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TWO CUPS AT STAKE

That's a bit unusual that we are starting the OCBL November Cup while we still don't know who who won the OCBL October Cup!
And it's even more unusual that by the time we will know the winners of the OCBL October Cup, the OCBL November Cup will already be over!

As you may remember, on the pre-last day of the October Cup, BBO had a major outage which caused a delay of the remaining matches. Thus, we asked the finalists to agree on a date and it turned out that both preferred to schedule their match after a couple of weeks.
FlyFalcon (A. Wilson, R. van Prooijen, L. Verhees, I. Gronkvist, M. Gronkvist, V. Kiljan and L. Tijssen) will face Moran (T. Hanlon, J. Carroll, T. Garvey, A. Mesbur, N. Fitzgibbon, L. Amoils and G. Barton) on Monday, 8 November to define the winner of the OCBL October Cup.

Meanwhile, many of these players will fight for the OCBL November Cup which is starting today.
The qualification stage will be played over 9 Rounds (12 boards each). Then, the KO will start from the quarterfinals (16 boards per match).

Mind the time schedule! Europe has already switched their time from CEST to CET, while EDT is still being used (till November 7th, when it will switch to EST). The time difference between CET and EDT is only 5 hours (instead of the normal 6 hours we are used to).

NOVEMBER CUP
SCHEDULE TODAY

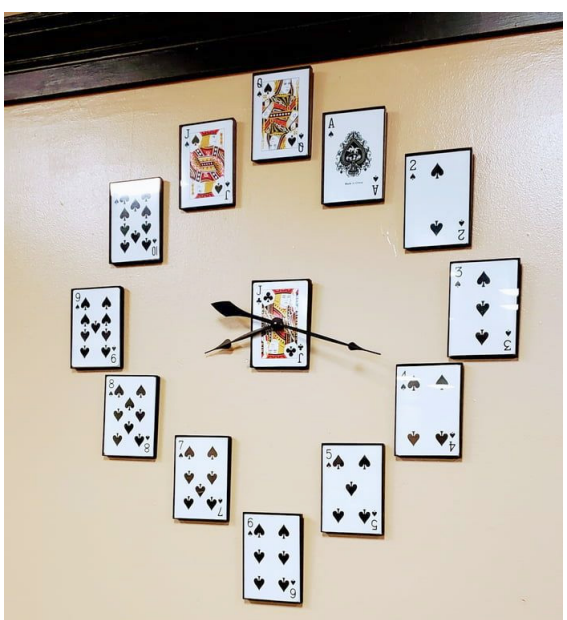
Round 1. 16.00 CET / 11.00 a.m. EDT

Seligman	VS	Friends
Black	VS	New Amateurs
Flyfalcon	VS	Harris
Fredin	VS	Northern Lights
Goodman	VS	Scorway
Rippey	VS	Netbridge
Amoils	VS	Sam

Round 2. 18.00 CET / 1.00 p.m. EDT

Round 3. 20.00 CET / 3.00 p.m. EDT

All the tables will be open to kibitzers



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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

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

Bridge NEWS

Austin is a go!

As you now know, Austin is a go!
More good news for for international travelers are that the restrictions should be lifted on November 8.
The ACBL published the following statement:

From Bridgewinners:
[...] However, we expect the U.S. government to lift the international travel ban on November 8. Once the international travel ban has been lifted:

1. The ACBL will no longer require a quarantine for international travelers.
2. Testing will be optional, but recommended for international travelers 3-5 days after arrival.
3. Someone can arrive on an international flight and compete at the NABC the very next day.

Check your news sources on or about Nov. 8 for the government's announcement that the international travel ban has been lifted.

STARTING TODAY!

OCBL NOVEMBER CUP

FORMAT

Qualification Phase

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a Swiss.
This stage will consist of 108 boards played in 9 matches of 12 boards each.

Knockout Phase

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.

USEFUL LINKS

Line-Up
http://lineup.ocbl.org/event/13

Results
https://ocbl.org/2021-ocbl-november-cup/#results

BBO Links & Handrecords
https://ocbl.org/2021-ocbl-november-cup-records/

Journal
https://ocbl.org/ocbl-journal/

ROSTERS

AMOILS
Hanlon T. (kinder1)
Amoils L. (amoils)
Delmonte I. (ishd)
Kolesnik F. (fkolesnik)
Zamir A. (zamir1)
Toledano O. (orentol)
Carroll J. (coppers)

BLACK
Black A. (boggis)
Gold D. (dagold)
McIntosh A. (mcintosh)
Paske T. (thomas1000)
Hult S. (hultahult)
Hallberg G. (rerack)

FLYFALCON
Wilson A. (flyfalcon)
Van Prooijen R. (riccovp)
Verhees L. (loukie)
Gronkvist I. (Halko)
Gronkvist M. (Mike_G)
Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos)
Mendes De Leon G. (guymdl)
Kiljan V. (Vkill)
Tijssen L. (luctijs)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin)
Apteker A. (alonap)
Gustawsson M. (Lagom)
Sylvan J. (JoppeSyl)
Morath A. (andersm)
Eber N. (eebs)
Bosenberg C. (bosie1)

FRIENDS
Huang W. (wshuang)
Sheng M. (Kainsheng)
Xu E. (edward3048)
Yan W. (wy7199)
Xin I. (jq_sos)
Yang T. (tcyang)
Han Y. (ynh)
Mou W. (wmou)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs)
Harris J. (Jdache)
Igoe N. (ibraves)
Malhasyan E. (master DJ)
Gross S. (sgross)
Gold M. (marusab)
Tiholov T. (polborta)
Trendafilov R. (rumen)
Isporski V. (smileyv)

GOODMAN
Goodman A. (agoodman1)
Dwyer K. (kdwyer)
Compton C. (compton)
Kennedy S. (Kenprop)

NETBRIDGE
Van Den Hoek J. (janonline)
Bremer A. (arisbreem)
Bouwen K. (kebosporto)
Drijver Tom (tdrijverrr)
Drijver Bob (bobdrijver)
Verhaegen M. (Marcel_ve)
Van der Starre M. (martin001)
Huber M. (marijnhu)

NEW AMATEURS
Lo A. (aitail)
Chechelashvili D. (Dato)
Jiang Gu (Jiang_Gu)
Baseggio F. (baseggio)
Falk A. (Allan Falk)
Yang D. (hyang)
Lusky J. (pachyderms)
Kolesnik A. (Kolesnik)

NORTHERN LIGHTS
Rimstedt O. (olarim)
Rimstedt M. (Mikaelrim)
Bussink B. (bart3)
Thuillez M. (Thildou)
Eriksson M. (Magnus_E)

RIPPEY
Rippey M. (radiators)
Bedout P. (pi420)
Nowak K. (kamiln)
Wiankowski P. (vifon_e)
Vallet E. (rasko179)
Stansby J. (jumpshift)
Stansby L. (lew2)
Nawrocki P. (nawrot)

SAM
Van Lankveld J. (ennaji)
Nadel J. (juliejoy)
Ferguson B. (bruceferg)

SCORWAY
Levinson S. (sc0tsteve)
Shenkin B. (Barnets)
Kvangraven N. (Nils123)
Saur O. (Saurdino)
Stornes H. (helsto)
Brekka G. (kaninen)

SELIGMAN
Lesniewski M. (lesniak)
Seligman M. (mseligman)
Kwiecien M. (michal1)
Starkowski W. (wstarkowski)
Kalita J. (paulinka18)
Nowosadzki M. (kot_korba)

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OCBL DECEMBER CUP

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Qualification + Knockout

Qualification:

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KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EST
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Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG