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UNEXPECTED DELAY

Due to BBO technical issues, the 9th round of the qualification stage was not played yesterday as scheduled.
The 9th round will be played today, along with the Quarterfinals and the Semifinals.
The time schedule of the Final will be announced soon.

After 8 rounds, the 3 teams who were leading yesterday are still at the top of the ranking.
Team Harris (Harris J., Root S., Igoe N., Malhasyan E., Gold M., Trendafilov R., Isporski V., Tiholov T., Gross S.) are first (114.03 VPs). They are followed by team Seligman (Seligman M., Lesniewski M., Kwiecien M., Starkowski W., Kalita J., Nowosadzki M.) (105.89 VPs) and Moran (Hanlon T., Moran M., Carroll J., Garvey T., Mesbur A., Fitzgibbon N., Amoils L., Barton G.) (102 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.
In the semifinals and the Final no. 1 – 2 get a carry-over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

OCTOBER CUP
RANKING AFTER ROUND 8

1	Harris	114.03
2	Seligman	105.89
3	Moran	102
4	Scorway	93.45
5	New Amateurs	87.37
6	Flyfalcon	77.38
7	Rippey	75.26
8	Orca	74.26
9	Tilly	73.33
10	Netbridge	72.47
11	Sam	70.01
12	Gillis	60.58
13	Black	58.99
14	Fredin	54.98

OCTOBER CUP
SCHEDULE TODAY

Round 9
16:00 CEST / 10:00 am EDT

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

Quarterfinals
18:30 CEST / 12:30 pm EDT

Semifinals
21:00 CEST / 3:00 pm EDT

All the tables will be open to kibitzers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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Rounds 5, 6 and 7

by Brian Senior

Round 5

Tight doubles of partscores may be all very well at matchpoints, but but they can lead to some sweaty defences at IMPs. Witness Board 10 of Round 5.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Harris v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Root*	*Nawrocki*	*Malhasyan*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♡	1NT	2♡	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Nowak*	*Trendafilov*	*Rippey*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♡	1NT	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	3♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Malhasyan maybe did a bit too much when he doubled 2♡ then bid 2♠, which sounded stronger than simply bidding 2♠ a round earlier. Certainly, Root seems to have expected a better hand for the double then 2♠ combination. Four Spades drifted a couple off for –100 – no great harm done if the opposition could make 3♡.

There was no heart raise from Trenadfilov in the other room so Rippey transferred to spades and only now did Trendafilov admit to his heart support. When that came back to Nowak he doubled for penalties, ending the auction.

Nowak led the three of spades to the queen and ace, and Isporski led a club to dummy's king, cashed the king of spades, then played a second club to the nine, queen and ace. Nowak returned his third spade for Isporski to ruff, and now Isporski took a diamond pitch on the jack of clubs then continued with his last club. Nowak ruffed in front of dummy with the queen and returned a low heart. Isporski won that with the nine, cashed the ace of hearts, and exited with a heart to Nowak's king. Endplayed, Nowak cashed the ace of diamonds and that was the last trick for the defence; +730 and 12 IMPs to HARRIS.

Seligman v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Todd	*Seligman*	*Lahrmann*	*Lesmiewski*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♡	1NT	2♡	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*V D Hoek*	*Kwiecien*	*Bremer*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♡	1NT	2♡	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♡	All Pass

When Kwiecien supported his partner's hearts, Bremer competed with a simple 2♠ and, when Kwiecien came again with 3♡, Van Den Hoek let it go undoubled. The spade lead went to the queen and ace and Starkowski played a spade to the king then ruffed the last spade before leading a club to the king then back to the nine, queen and ace. Van Den Hoek tried a low heart return, but Starkowski could win that with the ten and play jack of clubs for a diamond pitch then ruff his last club. Ace and another heart now put Van Den Hoek on lead and forced him to open up diamonds, so the ♢K became Starkowski's ninth trick; +140.

The auction at the other table was identical except that Seligman doubled the final contract. Todd won the spade lead with dummy's king and led a heart to the jack and queen. She won the spade return with the ace and led a club to the king followed by a second club to the jack and ace. Back came a spade, which she ruffed. The queen of clubs was followed by a ruff of the last club and now Todd led a heart to the nine and king. Seligman put her back on play with a heart, and the defence came to two diamonds at the end for down one and –200; 8 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

Twelve out of 14 E/W pairs bid smoothly to the cold slam on this next deal. We'll just look at a sample of the successful auctions.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Seligman v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Todd	*Seligman*	*Lahrmann*	*Lesmiewski*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*V D Hoek*	*Kwiecien*	*Bremer*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Todd's methods mandated a 2♡ rebid with the West cards and Lahrmann made it clear both what was the trump suit and that this was a potential slam auction with his jump to 4♣. A 4♠ cuebid from Todd saw Lahrmann check on key cards then bid the small slam; +920.

