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KNOCKOUTS DAY

RANKING AFTER ROUND 9

1	Black	113.3
2	Donner	106.07
3	Brain Glucose	105.89
4	ECF Holding	101.62
5	Gillis	98.93
6	Hungary	98
7	Schwartz	94.97
8	Pigot	90.9
9	Leslie	89.85
10	Rippey	88.6
11	Moss	85.95
12	Fredin	85.91
13	New Amateurs	77.42
14	Scorway	72.38
15	Bishel	70.48
16	Harris	59.73

The qualification stage is over.

Team **BLACK** (Black A., Gold D., McIntosh A., Paske T., Hult S., Hallberg G.) kept their lead (113.3 VPs is their total score) and along with teams **DONNER** (106.07), **BRAIN GLUCOSE** (105.89), **ECF HOLDING** (101.62), **GILLIS** (98.93), **HUNGARY** (98), **SCHWARTZ** (94.97) and **PIGOT** (90.9) conquered a pass to the Quarterfinals.

Today the
Quarterfinals 16:30 CEST / 10:30 am EDT,
Semifinals 19:00 CEST / 1.00 pm EDT,
and the **Final** 21:30 CEST / 3:30 pm EDT
will be played.

We wish to thank all the teams who did not qualify for being part of this event.
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OCBL September Cup (31 August - 3 September)
OCBL Open League (6-30 September)

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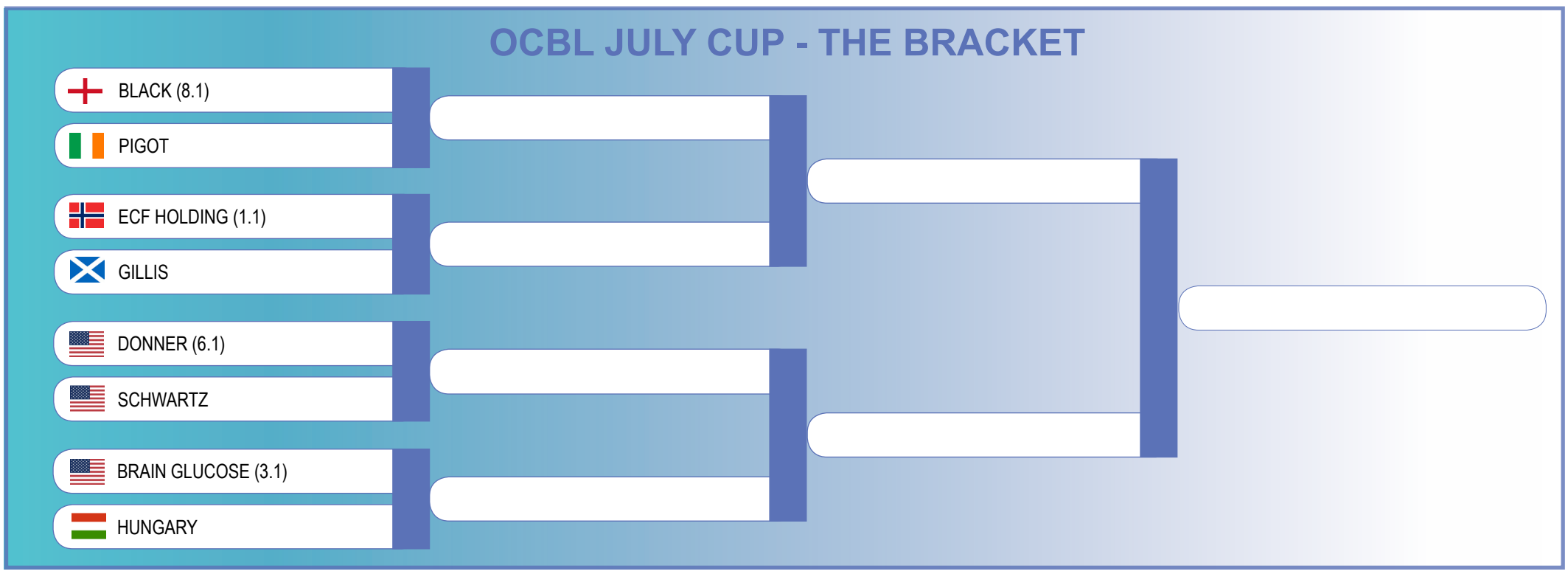

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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		

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Online Bridge NEWS

EUROPEAN QUALIFIER FOR THE WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

From the EBL website:

FORMAT AND DATES

Based on the final participation numbers:
Open – 31 teams;
Women – 20 teams;
Seniors – 24 teams;
Mixed – 21 teams,

Open and Seniors will start on August 23,
Mixed on August 24 and
Women on August 25.

All Series will play 10-board matches starting at 10:00 CET, with August 28 being the final day.

The daily time-schedule and draw will be published shortly on the event website.

http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/21OnlineNationalTeams/microsite/Information.htm

EUROPEAN MASTER POINTS ("EMPs")

From the EBL website:

The EBL Executive Committee has decided to revise the scale of EMP awards for the Mixed Series at the National Teams Championships (EMP Table 1) to the same level as that used for the Women & Seniors Series, with immediate effect.

