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JULY CUP: SCHWARTZ ARE LEADING

Schedule Today

Round 3 16.30 CEST / 10.30 a.m. EDT

	Schwartz	VS	Moss
VUGRAPH	Gillis	VS	Black
	Leslie	VS	Brain Glucose
	Pigot	VS	Donner
	Bishel	VS	Hungary
	Rippey	VS	Harris
	Fredin	VS	New Amateurs
	ECF Holding	VS	Scorway

Round 4 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

	Schwartz	VS	Black
	Leslie	VS	Donner
	Brain Glucose	VS	Bishel
VUGRAPH	Rippey	VS	Moss
	Gillis	VS	Pigot
	ECF Holding	VS	Hungary
	Fredin	VS	Harris
	New Amateurs	VS	Scorway

Round 5 21.30 CEST / 3.30 p.m. EDT

To be announced

RANKING AFTER ROUND 2

1	Schwartz	36.49
2	Black	34.29
3	Leslie	31.48
4	Brain Glucose	27.49
5	Donner	26.05
6	Bishel	25.25
7	Rippey	22.22
8	Moss	21.47
9	Gillis	20.66
10	Pigot	17.78
11	ECF Holding	14.33
12	Fredin	13.53
13	Hungary	12.51
14	Harris	7.68
15	New Amateurs	7.23
16	Scorway	1.54

The OCBL July Cup has started!
It's still very early, since only two out of 9 Rounds of the Qualification stage have been played.

Schwartz are leading the ranking (Schwartz E., Robinson L., Wolpert J., Grossack A., Demuy V., Kranyak J.) (36.49 VPs).

They are followed by **Black** (Black A., Gold D., McIntosh A., Paske T., Hult S., Hallberg G.) (34.29 VPs) and **Leslie** (Leslie T., Burgess O., Bell M., Norton B., Byrne M., Dyke K.) (31.48 VPs).

Today three matches will be played.

THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION ANNOUNCED THE DATES FOR THE 2021 (PLAYED IN 2022) WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy and Wuhan Cup will be played in Salsomaggiore Terme (Italy) from March 27 to April 9, 2022.
There will be no World Transnational Championships, but a consolation event for the National teams who will not qualify for the Knockouts will be organised.

Details: http://www.worldbridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WBTC_1stInfoLetter.pdf

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

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		

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

https://www.ocbl.org/registration/

Online Bridge NEWS

Team Brown won the July Monthly Mixed Teams

Fiona Brown

Ollie Burgess

Espen Erichsen

Helen Erichsen

Diana Nettleton

Tom Paske

Team BROWN (Fiona Brown, Ollie Burgess, Espen Erichsen, Helen Erichsen, Diana Nettleton, Tom Paske) won the July Monthly Mixed Teams!
The event was held between 5 and 7 July, 2021.

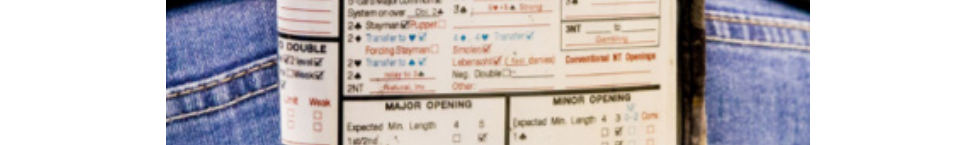
Team PARKER (Giorgia Botta, Adam Grossack, Zach Grossack, Chris Parker, Stewart Rubenstein, Anam Tebha, Jessica Larsson) placed 2nd.

Team TURNIPS (Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne Laure Tartarin) placed 3rd.

From the MMT Daily Bulletin:

"After finishing the Round Robin on top Brown faced second-placed Parker in the last round of Danish. Parker had to win by 18,5 to overtake Brown. However the English robbed the finish of excitement with a convincing win in the last match.
When the Turnips defeated Gerry's Juniors, Parker retained the second place and Turnips took the bronze"

NABC Robot Individual Results



The results of the NABC Robot Individual sessions are available here:

https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=ARDARD:4ee5f6c5.e133.11eb.b879.0cc47a39aeb4-1625889604

Convention Cards: Please upload them!

It is highly recommended for all participants to prepare and upload your convention card.

