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GILLIS ARE ON TOP

Round 7. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Gillis	VS	Levine
Hoffa's bandits	VS	Texan Aces
Gupta	VS	Flyfalcon
New Amateurs	VS	Parker
Black	VS	Orca
ISR-TUR	VS	Cole
Brasil	VS	Donner
Mixed Tulips +	VS	Fredin
Huang	VS	Barel
Scorway	VS	Ferguson
Mixing It Up	VS	Compton
Rippey	VS	Harris

Round 8. 18.00 CEST / 12.00 p.m. EDT

To be announced

Round 9. 20.00 CEST / 2.00 p.m. EDT

To be announced

All the tables will be open to kibitzers

After 3 more Rounds, team GILLIS (captain Simon Gillis pictured above) are leading the ranking with 88.92 VPs.

They are followed by Levine (81.44 VPs) and Hoffa's bandits (80.38 VPs).

Today three more rounds will be played, then only the top 8 eight teams of the ranking will advance to the Knockouts.

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1	Gillis	88.92	13	Brasil	59.34
2	Levine	81.44	14	Mixed Tulips +	56.65
3	Hoffa's bandits	80.38	15	Donner	52.81
4	Texan Aces	75.9	16	Huang	52.09
5	Gupta	73.03	17	Fredin	50.31
6	Flyfalcon	70.43	18	Barel	48.26
7	New Amateurs	68.55	19	Scorway	47.67
8	Black	66.66	20	Mixing It Up	46.65
9	Orca	65.45	21	Ferguson	46.4
10	Parker	63.84	22	Rippey	45.97
11	ISR-TUR	60.17	23	Harris	43.34
12	Cole	59.94	24	Compton	35.8

Convention Cards: please upload them!

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

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrL-2FnyFaJc

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OPEN LEAGUE
6 - 30 September, 2021

		CEST	EDT
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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

THE ACBL HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

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The ACBL has a new website! Here is what's new.

From the ACBL Website:

A place for everything, and everything in its place.
To make the website easier to navigate so that you find what you're looking for more quickly, we've made some adjustments to the framework of the website. This is in addition to the new look and feel that incorporates ACBL's new branding style.

Navigation Links
We've taken the most frequently used parts of the website and made them easier to find. They will be at the top right of every page or section of the site you visit. They include the Menu button, the Search bar and the MyACBL link.

If you want to reach the homepage at any time, simply click the ACBL seal, which is at the top left of each page.

Internal Page Navigation
Below are four buttons that serve as the navigation inside a page. These will be found on each page of the site and will corresponded to the sections available. By clicking them you will be taken to the section that pertains to the button category.

Menu/Sitemap
The orange Menu button at the top right of each page acts like a sitemap, directing you to each corner of the website. In order to get you where you want to be as quickly as possible, we have created several main website categories and sub-categories with their own pages. These can be accessed from the Menu button.

The Menu has four "top-level" categories – Popular Links, Helpful Information, Membership and More. Below are some descriptions of what you'll find, but you may also want to take a few minutes to explore.

Popular Links: A grouping of the most-visited pages from the previous website.
- MyACBL:Your player portal with information specific to you. Check your masterpoints, update communication preferences and much more.
- Play Bridge: Shortcuts to our most popular minigames, like Just Play Bridge, along with online masterpoint games, the tournament calendar and the club directory.
- Learn Bridge: A new and improved page to introduce brand-new players to the basics of the game and provide access to tools for practice.
- Results: Quick links to game results, including ACBL Live, Live for Clubs and Masterpoints Races.
- Upcoming Events: Your one-stop shop for every type of event ACBL has, from NABCs to Learn to Play Bridge Seminars. An easily sortable list for it all.

Helpful Information: These pages are the main information areas of the site.
- About ACBL: This section features the ACBL's history and administrative information, including the Board of Directors, Advisory Council (formerly Board of Governors), committees, policies and governing documents.
- Club Corner: A collection of resources for club managers and directors. Everything needed to run a club or club game can be found here.
- Teachers' Lounge: For current teachers and those interested in teaching. This section has information on our school programs, teacher certifications and teacher resources.
- Tournaments: Information specific to tournaments including convention charts, rules and regulations, Conditions of Contest, Ribbon eligibility, Laws, field operations and tools for running a tournament.
- Ethics & Discipline: This section is where you can find out about ACBL disciplinary procedures, including disciplinary lists and hearing reports, the Office of the Recorder, the Code of Disciplinary Regulations and player memos..