For the 2021 Online Qualifier for the World Teams Championships and European Champions' Cup, EMP awards for each Series (Open, Women, Seniors and Mixed) for each position will be half of the scale published on the EBL website and available directly at:
http://www.eurobridge.org/regulations/european-master-points/emp-scales/#table-1

For further details governing this event please refer to the document "Master Point Rules" on the event website at
http://db.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/21OnlineNationalTeams/microsite/Information.htm

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Rounds 7 & 8

by Brian Senior

Round 7

Round 7 featured a series of slam deals. How successfully did the teams handle them?

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Black v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Hallberg*	*Z Grossack*	*Hult*
–	–	–	2♢
Pass	2♠	2NT	3♢
3♡(i)	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(i) Transfer

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Di Franco*	*Black*	*Manno*
–	–	–	2♡
2♠	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

McNay passed over Hult's multi, after which his pair bid to game without giving any consideration to going higher. Hult led his singleton club to the ten and king. Zack Grossack drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy then led a club to the nine. He drew the missing trump then cashed the clubs and had 12 tricks for +680.

Gold bid over Manno's 2♡ opening and that excited Black, understandably enough. He splintered then went on with Key-card over Gold's sign-off and, on finding his partner with two plus the trump queen, bid the small slam. Played by West, there wa sno reason for the revealing club lead and Di Franco instead chose a trump. Gold won the jack, cashed the ♠K, and led a club to the king. He continued by drawing a third round of trumps then plang a club. The four-one break was a blow from which there was no recovery. Gold could ruff out the clubs and get back to dummy with the ace of diamonds to cash them, but was a trick short; –100 and 13 IMPs to BRAIN GLUCOSE.

Gillis v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Shenkin	*Saelensminde*	*Levinson*	*Gillis*
–	–	–	2♢
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*Kvangraven*	*Lindqvist*	*Brekka*
–	–	–	2♡
2♠	3♡	4♡	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Both Souths opened as dealer, liking the favourable vulnerability more than they disliked their poor suits.

Shenkin passed over Gillis's multi and Saelensminde jumped to 3♡, pass or correct. That left Levinson with a range of unattractive calls and he opted to pass, as did Shenkin. The contract drifted three down for –150.

Brogeland overcalled 2♠ over the natural opening and Kvangraaven competed with 3♡. Lindqvist cuebid to show a hand that was too good for 4♠ but then respected Brogeland's sign-off in game. Kvangravel cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a low diamond. Brogeland won the ace , led the ten of spades to his ace, and ruffed a heart. He drew trumps then cashed the top clubs, discarding a diamond, ruffed a club, and played a low heart. Brekka had bared his king on the pay of the clubs, so that came down and Brogeland had the ♡Q and a trump to come; 11 tricks for +650 and 11 IMPs to GILLIS.

Pigot v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Coyne*	*Bell*	*Walsh*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Glynn	*Burgess*	*Keaveney*	*Leslie*
–	–	–	2♡
2♠	4♡	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Walsh did not open the South hand so Norton and Bell had an uncontested auction to the small slam. Coyne led a low diamond. Norton won the ace, played two rounds of trumps, then cashed a top club. He played two more rounds of spades then tried to run the clubs and found that there were only two more club tricks to be had. Norton had to lose four red tricks so was down three for –300.

Leslie opened 2♡ and Glynn overcalled 2♠. Burgess jumped to 4♡ but Keaveney was not to be shut out of the auction and asked for key cards then raised to the small slam. Burgess cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a club. Glynn won the ace, crossed to hand with a trump, and took a heart ruff. With a ruff in the bag, he only needed five club tricks to bring his total to 12. Glynn drew trumps, ruffed out the clubs, and had the ace of diamonds as an entry to dummy; +1430 and 17 IMPs to PIGOT.

Three pairs bid and made slam, while seven bid it but were defeated.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Pigot v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Coyne*	*Bell*	*Walsh*
–	–	–	2♡
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Glynn	*Burgess*	*Keaveney*	*Leslie*
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Norton went through a Kokish sequence to show something around 28+ HCP balanced and Bell had no interest in going on when holding just one queen. After a heart lead to the king and ace, the fall of the diamond and spade jacks meant that Norton had the dummy entries to establish a third heart trick so had 12 in all; +490.

Glynn rebid a forcing 2NT and Keaveney looked for a major-suit fit. On finding one, he raised to game and, with a huge hand and no way to get an intelligent decision from partner, Glynn just blasted the slam. Burgess led a trump, so Glynn drew those in three rounds and cashed two top diamonds. The fall of the jack gave him a dummy entry in the shape of the ♢10, so he used it and took the heart finesse. When that held he had 12 tricks, just losing a club; +980 and 10 IMPs to PIGOT.

Schwartz v Donner

West	North	East	South
C Rimstedt	*Schwartz*	*Donner*	*Robinson*
1♣	Pass	1♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Demuy	*B Moss*	*Kranyak*	*Grue*
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Celia Rimstedt opened with a strong club and the 1♢ response was a negative. Celia then went through their version of Kokish to set up

a game-force, so Donner could use Stayman and Celia make a 5♣ slam try after spades had been agreed. Of course, Donner didn't have enough to be tempted, and Celia respected his sign-off. She won the diamond lead, drew trumps, took the heart finesse and cashed the ♡A. When she next led low towards the queen of clubs, Schwartz ducked, so the queen scored and she had all 13 tricks for +510.