If you need help, here is a quick video tutorial, provided by Andrew Robson:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrL2FnyFaJc

Round 1

by Brian Senior

The OCBL July Cup features 16 teams, who will play 9 x 16-board matches of Swiss over four days to qualify the top eight to Friday's knock-outs. The quarter-finals onward will all be played over one 16-board segment, completing all three rounds in one day. In all knock-out matches, the higher-placed team from the qualifying stage will have a carry-over advantage, though in the semi-finals and final this will only be 0.1 IMP to remove any possibility of a tie and the need for extra boards.

The first board had potential to be a lively affair.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Scwartz v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Diamond	*Schwartz*	*Silverstone*	*Wolpert*
–	1♣	Pass	1♡
2♠	3♢	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Demuy	*Levinson*	*Kranyak*	*Shenkin*
–	1♣	Pass	1♡
1♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Diamond overcalled only 2♠ and that was insufficient to get Silverstone to show his spade support. Schwartz and Wolpert now drove to the club game, Schwartz even having time to make a slam try along the way. However, his partner didn't have as much as he was hoping for and even a successful diamond finesse only brought Schwartz up to 10 tricks; down one for –50.

Demuy started the West hand with a simple overcall, feeling that he was way too good for any kind of pre-empt, and doubled to show extras when Levinson's 3♣ jump rebid came back to him. However, Kranyak responded only 3♠ and Demuy was willing to play there – until Levinson couldn't resist one more club bid, and now Demuy went on to the spade game because, even if it was going down, the price might be less than the cost of conceding –130.

Levinson led out two top clubs, Demuy ruffing. The auction strongly suggested that the diamond would be offside so, rather than use a dummy entry for what rated to be a lost cause, Demuy led his low diamond from hand at trick three. Levinson won the ♢J and returned the nine of hearts, but Demuy won in hand and played the king of diamonds. Levinson won the ace and played a second heart, but Demuy won the king and ruffed a diamond high. When the diamonds proved to be three-three, he could draw trumps ending in dummy and take a heart pitch on a diamond; nicely played for +420 and 9 IMPs to SCHWARTZ.

Fredin v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Burgess	*Sylvan*	*Leslie*	*Morath*
–	1♣	Pass	1♡
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Lagerman	*Byrne*	*Gustawsson*	*Dyke*
–	1♣	Pass	1♡
1♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

The same two contracts were reached as in our first match, except that here both were played doubled.

Burgess leaped to 4♠ with the West cards then, having bullied Sylvan into bidding 5♣, doubled to show a good defensive 4♠ bid. That ended the auction and there were three unavoidable losers; –100.

Lagerman overcalled a quiet 1♠ but, when Gustawsson competed to 3♠ over Byrne's 3♣ rebid, went on to game. This time it was Byrne who doubled, and Dyke saw no reason to take it out. Byrne led the top clubs and Lagerman played as we saw from Demuy, ruffing and leading the low diamond from hand, eventually establishing diamonds for a heart discard; +590 and 10 IMPs to FREDIN.

Gillis v ECF Holding

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Saelensminde*	*Fasting*	*Gillis*
–	1♣	Pass	1♡
1♠	3♣	Pass	3♠
Dble	4♢	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*S-O Hoyland*	*Lindqvist*	*J Hoyland*
–	1♣	Pass	1♢
1♡	3♣	3♢	4♣
4♠	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Lie overcalled 1♠ and, when Saelendsminde made a jump rebid of 3♣, Gillis liked his club fit enough to cuebid 3♠ in search of a stopper. Lie doubled and Saelensminde, thinking to co-operate should his partner have slam in mind, showed his diamond control. Gillis, however, signed off and 5♣ drifted the usual one down for –50.

Jim Hoyland responded with a 1♢ transfer so Brogeland cuebid 1♡, take-out of hearts. Now the auction took on a life all of its own. Sven-Olai Hoyland jumped to 3♣ and Lindqvist competed with 3♢, Jim competed to 4♣ and that convinced Sven-Ola to go on to 5♣ over Brogeland's 4♠. Lindqvist hadn't show any spade support as yet, though he had, of course, shown some values by bidding 3♢. Now he took the push to 5♠, in theory a losing decision, only for Sven-Olai to save in 6♣, which Lindqvist could double for down two and –300; 6 IMPs to GILLIS.

Rippey v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Nowak*	*Z Grossack*	*Rippey*
–	1♣	Pass	1♡
1♠	3♣	3♠	Pass
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Donati*	*Nawrocki*	*Manno*
–	1♣	Pass	1♢
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

McNay started with a simple overcall. Zack Grossack competed to 3♠ over Nowak's 3♣ rebid, and McNay, of course, went on to game. When Nowak saved in 5♣, Grossack doubled, ending the auction. There were the usual losers, so the contract was down one for –100.