Membership: A more direct and simplified way to see benefits and rates for all membership types presented in a clear manner. There are also easy access links for joining the ACBL and renewing your membership.
- Join ACBL: The breakdown of membership types and benefits with links to join
- Juniors: A grouping of information and events just for members age 25 and younger.
- Awards and Recognition: Here you'll find information o the Hall of Fame, Honorary Members, Player of the Year and other accolades bestowed upon members and employees.

More: The remaining category features information on masterpoints, support for members, marketing and BridgeFeed.
- Masterpoints: All you've ever wanted to know about the masterpoint! This section includes links to all levels of masterpoint races, requirements for rank achievements, masterpoint pigments and a handy FAQ.
- Support:A collection of contact information for all departments, IT support tools and libraries of useful videos and documents.
- Marketing: Quick links to ACBL logos, branding guides, templates and brochures to help grow your club, tournament or classes
- BridgeFeed: ACBL's blog with articles for all levels and players. It is also your go-to for ACBL breaking news and notices.

Round 4

by Brian Senior

Day Two of the OCBL September Championship began with a series of quiet deals, but things soon livened up, beginning with Board 5.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Brasil v Barel

West	North	East	South
Barel	*Nader*	*Katz*	*Duque*
–	1♢	Pass	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	3♢
3♡	4♢	Dble	Pass
4♡	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Tusa	*Greenberg*	*Kladt*	*Kalish*
–	1♢	Pass	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	3♣
3♡	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Duque never introduced his seven-card club suit but instead supported what he no doubt assumed to be a five-card diamond suit for his partner's 1♢ followed by 1♠ combination. When Katz doubled 4♢ for penalty, that was going down, but Barel wasn't so sure of that fact and turned a plus into a minus by taking it out to 4♡, where he in turn was doubled. Nader cashed a top spade and, unable to read the position, switched to a trump. Barel won that and drew two more rounds before playing the jack of spades from hand. That lost to the king and now Nader cashed the king of diamonds before getting out with a spade to dummy. Barel could take a discard on the fourth spade, but there was one more loser to come, so he was down one for –100. It could, of course, have been worse.

After an identical start, Kalish did show his clubs, and when he gathered support from Greenberg he went on to game. Tusa led out two top hearts, Kalish ruffing and leading a club to the king and ace. He ruffed the heart return played a couple of rounds of trumps followed by a diamond to the ace. Next he played three rounds of spades, ruffing the third round, before running the jack of diamonds. That lost to the queen, so the contract was down one for –100 and 5 IMPs to BRASIL.

Mixing It Up v Cole

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	*Benner*	*Cole*	*DelMonte*
–	1♢	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Parker	*Zamir*	*Bauer*	*Toledano*
–	1♣	Pass	3♣
3♡	5♣	All Pass	

Bianchedi passed smoothly over the 1NT response and was rewarded when his left-hand-opponent raised to game. Six rounds of hearts and a club switch meant that the defence had collected the first seven tricks; down three for –300.

I'm not sure how many clubs Toledano promised for his pre-emptive jump to 3♣, but Benner could see that hearts were going to be a problem for NT, and took the brave decision to raise to the club game. Now, could Toledano find a way home? Bauer led a heart to Parker's queen and Parker switched to the seven of spades. Toledano won the ace and played the king of clubs, Bauer winning the ace. To ensure the defeat of the contract, Bauer needs to return a spade now to knock out a crucial entry to dummy. We'll see why later. In practice, he got out passively with the ten of clubs, and now Toledano had a chance if he could read the position. He cashed two more rounds of clubs, throwing a diamond and a heart from dummy, then played a spade to the king and ruffed a spade. He was down now, though of course he did not know it. He continued by leading the jack and, when it didn't get a flicker on his left, went up with the ace, ruffed a heart back to hand, and cashed his last club before leading a diamond to the nine. That lost to the queen and a diamond came back; down one for –100 but 5 IMPs to COLE.

