeister asked then jumped to the small slam.

Bakker led a club, Kalita putting in the queen and ruffing Van Den Brom's king. Kalita cashed the top spades and ace of diamonds, ruffed a club, cashed the king of diamonds and, realising that nothing good was happening elsewhere, took the heart finesse. That lost and the ♠Q meant down one for –100.

Lesmeister played it from the West seat on the lead of the queen of diamonds. Seligman must have hated dummy's diamond holding but, as it turned out, no harm was done. Lesmeister won the bare ace and cashed the ace of clubs for a heart discard then ruffed a club, threw a club on the king of diamonds, and ruffed a diamond low. Ace of hearts and a heart ruff were followed by a diamond ruff with the ace, a club ruff, then the fifth diamond, ruffed with the king. As we have seen previously, that line leaves declarer with ♠J10 to provide one more trick in the ending; +1430 and 17 IMPs to MIKADINHO.

Six Spades was made 12 times and defeated five times. Seven Spades was played and defeated on all four occasions it was attempted, of course.

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Quarterfinals

by Brian Senior

The quarter-finals were played over 2 x 16-board segments, with the top qualifiers, BLACK, would face the eight team, FLYINGFALCON, with an 8.1 IMP carry-over advantage; second-placed SELIGMAN had a 6.1 IMP carry-over against NEW AMATEURS; Third-placed MIKADINHO had a 3.1 IMP carry-over against DE BOTTON; fourth-placed GUPTA had a 1.1 IMP carry-over against HUNGARY. As you will have spotted, the .1s meant that there could never be a tie so no need for extra boards.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Mikadinho v De Botton

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	*Ros*	*De Botton*	*Lesmeister*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◇	Pass	2♠
Pass	3◇	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4◇
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Nab	*Hoftaniska*	*Drijver*	*Charlsen*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Charlsen rebid 3♡ and was raised to game, much to the delight of Nab, who led the two of diamonds, Polish style. Charlsen won with dummy's ace ato lead the ten of hearts to the seve, king and ace. He won the club return in hand, cashed the king of diamonds, then led the four of hearts. When Nab won the eight and Bob Drijver showed out, Charlsen knew that he was doomed. He won the club return and played three rounds of spades. The queen of diamonds was returned – ruffed an over-ruffed – and there was still on emore trump to come; down two for –200.

Lesmeister could rebid 2♣ to show either a weak hand with clubs or any strong hand. Two Diamonds showed 8+, and 2♠ could have been a variety of strong hands. Three Spades confirmed the three-card spade support and, after an exchange of cusbids, the music stopped in 4♠. De Botton led the queen of clubs.

I thought Ros might follow a simple line – win in dummy, cash the top spades, then play to ruff out the diamonds – cold against diamonds three-two and spades not worse than four-two. However, Ros won in hand to lead the ten of hearts, ducking to Malinowski's queen. Back came a club to dummy's king. Ros ruffed a heart and was over-ruffed, Things weren't looking too good at this point, but Ros's hand had not been particularly well defined during the auction, and suddenly things perked up when De Botton returned the queen of diamonds. Disaster! Ros won the king of diamonds, cashed the ace and king of spades, then just ran the diamonds, and had just one more trump to lose; 10 tricks for +620 and 13 IMPs to MIKADINHO.

Black v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Paske	*V Prooijen*	*McIntosh*	*Wilson*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Hallberg*	*Verhees*	*Hult*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Wilson rebid 3♡ and was raised to game. Paske led the six of diamonds to the ten and king and Wilson led a second diamond to the ace followed by a third round, ruffing with the six and being over-ruffed with the eight. Wilson won the club return in hand to lead a low heart towards the ten, losing to Paske's jack. There were still two more hearts and a spade to be lost so the contract was down two for –200.

Hult didn't like the jump rebid and instead made the conservative simple spade raise and Hallberg passed. Hallberg played as I had imagine Ros might have done, winning the club lead on table and cashing the top spades then ruffing out the diamonds. Back to hand with a club, Hallberg started playing out winning diamonds. He is credited with 11 tricks now, though there are clearly two spades and a heart to be lost; +200 and 9 IMPs to BLACK.

Seligman v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Gu	*Seligman*	*Sheng*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◇	pass	2♠
Pass	3◇	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Chechel.*	*Kalita*	*Lo*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◇	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Lo rebid 2♣, clubs or any strong hand, and 2◇ showed 8+. Lo now showed three spades then, when Chechelashvili relayed, six hearts. Chechelashvili raised to 4♡, ending the auction. As we have seen, this is a hopeless contract and Lo was down two for –200.

