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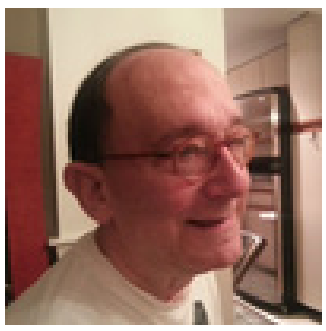
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John Kranyak

Team **Schwartz** (Schwartz E., Robinson L., Wolpert J., Grossack A., Demuy V., Kranyak J.) won the OCBL July Cup!
In the Final, they faced team **ECF Holding** (Lie T., Fasting E., Ovesen J., Høyland S., Thoresen S., Bakke T., Høyland S.O., Høyland J.).
The match ended 38 - 30.1 IMPs for Schwartz.

The third place is shared between the opponents of Schwartz and ECF Holding in the Semifinals: teams **Brain Glucose** (Grossack Z., McNay E., Di Franco M., Manno A., Donati G.) and **Pigot** (Pigot P., Coyne C., Keaveney G., Glynn E., Walsh D., MacAonghusa D.).

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- **PIGOT (25.1)**
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- GILLIS (20)
- **ECF HOLDING (52)**
- **ECF HOLDING (30.1)**
- DONNER (18.1)
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- **SCHWARTZ (52.1)**
- BRAIN GLUCOSE (58.1)
- HUNGARY (24)
- **BRAIN GLUCOSE (19)**
- **SCHWARTZ (38)**
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		CEST	EDT
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Round 9

by Brian Senior

Everyone played this first deal in 3NT played by North. At half the tables, South opened 1♣ and North responded 1♡, allowing East to overcall 1♠. At the other tables either South opened a Precision 2♣ or South passed and North opened 1NT, in either case E/W staying silent throughout. It looks as though the defence should be able to get the spades going and, when declarer plays to set up the clubs, will have sufficient tricks to beat the contract. But this spade combination often proved to be a problem to play to best effect.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Gu received the lead of the queen of spades, which he ducked. West played the four which was presumably discouraging as East switched to the queen of diamonds. That defence was not good enough. Gu won the king and played two rounds of clubs. Back came a second diamond, which he ducked. West won the ten and switched back to spades, but far too late. Gu won the ace, crossed to the king of hearts, and conceded a second club, establishing the rest of the suit; +400.

Grue also received the queen of spades lead and West signalled with the nine. Grue won the ace and led a diamond to the ace then ducked a diamond. East won the queen and tried a heart, which Grue won with dummy's king. He ducked a club now, East winning and returning a low spade round to Grue's eight. Grue cashed the king of spades and ace of clubs, then led a diamond to the king to see if that suit divided evenly. When it did not, he took the heart finesse and had nine tricks; +400. Grue was the only successful declarer not to simply play on the long club suit.

This was not the only table at which West felt that he should signal with the nine, presumably discouraging, at trick one. The problem, I think, is the dual nature of the queen lead for most pairs, who also lead it from king-queen holdings. Here, West wants to discourage if the lead is from king-queen, but encourage if it is from QJ10 – QJxxx is much less likely.

Thoresen led the queen of spades against Marusa Gold, Ovesen signalling with the seven as Gold ducked. Thoresen continued with a low spade to the nine and ace and Gold crossed to the king of hearts to lead a low club, ducking to Thoresen's queen. Thoresen continued the spade attack, leading the jack to Gold's king, and she crossed to dummy with a top diamond to clear the clubs. Thoresen won the club and had two spades to cash for down one and –50.

McIntosh solved the spade problem a different way, leading the five at trick one. Szabo ducked Paske's nine but won the spade continuation and played two rounds of clubs. The spades were cleared, and Szabo crossed to a top diamond to clear the clubs. McIntosh won and had two spades to cash for down one and –50.

Zack Grossack led the queen of spades, McNay signalling with the seven. Lindqvist won immediately to play ace and another club, and Grossack won the second club and continued with a low spade to his partner's nine. Lindqvist ducked that but won the next spade and crossed to a top diamond to clear the clubs. As we have seen, that led to down one for –50.

Three No Trump was made seven times, defeated nine times.

McIntosh and Cullin both led a small spade, the rest an honour. Three declarers won the first trick, two after the defence had played queen and nine, one when they had played queen and seven.

This next deal was played in 4♠ at every single table, in all but one case played by South, while the one North declarer received a diamond lead. So, ladies and gentlemen, place your bets – is your money on declarer or the defence? At 13 tables E/W were silent throughout, while three Wests overcalled 1♡ over the universal 1♣ opening from South.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Brogeland received the lead of the three of spades, which he won with dummy's king to take the diamond finesse. That lost to the king and back came the ten of spades, again won in the dummy. He cashed the two diamond winners, discarding a club from dummy, crossed to the ace of hearts and led a club to the king and ace. West cashed the ♣Q and attempted to cash the jack. Brogeland ruffed, drew the outstanding trump, and had a heart, a club and a trump for the last three tricks; +420.

