Online Contract Bridge League

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WINTER ONLINE GAMES

TUE-THU SWISS
RANKING AFTER ROUND 4

1	Swedish Juniors	63.24
2	Winter Soldiers	54.89
3	Fredin	47.75
4	Roiko	46.82
5	Moses	46.32
6	Apple	46.04
7	Smart Rabbit	45.85
8	New Amateurs	45.1
9	Netbridge	41.97
10	Germany Juniors	41.91
11	Seligman	41.6
12	ECF Holding	38.92
13	Harris	38.1
14	FLYFALCON	36.79
15	Denmark	33.92
16	England Juniors	29.41
17	Black	28.15
18	Ferguson	27.82
19	East - West	27.28
20	Tulips ++	18.12

Dargoljub Pavlov, Bora Vitorac - Playing Cards in the Snow 1962

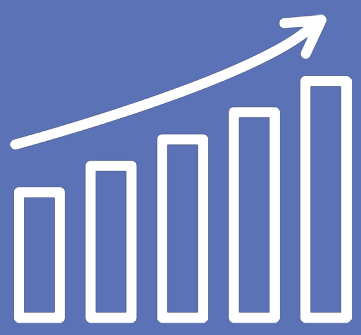
20 teams are playing the OCBL TUE-THU Swiss!

We are glad that the new format of the OCBL events has been widely appreciated.

The tournament has just begun, but the Juniors from **Sweden** are leading the **winter** race.

8 more rounds will be played: 4 today and 4 tomorrow, so all the teams have still plenty of hopes to win this winter competition... Just make sure that your internet connection doesn't get frozen!

STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE!



Check out the new OCBL tool!

https://public.tableau.com/views/OCBL2022TopDeclarersandDefenders/Topdeclarersanddefenders?:language=en-US&publish=yes&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link%3AshowVizHome=no#2

SCHEDULE TODAY

All the tables will be closed to kibitzers, but the matches will be broacast on Vugraph.
The show will be delayed by 15 minutes.

Round 5. 16.00 CET / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Swedish Juniors	VS	Winter Soldiers
Fredin	VS	Moses
Roiko	VS	Apple
Smart Rabbit	VS	New Amateurs
Netbridge	VS	Germany Juniors
Seligman	VS	ECF Holding
Harris	VS	Denmark
FLYFALCON	VS	England Juniors
Black	VS	Ferguson
East - West	VS	Tulips ++

Round 6. 17.30 CET / 11.30 a.m. EST

Round 7. 19.00 CET / 1.00 p.m. EST

Round 8. 20.30 CET / 2.30 p.m. EST

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE - THU SWISS
1 - 3 March, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 1 March	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 2 March	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 3 March	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

TUE - WED SWISS
26 - 27 April, 2022

10 Rounds x 8 boards

	CET	EST
Tuesday, 26 April	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Wednesday, 27 April	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

MAY CUP
10 - 13 May, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 10 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 11 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 12 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 13 May	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

TUE - THU SWISS
7 - 9 June, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CET	EST
Tuesday, 7 June	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 8 June	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 9 June	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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The Generation Game

by Mark Horton

Although face-to-face bridge is slowly resuming, online events continue to be popular. 20 teams lined up for the latest OCBL Tuesday-Thursday Swiss, one of the many pleasing aspects being the participation of Junior squads representing Sweden, Germany and England. With four ten board matches being completed every day there were sure to be lots of deals to keep the players on their toes.

Round 1

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

This is a tricky deal for EW – they have decent values and an excellent fit in diamonds, but with diamonds 3-1 3NT has little chance and although 5♢ is theoretically makeable as long as West is declarer, it is far from easy. It would hardly be a crime to stop in a diamond partscore.

