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THE CLOCK IS TICKING

TUE-WED SWISS
RANKING AFTER ROUND 5

1	New Amateurs	74.17
2	Scorway	65.74
3	Flyfalcon	58.04
4	Fredin	56.81
5	Seligman	56.32
6	Nadel	56.19
7	Danes	53.41
8	Cider	52.57
9	Black	52.37
10	Harris	52.35
11	Rippey	46.75
12	Team Bici	44.75
13	Greenspan	44.7
14	Pigot	35.32
15	Netbridge	34.33
16	Onstott	16.18

The clock is ticking: five rounds to go...

After five rounds (halfway), team New Amateurs (Lo A., Jiang Gu, Yang D., Chechelashvili D., Wang W., Kwok-fai Mak) are leading the ranking.

They are followed by Scorway (Levinson S., Shenkin B., Kvangraven N., Brekka G., Diamond D., Spears B., Saur O., Olsen J.) and Flyfalcon (Wilson A., Van Prooijen R., Verhees L., Gronkvist I., Gronkvist M., Sprinkhuizen T., Mendes De Leon G., Kiljan V., Tijssen L.).

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.

Today the last 5 rounds will be played.

Round 6. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

New Amateurs	VS	Flyfalcon
Scorway	VS	Fredin
Seligman	VS	Nadel
Danes	VS	Cider
Black	VS	Harris
Rippey	VS	Team Bici
Greenspan	VS	Netbridge
Pigot	VS	Onstott

Round 7. 17.15 CEST / 11.15 a.m. EDT

Round 8. 18.30 CEST / 12.30 p.m. EDT

Round 9. 19.45 CEST / 1.45 p.m. EDT

Round 10. 21.00 CEST / 3.00 p.m. EDT

Several new OCBL events are already scheduled!
Please check the OCBL calendar at page 2.

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

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			

JUNE CUP
7 - 9 June, 2022

	CET	EST
12 Rounds x 10 boards		
Tuesday, 7 June R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 8 June R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 9 June R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

MON - TUE SWISS
11 - 12 July, 2022

	CET	EST
10 Rounds x 8 boards		
Monday, 11 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Tuesday, 12 July	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

SEPTEMBER CUP
13 - 16 September, 2022

		CET	EST
Qualification:	Tuesday 13 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 14 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 15 September	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 16 September	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

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Business as Usual

by Mark Horton

After the glamour and excitement of the World Championships in Salsomaggiore the world's finest players have a few months in which to relax before travelling to Wroclaw for the 2022 World Championships. However, that does not mean they will be sitting around twiddling their thumbs – just look at the team lists for this OCBL Tuesday-Wednesday Swiss.

In Round 1 the focus will be on the match between Black and New Amateurs, keeping a weather eye open for interesting developments elsewhere.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Deals where a player has a wide choice of opening bids can usually be relied upon to deliver interesting results.

Black v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwok-fai	*McIntosh*	*Wang*	*Paske*
—	—	—	Pass
3♡	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♢6 and declarer played low from dummy and must have been pleased to win with the queen. He crossed to dummy with the ♡K and pitched his club on the ♢A. When a spade to the queen held he played three rounds of trumps and could not be denied nine tricks, +730.

Thomas Paske

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Chechelash.*	*Black*	*Yang*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

North led the ♢6 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♡K, ruffed a diamond and cashed the ♡A getting the bad news. He had pitched a club from dummy and when he continued with the ♡Q he discarded a spade. A spade went to the king and ace and when South returned the ♠J North ruffed declarer's queen, putting the contract two down, a 14 IMP sing.

Fredin v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
T Drijver	*Fredin*	*Bouwen*	*Apteker*
—	—	—	Pass
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♢10 for the queen, king and ace and declarer pitched dummy's club on the ♢J, unblocked the ♡K and played the ♠K, South taking the ace and forcing dummy with the ♢9. The ♠Q took the next trick, but North's discard of the ♣4 left declarer in a hopeless position. South ruffed the ♡A, cashed the ♠J and exited with a diamond. Declarer's ♠6 was his last trick, four down, -400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*van den Hoek*	*Bennet*	*Bremer*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♢	Pass
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4♣ 'Shortness'

As before South led the ♢10 but here North withheld the king. Declarer came to hand with a heart, pitched a club on the ♢A and played a spade to the queen. When he continued with the ♡A South ruffed and exited with the ♣2. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played the ♡6, ruffing with the ♠5. South overruffed and cashed the ♠A, but declarer had the rest, +620 and 14 IMPs.