Manno responded with a 1♢ transfer, which was quickly made irrelevant as Wiankowski overcalled 4♠. Donati rebid 5♣ and Nawrocki left that round to his partner but, when Wiankowski doubled to show a good 4♠ bid, admitted to spade support. Donati doubled 5♠. He led the usual two rounds of clubs and Wiankowski ruffed. He couldn't afford the line of play we have seen which brought home 4♠, as he was a level higher. Slim though prospects were on the auction, Wiankowski drew trumps ending in dummy and led a diamond to the king – his only hope. That lost to the ace, and Donati cashed the ♢J before switching to a heart. Wiankowski won the king and ruffed out the diamonds; down one for –100 and 5 IMPs to BRAIN GLUCOSE.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Donner v Bishel

West	North	East	South
J Bishel	*Michielsen*	*T Bishel*	*Cullin*
Pass	Pass	1♡	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♡	3♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	*Greenspan*	*Donner*	*Schenker*
Pass	Pass	1♡	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Everything was very peaceful at our first table, where Cullin made a simple overcall then quietly repeated his suit and was left to play in 3♣. John Bishel's lead of the queen of diamonds, seeing little future in attacking hearts when

partner had bid it twice, did not exactly paralyse declarer, who soon claimed 11 tricks for +150.

Schenker overcalled 5♣, doubled by Donner on the way out. Donner won the heart lead and tried a second heart, ruffed. Schenker played a club, ruffed the heart return, and drew trumps then played on diamonds without bothering to run the trumps. He got the diamonds wrong, of course, expecting the missing strength to be on his right, and led low to the king then finessed on the way back, down one for –200 and 8 IMPs to DONNER.

Rippey v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Donati*	*Nawrocki*	*Manno*
Pass	Pass	1♡	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Nowak*	*Z Grossack*	*Rippey*
Pass	Pass	1♡	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♣
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Manno overcalled 5♣ and played there. Wiankowski led a heart, Nawrocki winning the queen and switching to a spade. Manno won the ace and played the king of clubs to Nawrocki's ace. He ruffed the spade return then, wanting to get as good a count as possible on the defenders' hands, cashed all the rest of the clubs, coming down to three diamonds in each hand. Unfortunately for him, he now had reason to believe that Nawrocki had three diamonds to Wiankowski's two, so led a diamond to the ace and back to the jack losing to the doubleton queen and also losing to the nine of hearts at trick 13, so was down two for –200.

Rippey overcalled a quiet 2♣ but then jumped to 4♣ at his next turn and was raised to game by Nowak and doubled by Grossack. Grossack too won the heart lead and switched to a spade to declarer's ace. He won the club ace and tried a heart, but that was ruffed and Rippey ran all but one of the clubs before leading low to the ♢K then running the jack; down one for –200 and a push board.

Black v Harris

West	North	East	South
Trendafilov	*Hallberg*	*Tiholov*	*Hult*
Pass	Pass	1♡	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Igoe*	*McIntosh*	*Natt*
Pass	Pass	1♡	5♣
All Pass			

Both Souths overcalled 5♣, Tiholov doubling when that came round to him, McIntosh going quietly.

Trendafilov led the usual heart, so Tiholov won the queen and switched to a spade. Hult won the spade and played a club, Tiholov winning and returning a spade. Hult ruffed and played a la Manno, cashing all the trumps before trying to pick diamonds. He too was in the position of knowing that East almost certainly had the three diamonds to his partner's two, so led low to the king and finessed on the way back. That meant down two for –500.

McIntosh too won the heart lead and switched to a spade, Natt winning the ace of spades and playing a trump. McIntosh won that and returned a spade, but Natt ruffed and played out the trumps. Believing the king of spades to be on his left, and the top hearts on his right, Natt decided that there was something rather better than a diamond guess, and came down to doubleton king-jack of diamonds, along with the ♠Q and ♡J. Then he led the last club and Paske had to keep the ♠K so was known to hold only two diamonds. Away went the ♠Q, and now McIntosh was obliged to keep the ♡J, so he too was squeezed down to a doubleton diamond. A diamond to the king and the jack back to the ace saw the queen fall, as Natt expected it to do, and the nine of diamonds was his eleventh trick for a beautifully played +600 and 15 IMPs to HARRIS.

