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MIKADINHO WON THE SUPER CUP!

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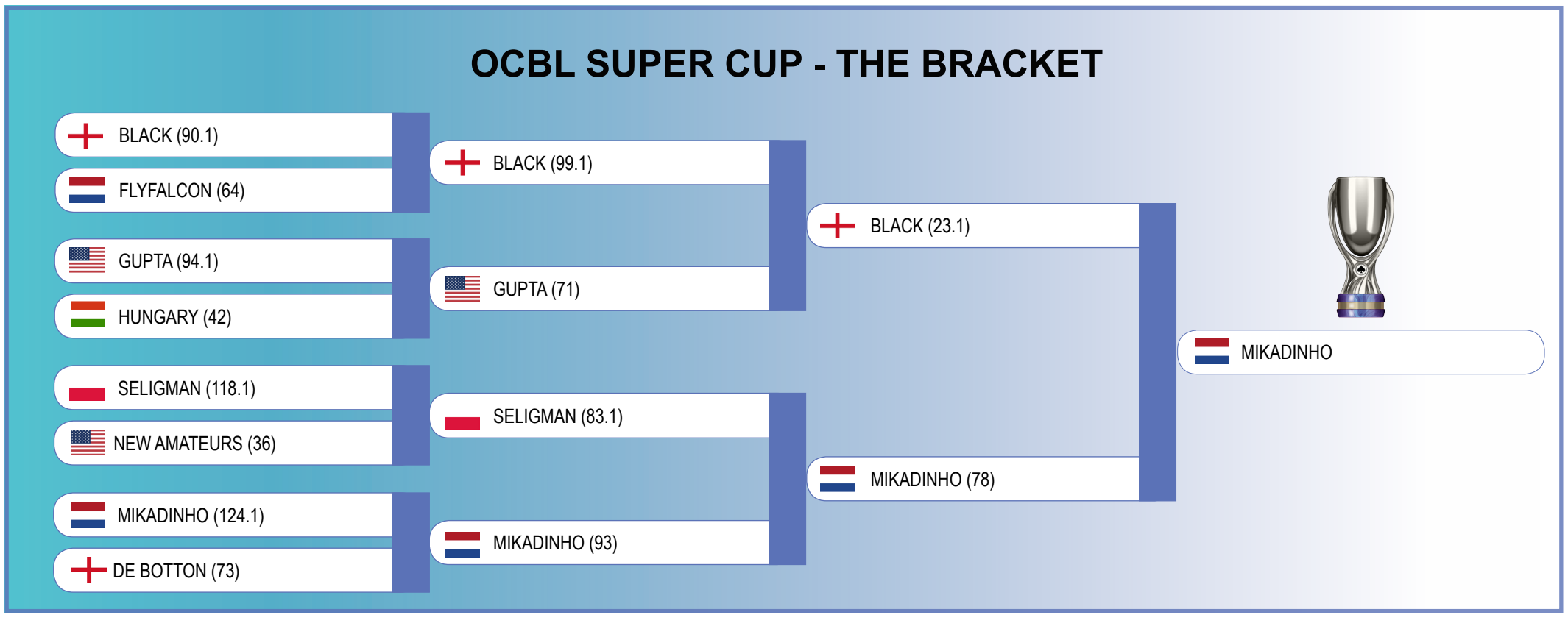
Team Mikadinho, with M. Verhaegen, K. Bakker, F. Bakkeren, T. Bakkeren, P. Coppens, Bob Drijver, J. Lesmeister, B. Nab, G. Ros, T. Verbeek, won the OCBL Super Cup!

Team Black (A. Black, D. Gold, G. Hallberg, S. Hult, A. McIntosh, T. Paske) placed 2nd.

The third place is shared between the opponents of Mikadinho and Black in the Semifinals: Seligman (M. Seligman, J. Kalita, M. Klukowski, M. Kwiecien, W. Starkowski) and Gupta (N. Gupta, S. De Wijs, D. Korbel, Z. Mahmood, J. Meckstroth, B. Muller, E. Rodwell).



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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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Semifinals

by Brian Senior

Set 1

Like the quarter-finals, the semi-finals were played over 2 x 16-board segments. Again, the higher-ranking team in the qualifying stage would have the tie-break to avoid the need for extra boards.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hallberg*	*Gupta*	*Hult*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	2♢	Dble	4♢
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Meckstroth*	*Black*	*Rodwell*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	1♢	Dble	3♢
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

While Hallberg made a weak jump overcall and Meckstroth contented himself with a quiet 1♢, the N/S competition did not inconvenience their opponents unduly and both E/Ws bid to 4♠ without difficulty. Both declarers won the diamond lead, led a spade to the ten and drew trumps. They then got to hand with a heart and played on clubs. Black ran the eight so lost to the queen, while Gupta led the jack but then put up the king when there was no cover on his left; 1 IMP to GUPTA.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Coppens*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	3♢	Dble	5♢
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The Bakkerens were allowed to have an uncontested auction in which the 2♠ rebid was presumably merely a general game force of some kind as spades were never supported. They had a look at slam but eventually stopped in the club game, making exactly when declarer won the diamond lead and played the eight of clubs. Kwiecien rose with the ace and returned his small club, and declarer finessed; 11 tricks for +600.