Demuy opened 2♣ then went through Kokish and again the spade fit was found. Demuy, however, just bid the slam, thinking that it would be tough for his partner to realise just how little he required for slam. Brad Moss led a trump, which Demuy won with the ace. He led the nine of clubs at trick two, putting up the queen when Moss played small. From here Demuy could manage the rest with everything lying so kindly; +1010 and 11 IMPs to SCHWARTZ.

Gillis v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Shenkin	*Saelensminde*	*Levinson*	*Gillis*
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

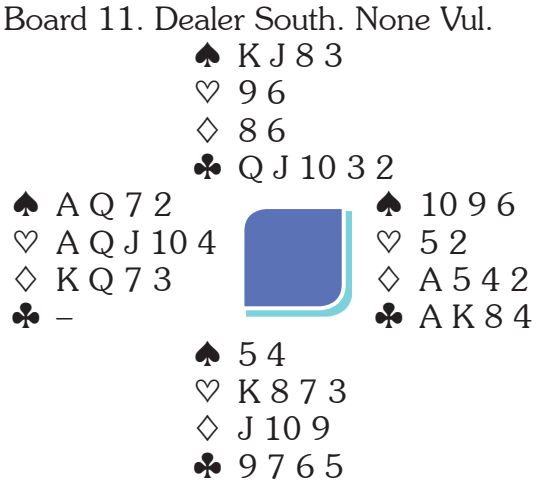
West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*Kvangraven*	*Lindqvist*	*Brekka*
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♢	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Shenkin went through Kokish and Levinson asked about majors, his 3NT rebid presumably showing that he was four-four in the two suits. Shenkin jumped to 5♠ to invite slam, but Levinson couldn't find a reason to bid it. Gillis led a club, which Levinson ducked in dummy. Saelensminde won the king and switched to a trump, but Levinson had the rest for +480.

Brogeland had to open 2♢ to show his game-force. Lindqvist used Stayam over the 2NT rebid, then bid 4♢ to show both majors, and Brogeland just bid the slam. Kvangraven led a trump. Brogeland won and led the nine of clubs and Kvangraven grabbed his king and returned a diamond, after which Brogeland had no problem in coming to 12 tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs to GILLIS.

Everyone else stopped in game, five times in NT, seven times in spades, and one oddity in hearts.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Gillis v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Shenkin	*Saelensminde*	*Levinson*	*Gillis*
–	–	–	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*Kvangraven*	*Lindqvist*	*Brekka*
–	–	–	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♢	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Shenkin/Levinson had an essentially natural auction to 3NTGillis led the five of spades and Levinson put in the queen, losing to the king. Saelensminde returned the ♠J, hoping to pin a doubleton ten if his partner's lead had been from three small. But Levinson had three spades so could win the ace and play on hearts, just losing to the ♡K and claiming the rest for +460.

Brogeland opened 1♡ then rebid an artificial 2♣, after which he could describe his hand type and eventually jump to the diamond slam after getting some co-operation from Lindqvist. Brekka led a spade, so Lindqvist played the queen, losing to the king. Back came a club, which he won with the ace while discarding a spade from the dummy. A successful heart finesse was followed by three rounds of diamonds ending in hand. A second heart finesse, the ace of hearts and a heart ruff established the fith heart, and the remaining spade loser went away on the king of clubs; 12 tricks for +920 and 10 IMPs to GILLIS.

Black v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Hallberg*	*Z Grossack*	*Hult*
–	–	–	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♢	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Di Franco*	*Black*	*Manno*
–	–	–	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♢	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

The diamond fit was found very quickly when McNat chose to rebid 3♢ rather than 2♠. Zack agreed diamonds and, when McNay could show the necessary spade control, took control, using Key-card. Six Clubs showed three plus the void and Zack signed off in 6♢. Hallberg led a trump, so McNay took three rounds of those then led a heart to the queen and continued with the ace of hearts followed by the jack. He discarded a spade on that and had 12 tricks – five diamonds, four hearts, and three top black cards; +920.

Somehow, the diamond fit got lost in the artificialities of the Gold/Black auction. Though Black suggested playing in 6♢, he had presumably denied genuine diamond support at some point, as Gold converted to 6♡. Di Franco led the queen of clubs, which Gold won on table, discarding a spade from hand. He took the heart finesse, crossed to the ace of diamonds while carefully unblocking the seven and repeated the finesse. Gold played ace then a fourth heart but had no option but to finesse on the spade return. That lost and he was down one for –50 and 14 IMPs to BRAIN GLUCOSE.

Fredin v Bishel

West	North	East	South
J Bishel	*Fredin*	*T Bishel*	*Apteker*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

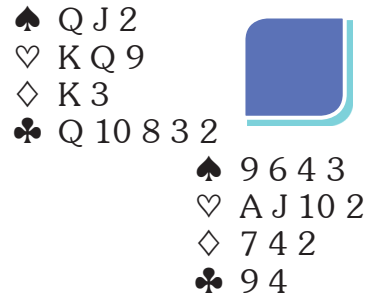
West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Greenspan*	*Morath*	*Schenker*
–	–	–	Pass
1♡	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♢	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Sylvan opened 1♡ then rebid an artificial 2♣. After a series of relays, Sylvan was in a position to jump to the diamond slam. Morath won the diamond lead with the ace, took the heart finesse, then drew two more rounds of trumps before playing ace and jack of hearts. The ♡K was his only loser; +920.

The Bishels' system showed up well on this deal with John able to show his strong hand with five hearts and four or more diamonds very conveniently. When the diamond fit came to light, the small slam was easily reached. John won the club lead on table, took the heart finesse, drew trumps and repeated the finesse, conceding the fourth round of hearts but claiming the rest; +920 and no swing.

Six pairs bid and made 6♢, while two played the diamond game. There was the one 6♡-1 we have already seen, two 4♡+1, and the other five played in 3NT.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Fredin v Bishel

West	North	East	South
J Bishel	*Fredin*	*T Bishel*	*Apteker*
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	6NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Greenspan*	*Morath*	*Schenker*
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

In case anyone was wondering, unless I actually watch a deal during the playing time of the match,

when I can see the explanations on BBO, I have no access to the pairs' methods – unlike a world championship, for example, when everyone's convention cards are on file. So it is obvious from this board and the one previous to it, that the Bishels play some kind of two- or more-way club. On Board 11 we saw the strong variety, now we see the weak one – a weak NT type.

Two Diamonds was GF checkback, 2♠ showed the spade support, and 3♣ was natural. When John could show strength in hearts, Tobias felt that he had sufficient to jump to the NT slam. Six No Trump is the top spot as, not only is it worth an extra couple of IMPs compared to 6♣, but it avoids an, admittedly unlikely, ruff, and also succeeds when North has all four missing clubs if the heart is onside. In practice after a heart lead to the ace, John could claim; +990.

Sylvan also opened 1♣ and rebid 1NT. Morath used forcing checkback, relayed, and found that his partner had genuine clubs in context of a weak NT. He set trumps but was unwilling to commit to slam when lacking a heart control, so they fell short when Sylvan also felt unable to go on, and had to settle for +420 but 11 IMPs to BISHEL.

Pigot v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Coyne*	*Bell*	*Walsh*
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Glynn	*Burgess*	*Keaveney*	*Leslie*
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Norton showed a weak NT and Bell made a series of artificial bids before eventually inviting slam. Norton accepted, choosing to play in 6♣. He won the diamond lead with dummy's queen, drew trumps, then led a heart. That was ducked, so he won the queen and could discard his remaining hearts on the third diamond and fourth spade; 13 tricks for +940.

Glynn opened a weak NT. Keaveney used Stayman then showed his clubs but, despite the five-card support, Glynn was not interested with his aceless hand and signed off in 3NT. Keaveney had one more try, but Glynn was still not interested and passed out 4NT, where he made 12 tricks after a heart lead to the ace; +490 but 10 IMPs to LESLIE.

Hungary v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Szabo*	*Nawrocki*	*Szegedi*
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	*Nowak*	*Dumbovitch*	*Rippey*
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Wiankowski had an artificial auction after the weak NT opening and Stayman, ending with a jump to 6NT from Nawrocki. Wiankowski won the diamond lead with dummy's ten and cashed the ace of clubs just to check that everything was OK with that suit. Next he led a heart up and, when Szegedi played low, won the trick with his king and had all 13 for +1020.

Lakatos showed a weak NT with his rebid and, after some exploration, Dumbovitch jumped to the club slam. The defence led a heart to the ace and a second heart; 12 tricks for +920 but 3 IMPs to RIPPEY.

Four pairs bid to 6NT, nine to 6♣. There were two in 5♣ and one in 4NT.

Round 8

Going into the final day of qualifying, BLACK was certain to make the top eight, and BRAIN GLUCOSE nearly so. Teams down to eleventh were very much in the fight for the six remaining places in the knockouts, with a couple more still having a chance if they could put together two good wins.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Fredin v Black

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Black*	*Apteker*	*Gold*
–	–	2♢	Dble
3♡	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Sylvan*	*McIntosh*	*Morath*
–	–	2♡	2NT
3♡	6♣	All Pass	

Gold doubled the multi opening to show around 13-15 balanced or a possible strong hand, and Fredin bid 3♡, pass or correct. Black just jumped to 6♣, figuring that it couldn't be far way and that getting to a good grand slam might be hard work even when one existed.

McIntosh opened 2♡, so Morath's double was for take-out. Paske raised to 3♡, and Sylvan too made the simple bid of 6♣.

Apteker led a heart, McIntosh a spade, but it made no difference. Both declarers picked up trumps without loss and soon had all 13 tricks for a flat board at +1390.

If these two pairs had made the deal look easy, others found it much less so when they tried to explore alternative slams.

Bishel v Harris

West	North	East	South
Malhasyan	*Greenspan*	*Harris*	*Schenker*
–	–	2♡	3♢
4♡	5NT	Pass	7♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
J Bishel	*Trendafilov*	*T Bishel*	*Tiholov*
–	–	2♡	2NT
4♡	5♡	Dble	6♢
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Both Easts opened their classic weak two bids.

Tiholov overcalled 2NT and John Bishel raised pre-emptively to 4♡. Trendafilov cuebid 5♡ and, when Tiholov bid diamonds, converted to 6♠. That was not the best spot but, with spades three-three, Trendafilov needed only to bring in clubs without loss to fulfil his contract. There was no reason to play East for queen to three, so that proved to be no problem; +1430.