Moss v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Yang	*Gawrys*	*Baseggio*	*Klukowski*
Pass	Pass	1♡	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
S Moss	*Gu*	*Lee*	*Lo*
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Baseggio won the heart lead and switched to a spade. Klukowski won and played a club, and back came a second spade. He ruffed and ran trumps, coming down to ♢K4 ♠Q ♡J, to leave open the possibility of taking a finesse at trick 12. However, he read the ending correctly and led low to the king then back to the ace; again nicely played for +600.

Moss opened 2♠ in the other room, the only one of our eight Wests to do so. There were no alerts according to the bidding record, but presumably 3♣ showed hearts. Whatever was going on, Lo waited until his opponents had unwound then bid 5♣, and was doubled by Lee to conclude the auction. Moss led a top of nothing ♡9 and Lee won and continued with a second heart. Lo ruffed and cashed the ace of spades before playing a club. Lee won that and played a third heart. Lo ruffed and played out all the clubs. Three rounds of hearts had been played so there was no possibility of a squeeze, and the defence had not led spades at any point, so there was no clue as to the position of the king. Lo judged that the diamond length was on his right so led to the king then finessed on the way back so was down two for –500 and 15 IMPs to MOSS.

Five Clubs was played 13 times, making six times, going down seven times.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Hungary v Pigot

West	North	East	South
Pigot	*Csaba*	*McAoungh.*	*Szegedi*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	4♡	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Dumbovitch	*Keaveney*	*Winkler*	*Glynn*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	3♡	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Csaba overcalled 4♡, Keaveney a level lower, but it made no difference as both Easts made a negative double and both Wests responded 4♠ and were left to play there, losing a spade by taking a third round finesse against the jack, so flat at +480.

Gillis v EFC Holding

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Saelensminde*	*Fasting*	*Gillis*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	2♡	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*S-O Hoyland*	*Lindqvist*	*J Hoyland*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	3♡	Dble	4♡
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Sven-Olai overcalled 3♡ and, when Lindqvist doubled, Jim raised to 4♡ to take away his opponents' bidding space. However, that may have backfired on him as, when Brogeland bid 4♠ freely, Lindqvist read him for short hearts so jumped to the club slam; +940.

Saelensminde overcalled only 2♡ so Fasting could cuebid to show his club fit then converted 3♠ to 4♣, and Lie raised himself to game. Slam, however, would seem never to have been in the picture; +440 but 11 IMPs to GILLIS.

Schwartz v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Demuy	*Levinson*	*Kranyak*	*Shenkin*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	3♡	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Diamond	*Schwartz*	*Silverstone*	*Wolpert*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	3♡	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Both Norths overcalled 3♡ and both Easts doubled. Diamond now contented himself with a 3♠ rebid and Silverstone raised him to game; +480. Demuy, however, jumped to 4♠, and Kranyak converted to 5♣. Demuy went on to slam now, and even cuebid 5♡ in search of a possible grand slam. There are 13 tricks in a club contract, of course, but the perfect diamond fit is hard to recognise with so little bidding space and Kranyak signed off in the small slam. Why worry about Seven anyway, when +940 was worth 11 IMPs to SCHWARTZ?

Pride of place should go to the match between BLACK and HARRIS, the only one in which both pairs bid to slam.

Black v Harris

West	North	East	South
Trendafilov	*Hallberg*	*Tiholov*	*Hult*
–	–	–	Pass
2♣	2♡	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Igoe*	*McIntosh*	*Natt*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	3♡	Dble	4♡
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Igoe overcalled 3♡ and Natt raised to game over McIntosh's double. When Paske bid 4♠ freely, McIntosh jumped to the small slam; +940.

Trendafilov opened a Precision 2♣ so Hallberg did not have the option of making a pre-emptive jump overcall of 3♡, as that would have shown a better hand than bidding 2♡. He contented himself with a simple 2♡ and Tiholov doubled. When Trendafilov could jump to game, Tiholov jumped to the club slam; +940 and no swing.