Starkowski's choice of rebid was 2NT and Kwiecien rebid a quiet 3♣. However, Kwiecien went on with a cuebid followed by Key-card and the slam was again reached; +920 and no swing.

Moran v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Yang	*Hanlon*	*Gu*	*Moran*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Fitzgibbon	*Bassegio*	*Mesbur*	*Lo*
–	–	–	Pass
1♢	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♢	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♢	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Yang was a 2♡ rebidder and Gu jumped to 4♣ with the East cards. It looks as though 4♣ was Key-card, and Gu jumped again, this time to 6♣, at his next turn; +920.

Fitzgibbon rebid 2♢ as bidding a major would have shown a better hand, and Mesbur made a simple 3♣ rebid. I can't comment on the precise meaning of their subsequent auction, but they were clearly on the same wavelength as they too reached the top spot; +920 and, again, a flat board.

Adam Mesbur and Nick Fitzgibbon

Round 6

The board of this round was Board 8, on which N/S bid and made 3NT at three tables and 5♣ at another. They also tried hopeless spade slams at two tables, made 3♢ at another, and doubled 2♡ for +800 at another. The interest in the deal, despite that wide range of contracts, came at the other five tables, where N/S declared 4♠.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Scorway v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*V D Hoek*	*Saur*	*Bremer*
Pass	1♣	1♡	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♢
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

NETBRIDGE played in 3♢, just making for +110, so when Bremer became declarer in 4♠ there was sure to be a swing in one direction or the other.

Brekka led a heart to the nine and king, and Saur returned a trump to dummy's king. Bremer led a diamond to his ace, Brekka following with the seven, and continued with the ace and queen of spades, the ace of clubs, and a fourth spade. Brekka won that and returned the queen of diamonds. Bremer ducked, so Brekka continued with the jack of diamonds. Bremer won and gave up a diamond, so was down one for –50 and 4 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Seligman v Rippey

West	North	East	South
Wiankowski	*Seligman*	*Nawrocki*	*Lesniewski*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Vallet*	*Kwiecien*	*Bedout*
Pass	1♣	1♡	2♡
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♢
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Seligman and Lesniewski had a free run to 4♠, Lesniewski using FSF to set up a force then jumping in spades. Wiankowski led the queen of diamonds, Lesniewski winning the ace, unblocking the ace of clubs, then taking a diamond ruff with the bare king. The heart loser went away on the king of clubs, but the queen of clubs was ruffed and over-ruffed. Lesniewski cashed the ace and queen of spades followed by the king of diamonds, then he played a fourth diamond. That lost and there were the jack and ten of trumps also to be lost but, after the opening lead, the contract had been cold on any subsequent defence; +420.

Vallet opened his longer suit, so Kwiecien had a normal 1♡ overcall. Bedout's 2♡ showed spades and his continuation was forcing, first showing the second suit then rebidding it, an dgetting no doubt reluctant preference from Vallet to 4♠. Kwiecien cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a trump. Vallet won the king and found a nice play, leading the nine of hearts and, when Kwiecien failed to cover, discarding the blcoking ace of clubs from dummy. Vallet could take two diamond ruffs on the king and queen of clubs, but the ten of clubs was ruffed by Kwiecian. Vallet over-ruffed and cashed the ace of spades. They proved to four-two, as he had suspected, but there were only two more losers to come, one trump and one diamond; 10 tricks and a nicely played +420, so no swing.

Tilly v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Castner*	*Apteker*	*King*
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♢
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Green	*Becklen*	*Tommasini*	*Fallenius*
Pass	1♣	1♡	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♢
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♡
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Castner did not open the North hand, preferring to pass and perhaps make a two-suited overcall at his next turn. King opened 1♠, showed his second suit, then settled in 4♠. The lead was a club. King won the bare ace and crossed to the king of spades to cash the king of clubs for a heart discard. He continued with the ♣Q, ruffed and over-ruffed, then cashed the ace of spades, discovering the four-two split, before switching his attention to diamonds, playing ace, king and a third round to Fredin's queen. A heart to the ten and king was ruffed, and King played a fourth diamond. It didn't matter what Fredin discarded on this trick. King ruffed the heart return and, if Fedin had discarded his last club, he would have had to follow to the heart so that the ♠9 would score. Conversely, if he pitched the heart, he could over-ruff but would then have to either lead a trump to declarer, who had a winning diamond for the last trick, or a club to dummy's winning ten; +420.