We have seen a pass, a 1♢ overcall, and a 2♢ overcall from the North players. Coppens went a level higher, overcalling 3♢, and that permitted Bakker to raise the ante further over Kalita's negative double. His 5♢ put a lot of pressure on Klukowski, who bid 5NT, pick a slam. Kalita chose 6♣ and Coppens led a diamond. Klukowski won the ace and led the jack of clubs. When Bakker played low, so did Klukowski, losing to the queen. Klukowski proceeded to play spades from the top, perhaps hoping to be down one in slam when game was going down at the other table if there was queen doubleton offside; down two for –200 and 13 IMPs to MIKADINHO.

On Board 4, Gold/Black stopped in partscore while everyone else bid and made game for 11 IMPs to GUPTA, then:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hallberg*	*Gupta*	*Hult*
–	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♢	3♠	4♢	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Meckstroth*	*Black*	*Rodwell*
–	1♠	2NT	3♡
All Pass			

Both Easts made a two-suited overcall to show both minors. Hult passed as South and Hallberg went on with 3♠ over Zia's diamond preference. Gupta, with extra high-card strength, competed to 4♢ and Hult was delighted to double. Hallberg led his trump, Zia rising with the ace and cashing both top clubs and the ace of hearts before playing a third club. Hult discarded a heart so Zia ruffed with the jack, ruffed a heart, and ruffed another club, Hult again discarding a heart. Zia ruffed a heart and played the winning, but Hult could ruff that, draw trumps, and the defence had the rest for down two and –300.

Rodwell bid a non-forcing 3♡ with the South hand and was allowed to play there. Gold led the jack of diamonds to Black's ace and Black switched to king, ace, and a third club, ruffed with the seven and over-ruffed with the eight. Gold played a spade, so Rodwell won the ace and king, discarding the ♢9, then led a heart. Black won the ace, and a fourth club was ruffed and over-ruffed. Rodwell had the rest now but was down two for –200 and 11 IMPs to BLACK.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♢	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Coppens*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	1♠	2NT	3♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♢	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The Bakkerens got too high when East looked for game facing the simple diamond preference. When they tried to play in 3NT, the doubling started and they ran to 4♢, also doubled. Seligman led king, queen, and a low spade, Kwiecien pitching a club then ruffing the third round low. He returned a heart to the bare ace and declarer led a low diamond off the dummy. Kwiecien won the queen and returned a club to the eight and ace. He ruffed declarer's next play of the ♣K with the king and returned the ♢9 to declarer's jack. Declarer ran the queen of hearts to the king, won the heart return, and was down three for –500.

Bakker bid 3♡, non-forcing, over the 2NT overcall, and that came back to Kalita, who doubled to show his extras. Passing would have been the winning option with the West hand, and Klukowski must have given it serious consideration. However, he finally removed the double to 4♢, only to be doubled by Bakker. Coppens led his trump, Klukowski winning the ace and playing three rounds of clubs, ruffing when Bakker discarded a heart. A heart to the ace was followed by a fourth club, but this time Bakker ruffed in with the queen and cashed the king and nine. There were two spades to come for the defence so that was down two for –300 but 5 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

Michal Klukowski

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hallberg*	*Gupta*	*Hult*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	2♠	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Meckstroth*	*Black*	*Rodwell*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	3♣	3♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Hallberg made a Michaels Cuebid and, when Guota raised to 4♠, Hult made a penalty double. Hallberg led the king of clubs to dummy's ace. Zia led the three of spades to his ten, Hallberg discarding a heart, crossed to the ace of diamonds, and played the nine of spades. Hult covered with the queen so Zia won the king and ducked a heart, Hallberg winning the ten and returning the queen of clubs. Zia ruffed that and played the ace of hearts, ruffed by Hult, who cashed the ace of spades, but now Hallberg's early heart discard came home to roost as a ruff established the fifth card and that was Zia's tenth trick; +790.

Meckstroth overcalled 3♣, also showing the two-suiter, and Rodwell jumped to 5♣ over Black's competitive spade raise. Black doubled that and led out ace and another club. Meckstroth won that on table and led a diamond to the six, ten and jack. He won Black's spade return with the ace, pitching a heart from hand, and led a second diamond to Gold's king. Eventually, Meckstroth was able to establish the fourth diamond for a ninth trick, down two for –500 but 7 IMPs to GUPTA.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	2♠	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Coppens*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Seligman made the two-suited overcall and that tempted Kwiecien to double when his opponents bid to the spade game. Bakkeren won the club lead with the ace and played the nine of spades. Kwiecien rose with the ace and returned a club, Seligman discarding a heart, and ruffed by declarer, who attempted to cash the ace of hearts. Kwiecien ruffed that and returned a spade. Declarer put in the ten, cashed the king, and played king of diamonds and a diamond to the jack. When that held he cashed the ace of diamonds before playing on hearts; +790.