Gillis v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*O Rimstedt*	*Kiljan*	*MRimstedt*
–	2♢	Pass	3♡
Dble	4♢	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gillis	*V Prooijen*	*Saelensminde*	*Wilson*
–	1♢	Pass	1NT
2♡	Dble	3♡	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♢
All Pass			

Van Prooijen opened a natural 1♢ and Wilson responded 1NT. When Gillis overcalled, Van Prooijen doubled and Saelensminde raised to 3♡. When that came back round to Van Prooijen he introduced his spades but then respected Wilson's simple preference to 4♢. Alas, 4♢ proved to be a horrible contract, unless you were a defender, of course. Saelensminde led a heart, Gillis winning the queen and switching to a trump. Wilson played low, so Salensminde won the queen and played a second trump. Wilson overtook in dummy to preserve a later trump entry to hand, and played the king of clubs. When that was ducked, he took a heart ruff, crossed to dummy with a top spade, and cashed the ace and nine of diamonds. There was only one more top spade to come and the contract was down three for –300.

Ola Rimsedt opened 2♢, 18-19 balanced, and Mikael's 3♡ response showed the shortage. When Verhees doubled to get his hearts into the game, Ola showed his diamonds but Mikael corrected to his long club suit and played there. Verhees led out two top hearts. Mikael ruffed the second round and led a club to the king and ace. Back came the ten of clubs, which he won. Mikael cashed two more clubs, pitching the two low diamonds from dummy. Kiljan, who was squeezed by the fourth round of clubs, discarded a diamond then, when Mikael played the sixth club, was squeezed again. A spade pitch would have permitted declarer to ruff out the spades for his eleventh trick, so Kiljan pitched a second diamond. But now Mikael cashed the top diamonds, dropping the mow doubleton queen, and had a trump left with which to come back to hand to cash the jack of diamonds. That was nicely played for 11 tricks, +600, and 14 IMPs to GILLIS.

Mikael was the only one of the four declarers in 5♣ to make their contract. There were 13 club partscores. If the defence leads spades twice, the communications no longer exist for the squeeze to operate – not an obvious defence to find, perhaps.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Gupta v Texan Aces

West	North	East	South
Padhye	*De Wijs*	*Venkatesh*	*Muller*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Lall	*Tolani*	*Gupta*	*Khare*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

When their partners pre-empted with 3♠, Khare raised to 4♠ while Muller did not. Both Wests doubled but, while Padhye's double ended the auction, Venkatesh responded 4♡ and Muller again went quietly.

Four Hearts proved to be all about the trump suit. De Wijs cashed the top spades then switched to the jack of hearts. Padhye got that right, rising with the ace and finessing on the way back; 10 tricks for +620.

Gupta led the seven of spades against 4♠

doubled, an intelligent choice as he was very unlikely to win the ♠Q when the opposition had a big fit in the suit. Tolani won the jack of spades and ducked a club. Back came a spade, which he won with the ace. He gave up a diamond and back came a club to the now bare ace. Tolani tried a heart to the jack, but that lost to the ace and the ten of hearts return made sure that there would be no defensive slip-up in that suit. Eventually, Tolani took a club ruff but was still left with a club loser in hand so was down two for –300 but 8 IMPs to TEXAN ACES.

Gillis v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*O Rimstedt*	*Kiljan*	*MRimstedt*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gillis	*V Prooijen*	*Saelensminde*	*Wilson*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

Both Norths pre-empted with 3♠ but the difference came from the action, or inaction, of their respective partners. Mikael raised to 4♠ and that shut out his left-hand-opponent so that Ola was left to play there. Meanwhile, at the other table, Wilson did not raise and Gillis found a reopening double. Wilson again passed over 4♡, so Team GILLIS were in game at both tables.

Four Spades drifted a couple off after Kiljan had led ace and another heart. Ola could ruff one club loser in the dummy but was still left with a second club loser to go with two diamonds and a heart; –100.

Van Prooijen cashed the top spades against 4♡, then switched to the six of clubs. Wilson won the ace and continued the suit, but Gillis proceeded to get the hearts right, as suggested by the auction, and he soon had the rest of the tricks for +620 and 11 IMPs to GILLIS.