Black v German Juniors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pabst	*Hallberg*	*Farwig*	*Hult*
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♢*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♢ Any game force

North led the ♡7 and declarer had to try dummy's queen, South winning with the king and returning the ♡10. Declarer won in dummy pitching a spade, unblocked the ♠A, and then cashed the top diamonds, North discarding the ♣6. When declarer exited with a diamond South won, cashed the ♡9 and then played a club for the king and ace. North cashed the ♣J and the ♡J and then played another club South winning and playing a spade which meant the contract was four down, -400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Stepper*	*Black*	*Bauer*
1♢*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♢*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♢	All Pass

1♢ Usually unbalanced
2♢ Inverted
4♢ 'Setting ♢ as trump'
5♣ Cuebid

North led the ♡6 and when declarer put in dummy's queen South won and switched to the ♣7, North winning with the ten, cashing the ace and exiting with the ♡4. Declarer ruffed and cashed the top diamonds, finishing three down, -300 and perhaps being surprised to discover that was worth 3 IMPs.

Seligman v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Seligman*	*Wang*	*Pszczola*
1♢*	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♢	All Pass

1♢ 2+♢
1♠ 'Promises 4+♢'
3♢ Game forcing

North led the ♢7 for the two, ten and ace and declarer played a heart to the ace, unblocked the ♠A, ruffed a heart and advanced the ♠Q, covered by the king and ruffed in dummy. A heart ruff felled South's king and declarer cashed the ♢K and the ♠J, pitching a club ruffed a spade and played the ♡Q claiming his contract. Well bid and well played for +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Chechelash.*	*Kwiecien*	*Gu*
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♢	All Pass

2♢ Game forcing
2♠ 4-1-4-4

Here too North led the ♢7 for the two, ten and ace and declarer crossed to dummy with a heart, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ace and ruffed another heart. As the cards lie the only winning move now is to run the ♠Q, but declarer cashed the ♢K getting the bade news and then ruffed a spade and played the ♡Q. South matched that with the ♢Q and played the ♣5 for one down and 12 IMPs.

East-West v ECF Holdings

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Heiberg-E	*Smirnov*	*Evenstad*	*van Oosten*
1♢*	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♢	Pass	3♢*	All Pass

1♢ 3+♢
2♣ XYZ, either nay invitational hand or weak with ♢
3♢ Invitational

With little more than a bare minimum and a 4-1-4-4 West turned down his partner's overture. (5 other pairs managed to stop in 3♢.) North led the ♡6 for the queen and king and South's return of the ♣5 was accompanied by the king and ace, North continuing with the jack and another club. Declarer ruffed in dummy with the ♢9, ruffed a heart and cashed the top diamonds. When the suit failed to break 2-2 he had to be content with eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Macura	*Eide*	*Barb*	*Thoresen*
1♢*	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♡*	Pass	6♢	All Pass

1♢ (4)5+ ♢
2♣ Fourth suit forcing
3♡ 'No special agreement'
4♣ 'Control'
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 key cards, no ♢Q

Given that EW had no real agreement about the meaning of 3♡ it was a brave bid that didn't work. After the standard heart lead for the queen and king declarer covered the ♣5 with the king, finishing three down when the diamonds didn't divide, -300 and a 9 IMP loss.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

EW can make a lot of tricks in hearts or clubs, but NS have a big fit in spades. It's the type of deal that lends itself to producing swings.

David Gold

Roiko v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ganness	*Apteker*	*Rojko*	*Gower*
—	—	1♣	1♠
2♡	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♠A and switched to the ♢2, North taking the ace and returning the three. Declarer won with the king, played the ♡J for the queen and ace and ran the ♣8, claiming on the next round for +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Barbosa*	*Gustawsson*	*Pessoa*
—	—	3♣*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠*	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♣*	All Pass

3♣ 'Constructive preempt'
4♢ 'Cue with good hand for hearts'
4♠ 'Cue'
5♣ 'Cue, not worried about spades (2nd control)'

East did a lot of bidding! What would a rebid of 3♠ have meant? If it is a cue bid then it allows West to cue bid in either minor, which would give East useful information.

South led the ♢2 and North won, cashed the ♠K and then tried a second diamond. Declarer won, crossed to dummy and ran the ♣7, +600 but a 4 IMP loss.

Moses v Ferguson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
van Lankveld	*Smith*	*van den Bos*	*Moses*
—	—	1♣*	1♠
2♢*	4♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
2♢ 5+♡

West led the ♡A and when East followed with the three he took the ♡K before switching to the ♣8. Declarer ruffed the second round of clubs with the ♠10, drew trumps and played two rounds of diamonds, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donner	*Snellers*	*Rimstedt*	*de Boer*
—	—	2♣*	2♠
Dble*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	5♠	Dble	All Pass

2♣ 10-15, 6+♣

The play was identical to that of the other table; being a level higher meant the contract was two down, -300 and a 6 IMP swing.

