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RANKING AFTER ROUND 5

1	Seligman	72.31
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4	Black	63.64
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7	Fredin	57.01
8	Mass Ave	55.88
9	Practice	52.34
10	Hok	48.86
11	Tulips +	45.83
12	Sugi	43.1
13	Friends	39.64
14	Nederland CO	39.22
15	Orca	37.25
16	Harris	35.85
17	Pigot	33.51
18	Netbridge	21.55

The golden spade awaits...

We are already in the middle of the race.
After five out of 10 Rounds, team Seligman are leading (72.31 VPs).
They are followed by teams New Amateurs (69.36 VPs) and ECF Holding (65.87 VPs).

HAPPY 2022!

We wish you a great 2022!
If you wish to take the most from online Bridge, for your training, amusement and desire to compete at the highest Bridge level, the updated Calendar of OCBL events will be published tomorrow!

Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4

by Brian Senior

Round 1

The OCBL kicks off 2022 with a short, sharp, two-day Swiss event. Eighteen teams are taking part in a 10 x 8-board Swiss event, played over two days, five matches per day – no qualification, no knock-outs, just straight Swiss. Whoever is top of the rankings after 10 matches will be the champions.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Orca v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Crouch*	*Yang*	*Forrester*
–	–	Pass	1♢
1♠	Dble	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
F Helness	*Mak*	*T Helness*	*Wang*
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Crouch and Forrester had a simple negative double auction to the heart game, against which Falk led the six of clubs to the three, ace and jack. Yang returned the eight of spades, Forrester rising with the ace and playing three rounds of diamonds, ruffing. He took a spade pitch on the king of clubs, ruffed a club, and led his last diamond. When the queen turned out to be on his left, he discarded a spade from dummy, Yang also pitching a spade. Falk returned a spade, Forrester discarding a club as Yang ruffed. Back came a club. Forrester ruffed with the queen and was over-ruffed with the bare king. There were two more trumps to be lost from here so he was down two for –200.

Wenfei Wang and Mak had a strong club auction to the same spot, Fredrik Helness leading the ten of diamonds round to Wang's ace. She led the jack of clubs, putting up the king when Fredrik played low, and losing to the ace. The eight of spades was returned to the queen and king, and Fredrik continued with the nine of spades to declarer's jack. Wang played king then ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, then ruffed her last diamond with the ten, over-ruffed by the jack. Tor Helness returned the nine of hearts to the three, king and ace, and Wang played the seven of hearts to the eight and queen then played a winning spade. Tor could ruff but that was all for the defence; down one for –100 but 3 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

Practice v Hok

West	North	East	South
Bakker	*Reiplinger*	*v d Brom*	*Lorenzini*
B Cronier	*Lesmeister*	*P Cronier*	*Ros*
–	–	Pass	1♢
1♠	Dble	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Identical auctions saw the respective Souths become declarer in 4♡.

Benedicte Cronier led the six of clubs to the three, ace and jack, and Philippe returned the eight of spades. Ros won the ace and led a heart to the king and ace then took a spade pitch on the king of clubs. Declarer continued with three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, a club ruff and a second diamond ruff. That was over-ruffed and a spade came back to West's king. There was a trump to be lost from here so the contract was down one for –100.

Bakker too led a club to the three and ace, and van de Brom also switched to the eight of spades. Lorenzini, however, put in the jack, losing to the king. He won the spade continuation with the ace and led a heart to the king and ace. It seemed that therehad to be two trump losers to come from here, with the ♡J98 sitting over dummy's ten, but Lorenzini showed how to solve this problem. He took a diamond pitch on the king of clubs then ruffed a club. Three rounds of diamonds, the third being ruffed, were followed by the established ten of clubs for a spade discard. When v d Brom ruffed the next club, perfroce, Lorenzini discarded his last spade and that left East to lead away from the ♡J9 at trick 12 into declarer's split tenace. That was a very nicely played +620 and 12 IMPs to PRACTICE.

Fredin v Pigot

West	North	East	South
MacAoungh.	*Fredin*	*Pigot*	*Apteker*
–	–	Pass	1♢
1♠	Dble	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Glynn*	*Gustawsson*	*Kenny*
–	–	Pass	1♢
1♠	Dble	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Kenny liked her spade holding so much that she rebid 1NT, 15-17, rather than bid the hearts. One No Trump ended the auction and she made exactly for +90. With Fredin and Apteker following the familiar route to 4♡, there would be a swing, but to whom?