Ferguson v Compton

West	North	East	South
Smith	*Snellers*	*Moses*	*De Boer*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	1♠	2♡	2♠
3♣	3♠	4♡	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
V D Bos	*Moll*	*V Lankveld*	*Meltzer*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♡	2♠	2NT	4♠
5♣	Pass	5♡	All Pass

There was no pressure in the first auction, where Snellers began with a simple overcall and the spades were raised one level at a time until the music stopped in 4♠ doubled. Moses led ace then ten of hearts, Snellers ruffing. She played ace and another club, Smith winning and playing back a trump. Snellers won that with the ace and ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, and led her last club. Moses ruffed in front of dummy with the queen, and there were still two diamonds to come; down two for –300.

That would, of course, prove to be a good save if teammates brought home 4♡ at the other table, but here there was considerably more pressure in the auction as Moll made a weak jump overcall and Meltzer raised to the spade game. Van Lankveld's Lebensohl-style 2NT could have produced a number of different hands and Van Den Bos, expecting him to have a singleton spade from the opposition bidding, and having undisclosed four-card support for what was beginning to look like a genuine club suit, committed to the five level. Van Lankveld converted to 5♡, but they were already too high. Moll cashed two top spade then switched to the jack of diamonds and, with the ace of clubs a sure defensive trick, Van Den Bos found himnself having to pick up the hearts to hold himself to down one. This he achieved successfully, but down one meant –100 and 9 IMPs to COMPTON.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Mixed Tulips v Huang

West	North	East	South
Yan	*Levin*	*Xin*	*J Jansma*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Smit	*Sheng*	*V D Paverd*	*Huang*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♢	Dble
5NT	Pass	6♡	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Yan made one slam try with 4♣ but had presumably suggested a non-serious hand as Xin did not co-operate and the partnership stopped in game. Yan ducked the diamond lead, won the heart switch in hand with the king, and drew two rounds of trumps before leading a diamond to the ace and cashing the ace of spades. A diamond ruff now set up two extra tricks and he claimed 12♠ +680.

Smit and Van De Paverd had a long sequence which saw Smit show his precise distribution then cuebid twice and finally take control via Key-card and bid the small slam. He ducked the lead of the jack of diamonds, won the diamond continuation, and drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy. A diamond ruff split the suit and he had 12 tricks for +1430 and 13 IMPs to MIXED TULIPS.

Gillis v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*O Rimstedt*	*Kiljan*	*MRimstedt*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♢	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♢	Dble
6♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Gillis	*V Prooijen*	*Saelensminde*	*Wilson*
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Gillis treated the West hand as 11-14 balanced by rebidding 3♠ over the game-forcing spade raise, so Saelensminde had no interest in greater things. With diamonds three-three, Gillis had no problem in setting up the extra tricks he required and he ended up with 12 for +680.

Kiljan did not raise spades directly, preferring to show his side-suit then support spades at his next turn. When he cuebid diamonds at his third turn, Verhees took control, seeing that a potential source of side-suit tricks might be established, and he bid the small slam over Mikael's double of the Key-card response. With the king of clubs on lead, there was no effective defence. Ola led the jack of diamonds and Verhees ducked, Mikael overtook with the queen and switched to the jack of clubs, but Verhees could rise with the ace, draw trumps in three rounds, and ruff out the diamonds. He needed the suit to be three-three, but gained his reward for a lifetime of clean living when they duly obliged. Had trumps divided two-two, Verhees could have survived diamonds being four-two, so the slam was actually better than a three-three diamond break. Plus 1430 was worth 13 IMPs to FLYFALCON, who needed them after the previous two deals.

These were the only two pairs to bid the thin slam.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Hoffa's Bandits v Parker

West	North	East	South
Rubenstein	*Bakke*	*Z Grossack*	*Charlsen*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	3♢	4♠ All Pass

West	North	East	South
Grude	*Parker*	*Hoftaniska*	*A Grossack*
–	–	–	1♡
Pass	1♠	2♢	2♠
Pass	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Charlsen did not open the South 11-count, and who can blame him with those soft minor-suit values. When Bakke opened 1♠ in third seat, Zack Grossack contented himself with a single bid, selecting a weak jump overcall of 3♢ and, when Charlsen's raise to 4♠ came back to him, passing it out. Grossack led the ace, king and suit-preference nine, of diamonds. Rubenstein over-ruffed the dummy and played ace and another club, and that was all for the defence; down one for –50.

