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SENIOR BALL AT THE TOP

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 1

Black	9.09 VPs 41 IMPs	10.91 VPs 44 IMPs	Sugi
Flyfalcon	13.75 VPs 30 IMPs	6.25 VPs 16 IMPs	Râteau bavoir
Fredin	8.8 VPs 54 IMPs	11.2 VPs 58 IMPs	Junior Squad
Senior Ball	16.58 VPs 45 IMPs	3.42 VPs 16 IMPs	French Juniors
Skalman	10.61 VPs 28 IMPs	9.39 VPs 26 IMPs	Harris
Bridge42	7.45 VPs 26 IMPs	12.55 VPs 35 IMPs	Scorway

RANKING AFTER ROUND 1

1	Senior Ball	16.58
2	Flyfalcon	13.75
3	Scorway	12.55
4	Junior Squad	11.2
5	Sugi	10.91
6	Skalman	10.61
7	Harris	9.39
8	Black	9.09
9	Fredin	8.8
10	Bridge42	7.45
11	Râteau bavoir	6.25
12	French Juniors	3.42

After the first round, team Senior Ball (Fox Ji. Helms J., Chambers N., Graves A., Pellegrini C., Garcia da Rosa R.) are leading the ranking (16.58 VPs).

They are followed by Flyfalcon (Wilson A., Van Prooijen R., Verhees L., Gronkvist I., Gronkvist M., Sprinkhuizen T., Mendes De Leon G., Kiljan V., Tijssen L.) (13.75 VPs) and Scorway (Levinson S., Shenkin B., Diamond D., Kvangraven N., Saur O., Silverstone V., Stornes H., Brekka G.) (12.55 VPs).

Today there is no play.

The next match of the OCBL Open League will be played tomorrow.

Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa (team Senior Ball)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKEND LEAGUE
2 - 17 October, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Every Saturday and Sunday at:		16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
Qualification:	12 Rounds, 12 boards each		
KO:	QuarterFinals and SemiFinals: 2 Rounds, 12 boards each Final: 3 Rounds, 12 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		

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

September Song

by Mark Horton

If my memory serves, the song that provides my title contains the lyric 'golden dreams were shiny days'. As we embark on the latest edition of the OCBL Open League I wonder if the players will be inspired by the brilliant performances of those who took part in the Paralympic games that concluded on Sunday. Whatever the outcome I can tell you that the sun is shining here in Shrewsbury!

In Round 1 we check out the form of teams from Sweden and France, Fredin and Junior Squad.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mélic	*Fredin*	*Basler*	*Clementsson*
—	1♠	Pass	1NT*
2♡	2♠*	3♡	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1NT 'Can be weak with support
2♠ 14-16

Peter Fredin

East led the ♡A and when West played the ten he continued with the ♡7, West winning and switching to the ♣9. East won with the king and exited with the ♣10 and in due course West took the setting trick in diamonds, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ek	*Lebatteux*	*Westman*	*Guichet*
—	1♠	Pass	1NT*
2♡	2♠	3♡	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♡A and when West followed with the jack he switched to the ♣4. Declarer won with the queen, cashed the top spades and then played the ♢9, ducking it to East's queen when West followed with the four. When West cashed the ♡K before playing his remaining club declarer had a parking place for dummy's third club and there was still a trump in dummy to ruff the ♣2, +620 and 12 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mélic	*Fredin*	*Basler*	*Clementsson*
—	—	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♡	1♠	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠10 and East took the ace and switched to the ♣7. Declarer put in the queen (he could hardly imagine that dummy's eight was destined to win, and he would have been worried about a possible diamond switch) and played the ♡J for the queen and ace. Declarer could now see eight tricks, where to find the missing one?

He came back to hand with the ♡K, cashed the ♡10 and then took the ♠K and ♣A and played a spade to dummy's queen. He exited with dummy's ♡4 and West won and played the ♢J. Declarer knew East was 5-2-1-5. Could his singleton be the ♢K? It's possible, but with that card would East have opened the bidding?

When declarer played dummy's nine the appearance of East's eight meant there were only eight tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ek	*Lebatteux*	*Westman*	*Guichet*
—	—	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♡	1♠	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2NT 17-19-

West led the ♠10 and East took the ace and switched to the ♣10, declarer winning with the queen and running the ♡10. When it held he exited with the ♣4, East winning with the seven and continuing with the king. Declarer won with the ace and played the ♢2, establishing a ninth trick. West took the king and exited with a spade and declarer won with dummy's queen, unblocked the ♢Q and came to hand with the ♠K, squeezing West in the red suits, +430 and another 10 IMPs.

Several East players bid 2♢ over North's 1♡, but no-one doubled or bid 1NT. As bidding on the second round is sure to give information to declarer in any event, there is a case for showing both your suits, as that might help partner to find the best opening lead.