Winter Soldiers v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
T Drijver	*A Grossack*	*Bouwen*	*Schwartz*
—	—	1♣*	1♠
2♢	4♠	5♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
2♢ Hearts

South led the ♠A and switched to the ♢4, North taking the ace and returning the three. Declarer won, played the ♡J to the ace, ruffed a spade with the ♡10 and played a second heart followed by the ♣8, +850.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grossack	*de Haas*	*McNay*	*Been*
—	—	3♣	Pass
4♣	4♠	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

5♣ Cue

Don't you just love holding spades! Declarer was two down on the standard defence but that was worth 13 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

EW can score 12 tricks in hearts. Both teams reached it in three of the ten matches:

Seligman v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Seligman*	*Wang*	*Pszczola*
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

1♣ 16+
2NT 1444 ♠ short
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1/4 key cards
5♢ ♡Q?
6♣ ♣K+♡Q

North led the ♢8 and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the ace, cashed three clubs pitching the ♢10 and continued with the ♠7. South took the ace and returned the ♣J, but declarer matched it with the ♡J, drew trumps and claimed, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Chechelash.*	*Kwiecien*	*Gu*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♢*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

2♣ 2+♣
3♠ 4522
3NT Cue ♠
4♣ Cue
4♢ Cue
Rdbl First round control
4♠ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards

North led the ♢8, the only difference in the play being that declarer took a second round of trumps with dummy's queen before playing three rounds of clubs, +1430.

Roiko v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ganness	*Apteker*	*Rojko*	*Gower*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢*	Dble
Pass	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

2♣ Game forcing
4♢ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards

North led the ♢8 and declarer took the line that involved drawing two rounds of trumps, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Barbosa*	*Gustawsson*	*Pessoa*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♢*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♢*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♢*	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

2NT Game forcing with support
3♢ Extras, no shortage
3♠ Splinter
4♣ Cue
4♢ Cue
Rdbl Ace
4NT RKCB
5♢ 1/5 key cards

Here declarer took only one round of trumps, +1430.

Moses v Ferguson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
van Lankveld	*Smith*	*van den Bos*	*Moses*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	Pass	3♢	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

3♢ Any splinter
4♢ 'Single ♠, medium strength within 10-14'
4NT ♠ Cue

This time declarer took the two-trump line, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donner	*Snellers*	*Rimstedt*	*de Boer*
—	—	—	1♢
Dble	Pass	2♢*	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards

Along with van Oosten and Trendafilov, de Boer opened the South hand 1♢. It did not

prevent NS from bidding the slam, declarer following established precedent to record 12 tricks.

Round 2

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

EW can score 12 tricks in diamonds (and notrumps with a good view) and on a really good day they can collect all the tricks playing in spades.

East – West v Moses

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Donner	*Smirnov*	*Rimstedt*	*van Oosten*
1♣*	1♡	Dble*	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♢	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

1♣ 16+, artificial
Dble Game forcing, usually no five-card suit
4♣ Cue
4♡ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3

North led the ♠2 and declarer won with the queen, cashed the ♣A, went to dummy with a spade, ruffed a club, crossed to the ♡A, cashed the ♠K and advanced the ♢J, claiming when South covered, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Macura	*Dwyer*	*Barb*	*Goodman*
1♢*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣*	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		

1♢ (4)5+♢
3♣ Fourth suit
Rdbl A or Kxx

Giorgia Botta

Was East hoping to find West with the ♣ Kxx?

South led the ♡10 and declarer won with the ace, played a heart to the king and ruffed a heart. South overruffed and exited with the ♣8, declarer continuing with a spade to the ace, a diamond to the ace, a spade to the king, a diamond to the king and the ♠Q. He was up to eight tricks, but the defenders had the rest, one down, -200 and a 15 IMP swing.

If declarer had decided to play South for a shortage in hearts he could have made his contract by playing on clubs, eventually getting the diamonds right.