Wolpert got a heart lead, which she won with the ace. She took the diamond finesse, losing to the king, and back came a second heart to the king. Wolpert cashed the diamonds, discarding a club, and crossed to table to lead a club to the king and ace. West played queen then jack of clubs, but there was no over-ruff from partner and Wolpert could ruff, draw trumps and cash the long club; +420.

Walsh also received a heart lead. He won the ace and took the diamond finesse. That lost and back came a second heart. He won the king and cashed the diamonds, discarding a club from dummy, crossed to the king of spades and led a club to the king. When Demuy won the ace he did not cash a second club, instead continuing with the heart attack. Walsh ruffed and gave up a club, but Demuy won the jack and played a fourth heart, on which Kranyak (East) discarded his remaining club. Walsh ruffed the heart and, with two heart ruffs in the bag, no longer needed a club trick. However, there was a problem; when he cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a club to get to dummy to draw the last trump, Kranyak could over-ruff and that was the setting trick; –50.

Brad Moss received a heart lead. He won the ace and took the losing diamond finesse. Back came the ten of spades. He won that with the king and cashed the diamonds for a club pitch but then didn't cross to dummy to play a club as we have seen previously. Moss instead led a low club away from the king. That lost to the jack and back came the three of spades, dummy's nine being allowed to hold the trick. Moss led a club to the king and ace, won the heart return and ruffed a heart. Now he could ruff a club low then make the ace and queen of spades separately for the last two tricks; +420.

Morath received a heart lead. He won and took the diamond finesse, won the heart return and ruffed a third heart. Next came the two diamond winners for a club pitch, and Morath continued with the ace then king of spades before leading dummy's fourth heart. But Cullin could ruff in in front of him with the jack of spades and push a club through and that meant two club losers and four in all; down one for –50.

Nawrocki won the heart lead and took the diamond finesse, losing to the king. He won the heart return, ruffed a heart, then cashed the diamonds for a club pitch, and led a low club away from the king. The ten of spades was returned so he won the king and played dummy's fourth heart. East ruffed in with the jack, but that caused no problem. Nawrocki over-ruffed and drew the outstanding trump so had 10 tricks for +420. East erred by ruffing with the ♠J. If he discards a club, we come to an ending we saw earlier. Declarer cashes the ace of spades but has no way back to dummy to draw the last trump. He gives up a club, but West plays the third club and East is able to over-ruff for the setting trick.

It looks as though, if the defence can get the fourth round of hearts played, allowing East to discard a club, they should prevail. In practice, 4♠ was successful on 10 occasions, and defeated six times.

Knockouts

by Brian Senior

Quarterfinals

We begin the knock-out stages of the OCBL July Cup with the quarter-finals, played over one 16-board segment. BLACK would go into the match with an 8.1 IMP carry-over advantage over PIGOT, DONNER with a 6.1 IMP carry-over against SCHWARTZ, BRAIN GLUCOSE with 3.1 IMPs against HUNGARY, and ECF HOLDING with 1.1 IMPs against GILLIS. Would any of those carry-overs prove to be decisive? We would just have to wait and see.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Donner v Schwartz

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*Cullin*	*Demuy*	*Michielsen*
–	–	Pass	1♡
2NT	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Donner	*A Grossack*	*C Rimstedt*	*Robinson*
–	–	Pass	1♡
2NT	3♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Kranyak overcalled 2NT, both minors, and Cullin doubled to show general values then doubled again when Demuy's leap to 5♣ came back round to him. That ended the auction and Michielsen led her trump. Demuy won on table and led the ten of spades. Cullin won the ace and played ace and another heart; down one for –100.

Donner also overcalled 2NT but Adam Grossack bid 3♠, natural and forcing. Celia Rimstedt jumped to 5♣ and Robinson passed

Cecilia Rimstedt

then passed again despite her spade support – a good winning decision – when Grossack doubled. Robinson led a spade, Grossack winning the ace and switching to ace and another heart; down one for –100 and no swing.

Black v Pigot

West	North	East	South
Keaveney	*Hallberg*	*Glynn*	*Hult*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Pigot*	*Black*	*MacAongh.*
–	–	Pass	1♡
2♣	2♠	3♣	4♠
Pass	4NT	6♣	Dble
All Pass			

Surprisingly, the Irish E/W pair didn't get involved in the auction at all. Hallberg was therefore allowed to play peacefully in 4♠. Glynn led a club, Keaveney winning the ace and switching to a diamond. Glynn ruffed but the king of spades was the only other defensive trick; 10 tricks made for +620. This was not an occasion on which silence was golden.

Gold made a simple 2♣ overcall, allowing Pigot to bid his spades naturally. Black made a quiet 3♣ raise, not wanting to put too much momentum into the auction when his opponents might be close to having a slam. However, when MacAonghusa raised to 4♠ and Pigot used Key-card, Black now jumped to 6♣ to get in the way of MacAonghusa's response to the question. MacAonghusa doubled 6♣ and that concluded the auction. Pigot led his trump. Gold won in hand and ruffed a diamond then led a low heart towards the concealed hand. Pigot won the ten of hearts and cashed the ♡A followed by the ♠A; down two for –300 and 8 IMPs to BLACK.

