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OCBL AUGUST CUP
RANKING AFTER ROUND 3

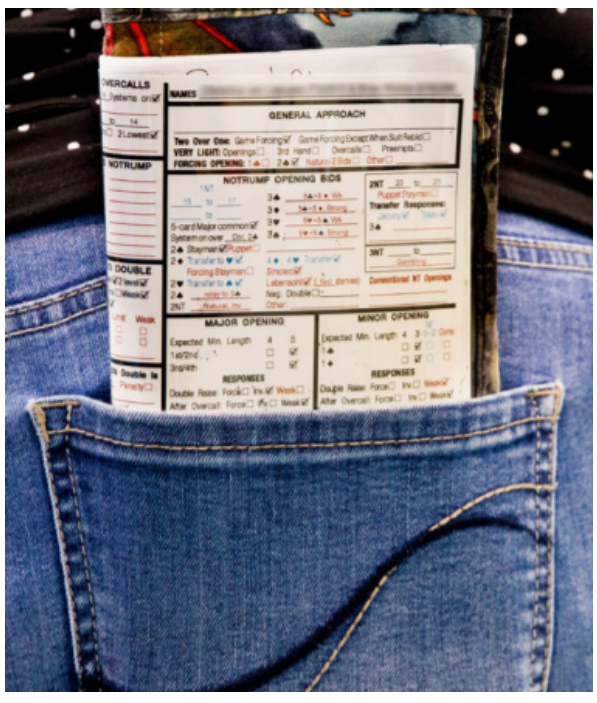
1	Ferguson	38.63
2	Apres-Br. Champs	38.46
3	Ventin	36.39
4	Flyfalcon	36.15
5	Gupta	34.83
6	Gillis	28.45
7	Black	27.3
8	Rippey	22.58
9	Leslie	21.1
10	Compton	16.11

VAMOS!

After three rounds, team Ferguson (Ferguson B., Van Lankveld J., Nadel J., Snellers A., De Boer W., Van Den Bos B.), holding the Mexican flag, are leading the ranking (38.63 VPs).

They are followed at very short distance by team Apres-Bridge Champs (Auken S., Welland R., Milner R., Lall H., Jagniewski R., Gawel W.) (38.46 VPs) and by team Ventin (Ventin J.C., Fernandez C., Palma A., Pacareu J., Wrang F., Nystrom F., Chrueheras J.) (36.39 VPs).

Three more rounds will be played today.



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

Schedule Today

Round 4. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Gillis
Leslie	VS	Flyfalcon
Ferguson	VS	Ventin
Gupta	VS	Apres-Br. Champs
Black	VS	Compton

Round 5. 18.00 CEST / 12.00 p.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Leslie
Ventin	VS	Gillis
Flyfalcon	VS	Gupta
Compton	VS	Ferguson
Apres Br. Champs	VS	Black

Round 6. 20.00 CEST / 2.00 p.m. EDT

Rippey	VS	Ventin
Gupta	VS	Leslie
Gillis	VS	Compton
Black	VS	Flyfalcon
Ferguson	VS	Apres-Br. Champs

All the tables will be open to kibitzers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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, 16 boards each		
KO:	3 Rounds, 20 boards each		

OCTOBER CUP

18 - 21 October, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 18 October	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Tuesday 19 October	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 20 October	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Thursday 21 October	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

OPEN LEAGUE

25 October - 18 November, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at:		21.15	15.15
Qualification:	9 Rounds		
KO:	3 Rounds		

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NEWS

SALVO WON THE ALT ELEVATOR

Sedat Aluf

Huseyin Avcioglu

Huseyin Avkan

Ahmet Kahraman

Nezih Kubac

Erke Suicmez

Ali Ucar

Gokhan Yilmaz

Nafiz Zorlu

Team SALVO (Sedat Aluf, Huseyin Avcioglu, Huseyin Avkan, Irfan Dogan - not pictured -, Ahmet Kahraman, Nezih Kubac, Erke Suicmez, Ali Ucar, Gokhan Yilmaz, Nafiz Zorlu) won the ALT ELEVATOR.

The competition was held from July 26 to July 30, 2021.