Netbridge v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*de Haas*	*McIntosh*	*Been*
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♢*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♡	Pass
5♢	Pass	6♢	All Pass

3♢ Game forcing

North led the ♣2 and having won perforce with the ace declarer played three rounds of hearts, ruffing with dummy's jack. South could overruff, but declarer then claimed the rest, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
van der Starre		*Black*	*HuberGold*
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣*	Dble
3♠	Pass	6♢	All Pass

3♣ Fourth suit

North led the ♣5 and the play followed a similar course, +920.

Round 3

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

On the face of it, this is an innocuous looking deal, NS having the values to bid and make 3NT. However, appearances can be deceptive.

Black v Winter Soldiers

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marker	*Hallberg*	*Botta*	*Hult*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	1NT	Dble
All Pass			

West's final pass asked partner to redouble, but either East forgot, or wasn't interested in going a level higher.

South led the ♡6 and that gave declarer an extra trick – two down, -500. As we shall see in a moment, 'twas but a scratch'.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Z Grossack*	*McIntosh*	*McNay*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	1NT	Dble
Rdbl*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♢*	Dble	All Pass	

Rdbl Puppet to 2♣
2♣ Forced
2♢ Diamonds

It was very much a case of 'out of the frying pan….'.

North led the ♠J and tried to cash some hearts. North ruffed the second round, cashed the ♣K and then played the ♠K followed by the ten, South discarding the ♡5. Two rounds of clubs put South on lead and he returned the ♡J, ruffed by declarer's eight and overruffed by North who exited with the last club. South ruffed with the ♢A and played the ♡10. If declarer ruffs with the ♡10 South's ♢Q9 will be good for two tricks so he tried the ♢6 but North ruffed with the seven, giving him his third trump trick (!) and -1400 which equated to 14 IMPs.

Several players decided to overcall North's 1♠ with 2♡. North re-opened with a double and that meant -800.

Tulips ++ v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Verdegaal	*Seligman*	*Thiele*	*Pszczola*
—	—	—	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♢ Game forcing

West led the ♢8 and declarer won with the queen and played the ♠Q, East taking the ace and switching to the ♡9. Declarer won with the jack and cashed winners, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*J Jansma*	*Kwiecen*	*Levin*
—	—	—	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♢ Game forcing check back

West led the ♣6 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played on spades, East taking the second round and again switching to the ♡9 – no swing.

It looks as if South's 1♡ opening gets EW out of danger, but….

ECF Holdings v England Juniors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lie	*Powell*	*Fasting*	*Hutton*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Here is an example of the 2♡ overcall. It's a little unlucky – you would like a sixth heart, but your suit is robust enough for you not to expect to be doubled. As you can see, it is three down without the option, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Anoyrkatis	*Eide*	*Winter*	*Thoresen*
—	—	—	1♡
Pass	1♠	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♢	Dble	All Pass	

Opening bids are getting lighter by the minute, and responses can be wafer thin. That means you need to use 1NT to show a decent hand. East had the values, but here South had already bid hearts, which makes bidding somewhat riskier.

North led the ♡3 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond for the nine, ten and king. North switched to the ♠K and when it held he continued with the jack, declarer taking dummy's ace and playing the ♢J. South won with the queen and returned the ♡10, North's ruff ensuring four down, -1100 and 7 IMPs.

Round 4

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Moses v Swedish Juniors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goodman	*Gustafsson*	*Dwyer*	*Bern*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing, 2+♣
2♠ 6+♠

West led the ♡3 holding declarer to eleven tricks, 450.

Joris van Lankveld

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abragi	*Smith*	*Warlenius*	*Moses*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♢*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♣ 2+♣, game forcing
4NT RKCB
5♢ 1/4 key cards

If North is the declarer you can score 12 tricks in spades or notrumps (or even clubs!) but with South at the helm you are at risk.

West led…the ♡3 which was worth 11 IMPs.

Roiko v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huber	*van Mourik*	*van der Starre*	*Pip*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing
4NT RKCB
5♣ 41/30

West led the ♢2 (which would be my choice on this uninformative auction) and that was -980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ganness	*van den Hoek*	*Rojko*	*Bremer*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♢*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

3NT 3♠, 13-15
4♣ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1/4 key cards
5♢ ♠Q?
6♠ ♠Q and 2 kings

Here West found the killing heart lead. Given that East had not doubled 5♢ it was a good choice and delivered 14 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

NS might reach 4♡ with declarer apparently needing to negotiate the diamonds. However almost everyone stopped in a partscore.