MacAounghusa led a spade round to the eight and queen, a good start for declarer. Apteker played the jack of clubs, covered all around, and back came a spade. Apteker won the ace and led a heart to the king and ace. He played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, took a spade pitch on the ten of clubs, then ruffed a club. Apteker led the fourth diamond but, when the queen appeared on his left, didn't ruff, instead discarding a club from dummy. MacAounghusa played the king of spades, but Apteker didn't ruff, discarding black cards from both hands. Pigot was forced to ruff and lead away from the jack of hearts at the end and that meant that Apteker had the last two tricks and 10 in all; +620 and 11 IMPs to FREDIN.

In total, 13 pairs played in the heart game, with five being successful.

Round 2

A diamond slam is very good on this deal from Round 2.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Friends v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Zomer	*Han*	*Bouwen*	*Yang*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sheng	*v d Hoek*	*GJ Wang*	*Bremer*
–	–	1♣	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♢	Pass
3♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♢	All Pass		

Zomer and Bouwen didn't even find diamonds, despite the natural 1♢ opening. Zomer bid NT and more NT, and Bouwen could hardly insist on playing in a minor, though his singleton spade must have been of some concern. Zomer won the third round of spades and cashed the diamonds, and shortly discovered that he had three heart winners as Yang had discarded once too often from the suit. That meant that Zomer had nine tricks before he came to the club position so could afford to finesse at trick 12 and had 11 tricks for +460.

GJ Wang opened a strong club and the 1NT response showed a balanced positive. Diamonds were quickly agreed but, though Wang showed a heart card followed by a spade control, Sheng was unwilling to co-operate as he had no club control – but perhaps he might have bid 3♠ over 3♡ and that would have seen Wang cuebid 4♣ and now Sheng could have shown his heart card? That would probably have got them to slam. Anyway, 5♢ made 13 tricks for +440 after the lead of the queen of hearts; 1 IMP to NETBRIDGE.

Sugi v Orca

West	North	East	South
Crouch	*Nurkunyil*	*Forrester*	*Sugi*
–	–	1♢	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
4♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♢	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ibradi	*Plackett*	*Lucky*	*Erichsen*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♢	All Pass		

Ibradi responded 1NT rather than support diamonds, and Lucky rebid 3♣. Three Spades was described as showing three cards in the suit, but that looks odd, does it not, as West had bypassed another strong three-card holding? When Plackett doubled and Lucky passed, could Ibradi have redoubled to show the ace? That might have given them a chance of bidding to slam. As it was, the jump to 5♢ ended the auction; +440 after a spade lead.

Crouch made and inverted diamond raise, invitational or better, and Forrester showed his shortage. Crouch marked time with 4♢ but then showed the ace of spades at his next turn, and that was enough for Forrester to bid the slam; +940 after a spade lead, and 11 IMPs to ORCA.

Harris v Mass Ave

West	North	East	South
Robinson	*Isporski*	*Z Grossack*	*Trendafilov*
–	–	1♢	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♣	3♡
Pass	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♢	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Schwartz*	*Malhasyan*	*Ryman*
–	–	1♢	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♢	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♢	All Pass

Via different bids, Harris and Robinson both showed invitational diamond raises with the West cards.

Isporski could double 2♠ to show the suit, and Trendafilov in turn could now make a fit non-jump of 3♡ to show his spade support and side suit. Isporski quickly signed off in 3♠ but now Zack Grossack cuebid twice and Robinson judged well to bid the slam; +940 after a spade lead.

Harris showed the diamond raise via a jump to 3♣, so there was no way into the auction for Schwartz. Malhasyan showed his heart feature, initially a game try and Harris signed off in 4♢. Malhasyan asked for key cards then bid the slam on finding his partner with one; +940 after a heart lead from South, and no swing.

All told, five pairs bid the small slam, while 10 played the diamond game, two played in 3NT, and one stopped in 2♢ – oops!