Schenker overcalled 3♢ and again there was the 4♡ raise from the West hand. Now Greenspan jumped to 5NT, hoping that this would be taken as pick a slam. Alas, Schenker's 7♢ response shows that he took the bid as asking him for two top trump honours. Schenker won the heart lead, pitching a spade from dummy, and led a diamond to… the queen. He was down now, of course. Schenker continued with the ♢10 to his ace, cashed the king of diamonds and learned the bad news. He switched his attention to clubs now but Malhasyan could ruff the third round and there were two hearts to be cashed; down three for –300 and 17 IMPs to HARRIS.

The percentage play in diamonds is to lead low to the ten, but that play takes some bottle in a grand slam.

The same pair of contracts were reached in this next match.

Schwartz v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*A Grossack*	*Bedout*	*Robinson*
–	–	2♡	3♢
4♡	5NT	Pass	7♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*Nowak*	*B Moss*	*Rippey*
–	–	2♡	2NT
3♡	5NT	Pass	6♢
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Rippey overcalled 2NT and Nowak jumped to 5NT (which was not alerted and explained) over Kranyak's 3♡ raise. Given that Rippey settled for 6♢, I would guess that he thought he was being asked to pick a trump suit. Nowak, however, converted to 6♠, perhaps implying clubs also. As we have seen, the even spade split means that 6♠ is made by playing clubs in normal fashion; +980.

Robinson overcalled 3♢ and Vallet raised pre-emptively to 4♡. Now Adam Grossack bid 5NT, intended as pick a slam but, from the 7♢ response, presumably taken as asking for top trump honours. Robinson ruffed the heart lead, cashed the queen of diamonds, and came to hand with the ace of clubs to play the ace then king of diamonds. She was only down one thanks to having kept control of the heart suit, but –100 was still 17 IMPs to RIPPEY. Well, if you are not going to finesse the ten of diamonds, to ruff with it is a superior play to winning the ♡A and wasting the power of the ♢10. A shame, really, that Robinson's play didn't save her an IMP.

Pigot v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Diamond	*Coyne*	*Silverstone*	*Walsh*
–	–	2♢	Pass
2♡	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Pigot	*Levinson*	*MacAonghusa*	*Shenkin*
–	–	3♡	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♢
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Walsh passed over Silverstone's multi and Diamond responded 2♡. Pass or correct. Coyne overcalled 2♠ and Walsh jumped to 3NT. The auction was clearly inadequate, as the game reached wasn't even a sure make, while 6♣ is excellent. Presumably Coyne could not make a two-suited overcall in his methods, but could Walsh not double 2♢?

These days, having a classic example of a weak two bid does not mean that everyone will content themselves with that opening. Sure enough, MacAonghusa opened a level higher, and Shenkin made a minimum 3NT overcall. Levinson's 4♣ was explained as showing clubs and spades and he jumped to 6♣ at his next turn and played there for +1390 and 12 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Leslie v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Sigurjonsson	*Burgess*	*Rubins*	*Leslie*
–	–	2♢	Pass
4♡	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Gu*	*Bell*	*Lo*
–	–	3♡	3NT
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♢
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Rubins opened 2♢, either weak with hearts or GF. After a cautious pass from Leslie, Sigurjonsson jumped pre-emptively to 4♡. Burgess had no two-suited overcall available unless he was willing to commit to a rather high level, so overcalled 4♠, and was left to play there. He won the heart lead with the ace, discarding a club from hand, cashed the top spades, then played king of clubs and ran the ♣J to the queen. Burgess ruffed the heart return and played out his winners, letting the defenders take their trumps separately; 10 tricks for +620.

Bell opened 3♡ and Lo overcalled 3NT. After a pass from Norton, Gu jumped to 5♡ – presumably 4♡ would have just shown spades, and he wanted to show his big shapely hand. When Lo responded 6♢ to that, Gu converted to 6♠ – which is actually an inferior slam to 6♢ – and that ended the auction. Gu had no choice in 6♠. Having won the heart lead he had to play for spades to be three-three so played three rounds and later got the club right for 12 tricks; +1430 and 13 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

As we have seen, two pairs got to 7♢, neither succeeding in finding the winning line. Everyone else went plus, three in 6♠, eight in 6♣, one in 4♠ and one in 3NT. One intrepid E/W pair bid up to 5♡ and were doubled for –1400.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Bishel v Harris

West	North	East	South
Malhasyan	*Greenspan*	*Harris*	*Schenker*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♠	3♢	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
J Bishel	*Trendafilov*	*T Bishel*	*Tiholov*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Pass	2NT	3♣
4♠	All Pass		

Schenker's 2♣ rebid looked harmless enough, but it convinced Greenspan to compete to 3♢ over 2♠, and now Harris made a penalty double. Malhasyan led his singleton trump to the ten and king. Schenker cashed the king and ace of hearts then led a club to his king, Malhasyam taking the ace and returning a heart to force declarer. Schenker played queen and another club to Harris's jack, and Harris played ace and another spade. Schenker ruffed and played a club, discarding a spade from dummy. Harris ruffed cheaply and got out with a heart, leaving him to claim the last two tricks with his diamond tenace over dummy's queen; down two for –300.