The Junior Squad held a commanding 38-3 lead at half-time.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mélic	*Fredin*	*Basler*	*Clementsson*
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♢
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♢
Pass	4♡	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣10 for the queen and ace and East switched to the ♠8. Declarer won, crossed to the ♣K, cashed the top hearts pitching spades and played diamonds from the top, +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ek	*Lebatteux*	*Westman*	*Guichet*
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♢
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♡	Pass	5♡
Pass	5NT*	Pass	7♢
All Pass			

2♢ Game forcing
5NT RKCB

Had West led a major suit declarer would have survived with careful play, but the ♢7 proved to be just as fatal as a club lead, as it removed dummy's sole trump. That was -100 and 17 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mélic	*Fredin*	*Basler*	*Clementsson*
—	1♣	Pass	1♡
2NT*	3♡	4♢	4♡
All Pass			

2NT ♠+♢

West led the ♢K and declarer won with the ace and played the ♡2, West winning and switching to the ♠10. Declarer won with the king, cashed the ♡K and played a club for the queen and king. The diamond return was ruffed in dummy and declarer cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, crossed to dummy with the ♡Q, ruffed a club and played a spade to the jack, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ek	*Lebatteux*	*Westman*	*Guichet*
—	1♣	Pass	1♡
2♣*	3♡	Pass	4♡
Pass	Pass	5♢	5♡
All Pass			

2♣ ♠+♢

West led the ♢K and declarer won, ruffed a diamond and played a heart for the jack and ace. West exited with the ♠9 and declarer put in dummy's jack, played a heart to the ten and a spade to the ace. East ruffed and exited with a diamond. Declarer could pitch a club from hand and ruff in dummy, but it was impossible to avoid a club loser, -100 meaning the loss of 13 IMPs.

As the cards lie, declarer can draw trumps and play on clubs, eventually taking a marked ruffing finesse against East's nine.

Were West to guess to lead a spade he could give partner a spade ruff, defeating 5♡ by force.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mélic	*Fredin*	*Basler*	*Clementsson*
—	—	1♠	Dble
Pass	4♡	Pass	Pass
4NT*	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♡A and declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace and a club to the nine. North won with the jack and switched to the ♠7, declarer winning with dummy's king and running the ♢J to North's queen. The spade exit saw South ruff with the ♣K, cash the ace and exit with the ten. Declarer won and played the ♢A followed by the ten, three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ek	*Lebatteux*	*Westman*	*Guichet*
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT*	2♡	2♠	4♡
All Pass			

1NT 5-12

East cashed the top spades and switched to the ♢J, West allowing it to run to declarer's queen. After cashing the ♡A declarer took dummy's top clubs discarding a diamond and now had to get back to hand to play a heart. When he opted for the ♣8 East had two trump tricks, -50 and 11 IMPs.

That 41 IMP burst had moved Fredin ahead 54-39.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mélic	*Fredin*	*Basler*	*Clementsson*
—	—	—	1♡
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

2NT Invitational+ with support
3♣ Minimum

West led the ♣3 and declarer won with dummy's king and played a heart for the queen and ace. West exited with the ♣8 and declarer won with the jack, drew trumps ending in hand, cashed the ♣A and played a spade for the two, jack and queen. East exited with a spade for the king and ace and declarer ruffed a spade and played a diamond. When he put up dummy's king he lost two tricks in the suit, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ek	*Lebatteux*	*Westman*	*Guichet*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♢*
Pass	2♡	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

1NT 14-16

East led the ♠9 for the king and ace and declarer played a heart to the king and a heart, West winning and exiting with the ♠2. East won and switched to the ♣4 and declarer won, drew the outstanding trump, ruffed a spade and played a diamond to the ten, +620 and 12 IMPs.

Having see West produce the ♠K and the ♡A declarer felt it unlikely that he would have passed holding 11 points – but not everyone is set on opening with modest values – look at South's hand.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mélic	*Fredin*	*Basler*	*Clementsson*
1♠	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3♠	4♢	4♠	5♢
Dble	All Pass		

3♢ 3♠ invitational+

East led the ♠4 for the queen and ace and declarer played the ♣10, East taking the ace and continuing with the ♠9. West won and exited with a club and declarer won with dummy's king pitching a heart, ruffed a club and played a diamond for the queen and ace. When West exited with the ♢8 declarer ran it to dummy's ten, drew the outstanding trump, played a heart to the queen, ruffed a club and cashed the ♢7, squeezing East, who was down to ♡K10 ♣Q. Well played for -100.

West does best to exit with a spade rather than a trump, the ruff and discard being of no use to declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ek	*Lebatteux*	*Westman*	*Guichet*
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠*	All Pass

1NT 6-12
4♠ 10-11, 3♠

North led the ♣10 for the queen and king, South returning the ♣5 for North to ruff. The switch to the ♡7 saw South cash the queen and ace and then play another club, ruffed by the king and overruffed. That was 5-0 to the defenders and 7 IMPs that gave the Junior Squad a winning start in what had been a thrilling match, 58-54.

Sanna Clementsson

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OCBL WEEKEND LEAGUE

2 - 17 October 2021

Qualification + Knockout

Qualification:

12 Rounds x 12 Boards

Play every Saturday and Sunday at: 16.00 CEST / 10.00 am EDT
18.00 CEST / 12.00 pm EDT
20.00 CEST / 2.00 pm EDT

KOs:

Quarterfinals: 24 Boards (2 Rounds x 12 Boards)
Semifinals: 24 Boards (2 Rounds x 12 Boards)
Final: 36 Boards (3 Rounds x 12 Boards)

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