It was one of those situations where the solution is for the defender not to overruff. If declarer then ruffs a minor suit card in dummy South can ruff the next heart and remove dummy's last trump with the ♠A, ensuring the contract goes one down.

One defender found the play of not overruffing, but after declarer had ruffed his way to dummy and played a winning heart, he forgot to overruff and was eventually forced to give declarer a tenth trick with the ♠K.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Black v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwok-fai	*McIntosh*	*Wang*	*Paske*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dble	2♠
All Pass			

West led the ♡Q and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond for the seven, jack and king, East cashing the ♡J and king and switching to the ♣K when West discarded the ♣2. Declarer won with dummy's ace pitching a diamond, and played a second diamond, East taking the ace and continuing with the ♣4. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♢Q and played a spade to the jack, claiming eight tricks when it lost to the queen, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	*Chechelash.*	*Black*	*Yang*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Dble	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1NT Semi-forcing

West led the ♢7 and East won with the king and cashed the ace before switching to the ♡J. Declarer won, cashed the ♢Q and ruffed a diamond with the ♠J as West discarded the ♡Q. Declarer cashed the ♠K, pitched a heart on the ♣A, ruffed a club and cashed the ♠A, the appearance of the queen giving him ten tricks, +620 and 11 IMPs.

4♠ can be defeated, but East needs to switch to one of the major suits at trick two.

David Gold

Round 2 was explosive!

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A K J 10 5 4 ♡ 7 5 ♢ 8 ♣ 10 6 3 2	
♠ 9 8 ♡ K ♢ K 10 4 3 2 ♣ A J 9 8 4		♠ 6 2 ♡ A Q J 8 2 ♢ A Q J 9 6 5 ♣ —
	♠ Q 7 3 ♡ 10 9 6 4 3 ♢ 7 ♣ K Q7 5	

Team Bici v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwok-fai	*Bianchi*	*Wang*	*Cima*
—	2♠	4♢*	4♠
6♢	All Pass		

4♢ Diamonds and Hearts

When South led the ♣K declarer was soon claiming all the tricks, +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fruscoloni	*Gu*	*Gandoglia*	*Lo*
—	2♢*	4♢*	4♠
4NT*	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♢ Weak in either major
4♢ Hearts and Diamonds

West led the ♡K and when East followed with the two he switched to the ♠9. Declarer drew trumps and exited with a diamond, East winning with the ace cashing the ♡A and following it with the ♢Q. Declarer ruffed in dummy pitching a club from hand, ruffed a heart and played a club to the king, claiming eight tricks, -500, but a 10 IMP gain.

6 pairs attempted 6♢ and three of them made it. On the deal that followed, EW held ♠A 9 4 ♡A K 7 5 ♢K 7 ♣K 7 5 3 opposite ♠3 ♡J 6 ♢A Q J 9 ♣A Q J 9 8 2. Only one pair stopped short of slam, while 13 found a route to 7♣.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Team Bici v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kwok-fai	*Bianchi*	*Wang*	*Cima*
—	1♣*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢*
2♡	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
1NT 12+ balanced
2♣ Minimum, unbalanced
2♢ Asking

West led the ♡Q and declarer won with the king and played the ♣10 to dummy's ace followed by a club for the queen and king, West discarding the ♢6. East won the next club as West pitched the ♢5 and returned a heart, declarer ducking, winning the third heart and cashing two clubs. When he tried a diamond to the king West won with the ace and cashed two hearts. Declarer decided to discard his spades, hanging on to the ♢107 and when West exited with the ♠3 he put in dummy's nine, East winning with the ten and cashing the ♢Q for +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fruscoloni	*Gu*	*Gandoglia*	*Lo*
—	1♣*	Pass	1♡*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♢*
Pass	2♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
1♡ 4+♠
2♢ Artificial, forcing

West led the ♡Q and declarer ducked, won the next heart and played three rounds of clubs, West parting with the ♢56. With no heart to play East switched to the ♢2, but declarer played low and when West won with the ace there were 10 tricks, +630 and 14 IMPs.

It's worth pointing out that ducking the first round of hearts gives West a fleeting opportunity (virtually impossible to find) to switch to a small diamond! If declarer plays low from dummy East puts in the eight and the defenders will collect a club and three diamonds to go with the heart trick.