Moses v Swedish Juniors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goodman	*Gustafsson*	*Dwyer*	*Bern*
—	1♡	Pass	1NT*
2♣	Dble	4♣	4♡
All Pass			

1NT May be weak with support

Jan Jansma

East led the ♡4 and declarer won with dummy's seven and played a diamond for the ten and queen. From East's point of view his side needed spade tricks so he switched to the ♠J and declarer was home – the trick was completed by the queen, king and ace and declarer knocked out the ♡A, soon claiming ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abragi	*Smith*	*Warlenius*	*Moses*
—	2♢*	Pass	2♡*
3♣	Pass	3♡*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♢ Flannery, 4♠ and 5♡, 11-16
2♡ To play

North led the ♡6 and declarer won the third round of the suit and cashed his clubs, the defenders easily collecting the rest for -150, a 10 IMP swing.

Ferguson v Tulips ++

Open Room

West	North	East	South
van Lankveld	*J Jansma*	*van den Bos*	*Levin*
—	1♡	Pass	2♡
3♣	3♡	4♣	All Pass

North led the ♡K and when South followed with the jack he continued with the six, declarer winning, crossing to the ♣K and playing a diamond. North won with the ten, cashed the ace and played a third diamond, declarer ruffing, ruffing a heart, drawing the last trump and ducking a spade to North for two down, -100.

This was a popular sequence, only two players bidding 3♢ as opposed to 3♡. No-one ventured a double over 3♣ although it looks reasonable to me. The Kaplan-Rubens hand evaluator rates North's cards at 15.65.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Verdegaal	*Nadel*	*Thiele*	*Ferguson*
—	1♡	Pass	1NT
2♣*	Dble	4♣	4♡
All Pass			

2♣ 'Real'

East led the ♣K and switched to the ♠J covered all round. West took the first round of hearts and returned the ♠6, but declarer won with the ten, dre trumps and got the diamonds right for 11 tricks, +650 and 11 IMPs.

Bridge NEWS

LATEST ALT EVENTS

ALT NEW COMPETITION - EVENT X

The ALT NEW COMPETITION - EVENT X was held from February 1 to February 4, 2022 on Bridge Base Online.

The winners are team BLACK (Andrew Black, David Gold, Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Andrew Mcintosh, Thomas Paske).
Runners-up are team DONNER (Per-Ola Cullin, Gary Donner, Kevin Dwyer, Joe Grue, Marion Michielsen, Brad Moss,Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt).
Team EDMONDS (Jodi Edmonds, David Grainger, Michal Klukowski, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Joel Wooldridge, Piotr Zatorski) placed 3rd.

MIDI ALT SWISS TEAMS III

The MIDI ALT SWISS TEAMS III was held from January 18 to January 20, 2022 on Bridge Base Online.

The winners are team Per-Ola Cullin, Gary Donner, Kevin Dwyer, Joe Grue, Marion Michielsen, Brad Moss,Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Eric Rodwell, Janice Seamon-Molson.
Runners-up are team ULI (Gianna Arrigoni, Giovanni Donati, Alessandro Gandoglia, Saverio Margiotta, Giacomo Percario, Federico Primavera, Ulrike Schuster, Walter Schuster, Antonio Sementa, Gabriele Zanasi).
Team SCORWAY (Jan Arild, Geir Brekka, Derek Diamond, Nils Kvangraven, Stephen Levinson, Oyvind Saur, Barnet Shenkin, Brian Spears, Christian Bakke, Boye Brogeland) placed 3rd.

