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QUALIFICATION: IT'S NOW OR NEVER

After 6 rounds, team Harris (Harris J., Root S., Igoe N., Malhasyan E., Gold M., Trendafilov R., Isporski V., Tiholov T., Gross S.) are still leading the race to qualify (84.19 VPs).
They are followed by team Seligman (Seligman M., Lesniewski M., Kwiecien M., Starkowski W., Kalita J., Nowosadzki M.) (84.19 VPs) and Moran (Hanlon T., Moran M., Carroll J., Garvey T., Mesbur A., Fitzgibbon N., Amoils L., Barton G.) (67.72 VPs).

After the 9th round, the top-8 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the Quarterfinals stage:

#1 vs #8	#2 vs #7
#3 vs #6	#4 vs #5

Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final will be played over one segment of 16 boards each.
There will be the following carry over:
In the quarterfinal no. 1 – 4
get a carry-over of 8.1 – 6.1 – 3.1 – 1.1 IMP.

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OCTOBER CUP
RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1	Harris	84.31
2	Seligman	84.19
3	Moran	67.72
4	New Amateurs	66.48
5	Tilly	66.19
6	Rippey	65.34
7	Scorway	65.07
8	Netbridge	60.89
9	Flyfalcon	57.38
10	Orca	53.26
11	Gillis	47.66
12	Black	46.59
13	Fredin	37.99
14	Sam	36.93

OCTOBER CUP
SCHEDULE TODAY

Round 7
16:00 CEST / 10:00 am EDT

Harris	VS	New Amateurs
Seligman	VS	Tilly
Moran	VS	Rippey
Scorway	VS	Flyfalcon
Netbridge	VS	Gillis
Orca	VS	Sam
Black	VS	Fredin

Round 8
18:00 CEST / 12:00 pm EDT

Round 9
20:00 CEST / 2:00 pm EDT

All the tables will be open to kibitzers

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NOVEMBER CUP
1 - 4 November, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 1 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	11.00 - 13.00 - 15.00
	Tuesday 2 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	11.00 - 13.00 - 15.00
	Wednesday 3 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	11.00 - 13.00 - 15.00
KO:	Thursday 4 November	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	11.00 - 13.30 - 16.00

OPEN SUPER CUP
22 - 27 November, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 22 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Tuesday 23 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 24 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 25 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 26 November	16.00 - 17.45 - 19.30 - 21.15	10.00 - 11.45 - 13.30 - 15.15
	Saturday 27 November	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00

DECEMBER CUP
20 - 23 December, 2021

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Monday 20 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Tuesday 21 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Wednesday 22 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Thursday 23 December	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

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Bridge NEWS

VINO ROSSO won the ALT Trophy

Team VINO ROSSO (Michel Bessis, Thomas Bessis, Bernard Cabanes, Cedric Lorenzini, Philippe Soulet, Herve Vinciguerra) won the ALT TROPHY.

The event was held on Bridge Base Online from October 11 to 15, 2021.

In the Final, they faced team BRIDGE24PL.Mixed (Cathy Baldysz, Sophie Baldysz, Igor Chalupec, Bartosz Chmurski, Danuta Kazmucha, Maciej Kolarz, Anna Sarniak).

The match ended 51 - 40.1 for VINO ROSSO.

The third place is shared between the opponents of VINO ROSSO and BRIDGE24PL.Mixed in the Semifinals: team MULTI (Thorvald Aagard, Michael Barel, Ben Green, Dan Israeli, Paz Katz, Inon Liran, Sonny Schultz, Marcos Thoma, Stefano Tommasini, Aran Warsawski) and BLACK (Andrew Black, David Gold, Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Andrew McIntosh, Thomas Paske).

The Daily Bulletin of the event is available at:
https://alt.bridgeresults.org/docs/211015AltBulletin.pdf

THE BULLETIN

ALT TROPHY

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LES BLEUS ON TOP!

Vino Rosso - the winners - left to right: Philippe Soulet, Hervé Vinciguerra, Thomas Bessis, Bernard Cabanes, Michel Bessis, Cédric Lorenzini (EBL and FFB)

ALLEZ LES BLEUS

Last week's Alt Trophy was one full of excitement; just check this bulletin. Four days of Swiss were followed by quarterfinals and semifinals. It all led to the finals on Friday between *Bridge24.pl Mixed* from Poland and *Vino Rosso* from France.