Team BUQQY (Peter Bi, Irena Chodorowska, Jan Chodorowski, Wen Hu, A H M Kamruzzaman, Rong Li, Hristo Nikolov, MD Moshiur Rahman, Rubina Agha, Yong Wang) placed second.

Team BUCHAREST SENIORS (Lucian Breaban, Eugen Chelu, Serban Draghicescu, Radu Gliga, Cornel Matei, Daniel Savin, Constantin Stancescu, Dan Urseanu) placed third.

Send us your up-to-date pic, please!

It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

Obviously when producing Bridge articles it is necessary to use photos from the archives.

Since online play is at the moment a big part of our present, we would like to represent it as it is!

So if you can please send us a picture (can be a selfie) of yourself playing online Bridge.

Let your Bridge friends see you in the present!

You can send the pic to:
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Round 1

by Brian Senior

The OCBL August Cup is shorter than the previous few events and, with 10 teams taking part, we have the perfect number to permit the qualifying stage to be a complete round robin. That is played over three days, nine 12-board rounds, with the top four going through to Thursday's semi-finals and final, each of which will be played over 2 x 12-board sets.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Compton v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Smith*	*Kiljan*	*Moses*
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*M de Leon*	*Huang*	*Sprinkhuizen*
–	–	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Both Souths opened 1NT, North transferring to hearts then showing his second suit. Sprinkhuizen now cuebid 4♣ on the way to 4♡, while Moses simply jumped to the heart game at the other table.

Dwyer led the two of spades against Sprinkhuizen, who won with dummy's ace and led a heart to the jack and Dwyer's king. Back came a second spade. Sprinkhuizen won in hand with the queen and cashed the ace and ten of hearts then led the jack of diamonds from hand, losing to the bare king. Dwyer returned a club. Sprinkhuizen ruffed and cashed the queen of hearts, then cashed his winners, finding that he had only two in diamonds due to the four-one split; 10 tricks for +620.

Tijssen found the more threatening lead of a club, which Moses ruffed in dummy to take the heart finesse. That lost and back came a second club to the jack and ace. Moses cashed the ace of hearts, seeing the bad break, then crossed to a top spade to lead low to the jack of diamonds. That lost to the king and he was in trouble when another club was returned. He ruffed with the ♡8 and led a diamond to his ace. Tijssen ruffed and returned a trump, and that drew the last trump in both declarer's hand and dummy, leaving Moses to concede a diamond at the end; down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to FLYFALCON.

Tijssen was the only West to find the club lead into a strong NT on his right – very well done. Seven Wests led a spade, and two the king of diamonds, and the contract was made at every other table.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Rippey v Apres-Bridge Champs

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Nowak*	*Auken*	*Rippey*
Pass	1♡	1♠	2♠
Dble	3♢	3♠	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Lall*	*Bedouet*	*Milner*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♡	2♠	3♡
All Pass			

Lall passed the North hand, allowing Bedouet to open 1♠ in third seat. Lall overcalled 2♡ over the semi-forcing 1NT response and Milner competed to 3♡ over Bedouet's spade rebid, ending the auction. Bedouet led the king of clubs, which Lall won with dummy's ace. He led a diamond to the ace then ruffed a diamond, bringing down the king. Ace and another spade for a ruff put him back in hand to lead his remaining low diamond, but Bedouet ruffed in front of dummy with the seven and played queen and another club. Vallet ruffed with the three and returned a diamond for Bedouet to ruff with the jack. There was still a heart to come for the defense so that was down one for –100.

Nowak opened the North hand and was willing to make a game try facing Rippey's 2♠ cuebid, which showed a constructive heart raise. Rippey accepted the invitation and Auken led the jack of spades in response to Welland's double of 2♠. Nowak won dummy's ace and ducked a heart to the jack, ruffed the spade return, and led the eight of clubs and, when Auken played low, ran it. Next he played a second club and ducked Auken's queen. Auken returned the ♣K to the ace and ruff. Nowak won the diamond return with the ace, laid down the ace of hearts and, when that collected both missing trumps, could claim the rest; 10 tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to RIPPEY.