ACBL ARBITRATION AGREEMENT UPDATE

FROM THE ACBL WEBSITE:

The ACBL's arbitration agreement has been slightly updated to include the arbitration of certain disciplinary matters as set forth in the ACBL's Code of Disciplinary Regulations. The arbitration agreement can be found here:

https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/about/Arbitration_Agreement.pdf

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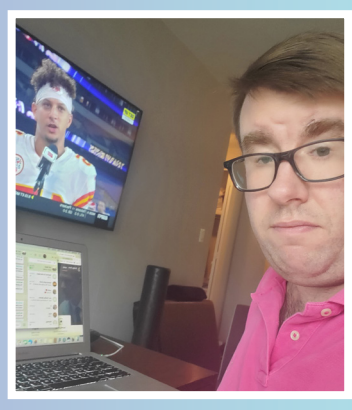

OCBL TUE-THU SWISS

ROUND 1

Black	10 VPs 29 IMPs	10 VPs 29 IMPs	Germany Juniors
Apple	14 VPs 18 IMPs	6 VPs 6 IMPs	England Juniors
Seligman	2.16 VPs 2 IMPs	17.84 VPs 32 IMPs	New Amateurs
FLYFALCON	8.86 VPs 16 IMPs	11.14 VPs 19 IMPs	Harris
Fredin	13.14 VPs 14 IMPs	6.86 VPs 5 IMPs	Roiko
Denmark	3.61 VPs 9 IMPs	16.39 VPs 31 IMPs	Swedish Juniors
Moses	14.54 VPs 27 IMPs	5.46 VPs 13 IMPs	Ferguson
Winter Soldiers	9.61 VPs 23 IMPs	10.39 VPs 24 IMPs	Netbridge
Smart Rabbit	11.85 VPs 11 IMPs	8.15 VPs 6 IMPs	Tulips ++
East - West	15.97 VPs 30 IMPs	4.03 VPs 10 IMPs	ECF Holding

ROUND 2

New Amateurs	5.2 VPs 11 IMPs	14.8 VPs 26 IMPs	Swedish Juniors
East - West	7.49 VPs 12 IMPs	12.51 VPs 19 IMPs	Moses
Apple	3.03 VPs 6 IMPs	16.97 VPs 31 IMPs	Fredin
Smart Rabbit	10 VPs 16 IMPs	10 VPs 16 IMPs	Harris
Netbridge	10 VPs 16 IMPs	10 VPs 16 IMPs	Black
Germany Juniors	11.5 VPs 23 IMPs	8.5 VPs 19 IMPs	Winter Soldiers
FLYFALCON	20 VPs 54 IMPs	0 VPs 4 IMPs	Tulips ++
Roiko	8.15 VPs 16 IMPs	11.85 VPs 21 IMPs	England Juniors
Ferguson	6.57 VPs 18 IMPs	13.43 VPs 28 IMPs	ECF Holding
Denmark	12.18 VPs 13 IMPs	7.82 VPs 7 IMPs	Seligman

ROUND 3

Swedish Juniors	14.54 VPs 26 IMPs	5.46 VPs 12 IMPs	Fredin
FLYFALCON	3.22 VPs 4 IMPs	16.78 VPs 28 IMPs	Moses
East - West	1.16 VPs 1 IMPs	18.84 VPs 38 IMPs	New Amateurs
Smart Rabbit	16.18 VPs 22 IMPs	3.82 VPs 1 IMPs	Germany Juniors
Harris	6.57 VPs 8 IMPs	13.43 VPs 18 IMPs	Netbridge
Black	0 VPs 2 IMPs	20 VPs 51 IMPs	Winter Soldiers
England Juniors	8.15 VPs 19 IMPs	11.85 VPs 24 IMPs	ECF Holding
Apple	13.72 VPs 25 IMPs	6.28 VPs 14 IMPs	Denmark
Roiko	19.96 VPs 61 IMPs	0.04 VPs 14 IMPs	Ferguson
Seligman	14.28 VPs 27 IMPs	5.72 VPs 14 IMPs	Tulips ++