Coppens, who had bid more than anyone else earlier in the set, was this time the only one to remain silent with the North hand. Having not seen a bid from his partner Bakker, of course, had no reason to consider a double of the final contract. Coppens led the king of clubs to dummy's ace and Klukowski led the nine of spades and, when Bakker played low, ran it. Bakker also played low on Klukowski's spade continuation, the jack winning the trick. Klukowski attempted to cash the ace of hearts but Bakker ruffed and cashed the ace of spades before returning a club. Klukowski ruffed, ducked a heart to Coppens' ten, and ruffed the club return with his last trump. However, because Coppens, like everyone else, had discarded a heart on the first spade, Klukowski could now ruff out the suit and the fifth heart was his tenth trick; +620 but 5 IMPs to MIKADINHO.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hallberg*	*Gupta*	*Hult*
1♢	2♣	Dble	5♣
5♢	Pass	5♡	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Meckstroth*	*Black*	*Rodwell*
1♢	2♣	Dble	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

One can only assume that Zia took Gupta's conversion to 5♡ as a cuebid in support of diamonds, else why bid 5♠? Hallberg cashed the ace of clubs then switched to ace followed by the low heart. Zia played low as Hult ruffed, and back came a club, forcing dummy. The spade finesse lost to the king, and a second heart ruff meant down three for –150.

Gold did not commit to diamonds, instead doubling the 5♣ raise. Black did well to judge that he should be defending with his low point count shapely hand. He led a spade, Gold winning the ace and continuing with the ♠J to declarer's king. Meckstroth drew trumps then led a heart to the ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed the third spade, ruffed the last heart, then played a diamond in hope of finding Black with a singleton honour, when there would be an endplay. No, Gold had three diamond winners and took them; down two for –300 and 10 IMPs to BLACK.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
1NT	Dble	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	4NT
Dble	5♣	5♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Coppens*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♡	All Pass

Bakkeren opened an off-centre 1NT and Seligman doubled. When East showed both majors, Kwiecien jumped to 4NT to show both minors and Seligman responded 5♣. However, East was not done yet, not with six-six facing a strong NT, and he went on to 5♡, ending the auction. Kwiecien led a diamond, which gave declarer a chance. He won the ace, discarding the losing club, and led a heart. Seligman took his ace and played the ace of clubs, which declarer ruffed. To succeed, he needed to cross to dummy and take the heart finesse, but in practice laid down the ♡K before taking a spade finesse, so lost a second heart and the ♠K, down one for –50.

Klukowski opened 1♢ and, once again, Coppens was the quiet one with the North cards. Given a free run, the Poles did well to get to 4♡, against which Bakker led the jack of clubs to his partner's ace. Coppens continued with a second club, which Kalita ruffed. He did not have the dummy entries to pick up the queen of hearts but did not attempt to do so, instead making the interesting play of the eight of hearts from hand round to North's queen. Coppens now found himself endplayed. If he played ace and a third heart, Kalita would win in dummy and play on diamonds, ruffing the fourth round, and would have five spade discards to make his contract. A club return would be no better, as declarer could ruff in dummy and ruff a diamond, again having five diamond winners on which to park five spades. So Coppens took his only chance, namely that partner would hold the queen of spades. He returned the king of spades to dummy's ace, and now the diamonds were irrelevant; 10 tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

The set concluded with another big swing deal.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Hallberg*	*Gupta*	*Hult*
3♠	4NT	5♢	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♢
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Meckstroth*	*Black*	*Rodwell*
3♠	4♢	4NT	5♢
Dble	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Zia opened 3♠ and Hallberg, rather than overcall in one suit, overbid a little with a jump to 4NT to show both suits. Gupta cuebid to show slam interest, but Zia signed off in 5♠ and, when Hult saved in 6♢, no doubt

expecting chukier suits for the 4NT overcall, Gupta was content to double. Zia led the two of hearts, Gupta winning the queen, cashing the ace of spades, then reverting to hearts, playing ace and another. Hult won the third heart with the jack and played ace and another diamond. Gupta won the king and was endplayed, though hardly painfully so. He returned the king of clubs so Hult won and continued the suit, losing to the ten and queen so down five for –1100.

Gold too opened 3♠ but Meckstroth preferred to bid just one of his suits rather than commit to the five level. Rodwell was happy to admit to diamond support, but N/S had done their bidding by the time that Black signed off in 5♠, Gold's doubled having denied any key cards. Meckstroth cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to the six of hearts. Gold played low from dummy, losing to the jack, and back came a club, which he ruffed. Gold drew trumps and led a heart up. When the king appeared he could claim 11 tricks for +650 but 10 IMPs to GUPTA.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
Pass	1♢	Dble	4♢
4♠	5♢	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♢	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*Coppens*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
4♠	4NT	5NT	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Bakkeren passed as dealer so Seligman got to open 1♢ and Kwiecien could make a pre-emptive raise over the take-out double. The Bakkerens now competed to 5♠ before Seligman misjudged by saving in 6♢, promptly doubled. The lead was the king of spades, followed by a switch to the queen of clubs, ruffed. A heart through was won by the queen and the ace cashed, followed by a third heart to dummy's jack. Seligman played ace and another diamond to endplay East, so lost only one club; down five for –1100.