Jonathan Harris

Round 3

Some players upgrade their hands to open 1NT at any excuse, while others need a better reason to do so. On Board 5, the upgrade led to a poor and unsuccessful game being reached, while it was possible to go plus after opening one of a suit.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Black v Seligman

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*McIntosh*	*Klukowski*	*Paske*
–	1♢	Pass	2♡
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	*Seligman*	*Hult*	*Kwiecien*
–	1NT	Pass	3♡
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

Seligman upgraded the North hand into a strong NT opener and Kwiecien responded 3♡, game-forcing with short hearts. Hallberg doubled for the lead but Seligman had a very suitable heart holding for NT so converted to 3NT, ending the auction. Hult duly led the nine of hearts, which Hallberg ducked to declarer's ten. Seligman cashed all the diamonds, pitching a heart from hand, then tried a low spade to his nine. That lost to the ten and he had just a heart and a club to come so was down one for –100.

McIntosh opened 1♢ and Paske showed a limit raise. When Starkowski doubled to show hearts, McIntosh liked his own holding sufficiently to upgrade and jump to 3NT. Klukowski trusted declarer's bidding so led a low club rather than a heart. That was ducked to the king and a club returned to the jack, queen and ace. McIntosh led a heart to his ten, which held, of course, then cashed all the diamonds before leading a spade to the nine and ten. The defence had two more spades, a club and a heart to cash, so the contract was down two for –200 and 3 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

Harris v Tilly

West	North	East	South
Tommasini	*Isporski*	*Norton*	*Trendafilov*
–	1♢	Pass	3♢
3♡	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♢	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
M Gold	*King*	*Tiholov*	*Castner*
–	1♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	Pass
3♡	Dble	All Pass	

Isporski's 1♢ opening promised four cards and 3♢ was a Mixed Raise. Tommasini overcalled and that ran back to Trendafilov, who competed with 4♣, converted to 4♢ by Isporski. Norton led the nine of hearts. Tommasini won the ace and found the necessary low spade switch. Norton won the ace and continued the suit, and Tommasini won the king. In the fullness of time, the defence had to come to a club for the setting trick; down one for –100.

Castner's 3♣ was a limit raise in diamonds. Marusa Gold passed for now but, when King's 3♢ sign-off came back to her, she balanced with 3♡, collecting a prompt penalty double from King to conclude the auction. King led ace then a low diamond to Castner's king. Castner switched to his heart, ducked to the ten, and King in turn switched to the jack of spades, the right card to give declarer a problem in the suit. Gold won in hand with the king and played the king of clubs then, when that held the trick, continued wither her remaining club to the jack, queen and ace. The spade loser went away on the clubs now but there were still two trump losers to come so the contract was down two for –300 and 9 IMPs to TILLY.

Orca v Tulips

West	North	East	South
V Cleeff	*Plackett*	*Witvliet*	*Erichsen*
–	1NT	Pass	3♡
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
F Helness	*Jansma*	*H Helness*	*Levin*
–	1♢	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	Pass
3♡	Pass	Pass	4♢
All Pass			

Plackett opened 1NT and Erichsen showed game values with a heart shortage. When Van Cleeff doubled, Plackett bid 3NT. Witvliet led the three of hearts, Van Cleef ducking dummy's eight. Plackett led a diamond to his ace followed by a spade to the queen and king. Van Cleeff returned a spade, so Witvliet won the ten but returned the remaining heart rather than attempt to cash out the suit. Van Cleeff played low, so Plackett won the ten and played the ♡ K. Van Cleeff won that and returned a spade, so Witvliet won two of those and the contract was down one for –100.

At the other table, Jansma opened 1♢ and Betty Levin responded with a 3♣ limit raise in diamonds. Fredrik passed over that but, when Jansma's 3♢ sign-off came back to him, competed with 3♡. Jansma did not double, and when 3♡ came round to Levin, she looked at her five good diamonds and heart shortage, and competed to 4♢, ending the auction. Tor led a heart. Fredrik won the ace and failed to find the killing spade switch, instead continuing with a second heart. Jansma put in the ten, throwing a spade from dummy, drew trumps, and discarded dummy's remaining spades on the king and queen of hearts. There was just one club to be lost, so Jansma had 11 tricks for +130 and 6 IMPs to TULIPS.

Half the field played in 3NT, with just two being successful when the defence went wrong, once doubled. The six Norths who opened 1NT all ended up in the NT game.

Round 4

For a change, let's have a match report. On a set of boards where most matches started very quietly, MASS AVE piled on the points over the early boards in their match against PRACTICE.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Schwartz*	*Reiplinger*	*Ryman*
–	1♡	1NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Robinson	*Kamil*	*Z Grossack*	*P Cronier*
–	1♡	Dble	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Reiplinger overcalled 1NT and played there. Ryman led the nine of hearts to the jack and king, so Reiplinger just cashed his clubs and the defence then had two aces and four heart winners; contract just made for +90.