The Bishels might have saved the board, as Tiholov opened with a Precision 1♢ then came again with 3♣ at his next turn to show the minor-two suiter. But John had a more offensively orientated hand and rebid his spades, and was raised to game. He won the diamond lead with the ace and cashed the ace of spades. When the queen fell on his right, he ruffed a diamond then played a low heart to the ten and king. Tiholov returned the queen of clubs, John winning the ace and playing a second heart. Trendafilov won the ace and played a club to his partner's king. There was a trump to come for the defence, so the contract was down one for –100 and 9 IMPs to HARRIS.

Leslie v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Sigurjonsson	*Burgess*	*Rubins*	*Leslie*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Gu*	*Bell*	*Lo*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♡	3♢	4♡	All Pass

Sigurjonsson overcalled 1♠ and Rubins responded with the overbid of 3NT. He played there on the lead of the king of clubs, winning dummy's ace. When Rubins played the jack of hearts off the dummy, Burgess played low so Leslie won the king. He cashed the ♣Q then cleared the suit. Rubins won the ♣J and tested the spades, cashing the ace. Not liking what he saw, he switched his attention back to hearts, playing the queen. Burgess won the ace and played a diamond through, and Rubins could only win his ace and cash two hearts and two spades; down one for –100.

By contrast, Bell responded only 1NT to the overcall, and that left room for the heart fit to be found. The club lead went to the queen and ace and Norton played a low heart to the ten and king. Lo returned his remaining heart, Gu winning the ace and playing a third round. Norton ruffed out the spades then led dummy's low club and Lo failed to rise with the king so the ten scored. Norton had the rest now; 11 tricks for +650 and 13 IMPs to LESLIE.

Schwartz v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*A Grossack*	*Bedout*	*Robinson*
Kranyak	*Nowak*	*Demuy*	*Rippey*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♡	3♢	4♡	All Pass

Identical auctions saw the two West players become declarer in the heart game. Grossack led a club to the queen and ace, and Vallet led a heart to the ten and king, won the return of the queen of spades with the ace, and played a low heart to the jack and ace. Grossack defended passively, returning his last heart, so Vallet won the queen, ruffed out the spades, and led a low club off the dummy. Robinson did not put up the king so the ten scored and was Vallet's eleventh trick; +650.

Nowak led a diamond, Kranyak rising with the ace and leading the ten of hearts round to Nowak's ace. Nowak led a club now, the queen losing to declarer's ace. Kranyak cashed the ace of spades then continued with the ♠9. Rippey ruffed with the king and cashed the king of clubs, but the spades were now established and Kranyak had the rest; 10 tricks for +620 but 1 IMP to RIPPEY.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Leslie v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Sigurjonsson	*Burgess*	*Rubins*	*Leslie*
–	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Gu*	*Bell*	*Lo*
–	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♢	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♡	All Pass	

Burgess and Leslie stopped in game when Leslie bid 3NT over the game-forcing 3♣ rebid. Leslie made 12 tricks for +490. That would have been an annoying result for Gu and Lo at the other table, because they bid to the grand slam when stopping in Six would have been worth a double-figure swing.

Bell led a safe trump against 7♡. Gu won and cashed all the trumps, discarding three spades and a club from dummy. Meanwhile, Norton had to find five discards and chose two clubs, followed by spade, diamond, spade. Gu cashed the ace of spades next, followed by the king and ace of clubs. He had broken up any squeeze chances he might have had and was down to having to play diamonds for four tricks, when only one had been discarded on his right. I would prefer for my life not to depend on this play but, if my life did depend on making this contract, I would lead to the ♢10 now – and I would make my grand slam. Gu saw things differently and played diamonds from the top; down one for –50 and 11 rather fortuitous IMPs to LESLIE.

Brain Glucose v ECF Holding

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*Di Franco*	*Thoresen*	*Manno*
–	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
McNay	*S-O Hoyland*	*Z Grossack*	*J Hoyland*
–	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

When Sven-Olai Hoyland rebid 4♡, what kind of hand was he showing? I'd have thought that Jim should have bid on – if 4♡ will deliver eight tricks, there is a good chance for 12 if there are not two fast losers – but he passed, and a couple of minutes later Sven-Olai had chalked up +480.

Meanwhile, Di Franco/Manno relayed their way to 7♡, and they, like Gu and Lo, would be very unhappy if they failed to make it. Thoresen led a trump and Di Franco won that and cashed four more rounds, discarding three spades from the dummy. Ovesen threw two clubs followed by two spades, while Thoresen discarded a spade. Next Di Franco cashed the ace of spades followed by the last heart, on which he discarded a club from dummy. Meanwhile, Ovesen pitched a diamond and Thoresen a club. Three top diamonds came next, Di Franco pitching both his low spades. There was no squeeze – Ovesen had three clubs, Thoresen the ♢J – so the contract was down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to ECF HOLDING.

Hungary v Donner

West	North	East	South
B Moss	*Szabo*	*Grue*	*Szegedi*
–	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Dumbovitch	*Cullin*	*Winkler*	*Michielsen*
–	1♣	Pass	1♡
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♢
Pass	4♢	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

Cullin/Michielsen's artificial strong club auction saw then get to the small slam and Michielsen made it exactly for +980.