Becklen opened 1♣, so Tommasini could overcall 1♡, but it had no effect on the N/S auction and Fallenius became declarer in the spade game. Green led a heart, Tommasini winning and switching to a trump. Fallenius won the ♠K and led the jack of hearts to the ace and ruff. He cashed the ace and queen of spades and followed that with the two top diamonds, and Green unblocked the queen and jack! Had he not done so, he would have been thrown in with the third diamond and, after cashing his trump trick, would have had to lead to dummy's club winners to allow the contract home. As it was, Tommasini could win the third diamond and cash a second diamond winner for down one and –50; a well-deserved 10 IMPs to TILLY.

Round 7

Going into the final three rounds of the qualifying Swiss, perhaps only the bottom two teams have little chance of making it into the top eight and Thursday's knockout stages, though BLACK or GILLIS will need a strong day to make up ground if they are to pick up the 13 or 14 VPs by which they trail the eighth-placed team.

Well, I wrote the above before the normal starting time but, as things progressed, it became clear that there would be only two rounds today, and that would make it much more difficult for the lower-ranked teams to make it into the top eight – very unfortunate.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Black v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Hult*	*Bennet*	*Hallberg*
–	1♢	2♣	Dble
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fredin*	*Black*	*Apteker*
–	1♢	2♣	Dble
2♢	2♠	3♣	All Pass

Knowing of his partner's generally aggressive overcalling style, Gold contented himself with an unassuming cuebid followed by a pass when Black rebid his clubs, fast arrival style. Apteker led the jack of spades to the queen, king and ace, and Black played the nine of spades right back at him, ruffing out the ten. There were 12 easy tricks now for +170.

By contrast, Becklen jumped straight to 5♣, which was doubled for take-out by Hult and left in by Hallberg, whose hand contained far too many soft values to expect to make anything at the five level. Hallberg led a diamond to the queen, ace and ruff. Bennet played ace then ruffed a spade, took a heart pitch on the king of diamonds, then gave up a heart. He won the club return in hand with the nine, ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade with the ace of clubs, and came back to hand with another heart ruff. He could now draw the missing trump and cash the long spade; 12 tricks for +650 and 10 IMPs to FREDIN.

Scorway v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Saur*	*M Gronkvist*	*Brekka*
–	1♢	1♠	Dble
Pass	1NT	2♣	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Shenkin	*Kiljan*	*Levinson*	*Tijjsen*
–	1♢	1♠	2♣
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

Both Easts overcalled 1♠ rather than show their longer club suit.

Brekka now made a negative double on the South cards and Saur replied with 1NT, leaving Gronkvist with a comfortable way to introduce his second suit. Verhees gave that only a gentle raise, and Gronkvist did not go on. Brekka led a diamond to the king, ace and ruff. Gronkvist crossed to the ace of clubs to take a heart pitch on the queen of diamonds, then played the queen of spades to the ace and ruffed a spade. He lost one heart and the queen of clubs from here so had 11 tricks for +150.

Tijjsen bid 2♣ with the South hand, showing hearts, and Kiljan showed his heart support by jumping to 3♡, invitational. That proved to be enough to shut out the opposing clubs and 3♡ concluded the auction. Levinson led ace and nine of spades and Shenkin ruffed and returned the nine of diamonds. Kiljan went up with the ace – ruffed – a nice card the nine of diamonds. From here there were two diamonds, a club, and a spade ruff to be taken by the defence and Kiljan was down three for –300 and 4 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Black v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Hult*	*Bennet*	*Hallberg*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fredin*	*Black*	*Apteker*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

Black and Gold had a simple auction to 4♡, against which Fredin led a trump. Gold won in hand and led the nine of clubs, going up with the king when Fredin followed small. Gold gave up a club, won the heart return on table, and passed the jack of spades to Fredin's king. A third trump came back, won in hand, and Gold cashed the ace and queen of spades, pitching a club and a diamond from dummy, then led a diamond and, when Fredin played the ten, put in the jack. Gold could now cash the ace of diamonds, ruff a club, and claim the queen of hearts as his tenth trick; +620.