Ventin v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Nystrom*	*Bell*	*Wrang*
Pass	1♡	1♠	2♠
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Palma	*Dyke*	*Fernandez*	*Byrne*
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Dble	2♠	3♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

As in pur previous match, so here, where Nystrom opened the North hand and eventually played in the heart game, while Dyke did not. Dyke doubled for take-out of spades at his next turn and Byrne was happy to compete freely with 3♣. When that saw Palma compete to 3♠, Byrne doubled for penalty, concluding the auction.

Bell led the king of clubs against 4♡. Nystrom won the ace, playing the nine from hand, and played a club back to the ten and queen. Bell gave Norton a ruff, which he took with the queen, and returned the queen of spades. Nystrom ducked a heart to the jack, ruffed the spade return, and laid down the ace of hearts; 10 tricks for +620.

Byrne led his singleton diamond against 3♠ doubled, Dyke winning the ace and returning the three to the king and ruff. Byrne returned a heart, so Dyke won that and switched to a club, and the two black aces meant that the contract was down one for –200 but 9 IMPs to VENTIN.

Elsewhere, nobody was quite so adventurous. Three Hearts was played and made four times, once with an overtrick, while 2♠ was played and made at the other two tables, again, once with an overtrick.

Board 6 looked to be a relatively straightforward heart slam for the E/W pairs, and nine out of 10 duly bid it, though in a variety of ways.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Gillis v Gupta

West	North	East	South
Zia	*Saelensminde*	*Stamatov*	*Gillis*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
M Rimstedt	*Gupta*	*O Rimstedt*	*Korbel*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Zia and Stamatov had a very simple natural auction to the small slam; +1430.

By contrast, the Rimstedt brothers found their heart fit then Mikael used a relay, finding that Ola had four hearts with but not specifying his range. Three No Trump was a serious slam try which also showed a spade control and, when Ola cuebid the ♣A, Mikael asked for key-cards then checked on the trump queen. Five No Trump said that Ola held the queen, and also the king of spades, and Mikael signed off in the small slam; +1430 and no swing.

Rippey v Apres-Bridge Champs

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Nowak*	*Auken*	*Rippey*
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Lall*	*Bedouet*	*Milner*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Auken opened 1NT. Welland transferred to hearts then to clubs, and Auken's 3♣ was a relay. Three Diamonds would usually have shown diamond shortage, and Auken now signed off in 4♡. However, when Welland now used Key-card, she jumped to the small slam; +1430.

Bedouet opened 1♣ then raised the 1♡ response to 2♡. Vallet relayed, found his partner with a balanced hand, and cuebid. When Bedouet was able to respond with a cuebid of his own, Vallet asked for key-cards then for the ♡Q. Bedouet showed that he had both the ♡Q and ♠K, and Vallet signed off in 6♡; +1430 and no swing.

Compton v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Smith*	*Kiljan*	*Moses*
–	–	1♣	3♢
3♠	Pass	4♡	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*M de Leon*	*Huang*	*Sprinkhuizen*
–	–	1NT	3♢
3♠	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♢	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Kiljan opened 1♣ and Moses overcalled 3♢, something with which nobody had had to contend in our first two matches. Tijssen had a toy to help with this type of intervention, 3♠ showing hearts – this allows 3♡ to show spades, of course, which offers extra options when responder has spades. On this deal, the method was academic, as East would raise to 4♡ either way. Tijssen jumped to 5NT to offer a choice of trump suits and, with four, Kiljan had no difficulty in selecting hearts; +1430.

Huang opened 1NT and again there was a 3♢ overcall. Dwyer too could bid 3♠ to show hearts and collected a completion of the transfer from Huang, Dwyer went on and the slam was soon reached; +1430 and no swing.

Black v Ferguson

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Snellers*	*McIntosh*	*De Boer*
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Black*	*V D Bos*	*Gold*
–	–	1♣	3♢
3♠	5♢	Dble	All Pass

McIntosh opened 1NT and De Boer didn't fancy a pre-empt over that with such a poor suit. Paske transferred to hearts, showed his second suit, then went on with Key-card when McIntosh jumped to game on his minimum. Finding one key card to be missing, Paske next checked for the trump queen, McIntosh showing that card plus the ♠K. Paske duly bid the heart slam; +1430.