Adam Grossack did open the South hand. When Parker responded 1♠, Hoftaniska chose to follow a two-step approach to

showing his two-suiter, starting with a quiet 2♢ overcall. However, when the bidding had reached 4♠, at his next turn he introduced the second suit, thereby showing that, while he was very shapely and had a two-suiter, the diamonds were significantly longer/better than the clubs. Grude passed, being happy to have four-card club support, and Parker accepted the push to 5♠. But Hoftaniska can be avery dangerous opponent, and he was not done yet. He doubled the final contract, and that ended the auction. Hoftaniska cashed the top diamonds then , not knowing that his partner could over-ruff dummy, took what looked to be his best shot at getting a third trick, by switching to a club. He chose the seven of clubs, to discourage a continuation should partner hold the ace, and Grude got the message loud and clear. He won the ace of clubs and returned the ten of hearts. Hoftaniska ruffed out Parker's jack and played a third diamond. Grude over-ruffed the dummy and gave Hoftaniska a second heart ruff, and that was down four for –800 and 13 IMPs to HOFFA'S BANDITS.

Ferguson v Compton

West	North	East	South
Smith	*Snellers*	*Moses*	*De Boer*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	2NT	3♣
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
V D Bos	*Moll*	*V Lankveld*	*Meltzer*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	3♣	4♠
5♣	All Pass		

Presumably, 3♣ was the systemic way for Van Lankveld to show the minor two-suiter. Van Den Bos raised it to game, but but they were playing it from the wrong side and Meltzer's lead of the queen of spades picked up two of those and there was a trump loser to come; down one for –50.

Moses overcalled 2NT to show the minors and De Boer cuebid to show his constructive spade raise. When Smith now competed in clubs, Moses went on to game on the strength of his eleventh minor-suit card. Moll cashed the ace of spades and, on seeing partner's queen, switched to a low heart. Smith ruffed and took a club finesse, losing to the king. Back came a club to the queen and ace, and it was the work of just a few seconds to ruff out the diamonds and claim 11 tricks for +400 and 10 IMPs to COMPTON.

Mixing It Up v Cole

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	*Benner*	*Cole*	*DelMonte*
–	–	–	1♡
Pass	1♠	2NT	Pass
3♣	3♡	4♣	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Parker	*Zamir*	*Bauer*	*Toledano*
–	–	–	1♡
Pass	4♡	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

DelMonte opened the South hand and Benner responded 1♠. Cole introduced his two-suiter via a 2NT overcall and Bianchedi gave simple preference. However, Benner now showed his heart support and Cole competed to 4♣, and now Bianchedi decided that he had enough to go on to game, doubled by Benner, who tried to cash the ace of hearts. Bianchedi ruffed the heart, cashed one top diamond, then led a club to the ace. Next came a second diamond, carefully avoiding the risk of a top honour being ruffed if North had a singleton diamond. However, when Benner followed to the second diamond and the king scored, Bianchedi played a second club. All Benner could do was to cash the ace of spades, after which Bianchedi could establish the diamonds and claim the rest for +550.

Toledano also opened the South hand, but here Zamir raised heart to game. Bauer overcalled 4NT to show both minors, and Parker bid 5♣, doubled by Zamir. The opening lead was the ace of hearts. Parker ruffed and played ace and another club. Zamir won the king of clubs and played ace and another spade; 11 tricks for +550 and a flat board.

Team ORCA finished the match with this huge result. In one room their E/W pairs conceded –630 against 3NT. Robson and Allfrey did rather better on the N/S cards – with a little help from their friends.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Robson		*Allfrey*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Dble	Rdbl	All Pass	

Two Clubs was either strong and artificial or a weak two in diamonds, and 2♢ a relay. Two Hearts was also two-way, natural or 23-24 balanced, and 2♠ another relay. Seeing only one suit that might be safe for partner to lead, West doubled for the lead, and Robson redoubled – for blood. If E/W can find their way to a club or heart contract, they can do quite well, but seeking out a fit was fraught with danger, and they decided to stick it out.

West led a diamond, so Robson won and played the king of spades and, when that held, continued with the ♠Q. This time West won the ace and returned a heart to the king and ace. East switched to a diamond, but Robson could win that, cash the jack of spades and queen of hearts, then draw the last trump by leading to the ten. A club went away on the jack of hearts, and there were three more diamonds to come, just conceding a club at the end so making 10 tricks for the unusual score of +1640 and 14 IMPs to ORCA.

