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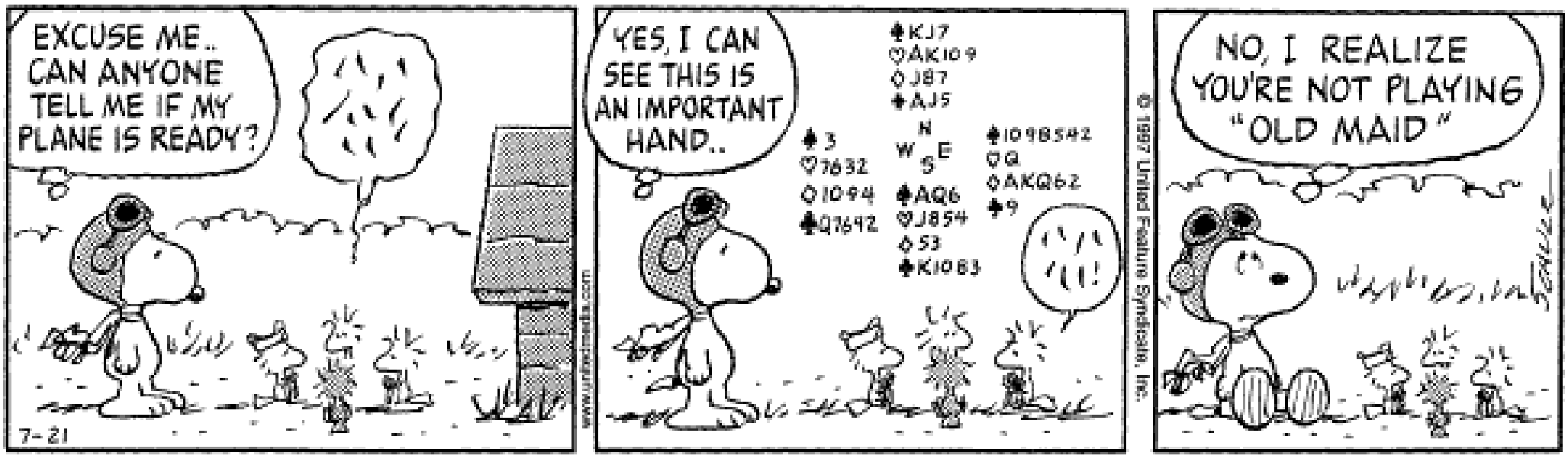
PEANUTS ARE LEADING



Play has started yesterday.
After three rounds, team Peanuts (Lorenzini C., Setton H., Franceschetti P., Bessis T., Robert Q.) are leading (46.29 VP)

They are followed by Nadel (Nadel J., Van Lankveld J., Snellers A., De Boer W., Van Den Bos B., Van den Bergh R., Coppens P.) (39.84 VP) and Fredin (Fredin P., Apteker A., Sylvan J., Clemmensson J., Gustawsson M., Aa T., Livgard A., Ekenberg S., Dahlstrom L.) (37.24 VP).

Today three more rounds will be played.

MAY CUP
Ranking after Round 3

1	Peanuts	46.29
2	Nadel	39.84
3	Fredin	37.24
4	Danes	35.46
5	Seligman	35.06
6	Uli	32.95
7	New Amateurs	32.83
8	Harris	27.48
9	Netbridge	24.23
10	Scorway	23.79
11	Black	14.51
12	Spring Warriors	10.32

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 4. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Peanuts	VS	Black
Uli	VS	Scorway
Fredin	VS	Harris
Nadel	VS	Spring Warriors
Seligman	VS	New Amateurs
Netbridge	VS	Danes

Round 5. 18.00 CEST / 12.00 p.m. EDT

Black	VS	Danes
Spring Warriors	VS	Peanuts
Seligman	VS	Fredin
Harris	VS	Uli
Netbridge	VS	Scorway
Nadel	VS	New Amateurs