Kwiecien/Seligman followed essentially the same auction until Seligman's final choice to declare 3NT. Seligman won the club lead on table and played the king of diamonds and asecond diakond to the jack. Though that lost to the queen, he could win the club continuation in hand and cash four diamonds followed by the two top spades; nine tricks for +600 and13 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

Gupta v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Dumbovitch	*De Wijs*	*Winkler*	*Muller*
–	–	Pass	1♣
2♡	3◇	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hegedus*	*Gupta*	*Szegedi*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Muller opened a strong club and Dumbovitch made a weak jump overcall. The suit that was chosen for the pre-empt must have come as a bit of a surprise to Muller, but he had no problem in bidding 3NT over his partner's game-forcing 3◇ call. After a club lead there were nine tricks by playing on diamonds; +600.

Szegedi opened 1♡ and could rebid 1NT, 14-16. And Hegedus raised to game. Again, the lead was a club so Szegedi won in hand and played on diamonds to establish nine tricks; +600 and no swing.

It's sometimes amazing how much variety there can be on what looks to be a relatively simple deal; witness Board 7:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Black v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Paske	*V Prooijen*	*McIntosh*	*Wilson*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	2◇	2♡
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Hallberg*	*Verhees*	*Hult*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	2◇	Dble
Pass	2♠	3◇	3♠
All Pass			

Van Prooijen/Wilson made short work of this one, bidding quickly and easily to the top

spot. McIntosh cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to ace then three of clubs. However, that was all for the defence; +620.

Hallberg/Hult fell short when Hult started with a negative double then competed with 3♠. Perhaps Hallberg disliked his queen of diamonds, because he passed out 3♠ and the cold game was missed. Verhees led ace and another diamond, so Hallberg had 12 tricks, which at least saved an IMP; +230 but 9 IMPs to FLYFALCON.

Gupta v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Dumbovitch	*De Wijs*	*Winkler*	*Muller*
–	–	–	1♡
Pass	1♠	3♢	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hegedus*	*Gupta*	*Szegedi*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♢	3♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Muller, protected to some extent by his strong clubmethods, opened a shaded 1♡ with the South cards, after which it was only a question of which game was reached. With a completely solid suit, De Wijs opted for 4♠, against which Winkler led ace and another diamond; 12 tricks for +680.

Szegedi did not open the South hand but showed a constructive spade raise at his next turn and that was sufficient to convince Hegedus to bid game. Again, two rounds of diamonds meant 12 tricks for +680 and a push board.

Seligman v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Gu	*Seligman*	*Sheng*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♢	3♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Chechel.*	*Kalita*	*Lo*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♢	Dble
All Pass			

Kwiecien showed an invitational spade raise and Seligman accepted. After ace and another diamond, Seligman had 12 tricks for +680.

Chechelashvili tried something different, opening the North hand with 3♠. Kalita did not come in over that but, when Lo raised to 4♠, took the save in 5♢, doubled by Lo, who cashed the king and ace of hearts then played a third heart to the queen and ruff. Kalita played two rounds of diamonds so Lo won the king and led a spade to his partner; down two for –500 but 5 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

Mikadinho v De Botton

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	*Ros*	*De Botton*	*Lesmeister*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♢	3♢
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Nab	*Hoftaniska*	*Drijver*	*Charlsen*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	3♢	Pass 3NT
All Pass			

Somewhat surprisingly, both Norths in this match saw a 1NT opening in their cards.

De Botton made a natural 2♢ overcall and Lesmeister's 3♢ cuebid was a transfer to hearts. He followed through with 3NT to offer a choice of games, and Ros chose 3NT.

Drijver did not come in immediately over 1NT, so Charlsen could transfer a level lower. Now Drijver came in and Charlsen too rebid 3NT to offer a choice of games, Hotaniska opting for 3NT.

Both Easts led the jack of diamonds so both declarers came to 12 tricks for a flat board at +690. 3NT was, of course, completely the wrong contract, being wide open in clubs, but fortunately East had a club holding which did not encourage a lead of the suit.