Halfway the Poles were on lead, but the second half the French team succeeded to reverse the score and win by a margin of 11 IMPs. A beautiful grand slam in clubs, bid and made by Thomas Bessis and Cedric Lorenzini, constituted the basis of the victory of Les Bleus (page 18).

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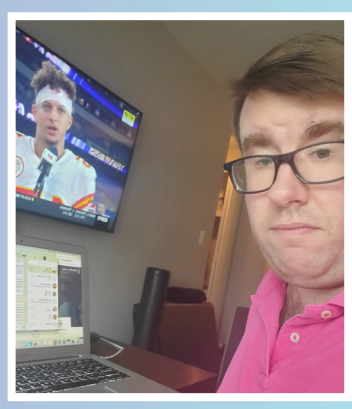

Rounds 2, 3 & 4

by Brian Senior

Round 2

This deal from Round Two saw four E/W pairs stop in game, one collect +800 on defense to 3♠ doubled, and one have an accident which saw them stop in 4♢, just making. Five pairs played in 6♡ and three in 6♣. So, where is your money in the slams, on declarer or on the defence?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Crouch*	*Saur*	*Cope*
–	–	–	2♠
2NT	3♠	5NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Cope's weak two opening saw Brekka overcall 2NT and Crouch raise competitively to 3♠ to take away his opponents' bidding space. Left with no room for proper exploration, Saur jumped to 5NT, pick a slam, and Brekka chose 6♣.

Crouch led the jack of spades, which Brekka ruffed in dummy. He led a club to the king and a second round back to the jack and queen. Crouch returned a diamond. Brekka won in hand and cashed the ace of clubs, then ran the jack of hearts. When that held the trick he repeated the finesse, and had six heart tricks, three clubs, two diamonds and a ruff; +1370.

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Baseggio*	*V D Bos*	*Lo*
–	–	–	2♠
2NT	3♠	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

After the same start, Van Den Bos could transfer to hearts with the East hand and he followed up with 5NT, pick a slam. Again, Van Lankveld chose 6♣.

Van Lankveld ruffed the spade lead and played king and another club to the ace. He ran the jack of hearts then repeated the finesse and had 12 tricks, losing only to the queen of clubs; +1370.

West	North	East	South
Garvey	*Lindqvist*	*Mesbur*	*Brogeland*
–	–	–	2♠
2NT	3♠	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Mesbur cuebid 4♠ with the East cards then raised the 5♣ response to slam.

Lindqvist led the usual spade and Gravey ruffed. He took a first-round finesse in clubs, the jack losing to the queen, won the club return with the ace and ruffed a spade with the king,. A diamond to the ace put declarer back in hand to cash the nine of clubs, and he continued with the jack of hearts. However, unlike our previous declarers, Garvey went up with the ace and played king and a third heart, hoping to ruff out queen to three on either side. When Brogeland showed out on the second round, Garvey discarded his spade loser on the third heart and was down one for –100.

Two declarers were successful in 6♣, one unsuccessful.

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Nadel*	*Lusky*	*Ferguson*
–	–	–	2♠
2NT	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Nadel did not raise partner's spades so Lusky was able to jump to 4♢ to show hearts and, when Falk completed the transfer, asked for key cards, bidding the heart slam on finding partner with two but no trump queen.

Nadel led the two of hearts. Not expecting the lead to be away from the queen of trumps, Falk put up the ace and continued with the king, so had a trump loser. Falk played a third heart, Nadel winning and getting out with her last trump. The contract still had good chances – switch the queen and ten of clubs around and South can be squeezes in spades and diamonds – but it was not to be. A club to the jack lost to the queen and, though the squeeze did indeed operate, that was to hold the contract to down one; –100.

West	North	East	South
F Helness	*Levinson*	*T Helness*	*Shenkin*
–	–	–	2♢
Dble	2♡	Dble	2♠
Pass	3♠	6♡	All Pass

Shenkin opened a multi so Fredrik Helness doubled to show around 13-15 balanced and Levinson bid 2♡, pass or correct. Tor Helness doubled then, when his opponents got together in spades, just blasted the heart slam.

Shenkin led his singletontrump, Helness putting up dummy's jack. When that scored he played the king of spades, on which he discarded a diamond. That lost to the ace and back came the jack of diamonds. Helness won with dummy's ace to take the heart finesse. Having drawn the outstanding trump, he then played king of clubs followed by a club to the jack, and was down one when that lost to the queen; –100.