Grossack thought he was too good for a simple 1NT overcall so started with a double, then bid 1NT at his next turn and Robinson raised him to game. Grossack too received the nine of hearts lead to the jack and king. Needing nine tricks, he played a diamond at trick two, Cronier ducking the ace so dummy's king scored. A spade off the dummy was also ducked as North assumed that declarer still had a second heart stopper. But when the ♠K scored it was time to run for home, cashing the six club winners; contract just made for +400 and 7 IMPs to MASS AVE.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Schwartz*	*Reiplinger*	*Ryman*
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Robinson	*Kamil*	*Z Grossack*	*P Cronier*
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♢	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♢	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Reiplinger opened 1♠ and repeated the suit over the 2♢ response. Lorenzini left room for a slam try with his forcing raise to 3♠, but Reiplinger signed off in game and that was that. Ryman led a heart, Schwartz winning the ace and switching to a club, but Reiplinger had no difficulty in coming to 12 tricks when diamonds divided evenly; +480.

Grosscak too opened 1♠ but rebid 2NT to show his balanced hand-type. When Robinson showed her spade support, having already limited his hand, Grossack was happy to show the diamond card, just in case partner had a serious slam ambition. Yes, she did, and after checking on key cards and the trump queen, Robinson bid the small slam. After a club lead, slam is pretty dreadful, but it had one rather important merit – it was cold. Grossack won the ace of clubs and played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing high. Two rounds of trumps ending in dummy put him where he needed to be to cash the diamonds and dispose of both club losers, and he could then lead a heart and ruff as many as were necessary – one as it happened; 12 tricks for +980 and 11 IMPs to MASS AVE.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Schwartz*	*Reiplinger*	*Ryman*
–	–	–	1♢
♢ass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Robinson	*Kamil*	*Z Grossack*	*P Cronier*
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♡	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

Lorenzini led the eight of spades against Ryman's peacefull 2NT contract. That went to the two, queen and ace, and cashed the ace and king of clubs then led a low heart towards her jack. Reiplinger went in with the king and played the queen of diamonds. Reading the position perfectly, Ryman ducked but then won the diamond continuation with the ace. She cashed the clubs now before playing the ♡J, and Reiplinger was endplayed, forced to give a trick to either dummy's ♡Q or the ♠J; eight tricks for a very well read +120.

Cronier opened 1♣ and Kamil responded 1♠ but then passed the 1NT rebid. That convinced Grossack to come in with a double, implying som e heart length and strength, and Robinson took it out to 2♠, doubled by North to show his maximum pass. The double ended the auction, and North led the ace of clubs, ruffed by Robinson, who led a diamond to the queen and ace. Cronier played ace and another trump to cut down the ruffs, but that wasn't good enough. Robinson won the second spade, ruffed a club and led a heart to the ten, losing to the jack. But Cronier didn't have a third trump to lead. Instead, he returned a club, which Robinson ruffed. She led a heart to the nine and king and cashed the last spade in dummy. A diamond to the king was followed by a heart to the eight, and the ace of hearts was the overtrick; +870 and 14 IMPs to MASS AVE.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Schwartz*	*Reiplinger*	*Ryman*
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Robinson	*Kamil*	*Z Grossack*	*P Cronier*
1♣	2♡	3♢	4♡
5♢	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♢	All Pass

Lorenzini opened with a Precision 2♣ and Reiplinger simply blasted 3NT. Ryman led a low spade to the queen and ace, and Schwartz returned the nine of spades then, when that was ducked, continued with his last spade to declarer's king. Reiplinger cashed all the diamonds now and, as Ryman kept three clubs, next cashed the ace of hearts before leading a club to the ace and still had to make another club at trick 13; 10 tricks for +630.

Robinson opened at the one level and Grossack bid diamonds over the weak jump overcall. When Robinson could bid 5♢ over the 4♡ raise, Grossack made a grand slam try for settling for the small slam. Cronier led the jack of spades to his partner's ace and back came a second spade to dummy's queen, after which Grossack had the rest for +1370 and 12 IMPs to MASS AVE.