Board 12 provided a major swing in all four quarter-finals.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Seligman v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Gu	*Seligman*	*Sheng*	*Kwiecien*
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Chechelashvili*		*Kalita* *Lo*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Seligman opened 1♣ then showed his hearts over Kwiecien's inverted raise. Kwiecien showed diamond strength and Seligman bid 3♠. Kwiecien seems to have taken that as asking, while it looks as though it was intended as showing something in spades, as he jumped to 5♣ and that ended the auction. After a diamond lead, Seligman drew trumps and set up a spade for his twelfth trick; +620.

Chechelashvili opened 2NT – was that systemic or a slight stretch? – and LO responded 3♠, showing the minors, then jumped to 5NT to ask his partner to pick a slam. Chechelashvili chose NT, understandably enough, and after a spade lead had 12 top tricks for +1440 and 13 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

Mikadinho v De Botton

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	*Ros*	*De Botton*	*Lesmeister*
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Nab	*Hoftaniska*	*Drijver*	*Charlsen*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Ros and Lesmeister had an artificial inverted raise auction, but slam never seemed to be a factor, and they stopped in 3NT for 12 tricks and +690.

Hoftaniska went through a strong 2♣ opening and Kokish sequence to show around 19-21 balanced. Charlsen showed interest in the minors then jumped to 5NT to say 'pick a slam'. Hoftaniska picked 6♣ and, after a spade lead, had 12 tricks for +1370 and 12 IMPs to DE BOTTON.

Gupta v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Dumbovitch	*De Wijs*	*Winkler*	*Muller*
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♢	Pass	4♠
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hegedus*	*Gupta*	*Szegedi*
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

Szegeid made an inverted raise and Hegedus simply jumped to 3NT, where he played for +690.

De Wijs also opened 1♣, but that was Precision, 16+. Two Clubs was a natural positive. There wasn't much else that was natural as the bidding progressed but after five rounds of bidding De Wijs had enough information to allow him to jump to 6NT for +1440 and 13 IMPs to GUPTA.

Black v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Paske	*V Prooijen*	*McIntosh*	*Wilson*
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Hallberg*	*Verhees*	*Hult*
2♡	Dble	Pass	3♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Wilson made an inverted raise and Van Prooijen rebid 3NT; +690.

Tijssen added something different by opening 2♡ on the West cards. I'm guessing that this was weak with both majors, but I don't have their methods to hand. Hallberg doubled then jumped to 4NT in response to Hult's cuebid, and Hult in turn jumped to 6NT. Hallberg won the diamond lead on table and played a spade. Tijssen ducked so the king scored and now Hallberg could cash all the minor-suit winners and Positionally squeeze Tijssen for the overtrick; +1470 and 13 IMPs to BLACK.

Slam is cold and N/S have a combined 32 HCP with a running five-card suit, yet in each of our four matches one table featured an inverted raise sequence which saw no effort at all made to explore slam possibilities. That is not much of an advertisement for standard methods after an

inverted raise.

At the midpoint in the match, BLACK led FLYFALCON by 56.1-19, SELIGMAN led NEW AMATEURS by 63.1-25, and MIKADINHO led DE BOTTON by 61.1-23. The three trailing teams would be hoping for a lively set of boards in the second half. The fourth quarter-final was, however, a very tight affair. GUPTA led HUNGARY by just 32.1-31 IMPs.

As it went, SELIGMAN piled on the points in the second half to win by a distance, while BLACK stayed well ahead of FLYFALCON and were never really challenged. DE BOTTON, however, started the second half well against MIKADINHO.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Gupta v Hungary

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	*Hegedus*	*Muller*	*Szegedi*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	Dble	3♡
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Csaba	*Rodwell*	*Dumbovitch*	*Meckstroth*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	Dble	3♡
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Dumbovitch made a responsive double then tried 3NT over Meckstroth's heart reraise and was left to play there. Meckstroth led the queen of hearts, looking for a reverse attitude signal. Rodwell duly discouraged with the seven so Meckstroth switched to the king of spades to the ace, five and jack. Dumbovitch cashed the king of diamonds then played a second diamond to the ace,, being pleased to see the even break. Now he just needed some good news in clubs. Dumbovitch led a club to the queen and king, won the heart return with the ace , and cashed the diamonds. When he then tried the ace of clubs, however, the jack did not appear so he was a trick short; down one for –50.