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Root*	*Kwiecien*	*Igoe*
–	–	–	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Root did not compete in spades so Kwiecien could start with a simple three-level transfer then explore to his heart's content before eventually jumping to the heart slam.

Root led the nine of diamonds round to declarer's ace. Starkowski ran the jack of hearts then repeated the finesse and drew trumps. He cashed a fifth heart, at the end of which he had pitched all the low diamonds from his hand, then took the normal play in clubs, losing to the queen. Back came a diamond to his king. He led the seven of clubs to the ace and ran the queen of spades, discarding the ♢10. When the spade lost, the contract was down one.

Root's inspired diamond lead had attacked the communications necessary for the squeeze to operate. The slam could still have been made, but only by declarer taking the backward finesse in clubs.

West	North	East	South
Gillis	*Carroll*	*Saelensminde*	*Moran*
–	–	–	2♢
Pass	3♡	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Moran opened a multi and Gillis passed. Carroll's 3♡ was pass or correct and Saelensminde overcall 4♡. Holding 15 HCP, Gillis judged his hand to be worth a slam hunt so asked for key cards and raised the response to slam.

Moran tried the ace of spades, but that was ruffed. Saelensminde crossed to the ace of diamonds and ran the jack of hearts. When that passed off peacefully he repeated the finesse, drew trumps and played king then ace of clubs, and took two discards on the spades; 12 tricks and +1430.

West	North	East	South
King	*I Gronkvist*	*Castner*	*Wilson*
–	–	–	2♠
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♡	All Pass

Wilson opened with a weak two bid and King overcalled 2NT. Here the transfer bid of choice was 4♣, which King completed. Now Castner went on with a spade cuebid and, when King admitted to holding a club control, Castner bid the small slam.

Gronkvist led the jack of spades, on which King discarded a diamond from dummy. Wilson won the ace and returned the queen of diamonds to the ace and ten. King ran the jack of hearts and when heart came in without loss had 12 tricks – six hearts and two in each side-suit – for +1430.

Two declarers made 6♡, three were down.

Round 3

Board 7 was a cold grand slam for N/S. Six pairs bid it, five got to the small slam, and three languished in game. Let's take a look at the successful auctions.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cope	*Root*	*Crouch*	*Igoe*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Dble	3♢
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♡
Pass	7♢	All Pass	

Root opened at the one level, made a transfer rebid of 2♣, and found his partner with excellent diamond support. Five Clubs, Exclusion, found Igoe with the king of diamonds, and Root jumped to the grand slam; +2140.

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Seligman*	*Apteker*	*Lesniewski*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♢
Pass	4♢	Pass	4NT
Pass	7♢	All Pass	

Seligman started with a strong and artificial 2♣ then showed the hearts over the negative/waiting 2♢ response. When Lesniewski now introduced his diamond suit, Seligman agreed trumps and, when Lesmiewski now asked about key cards, simply jumped to 7♢. After all, how could partner not hold the ♢K if he could take control? Plus 2140.

West	North	East	South
Black	*Fitzgibbon*	*Gold*	*Mesbur*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	2♣	2♢
3♣	5♣	Pass	5♢
Pass	7♢	All Pass	

Fitzgibbon opened with a strong club and Mesbur was able to show his diamonds and modest values over Gold's overcall. Fitzgibbon used Exclusion and found his partner with the king of diamonds – 7♢ and +2140.

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	*King*	*Lindqvist*	*Castner*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♢
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♢
All Pass			

King opened 1♡ then jumped to 3♢ at his next turn, natural and game-forcing. When Castner raised diamonds, King too used Exclusion, and Castner jumped to 7♢; +2140.

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Kvangraven*	*V D Bos*	*Stornes*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♢
Pass	7♢	All Pass	

Kvangraven opened with a strong and artificial 2♣ and Van Deno Bos doubled to show clubs. When Stornes bid diamonds over Kvangraven's 2♡ rebid, Kvangraven simply blasted the grand slam; +2140.

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Falk*	*M Gronkvist*	*Lusky*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♢
Pass	7♢	All Pass	

Falk opened at the one level, rebid an artificial 2NT, and eventually found the diamond fit and, after Lusky had been able to jump to the small slam, went on to Seven; +2140.