If 6♢ doubled proved to be painful, 6♣ doubled proved to be even worse – well, unless you were a defender, of course. Klukowski opened a level higher than anyone else and now Coppens had every reason to opt for the two-suited overcall. Kalita made a grand slam try but Klukowski was not interested and passed over Bakker's 6♣. When that came round to Kalita, he forgot about slam and settled for a penalty – just as well as, while it is possible to let through 6♠ by attempting to cash the ♢A followed by the ♣A, the slam should be defeated. Klukowski led the queen of spades and, when that held the trick, switched to a heart. Kalita won the queen and continued with ace and a third heart. Bakker won the ♡J and led a low club, putting in the jack when Klukowski showed out. That lost to the queen and back came a spade for a ruff and discard. Bakker took the diamond finesse now, losing to the king. Kalita got off play and in the fullness of time had to come to two more trump tricks; down six for –1400 and 7 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

Despite the last deal, MIKADINHO led SELIGMAN by 52-28.1 at half-time. Meanwhile, BLACK led GUPTA by 56.1-35 in the other semi-final.

Set 2

At half-time in the two 2021 OCBL Super Cup semi-finals, MIKADINHO led SELIGMAN by 52-28.1, while BLACK headed GUPTA by 56.1-35. Both trailing teams would want to start the second half well, but with 16 boards to play neither team was in serious trouble as long as they didn't slip further behind.

Did I say that the trailing teams would want to start the half well? That isn't how things worked out for GUPTA.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	*McIntosh*	*Rodwell*	*Paske*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Hult	*De Wijs*	*Hallberg*	*Muller*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Rodwell opened a strong club and the 1♡ response was either a spade positive or 11-13 balanced. Two Diamonds showed five or more spades but no club fit. Having denied a club fit, Meckstroth could show something useful in the suit at his next turn. The pair exchanged cuebids, then 3♠ showed at least one top spade honour, and now Meckstroth made a serious slam try, so Rodwell asked for key cards then bid the small slam. Alas, the auction had been quite revealing, and Paske led ace and another club and McIntosh's ruff meant that the contract was down immediately; –50.

Hallberg opened 1♣ then raised the 1♠ response to 3♠. Hult showed a heart shortage, but Hallberg wasn't interested. He signed off in game and De Wijs led his singleton so also collected a ruff; +450 and 11 IMPs to BLACK.

If that wasn't bad enough for GUPTA, the next board dealt them another heavy blow.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♡	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*V D Brom*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Ton Bakkeren opened a natural 1♣ and rebid 3♣. After an exchange of cuebids, Frank Bakkeren jumped to the good club slam. Unfortunately, the four-one club break meant that there were two trump losers; down one for –50.

The good news was that Kalita/Klukowski also got toa failing slam. Kalita's 1♣ was Polish and the 2♣ rebid 15+ with long clubs. Two Diamonds was an artificial game force and, after kalita showed spade support and Klukowski splintered, Kalita liked his hand enough to ask for key cards then bid the spade slam. Van Den Brom led his singleton club, so Bakker took his ace and returned the suit; down one for –50 and no swing.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	*McIntosh*	*Rodwell*	*Paske*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

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

De Wijs opened a strong club and Muller responded 1♢, 0-8. One Hearts showed 18+, 2♢ 6-8 balanced, and a series of asking bids discovered that Muller was precisely 4-2-3-4 with two controls. De Wijs bid the small slam.

If the two controls are the two missing kings, 6♡ will be a huge favourite, but do you want to be in slam opposite the ♡A and knowing that partner has neither of the kings? I would have thought not. Having discovered so much about partner's hand, it is slightly surprising that De Wijs had no way to explore further.

Hallberg led a trump. De Wijs won in hand, played a second heart to dummy, then took the diamond finesse. When that lost there was no second chance; down one for –50.

McIntosh went through a Kokish sequence, with 3♣ showing a single-suited heart hand

and 3♠ a spade control. Paske signed off in 4♡ and McIntosh respected that decision; 11 tricks for +450 and a second successive 11 IMP swing to BLACK, who were building up a big lead.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*V D Brom*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Van Den Brom opened a strong club and rebid 2♡, eight-plus playing tricks in hearts. Bakker's simple raise left room for a slam try, but Bakker was not willing to co-operate any further and signed off in 4♡; 11 tricks for +450.

Seligman opened 2♣, strong and artificial and the 2♢ response showed some values, i.e. not a double negative type. Seligman bid and rebid his strong heart suit and, when Kwiecien admitted to heart tolerance, asked for key cards and bid the small slam after inviting Seven. As we have seen, declarer has two losers so Seligman was down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to MIKADINHO.