Muller too started with a responsive double, however, De Wijs then doubled in front of him when Szegedi raised to 3♡, and now Muller jumped to 4NT, both minors. De Wijs responded 5♢ to that and played there. Hegedus led a heart, De Wijs winning dummy's ace and leading the jack of spades to his ace, ruffing a spade, and leading a club to the queen and king. Hegedus returned a heart – a club ruff would not have helped the defence – so De Wijs ruffed and cashed the king and ace of diamonds before playing ace and another club. That lost to the jack, but that was all for the defence; 11 tricks for +400 and 10 IMPs to GUPTA and an 11.1 IMP lead in the match.

Mikadinho v De Botton

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*F Bakkeren*	*Padon*	*T Bakker*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	Dble	3♡
4♢	Pass	5♢	All Pass

West	North	East	South
K Bakker	*Hoftaniska*	*Coppens*	*Townsend*
–	–	1♢	1♡
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♢	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

When Padon made a responsive double and Bakker raised to 3♡, Bakhshi refused to be shut out and bid his five-card diamond suit, Padon raising to game. Bakkeren led a heart so Bakhshi rose with the ace and took an immediate club finesse, losing to the king. Bakhshi ruffed athe heart return, cashed the king and ace of diamonds, then played ace and another club and had 11 trick for +400.

Coppens made a very light 1♢ opening, Precision style, then showed at least five-four either way round with his 2♣ rebid. When Coppens then showed a heart stopper then cuebid hearts, Bakker drove to the small slam. Townsend led his singleton club. Needing a miracle, Coppens played low, losing to the jack, won the heart return and drew trumps in two rounds. When the ♣K proved to be offside, the contract was down one for –50 and 10 IMPs to DE BOTTON.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Gupta v Hungary

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	*Hegedus*	*Muller*	*Szegedi*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	4♣	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Csaba	*Rodwell*	*Dumbovitch*	*Meckstroth*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♢
3♠	4♣	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Hegedus made the interesting choice of opening 4♣ on his six-five hand but Szegedi was happy to defend when his opponents got to 4♠. The wisdom of that decision would be decided by whether or not the defence could find its diamond ruff. Hegedus led a low heart. De Wijs put in the jack, discarding a club from hand, then cashed the ace of spades before taking a second discard on the ace of hearts. Back to spades, De Wijs played the queen to Szegedi's king, and there was nothing the defence could do. Szegedi tried ace and another diamond but it didn't matter. De Wijs won the second diamond and drew the missing trump, losing only a club trick; 10 tricks for +620.

Rodwell opened a Precision 2♣ in third seat and Meckstroth's 2♢ response ignored the double and was an asking bid. When Rodwell rebid 4♣ in competition, Neckstroth went on to 5♣ over the opposing 4♡, Dumbovitchj doubling to complete the auction.

Dumbovitch led his trump, Rodwell winning dummy's ten when Csaba chose not to cover. Rodwell cashed the ace of diamonds for a spade pitch then drew trumps ending in dummy and played a heart. There were three tricks to lose there along with a spade, so the contract was down two for –300 but 8 IMPs to GUPTA. Their lead was up to 19.1.

Mikadinho v De Botton

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*F Bakkeren*	*Padon*	*Bakker*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♡	1NT	2NT
3♡	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
K Bakker	*Hoftaniska*	*Coppens*	*Townsend*
–	–	–	Pass
2♠	3♣	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

After two passes, Bakkeren opened 1♡ and Padon overcalled 1NT. Bakker bid 2NT to show a constructive heart raise, and now Bakhshi transferred to spades, co-operated with a cuebid when Padon broke the transfer, but then settled for game. Bekker led the eight of clubs, Bakkeren winning the ace and continuing with a second club. Bakhshi ruffed, took a club pitch on the ace of hearts, then played ace and queen of spades. That lost to the king and back came a club, but Bakhshi could ruff, draw the missing trump, and knock out the ace of diamonds; 10 tricks for +620.

Bakker opened 2♠, spades and a minor, and Coppens raised to 4♠ over Hoftaniska's club overcall. Townsend doubled, ending the auction. Hoftaniska led ace and another club. Bakker ruffed, discarded his last club on the ace of hearts, then played ace and queen of spades. Townsend won the king and forced Bakker, but declarer could ruff, draw the outstanding trump, and knock out the ace of diamonds, making 10 tricks for +790 and 5 IMPs to MIKADINHO.