So the six successful auctions had started with one strong 1♣ opening, two strong 2♣ openings, and three 1♡ openings. Ofd the unsuccessful auctions, four began with 1♡ and four with 2♣

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Moran v Black

West	North	East	South
Black	*Fitzgibbon*	*Gold*	*Mesbur*
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Moran	*Hallberg*	*Carroll*	*Hult*
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Fitzgibbon doubled the 3♠ opening and Mesbur was more than happy to leave it in and see what penalty could be taken. Fitzgibbon cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to a low heart for his partner's queen. Mesbur in turn switched to ace and another club and Fitzgibbon switched again to a low heart. Mesbur won the king and gave his partner a diamond ruff as Black pitched his third club. Fitzgibbon tried to cash the ace of hearts, but Black ruffed that and led the king of spades, hoping to pin something. What he pinned was the eight, and that meant that he had three trump losers but made three more tricks himself so was down five for –1100.

Hallberg did not double the pre-empt but, when Hult could overcall 3NT, jumped to a club slam. Carroll led the jack of hearts, Hallberg winning the king and cashing his ace of diamonds. He crossed to the ace of clubs to lead a diamond, Moran ruffing in front of him. That solved any decision Hallberg had to make about the trump suit and he over-ruffed then laid down the ♣K. Having drawn the outstanding trumps, Hallberg led a spade to the ten and jack, and Moran was endplayed. If he returned a spade, that would be into dummy's ace-queen, while his actual heart return picked up Carroll's ten; +920 but 5 IMPs to MORAN.

Sam v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nadel*	*Saur*	*Ferguson*
3♠	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♢	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Kvangraven*	*V D Bos*	*Stornes*
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

Kvangraven doubled the 3♠ opening and Stornes left it in. Kvangraven cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to ace and another heart, Stornes winning the queen and switching to ace and another club. Kvangraven won the king and, rather than cash the jack, returned a low club, forcing his partner to ruff. Stornes duly did so and returned a diamond, which declarer ruffed with the five. Kvangraven over-ruffed with the eight and got out with a heart. Declarer could ruff but had to lead spades from hand so had to lose three more of those; down six for –1400.

Nadel overcalled 4♣ and, after checking on key cards, Ferguson declared 6NT. Brekka led a heart to the nine, jack and king. Ferguson played ace of clubs followed by a club to the jack, losing to the queen. Back came a diamond to dummy's bare ace. He cashed the clubs then the queen and ace of hearts, and finally the ace of spades, and was down two for –100. He could have saved a trick with an endplay at the end, but his enthusiasm for the deal was probably pretty low at that point.

That all meant 17 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Netbridge v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*V D Hoek*	*Nawrocki*	*Bremer*
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Verhoeve	*Cima*	*La Haye*	*Rippey*
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Cima doubled the pre-empt but Rippey preferred to cuebid rather than settle for a penalty and eventually became declarer in 6NT. Alas for his side, Verhoeve decided that the ten of clubs would be the safest lead he could make. It wasn't. Rippey didn't believe for a moment that this could be from ♣Q109. He won the ♣A, tested the hearts, seeing a spade pitch on his left, then led the seven of clubs to the nine and king, dropping the queen. There was still work to be done, but the fact that West had followed to two rounds of hearts as well as three rounds of clubs was very good news. If only he held a singleton diamond… Rippey cashed the clubs and ace of diamonds, and he and Verhoeve were both down to nothing but spades. A spade to the ten lost to the jack, but the enforced spade return meant a twelfth trick and +990. That, however, merely held RIPPEY's loss on the board to 9 IMPs.

Seven Norths passed over a 3♠ opening, while four doubled and three of those saw South play for penalties. There was one 4♣ overcall. One West opened with a transfer pre-empt of 3♡ and North passed over that, while one West opened with a weak two bid and North overcalled 3♣.