ROUND 4

Swedish Juniors	17.51 VPs 40 IMPs	2.49 VPs 12 IMPs	Moses
New Amateurs	3.22 VPs 5 IMPs	16.78 VPs 29 IMPs	Winter Soldiers
Smart Rabbit	7.82 VPs 7 IMPs	12.18 VPs 13 IMPs	Fredin
Roiko	11.85 VPs 31 IMPs	8.15 VPs 26 IMPs	Netbridge
FLYFALCON	4.71 VPs 4 IMPs	15.29 VPs 21 IMPs	Apple
ECF Holding	9.61 VPs 4 IMPs	10.39 VPs 5 IMPs	Harris
England Juniors	3.41 VPs 18 IMPs	16.59 VPs 41 IMPs	Germany Juniors
East - West	2.66 VPs 14 IMPs	17.34 VPs 41 IMPs	Seligman
Denmark	11.85 VPs 26 IMPs	8.15 VPs 21 IMPs	Black
Tulips ++	4.25 VPs 14 IMPs	15.75 VPs 33 IMPs	Ferguson

OCBL TUE - THU SWISS

BUTLER RANKING

1	Mak Kwok-fai, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	3.5	10
	L. Verhees, (loukie)	FLYFALCON	3.5	10
	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	3.5	10
4	M. Gustawsson, (Lagom)	Fredin	2.2	10
5	S. Ganness, (seang)	Roiko	2.05	40
	S. Rojko, (cmrlj)	Roiko	2.05	40
7	G. Botta, (gio 89)	Winter Soldiers	1.85	20
	D. Marker, (marker544)	Winter Soldiers	1.85	20
9	N. Saada, (natsa)	Smart Rabbit	1.6	10
10	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	FLYFALCON	1.4	20
	L. Robinson, (saba)	Winter Soldiers	1.4	10
12	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	1.38	40
	K. Gustafsson, (Klaragust)	Swedish Juniors	1.38	40
	T. Bern, (Xtober)	Swedish Juniors	1.38	40
15	I. Lichtenstein, (Ivarlicht)	Swedish Juniors	1.2	10
16	E. McNay, (ewan)	Winter Soldiers	1.1	30
	J. Petersson, (motvillige)	Fredin	1.1	30
	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Winter Soldiers	1.1	30
19	I. Bareket, (bareket)	Smart Rabbit	1.05	20
20	F. Asplund Sivelind, (Filip AS)	Swedish Juniors	1	20
21	S. Brink, (Sjoertbr)	Apple	0.9	40
	Bas Drijver, (BasDr)	Apple	0.9	40
	P. Pabst, (philipp99)	Germany Juniors	0.9	10
24	H. Hjort Warlenius, (Hwarlenius)	Swedish Juniors	0.85	20
25	A. Abragi, (AAbragi)	Swedish Juniors	0.83	30
26	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.8	40
	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	0.8	40
28	O. Farwig, (OleFarwig)	Germany Juniors	0.7	20
	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	0.7	20
	Tom Drijver, (tdrijverrr)	Netbridge	0.7	20
	O. Powell, (kenzo13)	England Juniors	0.7	30
	J. Lepper, (mumenrider)	Germany Juniors	0.7	20
33	S. Høyland, (sioslo)	ECF Holding	0.65	20
	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF Holding	0.65	20
35	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.6	30
	J. Weinstein, (jlw77)	New Amateurs	0.6	30
37	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Moses	0.47	30
	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Moses	0.47	30
39	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	0.4	20
	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	0.4	20
41	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.35	20
	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	0.35	20
43	N. Apteker, (Noahapteke)	Fredin	0.3	10
	A. Smirnov, (Smirny)	East - West	0.3	30
	S. Van Oosten, (sibrand)	East - West	0.3	30
46	G. Donner, (GDonnersc1)	Moses	0.2	20
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Ferguson	0.2	40
	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Moses	0.2	20
	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Ferguson	0.2	40
50	E. Schwartz, (Waldorf1)	Winter Soldiers	0.17	30
	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Moses	0.17	30
	R. Smith, (ronsmithsf)	Moses	0.17	30
	S. Farwig, (Sven00)	Germany Juniors	0.17	30
54	S, Bohnsack, (Pazzesco)	Germany Juniors	0.1	10
	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF Holding	0.1	20
	H. Caspersen, (hcasp)	Denmark	0.1	20
	N. Krojgaard, (Nkroej)	Denmark	0.1	20
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	FLYFALCON	0.1	20
	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF Holding	0.1	20
	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	FLYFALCON	0.1	20
	S. Weber, (Relaxo55)	Germany Juniors	0.1	10
62	D. Tal, (danat85)	Smart Rabbit	0.07	30
63	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	0.05	20
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	0.05	20