They picked up another 11 on the next deal, when Klukowski/Kalita bid to a hopeless 3NT on the minority of the points and were down four for –400. At the other table, Frank Bakkeren's 1♠ opening was passed out and he scored a solid +140.

Then we were back to the slams once more.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Black v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Hult	*De Wijs*	*Hallberg*	*Muller*
–	1♣	5♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♡
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	*McIntosh*	*Rodwell*	*Paske*
–	1♠	2♢	2♡
Pass	4♢	5♢	5♡
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

McIntosh opened 1♠ and Rodwell started with a simple 2♢ overcall. However, when McIntosh's next bid was a 4♢ splinter in support of hearts, Rodwell came again with 5♢ to take some options away from his opponents. Paske, however, went on to 5♡ and McIntosh liked his controls enough to raise to slam; +1430.

De Wijs opened a strong club, Hallberg overcalling 5♢. Muller's pass was forcing and, when he then pulled the double to 5♡, he had shown a better hand than had he bid 5♡ immediately. De Wijs raised to Six; +1430 and a push board.

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	1♠	5♢	5♡
6♢	6♡	7♢	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*V D Brom*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	1♠	5♢	5♡
All Pass			

Both Easts overcalled 5♢ and both Souths bid 5♡.

Klukowski remained silent with the West hand and Van Deno Brom settled for 5♡, knowing that his partner had bid under extreme pressure. The successful spade finesse meant that there was just a diamond to be lost; 12 tricks for +680.

Frank Bakkeeren bid 6♢ over 5♡, and now Seligman went on to 6♡ and Ton Bakkeren saved in 7♢, doubled by Kwiecien. None of the five top losers got away, so that was down five for –1100 and 9 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

BLACK was coasting against GUPTA at this stage, with a series of boards without major swings. The action kept coming, however, in the other semi-final.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	1♡	2♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*V D Brom*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	–	1♣	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When Kwiecien bid a simple 2♣ over Bakkeren's 1♡ opening, he had an easy pass when the overcall came round to him. The opening lead was the singleton heart – four, two, six, three – and Ton cashed the king and ace of spades before returning the eight of hearts. Kwiecien ruffed with the queen and played the ♣J round to Ton's ace. The ten of hearts was ruffed with the seven and over-ruffed, and Frank returned the queen of spades. Kwiecien ruffed low and cashed the king and ten of clubs, discovering that he had another trump loser to come; down one for –50.

Kalita opened a Polish Club, and Bakker went for the big pre-emptive overcall of 5♣, which Kalita doubled when it came back to him. The four of hearts went to the jack and queen, and Kalita cashed the top spades then played the ace of hearts. Bakker ruffed with the six so was over-ruffed by the eight. He won the diamond return and played the king of clubs to Kalita's ace. When a heart came back, Bakker ruffed high and by doing so promoted a trick for Kalita's ♣9. The contract was down four for –800 and 13 IMPs to SELIGMAN. MIKADINHO's two early swings had been cancelled out and we were back to their having a 23.9 IMP lead.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	Pass	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*V D Brom*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	Pass	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♢	All Pass

Kalita's 2♣ rebid could have been five-four either way around. Two Spades was FSGF, after which everything was pretty natural up to 5NT, which wa spick a slam. Having shown heart tolerance when hoding only a small doubleton, that was an easy choice. Kalita bid 6♢ and played there. After a trump lead, he drew three rounds then took the heart finesse; +1370.

The Bakkerens had an essentially natural auction, in which Frank went through fourth-suit to set up a force. After agreeing diamonds and exchanging cuebids, Ton took control, asking for key cards then bidding 5NT to say that all were present – and Frank bid the grand slam. Kwiecien led the four of hearts. Was that a safe lead from nothing, or was it an attempt to put declarer off taking a winning finesse? Ton decided to play for the former, rising with dummy's ace and playing a club to the ace, ruffing a club, a spade to the queen, a second club ruff, then the ace and king of spades, discarding his remaining heart. A heart ruff was followed by a third club ruff and the moment of truth – another heart lead. The king appeared and Ton ruffed low.

Hearts were three-three and the low ruff was successful, leaving him with just the ace, queen and jack of diamonds; 13 tricks and +2140; 13 IMPs to MIKADINHO.

Well done to take the right inference from the opening lead and take what looks to be the anti-percentage line.

No sooner had we seen one slam hand, than another one came along:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Seligman v Mikadinho

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Seligman*	*T Bakkeren*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♠	3♡	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	*V D Brom*	*Kalita*	*Bakker*
–	–	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♠	2♡	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♢
Dble	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Ton overcalled 3♡ and, while his opponents had no problem in locating their 10-card club fit, slam was never a consideration. Frank led the four of clubs against 5♣, Kwiecien winning in hand with the five and leading a diamond to the king. He played the nine of hearts next, Ton putting in the jack, and won the ace. A diamond ruff was followed by a spade ruff, then ace of diamonds, and discarded dummy's ♡Q. From here it was a simple matter to crossruff his way to 12 tricks for +620.