Van Den Bos opened 1♣ and Gold pre-empted with 3♢. Van Lankveld had the now familiar method to show hearts by bidding spades, and Black made an imaginative leap to 5♢ on his small doubleton in trumps. Van Den Bos doubled, and that was that. The defence began with three rounds of clubs, Gold ruffing the third round and conceding a spade. Van Lankveld won the ten and cashed the ace before playing a fourth club for Gold to ruff. He conceded a third spade, won the heart return with the ace, and led a diamond to the nine, queen and ace. Gold ruffed the heart return and exited with his fourth spade. That was ruffed, but he had to come to the jack of diamonds at the end so was down six for –1400 and a triumphant gain of one single IMP for BLACK.

Ventin v Leslie

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Nystrom*	*Bell*	*Wrang*
–	–	1♣	3♢
3♠	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♢	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Palma	*Dyke*	*Fernandez*	*Byrne*
–	–	1♣	2♢
2♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Fernandez opened 1♣ and Byrne contented himself with a 2♢ weak jump overcall. Palme showed his hearts by bidding them and, when Fernandez raised to game, jumped to 6♣ to offer a choice of slams. Fernandez, of course, went back to hearts; +1430.

And finally, the odd pair out who reached the wrong slam. When Bell opened 1♣, Wrang made the 3♢ pre-emptive overcall and Norton bid spades to show hearts then asked for key-cards on being raised to game. I'm not sure what happened now, but it looks as though maybe Bell bid 6♣ over 5NT to show either the ♣K or the kings of spades and diamonds, and Norton had intended 5NT as choice of slams? Whatever was going on in the auction, the bottom line is that Wrang led his singleton heart and, a few seconds later, collected his ruff for down one and –100; 17 IMPs to VENTIN.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Rippey v Apres-Bridge Champs

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Nowak*	*Auken*	*Rippey*
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Lall*	*Bedouet*	*Milner*
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

All was very peaceful at our first table, where Nowak and Rippey had an uncontested invitational sequence to 3♣. Auken's trump lead enabled Nowak to win and draw trumps before taking two heart pitches on the spades, and he came to 11 tricks for +150.

At the other table, Vallet could open 2♣, either any GF hand, or a weak hand with at least four-four in the majors. The 2♡ response was to play, assuming the weak variety, and Vallet, of course, passed it. Lall reopened with a double and Milner did very well to leave it in with only jack to three trumps. Milner continued the good work by leading a trump. Bedouet won the ten and led a club to the king and ace. Back came a second trump, which he won in dummy. Bedouet led a spade off the table but that went to the ten and jack, Milner overtaking to play a third round of trumps. Bedouet conceded a spade to the king and dummy was forced with a club. He ruffed a spade with his last trump and exited with a club. That ran to Lall's ten but he returned a club to Milner's jack and Milner cashed the ace of spades, on which Lall discarded his last low diamond. Lall had the ♢A and ♣Q for the last two tricks and that meant down three for –500 and 8 IMPs to APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS. That was nicely defended to get the maximum.

Black v Ferguson

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Snellers*	*McIntosh*	*De Boer*
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♢	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Black*	*V D Bos*	*Gold*
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♡
Dble	Pass	3♡	All Pass

Snellers and De Boer had an uncontested auction to 2NT, against which McIntosh led the eight of spades round to Snellers' ten. Snellers cashed the ace of clubs, and the fall of the king meant that she had five tricks in that

suit, three more spades, and a diamond; 10 tricks for +180.

Gold responded 1♡ to show four or more spades and Van Lankveld doubled to show hearts. Van Den Bos made a pre-emptive raise to 3♡, and that shut both his opponents out of the auction. Gold led a trump, which Van Den Bos won in hand with the ten. He led a diamond to the ten and king at trick two, losing to the ace, and back came a second trump. Van Den Bos won that, drew the missing trump, then knocked out the queen of diamonds. He had two diamond winners now, plus a club ruff, so seven tricks in all for –100 but 2 IMPs to FERGUSON.

Compton v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Smith*	*Kiljan*	*Moses*
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*M de Leon*	*Huang*	*Sprinkhuizen*
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Given a free run, Smith and Moses got to 3♣, which is arguably where you would want to be with the hearts wide open and 5♣ having little play even with the ♣K onside if the defence cashes its heart winners. Kiljan led a trump, so Smith won, drew trumps, and took heart discards on the spades. Kiljan discarded a diamond, so Smith played ace and another diamond, ruffed the heart return, and ruffed his fourth diamond good; 12 tricks and +170.