Twenty N/S pairs bid and made game, 4♠ being made doubled on one occasion. Two pairs stopped short of game and scored an inadequate +170. The twenty-fourth table balanced things out to some degree as it saw a huge result for E/W, though hardly quite so spectacular as the Robson/Allfrey result.

When Yan and Xin defended 3NT, Xin led the jack of clubs. Declarer won that with the queen and played the king of spades. That was ducked, and now he switched his attention to hearts, playing the king. This was won by Xin, who returned the ten of clubs, and declarer ducked, playing him for ♣J109xx(x). When the ten held, Xin wasted no time in informing declarer that he had got it wrong, by cashing the ace and nine for down one; –100 and 7 IMPs to HUANG. Yes, Yan and Xin's teammates were very lucky to have their bad result covered as they were one of the two pairs to miss game on the N/S cards and would have lost 10 IMPs instead of gaining 7 IMPs with most other tables.

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ROUND 4

Gupta	8.95 VPs 18 IMPs	11.05 VPs 21 IMPs	Texan Aces
Gillis	12.9 VPs 30 IMPs	7.1 VPs 21 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Hoffa's bandits	12.9 VPs 17 IMPs	7.1 VPs 8 IMPs	Parker
Levine	6.29 VPs 14 IMPs	13.71 VPs 26 IMPs	Orca
Brasil	12.31 VPs 23 IMPs	7.69 VPs 16 IMPs	Barel
New Amateurs	17.86 VPs 33 IMPs	2.14 VPs 0 IMPs	Donner
Mixing It Up	4.85 VPs 1 IMPs	15.15 VPs 19 IMPs	Cole
Mixed Tulips +	14.7 VPs 33 IMPs	5.3 VPs 17 IMPs	Huang
ISR-TUR	15.15 VPs 18 IMPs	4.85 VPs 0 IMPs	Fredin
Black	13.71 VPs 19 IMPs	6.29 VPs 7 IMPs	Rippey
Ferguson	13.18 VPs 29 IMPs	6.82 VPs 19 IMPs	Compton
Harris	7.1 VPs 10 IMPs	12.9 VPs 19 IMPs	Scorway

ROUND 5

Gillis	16.55 VPs 37 IMPs	3.45 VPs 12 IMPs	Texan Aces
Gupta	10.71 VPs 32 IMPs	9.29 VPs 30 IMPs	Hoffa's bandits
Flyfalcon	7.1 VPs 15 IMPs	12.9 VPs 24 IMPs	Orca
Brasil	1.46 VPs 2 IMPs	18.54 VPs 40 IMPs	New Amateurs
Parker	0.08 VPs 5 IMPs	19.92 VPs 56 IMPs	Levine
Cole	13.97 VPs 22 IMPs	6.03 VPs 9 IMPs	Mixed Tulips +
Barel	5.54 VPs 29 IMPs	14.46 VPs 44 IMPs	ISR-TUR
Black	16.37 VPs 38 IMPs	3.63 VPs 14 IMPs	Mixing It Up
Donner	17.56 VPs 43 IMPs	2.44 VPs 12 IMPs	Ferguson
Huang	11.38 VPs 27 IMPs	8.62 VPs 23 IMPs	Scorway
Fredin	14.46 VPs 24 IMPs	5.54 VPs 9 IMPs	Rippey
Harris	12.01 VPs 40 IMPs	7.99 VPs 34 IMPs	Compton

ROUND 6

Gillis	13.71 VPs 33 IMPs	6.29 VPs 21 IMPs	Gupta
New Amateurs	2.6 VPs 13 IMPs	17.4 VPs 43 IMPs	Levine
Hoffa's bandits	17.08 VPs 48 IMPs	2.92 VPs 20 IMPs	Orca
Texan Aces	15.58 VPs 38 IMPs	4.42 VPs 18 IMPs	Cole
Flyfalcon	13.45 VPs 34 IMPs	6.55 VPs 23 IMPs	ISR-TUR
Black	16.18 VPs 42 IMPs	3.82 VPs 19 IMPs	Donner
Brasil	10.36 VPs 28 IMPs	9.64 VPs 27 IMPs	Mixed Tulips +
Parker	17.56 VPs 73 IMPs	2.44 VPs 42 IMPs	Barel
Huang	10.36 VPs 34 IMPs	9.64 VPs 33 IMPs	Fredin
Scorway	10.36 VPs 17 IMPs	9.64 VPs 16 IMPs	Mixing It Up
Harris	7.1 VPs 18 IMPs	12.9 VPs 27 IMPs	Ferguson
Compton	4.85 VPs 36 IMPs	15.15 VPs 54 IMPs	Rippey