After winning the first heart and playing two rounds of clubs there is a double dummy line to make 3NT. Declarer must cross to dummy with the ♠K and play the ♢J! Once West's ♢K has been removed declarer can clear the clubs and will lose only four tricks.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Seligman v Rippey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nawrocki	*Seligman*	*Wianowski*	*Pszczola*
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♡*	Pass	7♢	All Pass

5♡ Void

North led the ♢5 and declarer won with dummy's nine, cashed the ♢A and then attempted to unblock the clubs. North's ruff was a cruel blow, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Nowak*	*Kwiecien*	*Rippey*
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♢	Pass
5♡	Pass	7♢	All Pass

2♣ 54/45 or better
3♣ 55
5♡ Exclusion Blackwood

North led the ♢3 and the play followed an identical course, no swing.

John Norris and Merete Norris were the only other pair to bid 7♢ and they too went one down after the lead of the ♡J.

Can you see a way to make 7♢?

After a trump lead you win with dummy's nine and cash a second trump. You ruff a heart, cross to dummy with a club, ruff a heart, go to dummy with a spade and ruff a heart. When the ace appears you ruff, go to dummy with the ♠A, draw the outstanding trump, unblock the clubs and claim. You don't need the ♡A to fall – just reversing the dummy is enough to deliver the thirteenth trick.

If the players were hoping for a little less excitement in Round 3 the Great Shuffler had other ideas in store.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Danes v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pedersen	*Tiholov*	*Werdelin*	*M Gold*
—	Pass	1♡	1♠
3♡*	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

3♡ Premptive
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard

South led the ♠A and declarer ruffed, played three rounds of diamonds pitching a club, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and ruffed a spade. When he continued with his remaining diamond South ruffed with the ♡J and declarer overruffed with dummy's ace and played the ♠Q. North ruffed with the ♡9 and declarer overruffed with the ten, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Nielsen*	*Malhasyan*	*Boesgaard*
—	Pass	1♡	1♠
4♡	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♢ 1 keycard

South led the ♡J and declarer won with dummy's ace, played three diamond discarding a club and then crossruffed clubs and spades. North was able to overruff the fourth club, but declarer had the rest, a most honourable flat board.

Only 5 pairs bid 6♡.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Seligman v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Starkowski*	*Bennet*	*Kwiecien*
—	1♣*	Pass	2♢
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♡*	Pass	6♢
All Pass			

1♣ Polish Club
2♢ 5+♢ game forcing
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 keycards

West led the ♢J and declarer won with the ace, cashed the king and unblocked the ♠A before playing a diamond to the nine. He cashed the ♠K pitching a heart and played a heart for the three, queen and king. West exited with the ♣J and declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a spade and cashed the last two diamonds, West discarding the ♠10 and the ♣9. Declarer crossed to dummy with the ♡A and played a club to the ten for a spectacular +1370.

Suppose West had exited with the ♡7 after taking the ♡K.

Declarer wins with dummy's ace and plays to reach this position:

	♠ J ♡ 9 ♢ — ♣ A 7	
♠ Q ♡ 10 ♢ — ♣ J 9		♠ — ♡ J ♢ — ♣ Q 6 4
	♠ — ♡ — ♢ 10 ♣ K 10 8	

When declarer cashes the ♢10 if West pitches a heart declarer throws the now redundant ♠J from dummy and East is squeezed. If West parts with a club East can pitch the ♡J, but the guard squeeze has done its work, as declarer can now score three club tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Fredin*	*Pszczola*	*Gottlieb*
—	1♣	Pass	1♢
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♢
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

4NT Negative

West led the ♠10 and declarer won with the ace, played three rounds of diamonds ending in dummy and pitched a club on the ♠K. So far so good, but when declarer continued with the ♡A followed by a heart to the queen, West could win and return the ♡10 for one down and 16 IMPs.

Having discarded a club on the ♠K, one way for declarer to get home is to ruff a spade and cash the last two trumps, discarding a heart and a club from dummy. East must hold on to three hearts so is forced down to two clubs. Declarer then cashes the top clubs ending in dummy and throws West in with the ♠J to lead into the split heart tenace – a squeeze without the count!

7 pairs bid 6♢, four of them going down.

I must tell you how Wubbo de Boer made 6♢ in the match between Nadel and Flyfalcon.

After 1♣-2♢* Ida Grönkvist had overcalled 3♠ and after the continuation 3NT-5NT*-6♢ she led the ♡7!

That looked like a singleton, so declarer took dummy's ace, cashed the ♢AKQ, and then played two more rounds, West discarding spades and the ♡10. Declarer unblocked the ♠A, cashed the last trump pitching a club, played two rounds of clubs ending in dummy and then ran the ♡9. West had to win and lead into dummy's ♠KJ.