Simon de Wijs

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Mikadinho v De Botton

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*F Bakkeren*	*Padon*	*T Bakkeren*
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
K Bakker	*Hoftaniska*	*Coppens*	*Townsend*
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

The MIKADINHO N/S pair bid easily to 3NT, against which Padon led the six of spades. Bakhshi won the ace and returned a low spade. Bakkeren played low so Padon won the nine. Recognising the spade situation, Padon switched to the ten of hearts. That went to the queen, king and ace, and Bakkeren had his nine tricks for +600.

But +600 wasn't good enough, because in the other room Hoftaniska did not overcall but, when Townsend could double the spade raise, could read him for short spades and just blasted 6♣. It wasn't the greatest of contracts, but with the king of hearts singleton onside, and the ruffing diamond finesse also working if required, Hoftaniska couldn't go wrong. He soon had 12 tricks for +1370 and 12 IMPs to DE BOTTON.

Gupta v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Csaba	*Rodwell*	*Dumbovitch*	*Meckstroth*
De Wijs	*Hegedus*	*Muller*	*Szegedi*
1♠	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♢	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Thor Erik Hoftaniska

Rodwell overcalled 1NT then denied a major in response to Stayman and was raised to 3NT. Dumbovitch led the six of spades and Csaba put in the jack to keep communications open. Rodwell cashed all five clubs then led a diamond to the ace followed by a heart. When the king hopped up, Rodwell had four heart winners as Dumbovitch had discarded twice from the suit; +660.

After the same auction, Muller too led the six of spades and De Wijs again put in the jack. Hegedus cashed all the clubs then played a diamond to the ace followed by a heart to the king and ace. Muller had kept four hearts so there were only three heart winners and 10 in all; +630 but 1 IMP to GUPTA.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Gupta v Hungary

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	*Hegedus*	*Muller*	*Szegedi*
1♢	1♡	Dble	4♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Csaba	*Rodwell*	*Dumbovitch*	*Meckstroth*
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Hegedus overcalled 1♡, while Rodwell did not. That affected the bidding to the extent that, while 4♠ was reached at both tables, De Wijs played it as West, while Dumbovitch played it as East. Szegedi, facing the overcall, also doubled the final contract.

Meckstroth led the three of hearts against 4♠, the queen losing to declarer's ace. Dumbovitch led the nine of diamonds to the queen, cashed the ace, and played the third diamond to Meckstroth's king. Meckstroth led a club and Dumbovitvch had no option but to finesse. It lost to the king and Rodwell switched to a heart, forcing dummy to ruff. Dumbovitch played a spade now and had just to lose the ace and king; down one for –50.

Hegedus led the two of hearts, De Wijs winning dummy's ace and leading the queen of clubs. That ran to the king and back came a heart, which De Wijs ruffed. He played the ten of spades round to Szegedi's ace and Szegedi returned a diamond. De Wijs put in the queen and, when that held, played another spade. Hegedus won the king of spades and returned the ten of diamonds. De Wijs won the ace, drew the missing trump, and played out the clubs. When the suit split three-three, all dummy' diamonds went away and De Wijs had 10 tricks for +590 and 12 IMPs to GUPTA.

Playing on diamonds was surely an error on Dumbovitch's part as, whatever happened in diamonds, he would still need the club to be onside. Conversely, as we have seen, clubs could provide the winners required even if the king was offside. Well, OK, Hegedus could have won the ♣K and returned the ten of diamonds, won the first round of trumps and played the second diamond to establish Szegedi's king ready for when he won the second trump.

GUPTA were coasting now and a third quarter-final was effectively over as a contest. Meanwhile, DE BOTTON had done well in the second half's early running to get back into the match. However, MIKADINHO collected three straight double-figure swings on Boards 9, 10 and 11, and that pretty much snuffed out the DE BOTTON fightback. This was the middle of those three boards:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Mikadinho v De Botton

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	*F Bakkeren*	*Padon*	*T Bakkeren*
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	2♢	Pass	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
K Bakker	*Hoftaniska*	*Coppens*	*Townsend*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	2♢	Dble	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Padon opened 1NT on the East cards and Bakhshi used Stayman. When Bakkeren overcalled, Padon passed to deny a major and Bakhshi jumped to 3♡. This was Smolen, showing a game-force with four hearts and five spades. Padon jumped to 4♠ and that was that. After a diamond lead to the ace and diamond continuation to the king, Padon had 10 black winners and the ace of hearts, the three-two club split meaning that the heart finesse was not required; 12 tricks for +680.