Round 6. 20.00 CEST / 2.00 p.m. EDT

Spring Warriors	VS	Scorway
Harris	VS	Nadel
Seligman	VS	Danes
Fredin	VS	Peanuts
Netbridge	VS	New Amateurs
Uli	VS	Black

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE CUP
7 - 9 June, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CEST	EDT
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

10 Rounds x 8 boards

	CEST	EDT
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 - 15 September, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 13 September R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 14 September R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 15 September R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

Bridge NEWS

ACBL to Test Tablets for Use in Premier Events

From bridgewinners.com:

At the request of the ACBL Advisory Council's Anti-Cheating Committee, the Competition & Conventions Committee, with approval from the ACBL Board of Directors, has formed a sub-committee to study and prepare to adopt a version of the USBF 'Martel method' for use in the later rounds of several ACBL NABC+ team events. The Martel method consists of playing on provided tablets and having two screenmates from each table in separate ballrooms. This method was used successfully last year for the USBF team trials, where it was generally well received, and will be used for them again later this month. The purpose of this is to strive to eliminate cheating, while also providing directors with a solid record of information from which to make better informed rulings. It is also expected to reduce operating costs in the long term.

We don't take this decision lightly, as this can affect a player's enjoyment of the game; many, if not all, of us would prefer to use cards, but the world is changing. This change is not going to happen immediately - we know it must be done right, or players will become alienated, making things worse. As such, we would like to let people know that testing is intended to begin this year. We are working with BBO to have a BBO app that will attempt to mimic screen play as closely as possible. The intent is to make this version of the software available for use in team games on BBO well before it is put into use at the NABCs.

We are looking for ways of testing where the stakes are lower and to start a discussion in order to take all opinions and suggestions into consideration. We would also like to know whether players are interested in voluntarily trying the tablets and software before usage becomes mandatory, and in what capacity. We are hoping to have the software and a handful of tablets available for use for players to try them on ideally the opening day of the Spingold in Providence - possibly for a potential bye Swiss (or for teams with byes to play a few hands), or optional use for winners of afternoon 4-ways in the evening. Testing may also be offered at selected upcoming regional knockouts.

Software

We are trying to emulate play with screens as closely as possible. As such, when tablets are in use, players will only be able to interact with their own table and the director; everything else will be blocked out. You will always be able to chat to one or both opponents, but to the table only between hands - there is a plan to have a pause between deals where players can choose to delay the next. You will not be able to chat privately to your partner. There will be an option to call the director.

There will be brief, forced delays before you can act after a skip bid, or for declarer to be able to play to the first trick. Bids will be shown two at a time, as with screens, with a minimum amount of time before a pair of calls can come back from the other side of the 'screen'. Cards will be played & shown in real time. BBO convention cards will be disabled. Alerts will be done by the player making the call, as is currently the norm for online play. Chat will be cleared from player view between each hand. Requesting an undo will halt play and summon the director, who is instructed to follow the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. The ability to review the auction will disappear after you play to the first trick (declarer's will when they play from dummy). You will be able to see the compass points your teammates are seated at, as well as the scores (comparisons only when both tables are done). The director will have a record of all conversation and timestamps between all actions/comments. One of two changes will occur with regard to the cards rearranging themselves after the auction: either this will stop, or players will be briefly unable to make the opening lead until the cards have moved and the leader has had some time to notice this. You will not be using your normal, personal logins, but one supplied by the ACBL, as only the director will have access to the games for these events. There will be delayed Vugraph, there will not be direct kibitzing.

Procedures

It will be strongly recommended/required to do all alerts/questioning through the software, rather than verbally asking your screenmate. This is so the director will have a record of what was said, when it was said and how long each player took. You should ask only the player who made the call about its meaning. Should you choose to ask a screenmate out loud (or type to the other player), instead of using the system, there will be no prescribed penalty; however, any information you pass along is considered authorized to the opponents in the event of their misunderstanding and you will likely be giving up at least some rights in the event of a later director call, as there won't be evidence of the conversation.