In Round 4 this was the stellar deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

New Amateurs v Nadel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
T Van den Bos	*Gu*	*B Van den Bos*	*Lo*
—	—	3♠	Dble
4♠	5♡	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♡
Dble	All Pass		

You can't fault West for bidding 4♠, but 4♢ is a safer alternative, even though it will mean that your opponents won't get carried away. Bidding 5♠ also looks reasonable even if you have misjudged the situation it must be a cheap save against a vulnerable game. When South decided to bid on West's double put his side in Biltcliffe Coup territory at a very high level.

When East led the ♠2 it did not take long for declarer to claim all the tricks and +1860.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chechelash.	*Nadel*	*Yang*	*VanLankveld*
—	—	3♠	4♣
4♢*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North's decision to pass over 4♢ was conservative and with 4♠ making in comfort that meant a swing of 20 IMPs.

As you might expect this deal produced swings – Veri Kiljan found a diamond lead against 6♡ which went well with 6♠ doubled -300 for 11 IMPs.

Peter Fredin was another who raised 3♠ to 4♠ and when North bid 6♡ he doubled. Gary Gottlieb led the ♢J and that was worth 12 IMPs as EW were one down in 5♠ doubled in the other room.

The final round of the day was much calmer save for this exhibit:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Onstott v Greenspan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Parker	*Bacon*	*Morgan*	*Creager*
Pass	Pass	4♣	4♡
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

West led the ♣10 and East won with the jack. It appeared obvious that South had advanced to slam on the strength of a singleton club, but when East switched to the ♢6 declarer could win, draw trumps and take the spade finesse for +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schenker	*Turgeon*	*Greenspan*	*Onstott*
Pass	Pass	3NT*	Dble
4♣	4♡	All Pass	

3NT Gambling

East cashed two clubs, +450 but 13 IMPs away.

Still, as someone once remarked, 'Tomorrow is another day'.

Bridge NEWS

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ZONE 5 – Jack Rind
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ZONE 7 – Laurie Kelso, Murray Wiggins
ZONE 8 – Waleed El Menyawi

ALT-OCBL 2022 POINTS SYSTEM

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After each tournament of 2022 ALT and OCBL will assign ALT-OCBL points to the teams to form a **common ranking between the two organizations**.

The highest-ranked teams based on ALT-OCBL points will earn the right to play in the Grand Final, details about this event will be revealed soon.

CUMULATIVE RANKING

RANK	TEAM NAME	POINTS
1	FREDIN	1790
2	BLACK	1760
3	SELIGMAN	1700
4	(NEW) AMATEURS	1610
5	HARRIS	1520
6	SCORWAY	1400
7	ULI	1210
8	NETBRIDGE	1170
9	CANTOR	960
10	BRIDGE24.PL MIXED	840
11	DONNER	760
12	JUPITER	750
13	MOSS	720
14	APPLE	700
15	RIPPEY	680
16	JEDI KNIGHTS	640
17	ROIKO	630
18	LEBOWITZ	620
19	EDMONDS	560
20	ECF HOLDING	530
=	MACAVITY	530
22	REYNOLDS	520
23	DENMARK	480
24	THE SENIORS	470
25	HOK	450
26	FERGUSON	440
27	ZHAO	400
28	PRACTICE	380
29	ORCA	370
30	FRIENDS	350
31	GORACO	330
32	LEVINE	320
33	RED TURTLE	310
34	NEDERLAND CO	280
35	DE BOTTON	270
=	FLYFALCON	270
37	SWEDEN	260
=	VINITA	260
39	DUTCH JUNIORS +	250
=	SWEDISH JUNIORS	250
41	MAGICIANS	240
=	TULIPS +	240
43	WINTER SOLDIERS	230
44	BRIDGE TOO FAR	220
=	SMART RABBIT	220
46	MULTI	210
=	RUSSIAN JUNIORS +	210
48	MOSES	200
=	TILLY	200
50	MIKADINHO	190
51	DANES	180
=	GERMANY JUNIORS	180
=	KRUSE'S CARDCIRCUS	180
54	DAUGAVA	170
55	MASS AVE	160
56	EAST-WEST	150
=	WALKER	150
58	PIGOT	130
59	QUARANTEAM	120
60	ALIAGA	110
=	ENGLAND JUNIORS	110
=	SUGI	110