Bennet and Becklen had a far less straightforward auction and it ended up with them playing at a dangerously high level. Hult too led a trump. Becklen won on table and led the jack of spades, overtaking with the queen and losing to the king. Becklen's search for an extra entry to hand had not worked out well, and Hult's return of a second trump did not improve things. Beckel won in hand and led a diamond, ducking Hult's queen. Making quite sure of beating the contract, Hult now cashed the ace of clubs before playing a third trump. Becklen won in hand and led a diamond to the ten and jack, played king of clubs and ruffed one, then a diamond to the ace. He could draw the missing trump now and the thirteenth diamond was his tenth trick; down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to BLACK, more than cancelling out their loss on the previous deal.

Scorway v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Saur*	*M Gronkvist*	*Brekka*
Shenkin	*Kiljan*	*Levinson*	*Tijjsen*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

Kiljan led a trump against Shenkin, who won in hand and led the nine of clubs to dummy's king. A second club went to the jack and ace and back came a second trump. Shenkin tried a sneaky low spade now but Kiljan went in with the king and played a third trump. Shenkin won that in hand and cashed the two spade winners, discarding one card from each minor. The eight of spades was a winner by now as Tijjsen had discarded two of the suit. That was ruffed and over-ruffed, and Shenking ruffed dummy's last club and led a diamond up. When Kiljan played the king, he ducked, and on the enforced diamond return put in the jack; 10 tricks for +620.

Like everyon else, saur led a trump against Verhees, who won on table and passed the jack of spades to the king. He won the heart return in hand and led a club to the king followed by a second club to the jack and ace. As you will no doubt have guessed by now, back came a third trump. Verhees won in dummy and ruffed a club. The ace and queen of spades took care of the last club and one of the diamonds, and now Verhees led a diamond up. Saur split his honours and there was no point in Verhees ducking because there would be no endplay as Saur had a heart exit card. Verhees was down one for –100 and 12 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Black v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Hult*	*Bennet*	*Hallberg*
–	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Fredin*	*Black*	*Apteker*
–	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Both Souths responded in their weak three-card suit and caught a raise, Fredin opting to show his diamond shortage while Hult was content with a simple 3♣ raise. Both partnerships soon alighted in the heart game.

Having seen their opponents bid and raise clubs, both Easts led the ace of clubs, thinking to give partner a ruff.

Black continued with this plan, Fredin winning the club continuation and leading a diamond to the ten to establish discards for his spade losers. That worked beautifully when the ♢10 forced the ace. Fredin could win the spade switch and draw all the missing trumps thanks to the fall of the queen. The king and queen of diamonds took care of the spades and he was home with an overtrick; +450.

Bennet saw that his partner was unlikely to be ruffing clubs when dummy held only three cards so switched – to the two of spades. Hult ducked the first spade, won the continuation, and played a diamond. When Becklen won the ace he cashed a spade and that was down one; –50 and 11 IMPs top FREDIN.

Scorway v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
Verhees	*Saur*	*M Gronkvist*	*Brekka*
–	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Shenkin	*Kiljan*	*Levinson*	*Tijjsen*
–	1♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♢	Pass	2♠
Dble	4♡	All Pass	

Again, both Souths responded 2♣. In Tijjsen's case this was a GF relay and the 2♢ rebid showed a minimum with fewer than four spades. I'm not sure why Tijjsen didn't just jump to 4♡ now, but his 2♠, showing a minimum GF with a heart fit, allowed Shenkin to double for a spade lead and, when Levinson duly did as requested against 4♡, the defence was in control; down one for –50.

In the other room, the 2♣ response was, in principle, natural. Saur raised it and Brekka showed a minimum two-over-one by jumping to the heart game. Mikael Gronkvist led a low diamond so Saur put in the ten and, when that forced the ace, had two winners on which to deposit his spade losers and 11 tricks in all; +450 and 11 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Peter Fredin

OCBL OCTOBER CUP - RESULTS

ROUND 7

Harris	12.01 VPs 24 IMPs	7.99 VPs 18 IMPs	New Amateurs
Seligman	15.15 VPs 42 IMPs	4.85 VPs 24 IMPs	Tilly
Moran	15.15 VPs 32 IMPs	4.85 VPs 14 IMPs	Rippey
Scorway	14.93 VPs 34 IMPs	5.07 VPs 17 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Netbridge	10.71 VPs 21 IMPs	9.29 VPs 19 IMPs	Gillis
Orca	4.63 VPs 4 IMPs	15.37 VPs 23 IMPs	Sam
Black	5.3 VPs 13 IMPs	14.7 VPs 29 IMPs	Fredin