The Hungarian N/S pair bid the grand slam and, unlike our previous two pairs to get to Seven would not object to having done so. As usual, Szabo received a trump lead. He immediately cashed all six heart winners, discarding a club and three spades from dummy. Moss discarded club, diamond, spade, club, diamond, while Grue pitched a spade and a club. Now Szabo cashed the top diamonds, discarding a club and a spade from hand, while Moss discarded the jack of spades. That left Grue guarding both spades and diamonds and, having thrown away his third club from both hands, a spade/diamond squeeze was the only chance remaining for Szabo, but he didn't read the ending correctly. Szabo cashed the king and ace of clubs, on which Grue could discard the ♢J, and Grue had the king of spades for the last trick. See the difference if Szabo cashes the ace of clubs before the king. Now he is in the hand with the ♢10, so Grue cannot afford to throw the jack, and must throw a spade – but now the spades are one-one and declarer wins trick 13 with the seven of spades and makes his contract.

Gillis v Moss

West	North	East	South
S Moss	*Lindqvist*	*Lee*	*Brogeland*
–	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♢
Pass	5NT	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gillis	*Gawrys*	*Saelensminde*	*Klukowski*
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♡	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♢	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

The Polish Club sequence saw Gawrys at the helm in 6♡, where he made the overtrick. He won the trump lead, cashed four more rounds of hearts and, having seen two diamond discards on his right, led to the ten of diamonds and had 13 tricks; +1010.

Lindqvist/Brogeland bid to 7NT, against which Moss led a low club to the jack and king. Brogeland cashed four rounds of hearts, seeing Moss discard two clubs then a diamond as he pitched two spades from hand. Next he cashed the ace of clubs to confirm the position in that suit, followed by the two remaining hearts. They collected two more diamonds from Moss and a spade and a diamond from Lee, while Brogeland discarded a club and a spade from hand. Brogeland continued cashed the ace of spades, collecting only small cards from both defenders. That marked Lee with at least one spade as Moss would have led a spade if holding king, queen and jack, while Moss was known to hold a club. It followed that the jack of diamonds must be dropping and there was no need to take the slight risk of finessing the ten. Brogeland played diamonds from the top, and the ♢10 was his thirteenth trick; +1520 and 11 IMPs to GILLIS.

As we have seen, 7NT was made the one time it was bid, while 7♡ was unsuccessful on each of the three occasions on which it was attempted. Six Hearts was made four times and 6NT twice, there were four pairs in 4♡ and two in 3NT. Given that there was no opposition bidding with which to contend, it is surprising to find the field so evenly split between game, small slam, and grand slam – six, six, and four.

July Cup - Results

ROUND 8

Black	12.29 VPs 37 IMPs	7.71 VPs 29 IMPs	Fredin
Brain Glucose	5 VPs 21 IMPs	15 VPs 41 IMPs	ECF Holding
Schwartz	7.97 VPs 47 IMPs	12.03 VPs 54 IMPs	Rippey
Hungary	3.91 VPs 7 IMPs	16.09 VPs 33 IMPs	Donner
Gillis	13.04 VPs 43 IMPs	6.96 VPs 32 IMPs	Moss
Leslie	15.92 VPs 50 IMPs	4.08 VPs 25 IMPs	New Amateurs
Pigot	3.42 VPs 14 IMPs	16.58 VPs 43 IMPs	Scorway
Bishel	5 VPs 28 IMPs	15 VPs 48 IMPs	Harris

ROUND 9

Black	4.62 VPs 21 IMPs	15.38 VPs 43 IMPs	Hungary
Brain Glucose	12.29 VPs 28 IMPs	7.71 VPs 20 IMPs	Gillis
Schwartz	8.24 VPs 21 IMPs	11.76 VPs 27 IMPs	Pigot
Donner	13.52 VPs 67 IMPs	6.48 VPs 54 IMPs	Fredin
Moss	7.97 VPs 31 IMPs	12.03 VPs 38 IMPs	Leslie
Rippey	6.25 VPs 25 IMPs	13.75 VPs 39 IMPs	Scorway
ECF Holding	16.88 VPs 57 IMPs	3.12 VPs 26 IMPs	Harris
Bishel	1.91 VPs 2 IMPs	18.09 VPs 42 IMPs	New Amateurs