OCBL TUE-WED SWISS

ROUND 1

Black	3.54 VPs 10 IMPs	16.46 VPs 30 IMPs	New Amateurs	
Seligman	5.61 VPs 1 IMPs	14.39 VPs 13 IMPs	Harris	
Flyfalcon	13.78 VPs 11 IMPs	6.22 VPs 1 IMPs	Greenspan	
Cider	6.88 VPs 13 IMPs	13.12 VPs 21 IMPs	Pigot	
Fredin	13.12 VPs 17 IMPs	6.88 VPs 9 IMPs	Netbridge	
Rippey	3.77 VPs 5 IMPs	16.23 VPs 24 IMPs	Scorway	
Team Bici	17.69 VPs 27 IMPs	2.31 VPs 1 IMPs	Onstott	
Nadel	11.67 VPs 13 IMPs	8.33 VPs 9 IMPs	Danes	

ROUND 2

Team Bici	1.96 VPs 16 IMPs	18.04 VPs 44 IMPs	New Amateurs	
Scorway	19.95 VPs 42 IMPs	0.05 VPs 0 IMPs	Harris	
Flyfalcon	17.11 VPs 26 IMPs	2.89 VPs 3 IMPs	Pigot	
Fredin	3.54 VPs 13 IMPs	16.46 VPs 33 IMPs	Nadel	
Danes	4.77 VPs 8 IMPs	15.23 VPs 23 IMPs	Netbridge	
Cider	11.27 VPs 11 IMPs	8.73 VPs 8 IMPs	Greenspan	
Seligman	12.05 VPs 5 IMPs	7.95 VPs 0 IMPs	Rippey	
Black	14.68 VPs 27 IMPs	5.32 VPs 14 IMPs	Onstott	

ROUND 3

Scorway	6.88 VPs 27 IMPs	13.12 VPs 35 IMPs	New Amateurs	
Flyfalcon	5.04 VPs 12 IMPs	14.96 VPs 26 IMPs	Nadel	
Netbridge	6.55 VPs 22 IMPs	13.45 VPs 31 IMPs	Team Bici	
Black	10.86 VPs 27 IMPs	9.14 VPs 25 IMPs	Cider	
Seligman	2.31 VPs 17 IMPs	17.69 VPs 43 IMPs	Fredin	
Pigot	11.67 VPs 29 IMPs	8.33 VPs 25 IMPs	Greenspan	
Harris	11.67 VPs 30 IMPs	8.33 VPs 26 IMPs	Danes	
Rippey	14.39 VPs 25 IMPs	5.61 VPs 13 IMPs	Onstott	

ROUND 4

New Amateurs	13.78 VPs 24 IMPs	6.22 VPs 14 IMPs	Nadel	
Scorway	9.56 VPs 13 IMPs	10.44 VPs 14 IMPs	Flyfalcon	
Fredin	15.23 VPs 20 IMPs	4.77 VPs 5 IMPs	Team Bici	
Black	14.96 VPs 23 IMPs	5.04 VPs 9 IMPs	Netbridge	
Pigot	6.88 VPs 2 IMPs	13.12 VPs 10 IMPs	Harris	
Cider	5.91 VPs 7 IMPs	14.09 VPs 18 IMPs	Rippey	
Greenspan	1.47 VPs 5 IMPs	18.53 VPs 36 IMPs	Danes	
Seligman	17.11 VPs 31 IMPs	2.89 VPs 8 IMPs	Onstott	

ROUND 5

New Amateurs	12.77 VPs 26 IMPs	7.23 VPs 19 IMPs	Fredin	
Scorway	13.12 VPs 15 IMPs	6.88 VPs 7 IMPs	Nadel	
Flyfalcon	11.67 VPs 18 IMPs	8.33 VPs 14 IMPs	Black	
Rippey	6.55 VPs 27 IMPs	13.45 VPs 36 IMPs	Danes	
Harris	13.12 VPs 14 IMPs	6.88 VPs 6 IMPs	Team Bici	
Seligman	19.24 VPs 36 IMPs	0.76 VPs 0 IMPs	Pigot	
Netbridge	0.63 VPs 1 IMPs	19.37 VPs 38 IMPs	Cider	
Greenspan	19.95 VPs 42 IMPs	0.05 VPs 0 IMPs	Onstott	