Kalita overcalled a level lower so, having agreed clubs, Bakker/V D Brom had room to explore a little more, and bid to the small slam, doubled by Klukowski, who had seen a two-level overcall from his partner and knew that declarer's side-suit was breaking badly. Klukowski led the two of hearts, Polish style, to the nine, jack and ace. Bakker cashed the ace of clubs, discovering the three-nil split. He led a diamond to the king, followed by the queen of hearts to the king. Kalita returned a heart so the ten was ruffed out and over-ruffed. Bakker ruffed a spade, then played ace and another diamond, ruffing, followed by a club to the king. But it seems that he had miscounted the diamonds, because this left him with two low diamonds in hand and only one trump in the dummy, when continuing with the crossruff would have seen him win the rest of the tricks. Bakker was a trick short; down one for –200 and 13 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

The final scores in the two semi-finals were:

BLACK	99.1
GUPTA	71
SELIGMAN	83.1
MIKADINHO	93

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Finals

by Brian Senior

So the final would be between BLACK, who had qualified top of the Swiss rankings, and MIKADINHO, who had qualified in third place, with BLACK owing the 0.1 IMP tie-break, should one be required. Once again, the match would be played over 2 x 16-board segments.

After two flat boards, Black/Gold missed a decent game bid at the other table, +170 against +420 meaning 6 IMPs to MIKADINHO. It looked as though both players downgraded a short honour in the opponents' suit, only to find that bare king facing doubleton queen was actually very useful? A couple of IMPs for an extra undertrick in partscore on Board 5 saw BLACK onto the scoreboard, and they added two more for a higher-scoring partscore on Board 7, but the boards were running very quietly after all the big boards in the semi-finals.

It was 7-4 to MIKADINHO at the midpoint in the set, then came the first newsworthy board of the match.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	*Black*	*Verbeek*	*Gold*
–	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♠	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Coppens*	*McIntosh*	*Bakker*
–	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♠	3♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After identical starts to the two auctions, Coppens raised pre-emptively to 3♠ and, when that came back round to him, Paske concluded the auction with 3NT. Black raised all the way to 4♠ at the other table and now, with 3NT no longer an option, Nab doubled, also concluding the auction.

Coppens led the four of spades against 3NT, Bakker winning the ace and continuing with the ten to Paske's king. Paske cashed all four club winners, seeing heart discards from both defenders. He cashed the ace of hearts, just in case the king had been bared, then led back to the ace of diamonds and took the diamond finesse for his ninth trick; +600.

So, what about 4♠ doubled? Nab led the king of clubs and continued with the ace and a third club. Gold ruffed and led a diamond to the nine and jack. Verbeek cashed the ♢K and continued with his third diamond, ruffed by Gold, who played the jack of hearts from hand and lost to the queen. He had to lose to the ace of hearts and king of spades, so was down four for –800 and 5 IMPs to MIKADINHO, who led by 12-4. Gold had, of course, convinced himself that the spade would be onside, hence his willingness to lose two heart tricks in the process of getting to dummy.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	*Black*	*Verbeek*	*Gold*
–	–	–	2♢
2NT	3♡	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Coppens*	*McIntosh*	*Bakker*
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	2♢	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Gold opened a multi 2♢ as dealer and Nab overcalled 2NT. Black's 3♠ was pass or correct, and Verbeek's raise to 3NT was an optimistic effort which paid big dividends. Knowing his partner's suit to be hearts, Black led the nine to the ten and king. Nab led the queen of clubs to the king and ace then cashed the clubs, throwing a heart and a diamond from hand. Next he cashed the ace and king of spades and, when he followed those up with the ace of diamonds, found that the diamonds were one-one. Diamonds therefore provided all the rest of the tricks; 12 in all for +490.

Bakker did not open the South hand so Paske opened a strong NT and Coppens overcalled 2♢, showing one major. McIntosh competed via Lebensohl, and passed Paske's 3♣ completion. Coppens led a low spade round to Paske's jack and Paske tried to cash the king of spades for a heart discard. That was ruffed and back came the jack of hearts followed by the ten, ruffed in dummy. Paske led a low diamond to his ace and led the queen of clubs to the king and ace, cashed the ♣J, then played on diamonds, losing only to the queen; 10 tricks for +130 but 10 IMPs to MIKADINHO, who led by 20-6.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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West	North	East	South
Nab	*Black*	*Verbeek*	*Gold*
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Coppens*	*McIntosh*	*Bakker*
–	1♢	2♢	Dble
4♡	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Gold opened 1♠ in third seat and showed game interest in response to Black's use of three-card Drury. Black, with a maximum for his initial pass, jumped to game, only to be doubled by Verbeek. Nab led the ten of hearts, which Gold ducked in hope that it was away from the king. No, Verbeek won the king and continued with the two of hearts to the nine and ace, Gold discarding a club. Gold played the queen of diamonds, Nab winning the ace and starting on the forcing game which Verbeek seemed to have in mind. Gold ruffed the heart and led a spade to the jack, getting the bad, albeit expected, news. Verbeek won the ace of spades and returned the ten to Gold's queen. Gold, however, had nothing but winners outside the trump suit so could play around those and just lose two trumps; down two for –500.