Gillis v ECF Holding

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*S-O Hoyland*	*Lindqvist*	*Bakke*
–	–	Pass	1♡
2NT	3♣	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*Saelensminde*	*Thoresen*	*Gillis*
–	–	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♣	3♢	4♣	4♢
5♣	5♢	Pass	6♠
7♣	Dble	All Pass	

Brogeland showed the minor two-suiter and Sven-Olai Hoyland bid 3♣, invitational or better with spades. Lindqvist's jump to 5♣ shut Bakke out and Bakke passed again when Hoyland doubled. Bakke led his trump so LIndqvist won the queen and led the ten of spades up. Hoyland rose with the ace and played two rounds of hearts; down one for –100.

Ovesen didn't overcall with the West cards then made only a simple club raise at his next turn. The slow E/W bidding allowed Gillis and Saelensminde to explore slam possibilities and they eventually bid the small slam. Six Spades is a poor but not hopeless contract, requiring singleton or doubleton ♠K onside. Of course, it was about to fail, but Ovesen trusted his opponents and took the phantom save in 7♣, doubled by Saelensminde. There were the usual three losers so that was –500 and 9 IMPs to GILLIS.

Hungary v Brain Glucose

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

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Winkler*	*Z Grossack*	*Csaba*
–	–	Pass	1♡
2♣	2♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♢	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Lakatos overcalled 2NT, both minors, and Di Franco's 3♢ was a game-force with spades. Dumbovitch jumped to 5♣ then, at his next turn, doubled to say that he was interested in bidding on. When Lakatos couldn't double 5♠, Dumbovitch took the save in 6♣, where he was doubled. Manno led the six of spades to his partner's ace, and Di Franco switched to ace and another heart; down two for –300.

McNay preferred to make a simple club overcall so Winkler could bis his spades naturally and, when Grossack raised to 5♣, introduced his second suit at the five level. Csaba gave preference back to spades and Grossack doubled, ending the auction. Grossack led the five of clubs, McNay winning the ace and returning the nine of diamonds. Grossack ruffed that and had the king of spades to come; down one for –200 and 11 IMPs to BRAIN GLUCOSE.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Donner v Schwartz

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*Cullin*	*Demuy*	*Michielsen*
–	–	–	1♢
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Donner	*A Grossack*	*C Rimstedt*	*Robinson*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♡	1♠	1NT
All Pass			

Kranyak overcalled Michielsen's Precision 1♢ with 2♣ and Cullin passed the North hand. Demuy responded 2♠ to the overcall and Kranyak had to repeat his suit. That ended the auction – no double, no trouble, as they say. Well, maybe, but 100s do add up once you get past the first one or two. Cullin led a diamond to his partner's king and Michielsen switched to a heart. Cullin won the queen and ace of hearts then cashed the ♢Q before giving his partner her heart ruff. Michielsen played back her remaining low club and, fearing another heart ruff, Kranyak rose with the ace and played the ten of clubs. Michielsen won the jack and Cullin still had the king to come. The ace of spades meant that the contract was down four for –400.

Donner did not overcall as West and, when Celia overcalled 1♠, stayed silent when Robinson rebid 1NT. Donner led the ten of clubs, Celia winning the queen and switching, perforce, to the king of spades. Robinson won the ace and played a spade back to the nine and jack. Celia returned the two of hearts to the eight and queen. Robinson played the ten of spades to Celia's queen and Celia continued with a second heart, the five to the jack and ace. Robinson came to hand with a diamond, cashed the eight of spades, then cashed the queen and ace of diamonds. Finally, she exited with the jack of clubs and Donner had to give a trick to dummy's king at trick 13♠ plus one for +120 but 7 IMPs to DONNER.

Black v Pigot

West	North	East	South
Keaveney	*Hallberg*	*Glynn*	*Hult*
–	–	–	1♢
2♣	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♢	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Pigot*	*Black*	*MacAongh.*
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♢	Pass	1♡
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Hult opened 1♢, showed his spades in response to the negative double, then declared 3♢ when Hallberg gave preference. Hult put in the queen on Keaveney's heart lead. He led the ten of spades to the jack and ace then played ace of diamonds followed by the ♢8 to the jack and queen. Next, he played the nine of spades to Glynn's queen and back came the queen of clubs to the ace and a second club, ruffed. But Hult was in control now. He won the heart return, drew the missing trump, and set up a spade for his ninth trick; +110.

MacAonghusa opened a short club, rebid 1♡ over the transfer to show 11-14 balanced with fewer than four hearts, and Pigot signed off in 1NT, against which Black led the queen of spades. Pigot won the ace and played a spade back to the nine and king as Gold discarded the ten of clubs. Black returned the queen of clubs and Gold ducked, as did Pigot, aiming to cut defensive communications when the suit was five-two. Black switched to the two of hearts for the king and ace, and Pigot knocked out the jack of spades. Black won that and played the ten of hearts, and Pigot played safe, simply cashing his winners for +90 but 1 IMP to BLACK.