65	I. Cohen, (ilan13)	Smart Rabbit	0	10
	A. Hutton, (adude11)	England Juniors	0	10
	S. Zack, (shaharz)	Smart Rabbit	0	20
	Y. Zack, (yanivz)	Smart Rabbit	0	20
	R. Benin Barr, (ronniebarr)	Smart Rabbit	0	20
	A. Braunstein, (rel49)	Smart Rabbit	0	20
71	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	FLYFALCON	-0.1	30
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	FLYFALCON	-0.1	30
	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	-0.1	10
	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Apple	-0.1	10
	D. Winter, (Dwinter)	England Juniors	-0.1	20
	S. Anoyrkatis, (wellssam)	England Juniors	-0.1	20
77	M. Askgaard, (askgaard)	Denmark	-0.15	20
	K. Konow, (konow)	Denmark	-0.15	20
79	A. Bauer, (Only7NT)	Germany Juniors	-0.2	20
	M. Rieger, (mori0001)	Germany Juniors	-0.2	20
	M. Stepper, (MaNiSt)	Germany Juniors	-0.2	20
82	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-0.23	30
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.23	30
84	D. Bilde, (ballebo-jr)	Denmark	-0.3	20
	E. Jepsen, (emilos)	Denmark	-0.3	20
	N. Tal, (nogatal)	Smart Rabbit	-0.3	10
87	M. Been, (bendezz)	Netbridge	-0.35	20
	O. de Haas, (olliebol)	Netbridge	-0.35	20
	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	-0.35	20
90	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Apple	-0.43	40
91	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Winter Soldiers	-0.45	20
92	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.48	40
93	R. van Mourik, (rrob)	Roiko	-0.5	10
	C. Pipi, (cinzia_it)	Roiko	-0.5	10
95	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Apple	-0.53	30
96	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	-0.55	40
97	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.6	20
98	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF Holding	-0.67	30
	E. Eide, (bloodaxe)	ECF Holding	-0.67	30
100	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	-0.68	40
101	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	FLYFALCON	-0.7	10
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.7	30
103	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	-0.78	40
	J. Pszczola, (pikolo)	Seligman	-0.78	40
105	M. Macura, (uni_cicam)	East - West	-0.8	20
	S. Barb, (leboucher)	East - West	-0.8	20
107	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-0.9	20
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-0.9	20
	C. Gower, (craigy52)	Fredin	-0.9	10
	M. Thiele, (mrxxx)	Tulips ++	-0.9	40
	R. Verdegaal, (mrs_m)	Tulips ++	-0.9	40
112	D. C. Bilde, (docibi)	Denmark	-0.95	20
	A. Buus-Thomsen, (babydollDK)	Denmark	-0.95	20
114	L. Ploscaru, (dandelionu)	England Juniors	-1	20
	N. Evenstad, (NicolaiHE)	ECF Holding	-1	10
	S. Evenstad, (StianAS)	ECF Holding	-1	10
	N. Lee, (leehengyou)	England Juniors	-1	20
118	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	-1.05	20
119	K. Koistinen, (koistinen)	East - West	-1.1	20
	V. Fagerlund, (muppe)	East - West	-1.1	20
121	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-1.15	20
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-1.15	20
123	J. Barbosa, (jbarbosa)	Roiko	-1.23	30
	S. Pessoa, (sofiacp)	Roiko	-1.23	30
125	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Ferguson	-1.25	20
	B. Ferguson, (bruceferg)	Ferguson	-1.25	20
127	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-1.27	30
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-1.27	30
129	B. Levin, (Levin123)	Tulips ++	-1.6	40
	J. Jansma, (jan_jansma)	Tulips ++	-1.6	40
131	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	FLYFALCON	-1.7	10
	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	FLYFALCON	-1.7	10
	K. Panchagnula, (kripster)	England Juniors	-1.7	10
	J. Clark, (jono133)	England Juniors	-1.7	10
135	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Ferguson	-1.95	20
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Ferguson	-1.95	20
137	D. Lavee, (Thekid1)	East - West	-2.7	10
	J. Freeman, (Jacob04)	East - West	-2.7	10

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