Nobody got to 7♣, understandably enough. Six pairs reached the small slam, four played in 5♣, and six played in 4♠. Ignoring the table where the opening bid was 2♣, two Norths opened 2♡, 11 opened 3♡, and two opened 4♡. The level of pre-empt seemed to make very little difference to whether or not slam was reached, as, of the six pairs who bid to 6♣, one faced a 2♡ opening, one 4♡, and four 3♡.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

For most E/W pairs this was simply a matter of which of 3NT or 4♡ to play. For example:

Moss v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Yang	*Gawrys*	*Baseggio*	*Klukowski*
2♢	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Moss	*Gu*	*Lee*	*Lo*
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

Moss and yang both opened with a weak 2♢. Baseggio responded with a 2♢ inquiry and, on finding partner with a minimum, settled for 3NT. Klukowski led a low diamond. Baseggio rose with the ace, discarding a club from hand, and ran the queen of hearts. That lost to the king, but there was no way to untangle to diamonds so Klukowski just took the three winners he could see in front of him and declarer had the rest; nine tricks for +400.

Lee responded 2♡, presumably natural and forcing from the look of his hand. When Moss admitted to some heart support, Lee contented himself with a quiet reraise to game. Lo led the jack of diamonds. Lee won the ace, discarding a club, and ran the queen of hearts. That lost and he ruffed the diamond continuation and drew trumps. The even spade split meant that Lee had 11 tricks for +450 and 2 IMPs to MOSS.

However, a couple of pairs were a little more adventurous:

Schwartz v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Diamond	*Schwartz*	*Silverstone*	*Wolpert*
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Demuy	*Levinson*	*Kranyak*	*Shenkin*
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Diamond didn't open the West hand, probably not having a weak 2♢ in his bag even had he wished to do so, and Silverstone opened with a strong and artificial 2♣. I don't have the details of their system to hand, so can only guess at the meaning of the 2♡ response, but Silverstone next showed his longest suit and was raised to game. He won the low diamond lead with the ace, ditching the eight of spades from hand, then played three rounds of clubs, ruffing low. A diamond ruff with the two was followed by a second club ruff with the queen, as Wolpert discarded a spade. However, Silverstone could come back to hand with a top spade safely enough. He continued with a second spade winner before playing ace then nine of hearts. Wolpert won the king and forced Silverstone's last trump with a diamond, so Schwartz got a trump at the end; 11 tricks for +450.

Demuy opened with a weak two bid then raised Kranyak's 2♡ response to 3♡ – and Kranyak just blasted into slam. Shenkin led the three of spades to the ten, jack and king. Kranyak played three rounds of clubs, ruffing with the queen, discarded his last club on the ace of diamonds, then took the heart finesse. That lost and Shenkin played the king of diamonds. Kranyak ruffed, drew trumps, and split the spades; 12 tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs to SCHWARTZ.

Donner v Bishel

West	North	East	South
J Bishel	*Michielsen*	*T Bishel*	*Cullin*
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	*Greenspan*	*Donner*	*Schenker*
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

John Bishel passed then responded with an artificial 1NT to the strong club opening. He raised Tobias's 2♡ rebid to game, and Tobias jumped to the slam. Cullin led the three of spades to the ten, jack and ace, and Tobias followed Kranyak's line of playing three rounds of clubs, ruffing high, taking a club discard on the ace of diamonds, then taking the heart finesse. Again, the even spade split meant that he had 12 tricks for +980.

Sandra Rimstedt opened 3♢. I can't honestly say that I'm a big fan with that empty suit, but she was at favourable vulnerability, and 3♢ might well prove to be very effective if the hand belonged to her opponents. Donner responded 3♡ and Sandra raised to game, and Donner was not seriously tempted to go on. Donner received a low spade lead to the ten, jack and ace. He played three rounds of clubs, ruffing low, discarded the eight of spades on the diamond, then came to hand with a spade to ruff his fourth club with the ♡Q. However, Schenker ruffed with the king in front of dummy and returned a diamond. That forced Donner to ruff, but he could now draw trumps and claim the rest for +480 but 11 IMPs to BISHEL.

July Cup - Results

ROUND 1

Moss	17.03 VPs / 51 IMPs	2.97 VPs / 19 IMPs	New Amateurs
Donner	10.31 VPs / 31 IMPs	9.69 VPs / 30 IMPs	Bishel
Black	14.6 VPs / 39 IMPs	5.4 VPs / 21 IMPs	Harris
Schwartz	18.77 VPs / 58 IMPs	1.23 VPs / 12 IMPs	Scorway
Gillis	16.58 VPs / 54 IMPs	3.42 VPs / 25 IMPs	ECF Holding
Fredin	4.44 VPs / 14 IMPs	15.56 VPs / 37 IMPs	Leslie
Hungary	6.48 VPs / 28 IMPs	13.52 VPs / 41 IMPs	Pigot
Rippey	6.48 VPs / 24 IMPs	13.52 VPs / 37 IMPs	Brain Glucose