Gillis v ECF Holding

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*S-O Hoyland*	*Lindqvist*	*Bakke*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
2♣	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*Saelensminde*	*Thoresen*	*Gillis*
–	–	–	1♢
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Gillis and Saelensminde had a simple invitational auction to 2NT, passed out by Gillis. Thoresen led the king of spades, Saelensminde winning the ace and playing a spade back to the nine and jack. Thoresen returned the queen of clubs and that was allowed to hold the trick. Forced to switch, Thoresen led the two of diamonds to the eight, jack and queen. Saelensminde knocked out the ♢Q, won the diamond return with the ace, and played a club. Ovesen won and returned a low heart, which was ducked to ten. Saelensminde won the heart continuation and claimed eight tricks for +120.

Brogeland didn't overcall at his first turn but did so next time around – and regretted it as Hoyland doubled and Bakke left it in, having already shown both his suits and holding only two low in partner's. Hoyland led the six of diamonds, Bakke winning the king and switching to the seven of hearts. That went to the jack and queen and Hoyland cashed the ace of hearts then led a third round for Bakke to ruff. Bakke cashed the ace of diamonds then played a third round. Brogeland ruffed, led his last heart and ruffed it with the queen. Next he led the ten of diamonds off the dummy and Bakke ruffed with the jack, hoping to create an extra trump trick for his partner. Brogeland discarded his spade loser but had to lose to the king of clubs; down two for –500 and 9 IMPs to ECF HOLDING.

Hungary v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	*Di Franco*	*Dumbovitch*	*Manno*
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♢	1♠	Pass
1NT	Dble	2♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Winkler*	*Z Grossack*	*Csaba*
–	–	–	1♢
2♣	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Csaba opened 1♢ then responded 2♠ to Winkler's negative double and that ended the auction. McNay cashed the ace of clubs and continued with the five for Grossack to ruff. He returned a low diamond to the eight, jack and queen. Csaba played the ten of spades to the jack and ace, followed by a second spade to the queen. Grossack returned another diamond, Csaba winning the ace and leading a heart to the queen followed by a diamond to his king. He ruffed the fourth diamond cashed the ace of hearts, and had a trump trick to come; just made for +110.

As Manno's opening bid was 1♣, Lakatos did not overcall with the West hand. Di Franco responded 1♢, transfer to hearts, and Dumbovitch overcalled 1♠. When Lakatos responded 1NT to that, Di Franco doubled and doubled again when Dumbovitch introduced his second suit. That ended the auction and Manno led the nine of hearts to the jack and queen. Di Franco switched to the six of diamonds to the four, eight and jack. Dumbovitch led dummy's spade to the king and ace, and Manno led his remaining heart. Di Franco won that with the ace and gave his partner a ruff. Manno cashed the ace and king of diamonds so, by ducking the first diamond play at trick two, he had managed to reduce his side's trump winners from four to three. However, the defence still came to a spade trick at the end for down two and –300; 9 IMPs to BRAIN GLUCOSE.

BLACK led PIGOT with a board to play but PIGOT snatched it at the death to win by 2.9 IMPs and would face ECF HOLDING, who beat GILLIS by 15.1 IMPs, in the first semi-final. Meanwhile, BRAIN GLUCOSE led throughout against HUNGARY and won by 34.1 IMPs. They would face SCHWARTZ, who came from behind to beat DONNER by 12.9 IMPs, in the second semi-final.

Semifinals

The semi-finals would see PIGOT face ECF HOLDING, and SCHWARTZ face BRAIN GLUCOSE, PIGOT and SCHWARTZ owning the 0.1 IMP tie-breaker. The matches would again be played over one 16-board segment.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Schwartz v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Schwartz*	*Z Grossack*	*Wolpert*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	1♢	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♢	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*Di Franco*	*Demuy*	*Manno*
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Manno opened 1♣, clubs or 10-13 balanced. One Spades would be either no major or five-plus diamonds with a four-card major and game values. One No Trump showed the weak NT type and 2♢ showed four hearts with longer diamonds and was a game-force. Three Spades completed the picture of Di Franco's distribution and 3NT was the inevitable conclusion. Kranyak led the jack of clubs to dummy's ace. Manno led a heart to the king and ace, and Kranyak cashed the king and queen of clubs before switching to the nine of hearts. Manno put in the ten and, when that held the trick, led a low diamond. Demuy won that with the queen but Manno had the rest for +400.

Wolpert passed as dealer so McNay could open

the West hand with 1♣. Schwartz overcalled 1♢ and now N/S bid constructively up to the NT game. McNay led the king of clubs to the ace, five and four. Wolpert led a heart to the king and ace, and McNay cashed the queen of clubs, seeing his partner complete his distributional signal. He continued with the jack of clubs, Grossack throwing an encouraging spade, then switched to the eight of spades. Wolpert won the ace and ran the jack of diamonds, and Grossack ducked! Wolpert continued with the eight of diamonds and ran it. Grossack won the queen and returned a low heart to the jack and queen. Wolpert could play diamonds from the top and concede a heart at the end, or she could cross to the ten of diamonds after cashing the ♡ Q, and concede a spade at the end. Either way, Grossack's top-class defence would defeat the contract by a trick; down one for –50 and 10 IMPs to BRAIN GLUCOSE.