Coppens opened 1♣ and Bakker responded with a 1♡ transfer. Coppens' double of the 2♢ overcall showed three-card spade support and 4♢ was a splinter. Despite Coppens' sign-off in 4♠, Bakker went on with Key-card, knowing that his partner must have either a source of tricks in clubs or strong NT values. The 5♠ response showed two key cards plus the trump queen, and Bakker went on to slam. Townsend led a diamond, Hoftaniska winning the ace and switching to the ten of spades, but it didn't matter. Coppens had 12 tricks for +1430 and 13 IMPs to MIKADINHO, who were on their way to the semi-finals.

OCBL SUPER CUP - RESULTS

QUARTERFINALS 1/2

Black (+8.1)	**48 IMPs** TOTAL: 56.1	**19 IMPs** TOTAL: 19	**Flyfalcon**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Hallberg G. S: Hult S.	E: McIntosh A. W: Paske T.	E: Kiljan V. W: Tijssen L.	N: Van Prooijen R. S: Wilson A.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=10297-1625236173					
Gupta (+1.1)	**31 IMPs** TOTAL: 32.1	**31 IMPs** TOTAL: 31	**Hungary**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: De Wijs S. S: Muller B.	E: Gupta N. W: Mahmood Z.	E: Winkler G. W: Dumbovich M.	N: Hegedus G. S: Szegedi B.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=10296-1625236165					
Seligman (+6.1)	**57 IMPs** TOTAL: 63.1	**25 IMPs** TOTAL: 25	**New Amateurs**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Seligman M. S: Kwiecien M.	E: Kalita J. W: Klukowski M.	E: Sheng M. W: Jiang G.	N: Chechelashvili D. S: Lo A.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=10295-1625236163					
Mikadinho (+3.1)	**58 IMPs** TOTAL: 61.1	**23 IMPs** TOTAL: 23	**De Botton**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Ros G. S: Lesmeister J.	E: Drijver B. W: Nab B.	E: De Botton J. W: Malinowski A.	N: Hoftaniska T. E. S: Charlsen T.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=10293-1625236147					

QUARTERFINALS 2/2

Black (+8.1)	**34 IMPs** TOTAL: 90.1	**45 IMPs** TOTAL: 64	**Flyfalcon**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Hallberg G. S: Hult S.	E: Paske T. W: McIntosh A.	E: Kiljan V. W: Tijssen L.	N: M. De Leon G. S: Sprinkhuizen T.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=11003-1625245197					
Gupta (+1.1)	**62 IMPs** TOTAL: 94.1	**11 IMPs** TOTAL: 42	**Hungary**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Rodwell E. S: Meckstroth J.	E: Muller B. W: De Wijs S.	E: Dumbovich M. W: Szabo C.	N: Hegedus G. S: Szegedi B.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=10998-1625245158					
Seligman (+6.1)	**55 IMPs** TOTAL: 118.1	**11 IMPs** TOTAL: 36	**New Amateurs**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Seligman M. S: Kwiecien M.	E: Kalita J. W: Klukowski M.	E: Rubins K. (karlisr) W: Sigurjonsson J.	N: Yang D. S: Jiang G.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=10993-1625245141					
Mikadinho (+3.1)	**63 IMPs** TOTAL: 124.1	**50 IMPs** TOTAL: 73	**De Botton**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Bakkeren F. S: Bakkeren T.	E: Coppens P. W: Bakker K.	E: Bakhshi D. W: Padon D.	N: Hoftaniska T. E. S: Townsend T.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=10995-1625245142					

SEMIFINALS 1/2

Black (+0.1)	**56 IMPs** TOTAL: 56.1	**35 IMPs** TOTAL: 35	**Gupta**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Hallberg G. S: Hult S.	E: Black A. W: Gold D.	E: Gupta N. W: Mahmood Z.	N: Rodwell E. S: Meckstroth J.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=11743-1625254220					
Seligman (+0.1)	**28 IMPs** TOTAL: 28.1	**52 IMPs** TOTAL: 52	**Mikadinho**		
OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM		
N: Seligman M. S: Kwiecien M.	E: Kalita J. W: Klukowski M.	E: Bakkeren T. W: Bakkeren F.	N: Coppens P. S: Bakker K.		
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=11742-1625254217					

JULY CUP

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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)

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

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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Coyne C. (ciaran)
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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

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EDT
Friday 16 July	16.30 - 19.00 - 21.30	10.30 - 13.00 - 15.30

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