ROUND 8

Seligman	6.55 VPs 27 IMPs	13.45 VPs 38 IMPs	Scorway
Harris	17.71 VPs 50 IMPs	2.29 VPs 18 IMPs	Tilly
Moran	19.13 VPs 53 IMPs	0.87 VPs 10 IMPs	Netbridge
New Amateurs	12.9 VPs 30 IMPs	7.1 VPs 21 IMPs	Black
Rippey	5.07 VPs 21 IMPs	14.93 VPs 38 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Orca	16.37 VPs 49 IMPs	3.63 VPs 25 IMPs	Gillis
Fredin	2.29 VPs 16 IMPs	17.71 VPs 48 IMPs	Sam

OCBL OCTOBER CUP - RESULTS

BUTLER RANKING

1	N. Apteker, (Noahapteke)	Fredin	1.92	12
2	Bob Drijver, (bobdrijver)	Netbridge	1.61	36
	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	Netbridge	1.61	36
4	N. Fitzgibbon, (nickfg1)	Moran	1.44	48
5	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	1.27	60
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	1.27	60
7	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	1.13	72
8	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	1	36
9	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.97	72
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.97	72
11	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0.75	48
	H. Stornes, (helsto)	Scorway	0.75	48
13	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	0.71	48
14	A. Mesbur, (AMesbur)	Moran	0.67	72
15	M. Moran, (markpm)	Moran	0.65	60
16	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	0.63	48
17	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowski)	Seligman	0.55	96
	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.55	96
19	M. Lesniewski, (lesniak)	Seligman	0.54	96
	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.54	96
21	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	0.52	48
22	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	0.48	60
	J. Lusky, (pachyderms)	New Amateurs	0.48	60
24	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	0.46	48
25	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.43	72
	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.43	72
27	J. Carroll, (coppers)	Moran	0.42	72
28	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Moran	0.38	60
29	L. Cima, (100dog)	Rippey	0.17	12
	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	0.17	60
	B. Brogeland, (boye)	Gillis	0.17	84
32	T. Garvey, (tgarv)	Moran	0.13	24
33	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	0.12	60
34	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	0.1	60
	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	0.1	60
36	B. Green, (benjy)	Tilly	0.1	72
	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Tilly	0.1	72
38	P. Bedout, (pi420)	Rippey	0.08	36
	E. Vallet, (rasko179)	Rippey	0.08	36
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	0.08	48
	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	0.08	48
42	E. Lindqvist, (stevieg)	Gillis	0.02	96
43	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	-0.02	48
44	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	-0.03	60
45	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	-0.04	96
	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	-0.04	96
47	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Tilly	-0.07	60
	P. King, (philking)	Tilly	-0.07	60
49	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Sam	-0.07	96
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Sam	-0.07	96
51	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	-0.08	48
52	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.13	72
	S. Cope, (Copeyj)	Orca	-0.13	48
54	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.14	72
	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.14	72
56	L. Amoils, (amoils)	Moran	-0.21	48
57	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	-0.22	96
58	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	-0.27	60
59	P. Katz, (paz_k)	Tilly	-0.3	60
	M. Barel, (mich-b)	Tilly	-0.3	60
61	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.31	84
62	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-0.33	24
63	A. Morath, (andersm)	Fredin	-0.4	48
	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.4	48
65	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	-0.42	48
66	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	-0.45	60
67	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.48	60
	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	New Amateurs	-0.48	60
69	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	-0.52	84
70	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.6	84
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.6	84
72	T. Helness, (Helstokk)	Orca	-0.61	72
	F. Helness, (Fredrik101)	Orca	-0.61	72
74	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	-0.65	48
75	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-0.69	36
76	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Sam	-0.71	72
	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Sam	-0.71	72
78	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	-0.74	96
	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	-0.74	96
80	C. Lahrmann, (christianL)	Netbridge	-0.75	12
	K. Todd, (Kmtnyc)	Netbridge	-0.75	12
82	A. Robson, (arobson)	Orca	-0.83	12
83	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Sam	-0.88	24
	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Sam	-0.88	24
85	p. lindqvist, (plindq46)	Gillis	-1	12
86	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-1.13	60
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-1.13	60
88	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	-1.17	24
89	J. Bennet , (jbennet)	Fredin	-1.21	24
90	N. Verhoeve, (slin55)	Netbridge	-1.39	36
	M. la Haye, (martenha)	Netbridge	-1.39	36
92	J. Becklen, (janb)	Fredin	-1.44	48
93	B. Fallenius, (Bf88)	Fredin	-1.67	24

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