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1	G. Jacobs, (georgej)	Mixing It Up	2.83	12
2	R. Yan, (rock_yan)	Huang	2.5	12
	I. Xin, (jq_sos)	Huang	2.5	12
4	O. Svendsen, (Pirrum)	Gillis	2.17	24
5	L. Chen, (lc chen)	Texan Aces	1.83	36
	D. Hsieh, (hsiehdh)	Texan Aces	1.83	36
7	S. Garner, (garner)	Levine	1.82	60
	J. Meckstroth, (jjmeck)	Levine	1.82	60
9	H. Lall, (hemantlall)	Gupta	1.79	48
10	F. Kladt, (Fred_Kladt)	Brasil	1.75	12
	G. Tusa, (Gabriele)	Brasil	1.75	12
12	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	1.61	36
	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	1.61	36
14	T. E. Grude, (Teg91)	Hoffa's bandits	1.58	36
15	I. Bareket, (bareket)	Barel	1.21	24
16	T.E. Hoftaniska, (Kasper20)	Hoffa's bandits	1.19	48
17	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	1.18	72
18	R. Tolani, (suketbombi)	Texan Aces	1.13	24
	A. Khare, (ajay_khare)	Texan Aces	1.13	24
20	Zia Mahmood, (Zia)	Gupta	1.11	36
21	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Levine	0.98	60
	T. Helness, (Helstokk)	Levine	0.98	60
23	N. Gupta, (nareng)	Gupta	0.97	60
24	A. Rodrigues, (drinbet)	Brasil	0.93	60
	J. Campos, (jpapc)	Brasil	0.93	60
26	O. Rimstedt, (olarim)	Gillis	0.89	72
	M. Rimstedt, (Mikaelrim)	Gillis	0.89	72
28	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	0.87	60
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	0.87	60
30	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.85	72
	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.85	72
32	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	0.83	24
33	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.75	24
	A. Tebha, (anamtebha)	Parker	0.75	36
35	T. Bakke, (torbak)	Hoffa's bandits	0.71	24
	S.O. Hoyland, (soh2)	Hoffa's bandits	0.71	24
37	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	0.69	48
38	M. Cole, (mtc146)	Cole	0.67	48
39	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	0.63	24
	Y. Smit, (Yke)	Mixed Tulips +	0.63	24
	T. Van De Paverd, (tim_p)	Mixed Tulips +	0.63	24
42	Mak Kwok-fai, (Kfmak)	Huang	0.5	48
43	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	0.46	24
44	A. Allfrey, (allfrey)	Orca	0.42	24
	A. Robson, (arobson)	Orca	0.42	24
	V. Demuy, (Okvince)	Parker	0.42	48
	J. Kranyak, (jkrans)	Parker	0.42	48
48	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	0.4	72
49	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	0.4	60
	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	0.4	60
51	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	0.39	36
	A. Zeitak, (avivz)	ISR-TUR	0.39	72
	N. Khutorsky, (nir khut)	ISR-TUR	0.39	72
54	T. Charlsen, (tcharlsen)	Hoffa's bandits	0.38	72
	C. Bakke, (chrien)	Hoffa's bandits	0.38	72
56	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Flyfalcon	0.25	48
	D. Korbel, (dank)	Gupta	0.25	48
	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	0.25	48
59	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0.23	48
60	S. Rubenstein, (stewr)	Parker	0.21	72
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.21	24
62	A. Padhye, (oqonil)	Texan Aces	0.19	36
	G. Venkatesh, (texanace)	Texan Aces	0.19	36
64	S. Rimstedt, (sandria)	Donner	0.17	24
65	P. Katz, (paz_k)	Barel	0.08	48
66	S. Huang, (precisebri)	Donner	0.05	60
67	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	0.04	24
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	0.04	24
69	J. Lagerman, (Jan_L)	Fredin	0	12
	B. NG Chi-Cheung, (baron_ng)	Huang	0	36
	Y. Zhang, (snake doc)	Huang	0	12
	M. Andresen, (Mime477)	Hoffa's bandits	0	12
73	B. Levin, (Levin123)	Mixed Tulips +	-0.01	72
	J. Jansma, (jan_jansma)	Mixed Tulips +	-0.01	72
75	S. De Wijs, (sm1)	Gupta	-0.02	48
	B. Muller, (beukertje)	Gupta	-0.02	48
77	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	-0.03	36
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	-0.03	36
	S. Hult, (shult)	Black	-0.03	36
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.03	36