Coppens opened a Precision 1♢ and McIntosh made a Michaels Cuebid. There was no danger of the Dutch N/S pairs getting to 4♠ now, and Bakker doubled to show interest in defending, then doubled again when Paske jumped to 4♡. If Gold had not enjoyed playing 4♠ doubled in the other room, Paske enjoyed 4♡ doubled even less. Coppens led a low heart and Paske played low from dummy, losing to the bare queen. He ducked the diamond return so Coppens won the jack and played two more rounds of trumps. Paske won on table and led a diamond to his ace then played another diamond and discarded a spade from dummy. Bakker won the ♢10 and caahed the ace of clubs before switching to a low spade to the jack and ace. Paske led the ten of spades and ran it successfully, ruffed the next spades, and had two trumps to come in the dummy; down three for –800 and 16 IMPs to MIKADINHO, who led by 36-10.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	*Black*	*Verbeek*	*Gold*
–	–	–	1♣
2♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Coppens*	*McIntosh*	*Bakker*
–	–	–	1♢
2♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

You don't get to see many hands like the West one on this deal and, of course, the book hasn't yet been written on how to have an intelligent auction when holding one. Both our Wests made a two-suited overcall and both Eats jumped to 3♡ in response. Six Hearts was the practical call now and was the one selected by both Nab and Paske,

Gold led the ace of diamonds, which Verbeek ruffed. He drew trumps ending in hand and led the three of spades. When Gold played low, Verbeek remembered that it was South who had opened the bidding, so went up with the king; down one for –50.

Could McIntosh find the inspiration to get the spades right? No, he ruffed the lead of the king of diamonds, drew trumps and led a spade to the king; again, down one for –50 and no swing.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nab	*Black*	*Verbeek*	*Gold*
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♡
2♠	3♡	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Coppens*	*McIntosh*	*Bakker*
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♡
2♠	3♡	3♠	4♡
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Gold overcalled 2♡ with the South cards and Black took a level of bidding away from his opponents by raising to 3♡. Gold did not come again, so Verbeek saw that his partner could not, or did not wish to, make a cuebid on the way to game. However, with all those top cards, Verbeek was still more than happy to take control, asking for key cards. Finding two but no trump queen, he bid the small slam. With trumps two-two, there were 13 tricks for +1460.

The other auction followed the same lines, the only difference being that Bakker competed to 4♡ with the South hand. McIntosh used Key-card, and bid the small slam; +1460 and a flat board.

A set which had started quietly had had a lively finish, even if the two slams were flat, After 16 boards it was MIKADINHO 37 BLACK 10.1.

BLACK picked up an IMP on Board 17, then...

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Lesmeister*	*Black*	*Ros*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Hallberg*	*T Bakkeren*	*Hult*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Both N/S pairs bid smoothly to a good spade game.

Frank Bakkeren led a club to dummy's bare king. Hult took the spade finesse at trick two, winning the queen, then led a diamond to the king, followed by ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. Next he ruffed a club and played another heart off the table. Ton discarded a diamond so Hult ruffed and led a second diamond up. Frank won the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. Back came a spade to the ace and now, with no trumps left in the dummy. Hult had to exit with his last spade to endplay Ton to lead into the club tenace at trick 12; 10 tricks for +620.

Gold too led a club. Ros won the king and played ace of hearts and ruffed a heart, then led a diamond up, winning the king when Gold ducked. Ros ruffed another heart as Black discarded a diamond, then led a diamond up. Gold won the ace and gave Black a ruff. Black returned a low club so Ros put in the jack, cashed the ace, and ruffed his last club with the ten. The two of spades went to the jack and queen, and Ros had 10 tricks for +620 and a flat board.

It seemed that Ros was in a better position in the ending, having not touched trumps, than was Hult, who took the trump finesse at trick two – but, Ros should have ducked the ♠J at trick 11, as West was known to be 1-5-3-4, and ducking would cater to East having falsecarded from ♠J98.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Lesmeister*	*Black*	*Ros*
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Hallberg*	*T Bakkeren*	*Hult*
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	3NT	All Pass

After identical starts to the two auctions, Black raised to 4♡, while Ton suggested 3NT and was left to play there.

Lesmeister led a club against 4♡. Gold put in the jack and led a diamond to the king, and Lesmeister won the ace and returned a diamond to the queen. Gold cashed the ace then king of clubs then discarded his two remaining side-suit cards on the top spades. Gold ruffed a spade and played the king of hearts. Lesmeister won the ace and returned a diamond, ruffed with the jack by Ros. Gold over-ruffed with the queen and played the nine of hearts, but Lesmeister just needed to duck that to leave Gold to lead into his ♡10-7 tenace at trick 12; down one for –50.