ROUND 2

Moss	4.44 VPs / 19 IMPs	15.56 VPs / 42 IMPs	Bishel
Donner	15.74 VPs / 46 IMPs	4.26 VPs / 22 IMPs	New Amateurs
Black	19.69 VPs / 74 IMPs	0.31 VPs / 18 IMPs	Scorway
Schwartz	17.72 VPs / 55 IMPs	2.28 VPs / 18 IMPs	Harris
Gillis	4.08 VPs / 22 IMPs	15.92 VPs / 47 IMPs	Leslie
Fredin	9.09 VPs / 25 IMPs	10.91 VPs / 28 IMPs	ECF Holding
Hungary	6.03 VPs / 26 IMPs	13.97 VPs / 41 IMPs	Brain Glucose
Rippey	15.74 VPs / 61 IMPs	4.26 VPs / 37 IMPs	Pigot

AUGUST CUP

2 - 5 August, 2021

Registered Teams

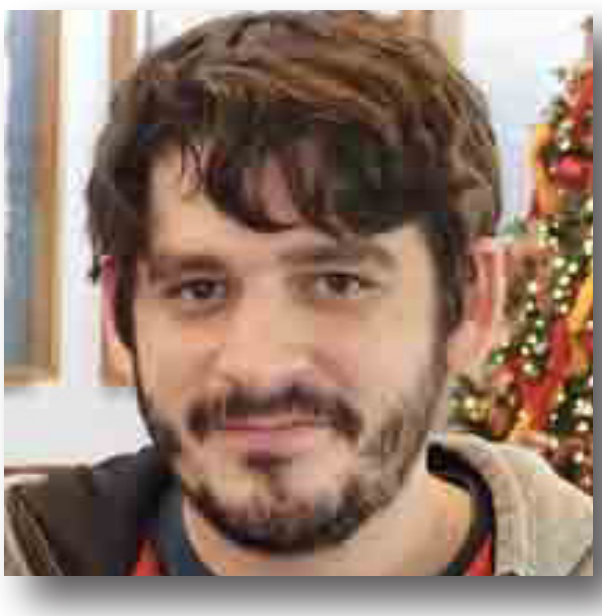
The OCBL July Cup will take place from 2 to 5 August, 2021.

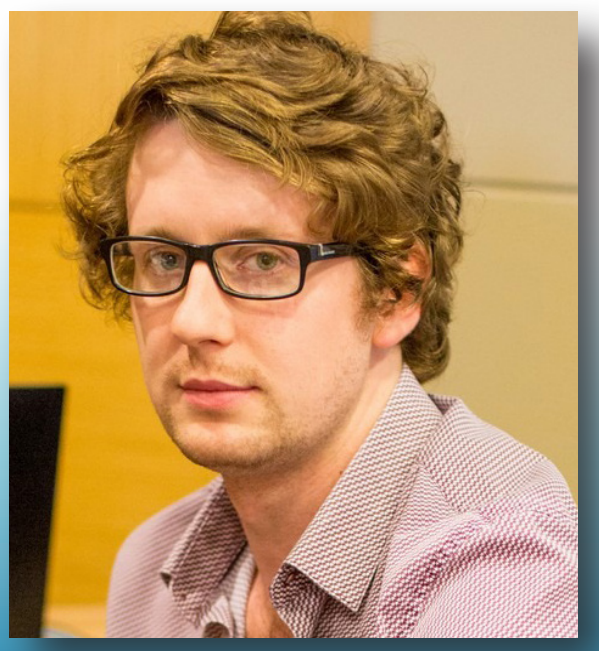
APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS
Auken S. (jcmax)
Welland R. (roy)
Milner R. (reesem)
Lall H. (hemantlall)
Jagniewski R. (mlodybog)
Gawel W. (redds)

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

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)

COMPTON
Compton C. (compton)
Goodman A. (agoodman1)
Dwyer K. (kdwyer)
Huang S. (precisebri)
Moses T. (hottodstl)
Smith R. (ronsmithsf)





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Qualification + Knockout

Qualification:

9 Rounds x 12 Boards	CEST	EDT
Monday 2	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
Tuesday 3	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
Wednesday 4	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EDT
Thursday 5	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

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