Adam Grossack

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Schwartz*	*Reiplinger*	*Ryman*
–	Pass	Pass	1♡
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Robinson	*Kamil*	*Z Grossack*	*P Cronier*
–	Pass	Pass	1♡
Pass	2♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Ryman contented herself with a game try over Schwartz's simple raise. Two No Trump showed spade values and Ryman bid out her pattern before accepting Schwartz's signoff in 3♡. Lorenzini led the jack of clubs and, when that held the trick, continued with the ♣10, ruffed by declarer. Ryman led a spade to the jack then took a heart finesse. Three rounds of diamonds came next, Reiplinger winning the third round and returning a spade to the queen and ace. A heart finesse was followed by the king of spades. Reiplinger ruffed that and returned his last trump, so Lorenzini won the last trick with a spade; nine tricks for +140.

Cronier simply bid game over his partner's heart raise. Robinson led the jack of clubs but Grossack rose with the ace and switched to a low diamond. Had he but known it, that had given Cronier a chance, but the position was far from clear and he put in the king. A spade to the jack was followed by a heart to the queen, a spade to the ace, and a heart to the jack. Cronier tried the king of spades next, but that was ruffed and Grossack returned the ♡K. That left Cronier with two losers and no way to avoid them; down one for –100 and 6 more IMPs to MASS AVE.

Board 7 was an overtrick IMP to MASS AVE in 3NT, but then they gained one more swing on Board 7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Schwartz*	*Reiplinger*	*Ryman*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	3♢	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Robinson	*Kamil*	*Z Grossack*	*P Cronier*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♢	3♢
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Grossack's simple 2♢ overcall left room for Cronier to cuebid to show a constructive spade raise, and Kamil had enough to accept the invitation. Grossack led the queen of diamonds, won by dummy's ace. Declarer crossed to the ace of spades to lead a heart to the jack and ace and back came a diamond to the king. The diamond continuation was ruffed and over-ruffed and back came a heart to the king. Grossack got out with a third heart and had to come to the king of clubs at the end; down two for –200.

Reiplinger's jump overcall left no room for Ryman and when she bid 3♠ Schwartz knew this could hav ebeen done under pressure so he gave her some leeway and passed out 3♠. Schwartz won the diamond lead and cashed the three top spades before playing a heart to the jack and ace. Lorenzini led a heart back to his partner's king and Reiplinger cashed the ♢Q then got out with the third heart. Schwartz discarded a club then played ace and another, and had nine tricks for +140 and 8 IMPs to MASS AVE.

PRACTICE finally got on the board on the final deal, picking up +500 from 4♠ doubled while conceding only –300 from 3♠ doubled, but it was far too little and far too late. MASS AVE had won the match by 59-5 IMPs, 20-0 VPs.

MASS AVE had scored 59 IMPs, while the three matches at tables one, two and three only totaled 50 IMPs between them. Everything had gone wrong for their opponents.

OCBL WED-THU SWISS - RESULTS

ROUND 1

Black	20 VPs 58 IMPs	0 VPs 4 IMPs	Sugi
Seligman	15.23 VPs 19 IMPs	4.77 VPs 4 IMPs	Friends
Orca	0.26 VPs 1 IMPs	19.74 VPs 41 IMPs	New Amateurs
Nederland CO	8.73 VPs 10 IMPs	11.27 VPs 13 IMPs	Harris
Fredin	17.69 VPs 33 IMPs	2.31 VPs 7 IMPs	Pigot
Mass Ave	7.23 VPs 25 IMPs	12.77 VPs 32 IMPs	Tilly
Practice	15.23 VPs 20 IMPs	4.77 VPs 5 IMPs	Hok
Tulips +	3.1 VPs 2 IMPs	16.9 VPs 24 IMPs	ECF Holding
Netbridge	4.77 VPs 11 IMPs	15.23 VPs 26 IMPs	Daugava

ROUND 2

Black	16.23 VPs 19 IMPs	3.77 VPs 0 IMPs	New Amateurs
Fredin	7.58 VPs 5 IMPs	12.42 VPs 11 IMPs	ECF Holding
Seligman	18.04 VPs 44 IMPs	1.96 VPs 16 IMPs	Daugava
Practice	17.87 VPs 29 IMPs	2.13 VPs 2 IMPs	Tilly
Harris	2.89 VPs 1 IMPs	17.11 VPs 24 IMPs	Mass Ave
Nederland CO	5.04 VPs 22 IMPs	14.96 VPs 36 IMPs	Hok
Friends	17.11 VPs 25 IMPs	2.89 VPs 2 IMPs	Netbridge
Tulips +	13.45 VPs 22 IMPs	6.55 VPs 13 IMPs	Pigot
Orca	14.68 VPs 17 IMPs	5.32 VPs 4 IMPs	Sugi