Round 4

Round 4 saw HARRIS, the overnight leaders, have a big win over NETBRIDGE to extend their lead at the top of the rankings. Things started to go the way of HARRIS on the very first board of the day.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ Q 10 5 4 ♡ 10 6 4 ♢ 2 ♣ J 6 5 4 2	
♠ A K ♡ 3 2 ♢ AQJ109843 ♣ K		♠ J 9 7 3 ♡ K 8 ♢ K 7 6 5 ♣ A 10 7
	♠ 8 6 2 ♡ A Q J 9 7 5 ♢ – ♣ Q 9 8 3	

Harris v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Zomer	*Tiholov*	*Bouwen*	*Malhasyan*
–	Pass	1♣	3♡
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♢	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*La Haye*	*Trendafilov*	*Verhoeve*
–	Pass	1♢	2♡
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♢	All Pass

Bouwen opened 1♣, only promising two cards, and Malhasyan pre-empted with 3♡ on his six-four hand. Zomer could bid 3♠ to transfer to diamonds but, assuming that this would be a game hand, Bouwen actually bid 3NT with his balanced minimum. Five Clubs was described as one or four, so it seems that the partnership was not on firm ground. However, when Zomer now confirmed that his intent was to play in diamonds, Bouwen added a sixth. Alas, the auction had gone in such a way that the opening lead of a heart was through the king and the defence had the first two tricks for down one and –50.

Trendafilov opened a Precision 1♢, immediately right-siding the final contract. Verhoeve pre-empted a level lower than had Malhsayan, and now 3♣ showed diamonds. When Trendafilov admitted to the ace of clubs, Isporski committed to slam; +920 and 14 IMPs to HARRIS.

Orca v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*T Helness*	*Morath*	*F Helness*
–	Pass	Pass	3♡
Dble	4♡	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*Fredin*	*Cope*	*Apteker*
–	Pass	1♣	1♡
2♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Cope opened a potentially short club and Apteker made a simple overcall. Crouch transferred to diamonds and the 3♢ reply merely showed genuine diamond support, not extra values. The auction soon devolved into a cuebidding sequence, in which 4NT was a heart cuebid. Crouch could now jump to 6♢ and that was cold when played by East, as we have already seen; +920.

At the other table, Morath did not open the East hand and Fredrik Helness opened 3♡ in third seat. Sylvan doubled and Morath made a responsive double over Tor's raise. Morath now judged to settle for the penalty. He cashed the top spades followed by the king of clubs, then underled in the hope of getting his partner in with the king of diamonds. It was not to be. Fredrik ruffed and played ace and another heart, losing to the ♡K and ♣A for down two; –300, but 12 IMPs to ORCA.

Rippey v Tilly

West	North	East	South
Barel	*Nowak*	*Katz*	*Rippey*
–	Pass	Pass	2♡
5♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
WiankowskiGreen		*Nawrocki*	*Tommasini*
–	Pass	1♣	3♡
3♠	4♡	Dble	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

Nawrocki opened the East hand and Tommasini overcalled 3♡. Three Spades was GF but denied four spades, and when Nawrocki doubled 4♡ that was discouraging. However, Wiankowxki had a very big hand if his partner didn't have two heart losers, and he guessed to jump to 6♢. The heart lead quickly put paid to that; sown one for –50.

Katz did not open as East and Rippey opened with a weak two bid. Facing a passed hand, Barel simply bid 5♢ and was left to play there. He lost two heart tricks but had the rest; +400 and 10 IMPs to TILLY.

In all, four pairs bid and made 6♢ by East, and one made 6NT. Two pairs played it by West so lost the first two tricks.

This next deal was a rather unusual flat board in the match between RIPPEY and TILLY. Of course, it didn't have to be flat.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Rippey v Tilly

West	North	East	South
Barel	*Nowak*	*Katz*	*Rippey*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	2♢
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Green*	*Nawrocki*	*Tommasini*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
2♢	All Pass		

Clearly, styles around the world vary quite a bit after a redouble. Firstly, both Easts passed over the redouble, when I would have bid 2♣ because I don't want to see partner bid either red suit unless he has at least five of the suit. Then Rippey rebid 2♢ as South when I would have passed, as I have a perfectly sound opening which looks decent on defence. That relieved west of the need to find a playable spot on the E'W cards and Nowak just jumped to 3NT, where he played. As for the other table, where Tommasini did pass it round to West, surely Green's pass over 2♢ was forcing?

Katz led the jack of clubs against 3NT, Barel overtaking with the queen and, when that held the trick, continuing with the king, again ducked. Nowak won the third club with his ace and led a heart to the queen. That was ducked so he now led a low diamond and, when Barel played low, put up the queen. A diamond back to the jack and ace, and a third diamond to Barel's king established a third trick in the suit. Barel got out safely with his last diamond. Nowak won and led the jack of hearts. Barel won that and exited with a heart but Nowak had the rest, winning and playing ♠K and a spade to the ace – Katz was known to have a club left so there was no spade guess. That was well played by Nowak for +600, but wouldn't it have been easier to get a good plus score by defending?