Dwyer, trading on the limited nature of his Precision methods, opened 1♠ with the West cards, and Mendes de Leon overcalled 2♣. Sprinkhuizen showed a constructive club raise then, when his partner admitted to a spade stopper, raised to 3NT. After a spade lead from Huang, Mendes de Leon cashed out for +430 and 6 IMPs to FLYFALCON.

The other two matches each saw one North declare 1NT, the other 3NT. That meant 6 IMPs to GUPTA and to LESLIE.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Gillis v Gupta

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

West	North	East	South
M Rimstedt	*Gupta*	*O Rimstedt*	*Korbel*
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♢	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Two contrasting auctions – one natural, the other employing a string of relays – saw both pairs bid smoothly to the small slam, where declarer just lost a trick to the jack of spades; flat at +980.

Compton v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Tijssen	*Smith*	*Kiljan*	*Moses*
1♠	Pass	2♢	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♡	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Dwyer	*M de Leon*	*Huang*	*Sprinkhuizen*
1♠	3♣	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♡	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Tijssen and Kiljan had an artificial auction, Tijssen's 3♡ rebid showing long and strong spades, and soon reached the slam. Tijssen won the club lead, cashed a top spade, and guessed to cross to dummy with a diamond to finesse in spades; +1010.

Mendes de Leon made a pre-emptive jump overcall at unfavourable vulnerability, a brave move with a poor main suit, but balanced to some extent by his 7-4 shape. Huang doubled then, when Dwyer could jump to 4♠, carried on and eventually drove to slam. Dwyer played spades from the top, so lost to the ♠J and made 12 tricks for +980 but 1 IMP to FLYFALCON.

Ferguson v Black

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Snellers*	*McIntosh*	*De Boer*
1♠	3♣	3♡	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Black*	*V D Bos*	*Gold*
1♠	Pass	2♢	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♡	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Given a free run, Van Lankveld and Van Den Bos had an artificial auction which ended in 6♠; +980.

At the other table, however, Snellers made the pre-emptive jump overcall and McIntosh bid his hearts. When Paske cuebid in support of hearts, McIntosh took control by asking for key-cards. Paske showed three of those and McIntosh asked for the queen of trumps. Now there would seem to have been a misunderstanding as to the meaning of 5NT because McIntosh jumped to 7♡, while Paske, of course, did not have the trump queen. Well, McIntosh won the club lead and played king of hearts and a second heart to the jack. He laid down the ace but, alas, the queen did not fall; down one for –50 and 14 IMPs to FERGUSON.

Ventin v Leslie

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

West	North	East	South
Palma	*Dyke*	*Fernandez*	*Byrne*
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♡	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Palme opened 1♠ then jumped to 3♠ to show his powerful suit, and that saw Fernandez ask for key-cards. Fernandez next checked on the trump queen and, on finding that it was missing, settled for the small slam; +980.

Bell responded with an artificial game force, followed by a relay. When Norton bid spades for a third time, bell asked about key-cards then for the trump queen. Presumably, 5♡ showed the queen of trumps, Norton judging the seventh card to be good enough, and that he also held the king of hearts. Bell jumped to 7NT and Wrang led the six of spades to the ace and queen. Taking the lead at face value, Bell cashed the other top spade and, on seeing that he had got that suit wrong, tried ♡K, a heart to the jack, then the ♡A. When that suit also failed to behave as required, he led a fourth heart, and came to 11 tricks for –100 and 14 IMPs to VENTIN.

Rippey v Apres-Bridge Champs

West	North	East	South
Welland	*Nowak*	*Auken*	*Rippey*
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Lall*	*Bedouet*	*Milner*
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♡	Pass	7♠	All Pass

Welland opened a strong artificial 2♣ then showed his hand-type with the jump rebid. An exchange of cuebids was followed by Key-card, and Auken finally jumped to 6♠; +980.