Hult led the seven of clubs against 3NT, the queen losing to the king. Ton played on diamonds, Hallberg ducking once but taking the second and returning a club. Ton won the jack and cashed the ace of spades to get rid of the blocking queen of diamonds from the dummy. He could now cash three diamonds, the king of spades, and two more clubs, making 10 tricks in all for +430 and 10 IMPs to MIKADINHO. They led by 54-11.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Lesmeister*	*Black*	*Ros*
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Hallberg*	*T Bakkeren*	*Hult*
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♢	All Pass	

Overcalling 2♣ on the first round worked out much better for Ton than did passing and having to balance with 3♣ as did Black.

Ros led his singleton against 3♣. Black won in hand to lead his spade towards the dummy, but Ros took his ace and played three rounds of hearts. Lesmeister won the third heart and gave Ros a diamond ruff. Ros returned the jack of spades to dummy, and Black won and led the ten of clubs and ran it, losing to the jack; down three for –300.

Hult showed restraint in not repeating his six-card spade suit either immediately or when his partner competed with 2♢. Ton led the king of clubs, which Hallberg won with the ace. He led a low diamond, Ton going in with the king and returning the ten of spades. Hallberg won dummy's ace and cashed the hearts, ending in dummy. Next he played the jack of diamonds, Ton winning the ace and playing queen and

another club for Frank to ruff. The queen of diamonds was the setting trick; down one for –100 and 9 IMPs to MIKADINHO, stretching their lead to 63-11.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Lesmeister*	*Black*	*Ros*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2◇	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
F Bakkeren	*Hallberg*	*T Bakkeren*	*Hult*
2♠	3♡	Pass	

Both N/S pairs did well to find a making game on this deal.

Lesmeister and Ros bid to 4♡ via fourth-suit and Black found the best lead of a club. Lesmeister won the ace, pitching a diamond from hand, and ruffed a club. Next Lesmeister played the king of spades, Gold winning the ace and returning a club, Lesmeister ruffing. He played the jack of spades so Black ruffed and returned the queen of hearts, Lesmeister winning with dummy's' king. He took a third club ruff so had made all his small trumps, and now cashed the ace of hearts and played the nine of spades. Black ruffed, but his diamond return picked up the bare queen and Lesmeister had the rest; 10 tricks for +620.

Frank opened 2♠, weak with spades and a minor. Not strong enough to show the two-suiter, Hallberg overcalled 3♡ and Hult raised to game. Ton led his singleton spade to the ace and king. Frank returned the seven of spades so Ton ruffed and returned the queen of clubs. Hallberg won the ace, discarding a diamond from hand, cashed the top hearts, then played a spade. With the ◇Q onside, there was nothing more to the play. Hallberg just lost the queen of hearts and had the rest for +620 and no swing.

The match had been over as a contest for some time. MIKADINHO came out on top by a convincing 78-23 IMPs. Congratulations to the 2021 OCBL Super Cup winners, the Dutch combination of M. Verhaegen, R Drijver, B Nab, T Bakkeren, F Bakkeren, G Ros, J Lesmeister, K Bakker, P Coppens and T Verbeek.

OCBL SUPER CUP - RESULTS

SEMIFINALS 2/2

Black (+0.1)	43 IMPs TOTAL: 99.1	36 IMPs TOTAL: 71	Gupta
OPEN ROOM N: McIntosh A. S: Paske T.	CLOSED ROOM E: Hallberg G. W: Hult S.	OPEN ROOM E: Rodwell E. W: Meckstroth J.	CLOSED ROOM N: De Wijs S. S: Muller B.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=15750-1625322678

Seligman (+0.1)	55 IMPs TOTAL: 83.1	41 IMPs TOTAL: 93	Mikadinho
OPEN ROOM N: Seligman M. S: Kwiecien M.	CLOSED ROOM E: Kalita J. W: Klukowski M.	OPEN ROOM E: Bakkeren T. W: Bakkeren F.	CLOSED ROOM N: Coppens P. S: Bakker K.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=15745-1625322657

FINAL 1/2

Black (+0.1)	10 IMPs TOTAL: 10.1	37 IMPs TOTAL: 37	Mikadinho
OPEN ROOM N: Black A. S: Gold D.	CLOSED ROOM E: McIntosh A. W: Paske T.	OPEN ROOM E: Verbeek T. W: Nab B.	CLOSED ROOM N: Coppens P. S: Bakker K.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=16513-1625331609

FINAL 2/2

Black (+0.1)	13 IMPs TOTAL: 23.1	41 IMPs TOTAL: 78	Mikadinho
OPEN ROOM N: Hallberg G. S: Hult S.	CLOSED ROOM E: Black A. W: Gold D.	OPEN ROOM E: Bakkeren T. W: Bakkeren F.	CLOSED ROOM N: Lesmeister J. S: Ros G.

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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)

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

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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)

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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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