ROUND 3

Black	2.69 VPs 6 IMPs	17.31 VPs 30 IMPs	Seligman
Practice	0 VPs 3 IMPs	20 VPs 49 IMPs	ECF Holding
Fredin	14.68 VPs 34 IMPs	5.32 VPs 21 IMPs	Mass Ave
New Amateurs	18.68 VPs 33 IMPs	1.32 VPs 1 IMPs	Friends
Hok	13.12 VPs 20 IMPs	6.88 VPs 12 IMPs	Daugava
Tulips +	17.69 VPs 29 IMPs	2.31 VPs 3 IMPs	Orca
Tilly	14.09 VPs 30 IMPs	5.91 VPs 19 IMPs	Harris
Nederland CO	6.55 VPs 1 IMPs	13.45 VPs 10 IMPs	Pigot
Netbridge	1.32 VPs 6 IMPs	18.68 VPs 38 IMPs	Sugi

ROUND 4

Seligman	7.95 VPs 2 IMPs	12.05 VPs 7 IMPs	ECF Holding
New Amateurs	11.67 VPs 13 IMPs	8.33 VPs 9 IMPs	Fredin
Black	13.45 VPs 14 IMPs	6.55 VPs 5 IMPs	Tulips +
Practice	0 VPs 5 IMPs	20 VPs 59 IMPs	Mass Ave
Hok	2.89 VPs 2 IMPs	17.11 VPs 25 IMPs	Tilly
Daugava	14.68 VPs 26 IMPs	5.32 VPs 13 IMPs	Sugi
Friends	9.56 VPs 20 IMPs	10.44 VPs 21 IMPs	Pigot
Nederland CO	17.87 VPs 34 IMPs	2.13 VPs 7 IMPs	Orca
Harris	9.56 VPs 17 IMPs	10.44 VPs 18 IMPs	Netbridge

ROUND 5

ECF Holding	4.5 VPs 3 IMPs	15.5 VPs 19 IMPs	New Amateurs
Seligman	13.78 VPs 27 IMPs	6.22 VPs 17 IMPs	Mass Ave
Black	11.27 VPs 9 IMPs	8.73 VPs 6 IMPs	Fredin
Tilly	14.96 VPs 24 IMPs	5.04 VPs 10 IMPs	Tulips +
Daugava	18.97 VPs 36 IMPs	1.03 VPs 2 IMPs	Nederland CO
Hok	13.12 VPs 20 IMPs	6.88 VPs 12 IMPs	Friends
Practice	19.24 VPs 42 IMPs	0.76 VPs 6 IMPs	Pigot
Harris	6.22 VPs 22 IMPs	13.78 VPs 32 IMPs	Sugi
Netbridge	2.13 VPs 9 IMPs	17.87 VPs 36 IMPs	Orca