81	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.07	60
82	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	-0.15	48
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-0.15	48
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-0.15	48
	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	-0.15	48
86	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Donner	-0.17	72
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.17	48
	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	-0.17	12
89	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.21	72
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.21	72
	S. Tatlicioglu, (Sinantos)	ISR-TUR	-0.21	72
	B. Baskan, (baskanb)	ISR-TUR	-0.21	72
93	A. Jansma, (aida_mk_nl)	Mixed Tulips +	-0.28	36
	J. Hop, (Dutcho)	Mixed Tulips +	-0.28	36
95	T. Bauer, (Marintlc)	Mixing It Up	-0.33	72
	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Parker	-0.33	36
97	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	-0.38	48
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	-0.38	48
	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Donner	-0.38	72
100	A. Bianchedi, (alecuque)	Cole	-0.4	72
101	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Texan Aces	-0.42	48
	M. Thomas, (hawai)	Texan Aces	-0.42	24
	P. King, (philking)	Texan Aces	-0.42	24
	I. Liran, (inonli)	Barel	-0.42	48
	P. Bedout, (pi420)	Rippey	-0.42	48
	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Rippey	-0.42	48
107	I. Delmonte, (ishd)	Mixing It Up	-0.46	72
	D. Benner, (dlbfsa)	Mixing It Up	-0.46	72
109	C. Compton, (compton)	Compton	-0.52	48
	S. Kennedy, (Kenprop)	Compton	-0.52	48
	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	-0.52	48
112	Y. Han, (ynh)	Huang	-0.54	24
	W. Mou, (wmou)	Huang	-0.54	24
	O. Toledano, (orentol)	Cole	-0.54	72
	A. Zamir, (zamir1)	Cole	-0.54	72
116	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-0.56	48
	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-0.56	48
118	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	-0.58	72
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	-0.58	72
	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	-0.58	48
	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	-0.58	48
122	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	-0.6	60
	S. Cope, (Copeyj)	Orca	-0.6	60
124	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Compton	-0.6	48
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Compton	-0.6	48
126	M. Barel, (mich-b)	Barel	-0.63	72
127	C. Moll, (mollbridge)	Compton	-0.79	24
	S. Zack, (shaharz)	Barel	-0.79	24
	A. Braunstein, (rel49)	Barel	-0.79	24
	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	-0.79	24
	V. Silverstone, (Odysseus69)	Scorway	-0.79	24
132	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.81	48
133	M. Sheng, (Kainsheng)	Huang	-0.86	72
134	H. Parker, (tiger bait)	Mixing It Up	-0.97	60
135	J. Cleeff, (IMP_Jan)	Mixed Tulips +	-1	12
	M. Witvliet, (donkeyM)	Mixed Tulips +	-1	12
	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Donner	-1	60
138	R. Duque, (Rafinha01)	Brasil	-1.1	72
	J. Nader, (jnader)	Brasil	-1.1	72
140	R. Meltzer, (rcm)	Compton	-1.1	48
141	C. Parker, (cmp56)	Parker	-1.17	24
	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Parker	-1.17	24
143	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-1.22	60
144	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-1.36	72
145	N. Demirev, (ndemirev)	Compton	-1.42	24
	M. Levine, (mikerl)	Levine	-1.42	24
	E. Wold, (womoco)	Levine	-1.42	24
148	A. Schwartz, (alansc)	New Amateurs	-1.61	36
	B. Cole, (April2)	New Amateurs	-1.61	36
150	A. Morath, (andersm)	Fredin	-1.63	60
151	N. Greenberg, (ng77)	Barel	-1.67	24
	A. kalish, (kalish)	Barel	-1.67	24
153	W. Huang, (wshuang)	Huang	-1.79	48
154	E. Muzzio, (oyzzum)	Cole	-2.54	24

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