Pigot v ECF Holding

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*Keaveney*	*Thoresen*	*Glynn*
–	–	–	Pass
1♣	1♢	1♠	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Walsh	*S-O Hoyland*	*Coyne*	*Bakke*
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♢	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Ovesen led the king of clubs to dummy's ace and Glynn led the usual heart to the king and ace. Ovesen led a low spade to the nine and king, and Glynn ran the jack of diamonds, losing to the queen. Back came a club. Won two of those then got out with a diamond, but Glynn had nine tricks now and plenty of communication between the two hands to cash them; +400.

Bakke opened the South hand and the 1♢ response showed four or more hearts. Bakke rebid 1♠ and now 2♢ was game-forcing FSF. All of this led to 3NT being played the other way up to the other three tables. However, with spades bid by dummy, Coyne guessed to lead his doubleton club to the jack and ace, and now we were back to the same position as elsewhere. Hoyland led a heart to the king and ace and Walsh cashed a club, discovering that his partner had started with a doubleton, then switched to the seven of diamonds. Diamonds were, of course, unbid in a natural sense and the long diamonds were concealed in declarer's hand. Hoyland played low, losing to the queen, won the diamond return and gave up a club to establish his ninth trick; +400 and no swing.

Zach Grossack

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 9 6 3
♡ K J 7 2
♢ K 9 4
♣ Q 5

♠ A J 10 7 4
♡ 8 5
♢ J 6 5 3
♣ 10 2

♠ 8
♡ A 4
♢ Q 7
♣ A K J 8 7 6 4 3

♠ K 5 2
♡ Q 10 9 6 3
♢ A 10 8 2
♣ 9

Schwartz v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Schwartz*	*Z Grossack*	*Wolpert*
–	Pass	1♣	1♡
1♠	2♣	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♡	4NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*Di Franco*	*Demuy*	*Manno*
–	1♣	2♣	2♡
Dble	3♡	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

Grossack opened the East hand with 1♣ and rebid 3NT over the cuebid raise on his right. When Schwartz continued with 4♡, Grossack took the push to 4NT and was allowed to play there. Wolpert led the six of hearts to the jack and ace and Grossack laid down the ace of clubs and, when everybody followed, claimed 10 tricks for +630.

Di Franco opened the North hand with 1♣, and Demuy could make a natural 2♣ overcall. Wolpert bid her hearts and Kranyak doubled to get the other suits into the game. Knowing that his partner had some length in the unbid suits was just what Demuy needed, and he bid 3NT, doubled by Wolpert, who held 9 HCP facing an opening bid. Points, schmoints, did someone once say? Wolpert led a heart but, as we have already seen, Demuy had 10 top tricks for +950 and 8 IMPs to BRAIN GLUCOSE.

Pigot v ECF Holding

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*Keaveney*	*Thoresen*	*Glynn*
–	Pass	1♣	1♡
1♠	2♣	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Walsh	*S-O Hoyland*	*Coyne*	*Bakke*
–	Pass	1♣	1♡
1♠	2♣	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Keaveney passed as dealer then cuebid to show a constructive heart raise but, when Thoresen jumped to 3NT, passed it out and Thoresen won the heart lead and cashed out for +630.

Hoyland also passed as dealer then made the cuebid raise at his next turn. However, when Coyne's jump to 3NT cane round to him he appreciated that it had to have been based on a long club suit and that his doubleton queen would therefore be something of a defensive liability. He saved in 4♡ and Coyne left that round to Walsh, who doubled. Walsh led the ten of clubs, Coyne winning and switching to his singleton spade. Walsh won the ace and dealt his partner a ruff, and Coyne tied a top club. Bakke ruffed and played a heart to Coyne's bare ace, and Coyne was endplayed, obliged to either give a ruff and discard or open up the diamonds; down just one for –100 but 11 IMPs to ECF HOLDING.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 3
♡ Q 5
♢ Q J 10 9 6 3
♣ 8 2

♠ A Q 8 5 2
♡ 2
♢ K 7 4
♣ A K 6 4

♠ 7 6
♡ A K 10 8 4 3
♢ 8
♣ Q J 9 5

♠ K J 4
♡ J 9 7 6
♢ A 5 2
♣ 10 7 3

Schwartz v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Schwartz*	*Z Grossack*	*Wolpert*
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*Di Franco*	*Demuy*	*Manno*
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

McNay opened 1♠ then rebid 3♣, and that caught a raise from Grossack. McNay cuebid 4♠ and Grossack felt that he had done enough so signed off in 5♣ and McNay accepted that decision. Schwartz led the jack of diamonds, Wolpert won the ace and continued with a second diamond to declarer's king. McNay threw a spade on the diamond then cashed the ace and king of clubs before playing ace, king and a third heart, ruffing. He led his last club to dummy then gave up a heart to establish the suit and had 11 tricks for +400.