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1	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	3.25
	Mak Kwok-fai, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	3.25
3	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF Holding	1.88
	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF Holding	1.88
5	A. Imsa, (nostrijs)	Daugava	1.75
	A. Germanis, (aigars31)	Daugava	1.75
7	P. Grünke, (thetaker)	Tilly	1.63
8	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	1.38
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	1.38
10	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	1.33
	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	1.33
12	D. Maggs, (robbroy)	Sugi	1.31
	P. Norman, (gb1959)	Sugi	1.31
14	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	New Amateurs	1.25
15	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	1.13
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	1.13
17	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	1.1
	M. Klukowski, (skrzat96)	Seligman	1.1
19	L. Robinson, (saba)	Mass Ave	1.08
	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Mass Ave	1.08
21	J. Wolpert, (Rymanjenny)	Mass Ave	0.96
22	E. Eide, (bloodaxe)	ECF Holding	0.85
	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF Holding	0.85
	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.85
25	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.75
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0.75
27	I. Rubenis, (banco1)	Daugava	0.71
	J. Neimanis, (zombis)	Daugava	0.71
29	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.7
	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.7
31	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF Holding	0.69
	S. Høyland, (sioslo)	ECF Holding	0.69
33	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Tilly	0.68
34	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Tilly	0.63
	E. Schwartz, (Waldorf1)	Mass Ave	0.63
36	Y. Han, (ynh)	Friends	0.59
	T. Yang, (tcyang)	Friends	0.59
38	B. Cronier, (patapon)	Practice	0.54
	T. Tuwanakotta, (tjali)	Nederland CO	0.54
	J. Verhees, (j verhees)	Nederland CO	0.54
41	J. Cleeff, (IMP_Jan)	Tulips +	0.5
	M. Witvliet, (donkeyM)	Tulips +	0.5
43	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	0.44
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	0.44
45	G. Wang, (kaisadadi)	Friends	0.38
46	Ji. Beni, (beni ji)	Sugi	0.33
47	P. Cronier, (phicro2)	Practice	0.25
	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	0.25
49	S. Tommasini, (Stefanot)	Tilly	0.18
50	D. Walsh, (dodge31)	Pigot	0.13
	C. Coyne, (ciaran)	Pigot	0.13
52	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.08
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	0.08
54	P. Crouch, (pitiful)	Orca	0.06
	T. Forrester, (Anthonyf)	Orca	0.06
56	P. King, (philking)	Tilly	0.04
	F. Nando, (tj3n)	Sugi	0.04
58	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	0
	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	0
60	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	-0.06
	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	-0.06
62	E. Glynn, (lahinch)	Pigot	-0.13
	J. Kenny, (joankenny)	Pigot	-0.13
64	P. Coppens, (pimcop)	Hok	-0.19
65	K. Bakker, (keesbak)	Hok	-0.23
66	R. Reiplinger, (reipl57)	Practice	-0.25
67	S. Rojko, (cmrlj)	Nederland CO	-0.31
	S. Gannes, (Seang)	Nederland CO	-0.31
69	G. Ros, (rosgjw)	Hok	-0.33
	J. Lesmeister, (jlesme)	Hok	-0.33
71	B. Levin, (Levin123)	Tulips +	-0.38
	J. Jansma, (jan_jansma)	Tulips +	-0.38
	L. van de Brom, (LBrom)	Hok	-0.38
	I. Gillespie, (lukeg)	Mass Ave	-0.38
75	B. Green, (benjy)	Tilly	-0.5
76	C. Lorenzini, (pierced)	Practice	-0.55
77	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-0.56
	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	-0.56
79	A. Jansma, (aida_mk_nl)	Tulips +	-0.63
	J. Hop, (Dutcho)	Tulips +	-0.63
	R. Walker, (Rob)	Nederland CO	-0.63
	T. Lucassen, (Lucassen)	Nederland CO	-0.63
	U. Jansons, (ugisj)	Daugava	-0.63
	A. Smilgajs, (smilgajs)	Daugava	-0.63
85	B. Bussink, (bart3)	Mass Ave	-0.75
	e. Wood, (ewood14)	Mass Ave	-0.75
	M. Sheng, (Kainsheng)	Friends	-0.75
	M. Gustawsson, (Lagom)	Fredin	-0.75
	K. Lucky, (leonhart)	Sugi	-0.75
	E. Xu, (edward3048)	Friends	-0.75
	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.75
92	R. Zaleski, (borno)	Practice	-0.84
93	T. Helness, (Helstokk)	Orca	-0.88
	F. Helness, (Fredrik101)	Orca	-0.88
95	M. Fernando Christian, (elang)	Sugi	-1.19
96	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-1.21
97	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-1.25
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.25
99	O. Yilmaz, (ovncylmz)	Nederland CO	-1.33
	D. Seker, (possessed)	Nederland CO	-1.33
101	E. Erichsen, (espene)	Orca	-1.46
	R. Plackett, (hoofie)	Orca	-1.46
103	P. Pigot, (ppiglett)	Pigot	-1.83
	D. MacAonghusa, (donalmac)	Pigot	-1.83
105	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.88
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-1.88
	W. Huang, (wshuang)	Friends	-1.88
108	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-2.06
109	H. Sugiharto, (sugi)	Sugi	-2.29
	A. Nurkunyil, (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-2.29
111	X. Li, (jq_sos)	Friends	-2.5
	Y. Zhang, (snake doc)	Friends	-2.5
113	Tom Drijver, (tdrijverrr)	Netbridge	-4.63
102	R. Rasmussen, (helle_r)	Multi	-2.43