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BUTLER RANKING

1	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	2.69	16
	Mak Kwok-fai, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	2.69	16
3	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	1.69	32
	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	1.69	32
5	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Cider	1.56	16
6	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	1.54	24
	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	1.54	24
8	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	1.38	24
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	1.38	40
10	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	1.06	16
	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	1.06	16
12	T. Bessis, (malpaluche)	Cider	1.02	40
	C. Lorenzini, (pierced)	Cider	1.02	40
14	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.98	40
	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	0.98	40
	J. Pszczola, (pikolo)	Seligman	0.98	40
	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	0.98	40
18	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	0.88	8
	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	0.88	8
	A. Majcher, (Arkadisz)	Rippey	0.88	16
	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Nadel	0.88	40
22	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.78	32
	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.78	32
24	S. Lauge Pedersen, (sigurdlp)	Danes	0.71	24
	S. Werdelin, (stigw)	Danes	0.71	24
26	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.69	16
27	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.68	40
28	G. Gottlieb, (Garybrook)	Fredin	0.67	24
29	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	0.63	32
	M. Creager, (mjcreager)	Greenspan	0.63	16
	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Flyfalcon	0.63	32
	A. Gandoglia, (gandalf15)	Team Bici	0.63	24
33	H. Nielsen, (HC_DK)	Danes	0.6	40
	K. Boesgaard, (kaab_5)	Danes	0.6	40
35	L. Fruscoloni, (frusco)	Team Bici	0.56	16
36	K. Nowak, (kamiln)	Rippey	0.44	32
37	Tim van den Bos, (Timvdb)	Nadel	0.38	16
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.38	32
	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.38	32
40	B. Greenspan, (BernieG)	Greenspan	0.35	40
	F. Schenker, (jbcoyle)	Greenspan	0.35	40
42	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0.29	24
43	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	0.25	16
	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	0.25	16
45	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Nadel	0.08	24
	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Nadel	0.08	24
47	M. Rippey, (radiators)	Rippey	0.04	24
48	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	0	8
49	P. Pigot, (ppiglett)	Pigot	-0.03	32
50	J. Becklen, (Janb)	Fredin	-0.05	40
	J. Benett, (jbennet)	Fredin	-0.05	40
	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	-0.05	40
	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	-0.05	40
54	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Nadel	-0.08	40
55	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.09	32
	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	-0.09	32
57	J. Bacon, (breach21)	Greenspan	-0.25	40
58	L. Cima, (100dog)	Team Bici	-0.28	40
59	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	-0.38	24
	P. Marcinowski, (Dyplomata)	Rippey	-0.38	16
61	G. Donati, (Giova007)	Team Bici	-0.42	24
	G. Percario, (giacomopr)	Team Bici	-0.42	24
63	P. Wiankowski, (vifon_e)	Rippey	-0.5	32
64	E. Bianchi, (inter2018)	Team Bici	-0.53	32
65	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	-0.56	16
66	P. Nawrocki, (nawrot)	Rippey	-0.57	40
67	D. MacAonghusa, (donalmac)	Pigot	-0.63	24
68	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Cider	-0.65	40
69	D. Walsh, (dodge31)	Pigot	-0.69	16
70	S. Ma, (suelanma)	Greenspan	-0.83	24
71	C. Coyne, (ciaran)	Pigot	-0.88	32
72	J. Morgan, (Jpmnbr)	Onstott	-1.05	40
	H. Parker, (tiger bait)	Onstott	-1.05	40
74	B. O'Brien, (bjoboru)	Pigot	-1.06	16
	J. Norris, (pumpumpum)	Danes	-1.06	16
	M. Norris, (meretev)	Danes	-1.06	16
77	K. de Raeymaeker, (ewion)	Pigot	-1.17	24
78	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-1.19	32
	Tom Drijver, (tdrijverrr)	Netbridge	-1.19	32
80	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	-1.25	24
	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-1.25	24
82	M. Busby, (flying8)	Onstott	-1.38	24
	R. Roeder, (rickrock)	Onstott	-1.38	24
84	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-1.41	32
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.41	32
86	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.6	40
	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-1.6	40
88	J. Olsen, (Janaolsen)	Scorway	-1.88	8
89	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Nadel	-2	16
90	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Cider	-2.13	24
91	D. O'Gorman, (derekog6)	Pigot	-2.63	16
92	J. Onstott, (dogger)	Onstott	-3.31	16
	T. Turgeon, (Ticket man)	Onstott	-3.31	16

World Bridge Tour
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OCBL MAY CUP

10 - 13 May, 2022

Qualification + Knockout

Qualification:

9 Rounds x 14 Boards	CEST	EDT
Tuesday 10 May	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
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

KOs:

Quarterfinals - Semifinals - Finals: 16 Boards each

	CEST	EDT
Friday 13 May	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00

Info and pre-registration: WWW.OCBL.ORG