Kranyak preferred to rebid 2NT and wait to see if his partner could show clubs. When Demuy did so, Kranyak raised and the club slam was soon reached. Manno led a trump – three, four, two, five. Does anyone else play that this trick earns a round of drinks? Demuy played ace, king (pitching a diamond from dummy) and ten of hearts, to the jack and ruff with the ace of clubs. A club to the jack was followed by another heart, ruffed with the king. Next, Demuy came off dummy with a low diamond. That was won on his right and a diamond returned. Demuy ruffed, drew the last trump, and cashed the hearts. At the end he took the spade finesse and had his contract for +920 and 11 IMPs to SCHWARTZ.

Pigot v ECF Holding

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*Keaveney*	*Thoresen*	*Glynn*
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Walsh	*S-O Hoyland*	*Coyne*	*Bakke*
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Walsh and Coyne found the club fit when Walsh's rebid of choice was 3♣. Walsh

immediately asked about key-cards and found his partner with only one, after which he settled for game. Hoyland led the jack of diamonds to the ace and Bakke returned a diamond to the king, Walsh discarding a spade from dummy. He cashed the ace of spades then ruffed a spade, played three rounds of hearts, ruffing with the king, then ruffed a diamond and ruffed another heart low. That was over-ruffed and a club came back, and Walsh could only make his top clubs separately, leaving him with a trump loser at the end; down one for –50.

The Ovesen/Thoresen auction to 3NT really didn't explore the hand as well as was required, and a diamond lead would have had declarer quite worried. However, the actual lead was a club. Thoresen won the ace and played three rounds of hearts, pitching spades from dummy. Back came a club. This time Thoresen won in hand to play a fourth round of hearts. Glynn won and returned a spade, on which Thoresen put in the queen. There were 10 tricks now for +430 and 10 IMPs to ECF HOLDING.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Schwartz v Brain Glucose

West	North	East	South
McNay	*Schwartz*	*Z Grossack*	*Wolpert*
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♢	Dble	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	Dble	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*Di Franco*	*Demuy*	*Manno*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♠	Dble	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Schwartz opened 1♢ in fourth seat. When the club fit came to light, Wolpert used FSF but, rather than bid 3NT, Schwartz raised to 4♡. Wolpert converted to 5♣ and that ended the auction. Grossack underled the ace of spades in hope of putting declarer to a guess, but there was no guess and all this did was to give the overtrick – a small price to pay and, given the result at the other table, +420 instead of +400 was utterly irrelevant.

At the other table Demuy opened the East hand and Kranyak responded with nothing in hope of talking his opponents out of something. All was going fine until Demuy, assuming his partner to hold some values, and sitting over the likely position of the heart honours doubled – not that he had much himself, a mere 10-count, so Manno found himself in 3NT doubled with a combined 30 HCP. Kranyak led a diamond, Manno putting in dummy's queen and leading the singleton spade to his king. He cashed the diamonds then clubs before playing a spade to Demuy's ace and had one more trick to come; 11 tricks for +750.

ECF HOLDING beat PIGOT by 26.9 IMPs, and would face SCHWARTZ, who beat BRAIN GLUCOSE by 33.1 IMPs, in the final.

Final

So we were down to the last two teams standing in the OCBL July Cup. ECF HOLDING had the 0.1 IMP tiebreaker against SCHWARTZ. As with the previous knockout matches, the final would be played over one 16-board segment.

ECF HOLDING picked up a 3-IMP swing on Board 1 when SCHWARTZ were down one in partscores at both tables for a pair of –50s.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*S-O Hoyland*	*Demuy*	*Bakke*
–	–	Pass	Pass
4♡	Dble	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*A Grossack*	*Thoresen*	*Robinson*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♡	1NT	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♡	All Pass		

Ovesen opened 1♡ and Grossack overcalled 1NT. When Robinson transferred to spades, Ovesen waited until he knew she had no aspirations towards game then competed with 3♡, where he played. Grossack cashed the ace of spades, Robinson following with the ten, and underled in diamonds at trick two. Robinson won the king and continued with a second diamond for the queen and ace. Grossack played a third diamond, ruffed by Ovesen, who led a low heart towards the jack, winning that card when Grossack played low. Ovesen continued with two more rounds of hearts. Grossack won the king and led a spade, and Ovesen took what looked to be his best shot at making the contract by putting in the jack. That lost to the queen and there was also a club to lose so the contract was down two for –100. Ovesen was right, in a sense, in that with the ♣K offside his only hope was indeed to find the ♠Q in the Northhand.

Kranyak opened 4♡ and, when Hoyland doubled and Bakke responded 4♠, doubled to show his good defensive 4♡ opener. Demuy was happy with that so 4♠ doubled became the final contract. Kranyak led ace then two of hearts, Bakke winning the king and discarding a club from hand. He played ace and another spade, Demuy winning the king and returning a club. Kranyak won the ace and played the queen of hearts, ruffed with the jack and over-ruffed. Bakke played his remaining club to the queen and king and cashed the ♣J. He now knew that Demuy had three diamonds to Kranyak's two and, with his contract on the line, followed the odds by cashing the ♢A then running the jack into the doubleton queen – unlucky, and down one for –200 and 7 IMPs to SCHWARTZ, when it could so easily have been 12 the other way.

On Board 3, Kranyak/Demuy bid a borderline 4♡ which proved to have a loser in each suit; down one for –100 and 6 IMPs to ECF HOLDING as Ovesen/Thoresen stopped in 3♡ for +140.

SCHWARTZ got those 6 IMPs back on the next deal where, somewhat surprisingly, the six-two spade fit played two tricks better than the four-four heart fit, despite the fact that both suits broke three-two.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*S-O Hoyland*	*Demuy*	*Bakke*
–	Pass	1♢	2♣
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*A Grossack*	*Thoresen*	*Robinson*
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

After a pass from Thoresen, Robinson opened the South hand with 1♣ and rebid the suit over Grossack's 1♠ response. Ovesen led a low diamond to the eight, ten and queen, and Robinson played the king of clubs nd, when that was ducked, continued with the queen. Thoresen won the ace and returned the two of diamonds to the jack, which held. Robinson drew the last trump then gave up a spade. Thoresen won that and played the ten of hearts to dummy's ace. The jack of spades ruffed out the ace and the ace of diamonds provided an entry to the established spade winner; 10 tricks for +130.

Demuy opened the East hand and Bakke overcalled 2♣. When Kranyak made a negative double Demuy, with no attractive bid available to him, tried the effect of passing. Kranyak led a low diamond to the eight, ten and jack, and Bakke led the six of diamonds. Kranyak put up the king to limit Bakke to one dummy entry in the suit, so Bakke won the ace and led the nine of clubs to his king. Next he cashed the queen of diamonds before getting out with the queen of spades. Demuy won that and led the ten of hearts to the queen, king and ace. Bakke led the eight of clubs off the table and ran it – a bit insulting to Demuy, who could have covered if he had started with A1076, but I doubt that Demuy will mind the insult. The ten of clubs won this trick and there were two heart tricks to come, so Bakke's contract was just made for +180 and 2 IMPs to ECF HOLDING.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*S-O Hoyland*	*Demuy*	*Bakke*
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*A Grossack*	*Thoresen*	*Robinson*
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♢
2♠	3♢	4♠	5♢
Dble	Pass	5♠	All Pass

Ovesen made a simple spade raise then, when the bidding came back to him at the five level, doubled to suggest taking a penalty. Given that Robinson would surely have picked up the trumps without loss, I fear that he would have been rather disappointed with how that would have turned out, so Thoresen did well to run to the relative safety of 5♠. I say relative safety, because it wasn't automatic that 5♠ would be doubled – and indeed it wasn't. Robinson cashed the ace and king of hearts then tried the ♢A. Thoresen ruffed and played the king of clubs. That looks as though the plan was to force a dummy entry to take the spade finesse. However, Grossack won the ace of clubs and played queen then ten of hearts to ensure a trick for his partner's ♠K; down three for –150.

In the other room, Demuy opened 4♠ in third seat and Bakke overcalled 5♢. Kranyak was not interested in bidding at the five level so 5♢ became the final contract. Kranyak led a spade, Demuy winning and switching to a low club. That went to the nine and ace, and Bakke led a diamond to the ace, then led the jack to the queen and king. He rattled off the diamonds, then played out the hearts and found that he had four winners there; +420 and 7 IMPs to ECF HOLDING, who led by 19-14 at the midpoint in the final.

John Kranyak

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*S-O Hoyland*	*Demuy*	*Bakke*
–	1♣	Pass	1♢
2NT	3♡	4♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*A Grossack*	*Thoresen*	*Robinson*
–	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Grossack's slightly off-centre pre-empt saw Robinson respond 3NT and that shut everyon e out. After a spade lead, the contract was down three for – 150.

Hoyand opened at the one level and a spirited auction saw Demuy buy it in 4♠. Four Spades can be defeated if the defenders can find at least one diamond ruff. Bakke led a club, and now there would ne defensive ruffs. Demuy ruffed, drew trumps, and knocked out the ace of diamonds; 10 tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to SCHWARTZ

On Board 12 Kranyak opened 1♢ on a 2-3-6-2 nine-count and Demuy drove to a slam which was quickly beaten by the opening lead for 11 IMPs to ECF HOLDING. The match was all square at 30-30 with four boards to play.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*S-O Hoyland*	*Demuy*	*Bakke*
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♢	Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*A Grossack*	*Thoresen*	*Robinson*
–	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	7♠	All Pass

Thoresen/Ovesen sailed into the grand slam after a strong and artificial 2♣ opening; +2210.