Yes indeed. Green led king and another spade against 2♢. Tommasini won the ace and continued with the ♠J, ruffed with the seven and over-ruffed with the nine. A heart went to the jack and ace, and Wiankowski played the queen of clubs. Green won the ace and played king and another heart to his partner's queen. Now came the nine of spades, ruffed with the eight and over-ruffed with the queen. Green gave his partner a club ruff and now Tommasini played ace and another trump, leaving himself with a trump and a winning spades for the last two tricks; down six for –600 and no swing. Nicely defended, but wouldn't it have been nicer if someone had doubled?

Maybe Barel and Katz would have run to a better contract, but nothing would have been all that pleasant, and Green/Tommasini had gone for –2200, on what should have been a partscore deal, earlier in the set – no, I'm not going to show all the gory details – so a touch of revenge might have been in order.

The action in MORAN v SELIGMAN showed that, indeed, defending a doubled contract could be quite lucrative for N/S.

Moran v Seligman

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Fitzgibbon*	*Kwiecien*	*Mesbur*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
1NT	Dble	2♣	2♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Amoils	*Seligman*	*Carroll*	*Lesniewski*
–	–	Pass	1♠
Dble	Rdbl	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

I don't understand the Irish auction. Mesbur showed a normal opening by passing the redouble and Fitzgibbon started the doubling when Starkowski started wriggling with 1NT. When Mesbur bid 2♢ over Kwiecien's 2♣, this was presumably because he was not prepared to pass if his partner now doubled for penalties. OK, well the action from the other table shows that this judgement was wrong on the actual deal, but surely Fitzgibbon shouldn't be passing out 2♢ unless they don't play Mesbur's first

pass as confirming a sound opener?

Anyway, Mesbur came to 10 tricks in 2♢ for an inadequate +130.

Not that anybody cares, but the auction from the other table was the one we would have if I could sit in all four seats, and saw Carroll having to get out as cheaply as he could manage in 2♣ doubled.

Lesniewski led his singleton trump and Seligman won the ace and continued with suit. Carroll won in dummy and led a low heart, which Seligman won with the king to play a third club, again won in dummy as Carroll had not unblocked at trick one. Carroll played ace and a third heart, won by Lesniewski, who underled in spades to Seligman's king. The defence cashed four spade tricks followed by the ace of diamonds, and all Carroll could come to was the jack of clubs. The contract was down four for −1100 and 14 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

There were three more +1100s on defence to 2♣ doubled, plus two +800s, a score also achieved at one table against 1NT doubled. Three No Trump was made on all three occasions it was bid, while 2NT was made once and defeated once.

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ROUND 4

Harris	19.44 VPs 54 IMPs	0.56 VPs 8 IMPs	Netbridge
Seligman	13.45 VPs 24 IMPs	6.55 VPs 13 IMPs	Moran
Rippey	13.45 VPs 30 IMPs	6.55 VPs 19 IMPs	Tilly
Scorway	7.99 VPs 15 IMPs	12.01 VPs 21 IMPs	New Amateurs
Orca	12.61 VPs 21 IMPs	7.39 VPs 13 IMPs	Fredin
Black	16.37 VPs 36 IMPs	3.63 VPs 12 IMPs	Sam
Gillis	7.1 VPs 18 IMPs	12.9 VPs 27 IMPs	Flyfalcon

ROUND 5

Harris	7.69 VPs 22 IMPs	12.31 VPs 29 IMPs	Rippey
Seligman	15.79 VPs 32 IMPs	4.21 VPs 11 IMPs	Netbridge
Moran	14.22 VPs 26 IMPs	5.78 VPs 12 IMPs	New Amateurs
Scorway	14.22 VPs 24 IMPs	5.78 VPs 10 IMPs	Tilly
Orca	12.31 VPs 25 IMPs	7.69 VPs 18 IMPs	Black
Fredin	5.3 VPs 7 IMPs	14.7 VPs 23 IMPs	Gillis
Flyfalcon	14.7 VPs 31 IMPs	5.3 VPs 15 IMPs	Sam