Vallet opened 1♠ then rebid 3♠ over the natural response. Bedouet asked for key-cards then for the trump queen, and Vallet judged the seventh card to be worth saying that he held the queen plus the ♡K. Bedouet jumped to 7♠, against which Lall led the jack of clubs to dummy's king. Vallet led a spade to the ace then, on seeing the fall of the queen, followed Restricted Choice and crossed to dummy with a diamond to finesse against the jack of spades. When he reopened his eyes he saw that Lall had shown out on his left and had made his grand slam; +1510 and 11 IMPs to RIPPEY.

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ROUND 1

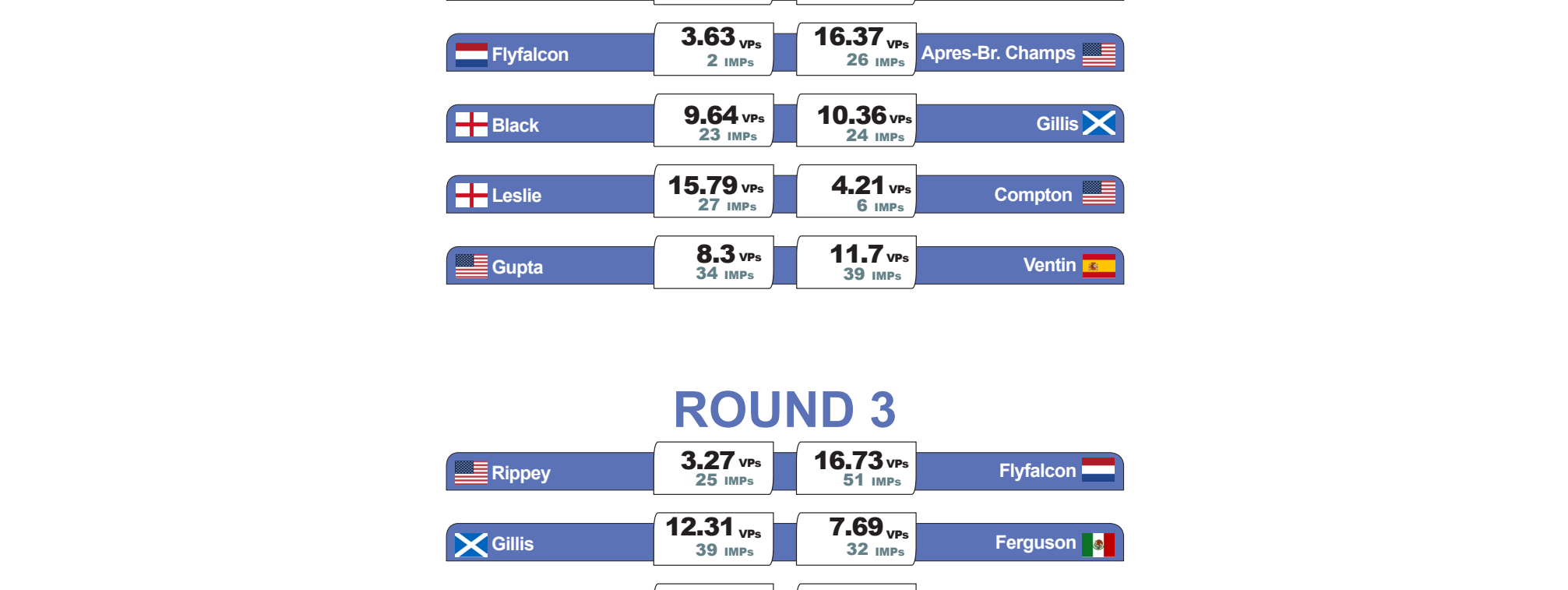
Rippey	14.46 VPs 29 IMPs	5.54 VPs 14 IMPs	Apres-Br. Champs
Ferguson	15.79 VPs 33 IMPs	4.21 VPs 12 IMPs	Black
Compton	4.21 VPs 16 IMPs	15.79 VPs 37 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Gillis	5.78 VPs 4 IMPs	14.22 VPs 18 IMPs	Gupta
Ventin	18.14 VPs 45 IMPs	1.86 VPs 10 IMPs	Leslie