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BUTLER RANKING

1	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	1.83	24
2	S. Bjerregard, (svebje)	Fredin	1.13	32
	P. Lakatos, (nyul11)	Hungary	1.13	64
4	V. Demuy, (Okvince)	Schwartz	1.08	144
	J. Kranyak, (jkrans)	Schwartz	1.08	144
6	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.92	112
7	E. Lindqvist, (stevieg)	Gillis	0.92	96
8	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Rippey	0.89	64
	P. Bedout, (pi420)	Rippey	0.89	64
10	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.82	96
11	T. Bakke, (torbak)	ECF Holding	0.7	80
12	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Donner	0.69	32
13	B. Brogeland, (boye)	Gillis	0.62	144
14	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF Holding	0.6	48
15	A. Manno, (maqeda)	Brain Glucose	0.58	128
16	J. Ostberg, (johnny33)	Fredin	0.56	16
17	M. Bell, (MickyB)	Leslie	0.55	88
	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Leslie	0.55	88
19	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF Holding	0.49	80
20	S. Rimstedt, (sandria)	Donner	0.48	48
21	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Donner	0.48	80
22	M. Di Franco, (M_DiFranco)	Brain Glucose	0.47	128
23	E. Glynn, (lahinch)	Pigot	0.44	96
	G. Keaveney, (gaykeav)	Pigot	0.44	96
25	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Donner	0.41	96
26	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	0.36	96
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	0.36	96
28	D. MacAonghusa, (donalmac)	Pigot	0.32	96
	P. Pigot, (ppiglett)	Pigot	0.32	96
30	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	0.31	96
	S. Høyland, (sioslo)	ECF Holding	0.31	32
	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	0.31	96
33	M. Dumbovich, (dumbovich)	Hungary	0.31	144
34	K. Dyke, (Woozle)	Leslie	0.23	96
	M. Byrne, (Mgb81)	Leslie	0.23	96
36	R. Lee, (rogerclee)	Moss	0.23	80
	S. Moss, (sylvie)	Moss	0.23	80
38	M. Michielsen, (lady007)	Donner	0.22	64
	P.O. Cullin, (pocken)	Donner	0.22	64
40	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Brain Glucose	0.22	144
	E. McNay, (ewan)	Brain Glucose	0.22	144
42	S.O. Høyland, (soh2)	ECF Holding	0.21	144
43	A. Morath, (andersm)	Fredin	0.19	144
44	D. Nikolenkov, (dima)	Hungary	0.15	48
45	B. Szegedi, (korszurku)	Hungary	0.14	144
46	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	New Amateurs	0.13	64
47	J. Grue, (joegrue)	Donner	0.11	96
	B. Moss, (brad)	Donner	0.11	96
49	O. Sauer, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.06	16
50	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF Holding	0.05	64
	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF Holding	0.05	64
52	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.04	112
53	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	0.03	64
54	C. Bakke, (chrien)	Gillis	0.02	48
55	G. Donati, (Giova007)	Brain Glucose	0	32
56	J. Kalita, (paulinka18)	Moss	-0.03	96
	M. Nowosadzki, (kot_korba)	Moss	-0.03	96
58	J. Wolpert, (Rymanjenny)	Schwartz	-0.08	64
	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	-0.08	128
60	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	-0.12	128
61	G. Winkler, (winkiboy)	Hungary	-0.13	96
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	-0.13	64
	J. Sigurjonsson, (donjulio1)	New Amateurs	-0.13	80
	K. Rubins, (karlisr)	New Amateurs	-0.13	80
65	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	-0.15	88
66	E. Schwartz, (Waldorf1)	Schwartz	-0.19	80
	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.19	96
68	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.2	96
69	P. Gawrys, (badaud4)	Moss	-0.23	112
	M. Klukowski, (skrzat96)	Moss	-0.23	112
71	V. Silverstone, (Odysseus69)	Scorway	-0.28	80
72	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.29	112
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.29	112
74	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	-0.31	32
75	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	-0.32	144
76	J. Bishel, (rxguy2)	Bishel	-0.33	144
	T. Bishel, (tobias31)	Bishel	-0.33	144
78	J. Høyland, (jimidarh2)	ECF Holding	-0.41	64
79	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	-0.43	144
	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	-0.43	144
81	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-0.46	96
	F. Schenker, (jbcoyle)	Bishel	-0.46	144
	B. Greenspan, (BernieG)	Bishel	-0.46	144
84	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.51	80
85	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.54	80
86	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.58	96
87	C. Coyne, (ciaran)	Pigot	-0.64	96
	D. Walsh, (dodge31)	Pigot	-0.64	96
89	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	-0.64	64
90	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	-0.65	80
91	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.72	96
92	C. Szabo, (csaboka13)	Hungary	-0.81	80
93	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Leslie	-0.82	104
	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Leslie	-0.82	104
95	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	-0.91	128
	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	-0.91	128
97	S. Natt, (kurtgodel)	Harris	-1.09	32
98	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-1.15	80
99	L. Robinson, (saba)	Schwartz	-1.2	80
100	C. Gower, (craigy52)	Fredin	-1.25	16
101	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Schwartz	-1.34	64
102	W. Coyle, (gazzilliuk)	Scorway	-1.5	16
103	J. Lagerman, (Jan_L)	Fredin	-1.56	16
	M. Gustawsson, (Lagom)	Fredin	-1.56	16

AUGUST CUP

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Hult S. (hultahult)
Hallberg G. (rerack)

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Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master DJ)
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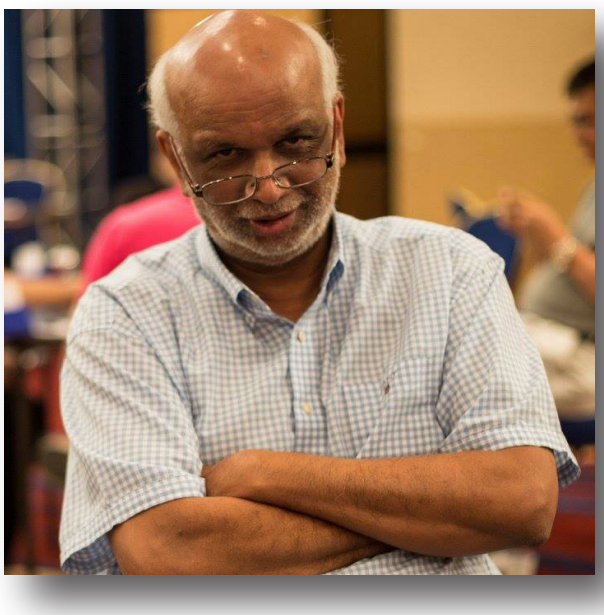

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