ROUND 6

Harris	11.05 VPs 26 IMPs	8.95 VPs 23 IMPs	Moran
Seligman	16.55 VPs 35 IMPs	3.45 VPs 10 IMPs	Rippey
Scorway	8.62 VPs 43 IMPs	11.38 VPs 47 IMPs	Netbridge
Orca	3.27 VPs 30 IMPs	16.73 VPs 56 IMPs	New Amateurs
Tilly	19.24 VPs 55 IMPs	0.76 VPs 11 IMPs	Fredin
Black	2.14 VPs 12 IMPs	17.86 VPs 45 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Gillis	7.39 VPs 30 IMPs	12.61 VPs 38 IMPs	Sam

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1	N. Apteker, (Noahapteke)	Fredin	1.92	12
2	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	1.72	36
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	1.72	36
4	Bob Drijver, (bobdrijver)	Netbridge	1.61	36
	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	Netbridge	1.61	36
6	N. Fitzgibbon, (nickfg1)	Moran	1.25	36
7	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	1.1	48
8	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	1	36
9	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.94	48
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.94	48
11	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	0.83	36
	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	0.83	36
	J. Lusky, (pachyderms)	New Amateurs	0.83	36
14	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.78	72
	M. Lesniewski, (lesniak)	Seligman	0.78	72
16	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	0.75	48
	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0.75	48
18	M. Moran, (markpm)	Moran	0.69	48
19	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.63	72
	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowski)	Seligman	0.63	72
21	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Tilly	0.6	48
	B. Green, (benjy)	Tilly	0.6	48
23	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.58	48
	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.58	48
25	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	0.46	48
26	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	0.42	36
27	J. Carroll, (coppers)	Moran	0.4	60
	A. Mesbur, (AMesbur)	Moran	0.4	60
29	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	0.39	36
30	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	0.36	36
31	B. Brogeland, (boye)	Gillis	0.3	60
32	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Rippey	0.29	24
	P. Bedout, (pi420)	Rippey	0.29	24
34	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	0.28	36
35	P. King, (philking)	Tilly	0.27	48
	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Tilly	0.27	48
37	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	0.25	48
38	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	0.19	72
	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	0.19	72
40	L. Cima, (100dog)	Rippey	0.17	12
	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	0.17	60
42	E. Lindqvist, (stevieg)	Gillis	0.08	72
43	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	0	36
44	S. Cope, (Copeyj)	Orca	-0.13	48
45	M. Barel, (mich-b)	Tilly	-0.17	48
	P. Katz, (paz_k)	Tilly	-0.17	48
47	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	-0.27	60
48	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.31	48
49	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-0.33	24
50	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.35	48
	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.35	48
52	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.37	60
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.37	60
54	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-0.39	36
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-0.39	36
56	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.4	48
	A. Morath, (andersm)	Fredin	-0.4	48
58	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	-0.42	36
	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	-0.42	36
	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Moran	-0.42	36
	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	-0.42	72
62	T. Helness, (Helstokk)	Orca	-0.48	48
	F. Helness, (Fredrik101)	Orca	-0.48	48
64	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.48	60
	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	New Amateurs	-0.48	60
66	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.53	60
67	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	-0.65	48
	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	-0.65	48
69	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Sam	-0.65	72
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Sam	-0.65	72
71	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	-0.67	24
	L. Amoils, (amoils)	Moran	-0.67	36
73	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-0.69	36
74	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	-0.71	72
	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	-0.71	72
76	C. Lahrmann, (christianL)	Netbridge	-0.75	12
	K. Todd, (Kmtnyc)	Netbridge	-0.75	12
78	A. Robson, (arobson)	Orca	-0.83	12
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-0.83	36
	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-0.83	36
81	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Sam	-0.88	24
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Sam	-0.88	24
83	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	-0.88	60
84	p. lindqvist, (plindq46)	Gillis	-1	12
85	N. Verhoeve, (slin55)	Netbridge	-1.08	24
	M. la Haye, (martenha)	Netbridge	-1.08	24
87	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Sam	-1.31	48
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Sam	-1.31	48
89	J. Becklen, (janb)	Fredin	-1.67	24
	B. Fallenius, (Bf88)	Fredin	-1.67	24
91	T. Garvey, (tgarv)	Moran	-1.75	12
92	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	-1.92	12

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