At the other table, Demuy opened at the one level. He soon took control via Key-card then followed through with a grand slam try. Kranyak thought about that then jumped to 7♢ to offer a choice of grand slams, and Demuy thought he could count 13 tricks so converted that to 7NT; +2220 and no swing.

Now the teams were level with only three boards to play. Board 14 saw E/W with the values for game and the only decision being whether to play 3NT or 4♠ on a six-two fit. Ovesen/Thoresen chose 3NT, making exactly for +400. Kranyak/Demuy chose 4♠ and scored +420 to gain 1 IMP. SCHWARTZ were back in the lead by that single IMP.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kranyak	*S-O Hoyland*	*Demuy*	*Bakke*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♢	1♠	Dble
2♡	Pass	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	*A Grossack*	*Thoresen*	*Robinson*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♢	1♡
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
All Pass			

There were three passes to Thoresen, who opened 1♢ on the East cards. Robinson overcalled and Grossack showed a constructive heart raise. Robinson wasn't interested and signed off in 2♡. After a diamond lead and continuation, she could discard to establish two diamond winners on which to discard her club losers, and had nine tricks for +140.

Hoyland opened light in third seat and Demuy got into the auction with a four-card overcall. After a negative double from Bake, Kranyak cuebid to show a constructive spade raise and, of course, Demuy quickly signed off. Bakke led the two of diamonds tp the four, nine and ace, and Demuy played the ♣J at trick two. Hoyland won that with the king and returned a low heart for the queen and king. Demuy ruffed the heart continuation and led the queen of clubs, Bakke winning the ace and playing another heart. Demuy again ruffed and led a club to the Nine. When that held up, he could ruff the thirteenth club and had three trump tricks to come so eight tricks in all for +110 and 6 IMPs to SCHWARTZ.

An overtrick IMP on the last board increased the final margin to 8 IMPs, 38-30 in favour of SCXHWARTZ. Congratulations to the OCBL July Cup winners, SCHWARTZ: Eric Schwartz, Linda Robinson, Jenny Wolpert, Adam Grossack, Vincent Demuy, and John Kranyak.

OCBL JULY CUP - RESULTS

QUARTERFINALS

Black (+8.1)	25 IMPs TOTAL: 33.1	36 IMPs TOTAL: 36	Pigot
OPEN ROOM N: Hallberg G. S: Hult S.	CLOSED ROOM E: McIntosh A. W: Paske T.	OPEN ROOM E: Walsh D. W: Coyne C.	CLOSED ROOM N: Pigot P. S: MacAonghusa D.

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ECF Holding (+1.1)	34 IMPs TOTAL: 35.1	20 IMPs TOTAL: 20	Gillis
OPEN ROOM N: Hoyland S.O. S: Bakke T.	CLOSED ROOM E: Thoresen S. W: Ovesen J.	OPEN ROOM E: Lindqvist E. W: Brogeland B.	CLOSED ROOM N: Saelensminde E. S: Gillis S.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=92017-1626445751

Donner (+6.1)	12 IMPs TOTAL: 18.1	31 IMPs TOTAL: 31	Schwartz
OPEN ROOM N: pocken S: Michielsen M.	CLOSED ROOM E: Rimstedt C. W: Donner G.	OPEN ROOM E: Demuy V. W: Kranyak J.	CLOSED ROOM N: Schwartz E. S: Wolpert J.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=92019-1626445764

Brain Glucose	55 IMPs TOTAL:	24 IMPs TOTAL:	Hungary
OPEN ROOM N: Di Franco M. S: Manno A.	CLOSED ROOM E: Grossack Z. W: McNay E.	OPEN ROOM E: Dumbovich M. W: Lakatos P.	CLOSED ROOM N: Winkler G. S: Szabo C.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=92020-1626445765

SEMIFINALS

Pigot (+0.1)	25 IMPs TOTAL: 25.1	52 IMPs TOTAL: 52	ECF Holding
OPEN ROOM N: Keaveney G. S: Glynn E.	CLOSED ROOM E: Coyne C. W: Walsh D.	OPEN ROOM E: Thoresen S. W: Ovesen J.	CLOSED ROOM N: Hoyland S.O. S: Bakke T.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=92806-1626454805

Schwartz (+0.1)	52 IMPs TOTAL: 52.1	19 IMPs TOTAL: 19	Brain Glucose
OPEN ROOM N: Schwartz E. S: Wolpert J.	CLOSED ROOM E: Demuy V. W: Kranyak J.	OPEN ROOM E: Grossack Z. W: McNay E.	CLOSED ROOM N: Di Franco M. S: Manno A.

SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=92810-1626454823

FINAL

ECF Holding (+0.1)	30 IMPs TOTAL: 30.1	38 IMPs TOTAL: 38	Schwartz
OPEN ROOM N: Hoyland S.O. S: Bakke T.	CLOSED ROOM E: Thoresen S. W: Ovesen J.	OPEN ROOM E: Demuy V. W: Kranyak J.	CLOSED ROOM N: Schwartz E. S: Wolpert J.

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