ROUND 2

Rippey	4.85 VPs 12 IMPs	15.15 VPs 30 IMPs	Ferguson
Flyfalcon	3.63 VPs 2 IMPs	16.37 VPs 26 IMPs	Apres-Br. Champs
Black	9.64 VPs 23 IMPs	10.36 VPs 24 IMPs	Gillis
Leslie	15.79 VPs 27 IMPs	4.21 VPs 6 IMPs	Compton
Gupta	8.3 VPs 34 IMPs	11.7 VPs 39 IMPs	Ventin

ROUND 3

Rippey	3.27 VPs 25 IMPs	16.73 VPs 51 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Gillis	12.31 VPs 39 IMPs	7.69 VPs 32 IMPs	Ferguson
Apres-Br. Champs	16.55 VPs 38 IMPs	3.45 VPs 13 IMPs	Leslie
Ventin	6.55 VPs 35 IMPs	13.45 VPs 46 IMPs	Black
Compton	7.69 VPs 26 IMPs	12.31 VPs 33 IMPs	Gupta



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1	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	1.67	12
2	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	1.5	36
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	1.5	36
4	J.C. Ventin, (phave)	Ventin	1.29	24
	J. Pacareu, (paca1987)	Ventin	1.29	24
6	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	1.25	12
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	1.25	12
8	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	1.04	24
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	1.04	24
10	R. Milner, (reesem)	APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS	0.92	24
	H. Lall, (hemantlall)	APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS	0.92	24
	R. Jagniewski, (mlodybog)	APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS	0.92	24
	W. Gawel, (redds)	APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS	0.92	24
14	N. Gupta, (nareng)	Gupta	0.83	36
	D. Korbel, (dank)	Gupta	0.83	36
16	F. Wrang, (fly21)	Ventin	0.58	24
	F. Nystrom, (F_Nystrom)	Ventin	0.58	24
	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	0.58	24
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Flyfalcon	0.58	24
20	O. Rimstedt, (olarim)	Gillis	0.5	36
	M. Rimstedt, (Mikaelrim)	Gillis	0.5	36
	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	0.5	12
	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	0.5	12
24	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	0.33	36
25	A. Gupta, (axp1011)	Gupta	0.25	12
	S. Garner, (garner)	Gupta	0.25	12
27	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	0.21	24
	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	0.21	24
29	M. Byrne, (michaelGB)	Leslie	0.04	24
	K. Dyke, (Woozle)	Leslie	0.04	24
31	P. Bedout, (pi420)	Rippey	-0.08	12
	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Rippey	-0.08	12
33	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	-0.33	24
34	C. Fernandez, (carlitosf)	Ventin	-0.42	24
	A. Palma, (apalma)	Ventin	-0.42	24
	M. Bell, (MickyB)	Leslie	-0.42	36
	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Leslie	-0.42	36
38	C. Compton, (compton)	Compton	-0.54	24
	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Compton	-0.54	24
40	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	-0.58	36
	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	-0.58	36
	S. Auken, (jcmax)	APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS	-0.58	24
	R. Welland, (roy)	APRES-BRIDGE CHAMPS	-0.58	24
44	Zia Mahmood, (Zia)	Gupta	-0.67	24
	J. Stamatov, (jerry72)	Gupta	-0.67	24
	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Compton	-0.67	36
	S. Huang, (precisebri)	Compton	-0.67	36
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.67	24
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.67	24
50	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	-0.96	24
	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	-0.96	24
52	L. Cima, (100dog)	Rippey	-1	12
	G. Percario, (giacomopr)	Rippey	-1	12
54	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-1.13	24
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-1.13	24
56	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-1.63	24
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-1.63	24
58	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Compton	-1.67	12
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Compton	-1.67	12
60	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Leslie	-1.75	12
	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Leslie	-1.75	12

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GILLIS
Gillis S. (Rayas78)
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Saelensminde E. (skaal1)
Lindqvist E. (stevieg)

ORCA
Plackett R. (hoofie)
Erichsen E. (espene)
Crouch P. (pitiful)
Cope S. (Copeyj)

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Levine M. (mikerl)
Wold E. (womoco)
Meckstroth J. (jjmeck)
Garner S. (garner)
Helgemo G. (micelle45)
Helness T. (Helstokk)
Morris B. (bobat3333)

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