Alerts (with at least a brief explanation) should be typed in before your call is made for a variety of reasons, including: Doing your typing on your own time, making the table flow smoother, rather than making people request and wait for explanations, as well as eliminating the information passed by forcing the next player to ask or not ask for an explanation. Long winded follow ups and answers to further questions can come later. Undos will be at director's discretion according to the Laws. As such, none will be expressly forbidden, but while it is likely a call can be undone, play undos should be very rare.

The conditions of contest for any affected events will be updated to allow for hybrid tablet bridge, but we will also publish information in bulletins, Bridge Winners, and possibly on BBO to try to communicate to players so no one is surprised when this actually happens.

Equipment

Tablets will be provided, with all functions not related/required for playing bridge locked out. Players will not be allowed to use their own electronic devices (allowing phones to be present, but turned off and sitting on the table, is likely). We will explore getting keyboards if they can be acquired without too much extra added expense and are silent enough not to disturb the room.

Tablet play will make the expense of Vugraph operators unnecessary, as well as prevent the need for the physical screens, while also allowing all matches played on tablet to be on (delayed) Vugraph. It will also alleviate the need for some sets of pre-duplicated cards. We will not require a shift mid-event from paper to electronic convention cards, so paper CCs will still be required.

Accessibility

We will strive to accommodate players with special needs. Should a player require someone else to physically enter the calls/cards for them from verbal commands, that will be allowed; and/or if a player needs a larger display device (such as a monitor or hotel room TV) the tablets will have the ability to be attached to them. Having a backup plan in case of system failure/delay will be strongly recommended.

We request your input and comments.

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Original post:
http://bridgewinners.com/article/view/acbl-to-test-tablets-for-use-in-premier-events-2-egnxycfya5/

Decidophobia

I used to be indecisive, now I'm not sure….

by Mark Horton

The word coined in 1973 by Princeton philosopher Walter Kaufmann is used to describe the fear of making decisions. It's not something you would associate with bridge players, who are faced with them every time they sit down to play. It's much more likely that the journalist, needing to select the most interesting deals to report on will have difficulty in determining which are worthy of inclusion. Who would make the winning moves on day one of the OCBL May Cup?

Round 1

We start by following the fortunes of a couple of the recently crowned World Senior Champions:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Seligman v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Starkowski*	*Trendafilov*	*Kwiecen*
—	Pass	1♠	2NT*
4♠	5♢	5♡	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

2NT Minors

Many pairs make use of 3♣ and 3♢ in this situation to show support for partner's suit, leaving direct raises available to show different hand types. West was guessing over partner's 5♡ and he took the low road, +510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Root*	*Pszczola*	*Gross*
—	Pass	1♠	2NT*
3♢*	5♣	5♡	Pass
6♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2NT Minors
3♢ 'Spades, game forcing I think'

South led the ♢K and declarer was soon claiming, +1010 and 11 IMPs.

Black v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*M Rimstedt*	*Wang*	*O Rimstedt*
—	Pass	1♣*	2♠
3♡	Pass	6♡	All Pass

1♣ 16+
2♠ Spades or both minors

North led the ♣A and declarer was soon claiming all the tricks, +1010

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Loo*	*Gold*	*Tan*
—	Pass	1♠	2NT*
3♢*	5♢	5♡	6♣
6♠	7♢	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2NT Minors
3♢ 'Spades, game forcing I think'

East led the ♡A and continued with the five, West winning and returning the ♣8. East ruffed and tried the ♠10 but declarer ruffed and played the ♢K, claiming nine tricks, -800 and 5 IMPs.

Do you think that West, looking at the ♢A, should have ventured 7♠? Perhaps if he had bid 6♢ over 6♣ East might have taken the plunge?

6 pairs bid 6♠, no-one reaching the cold grand slam.

Board 4. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Seligman v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Starkowski*	*Trendafilov*	*Kwiecen*
1♡	Pass	2♢*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

2♢ 'Good 2♡+'
4♣ Splinter
4♢ Cue

Here West had to decide about showing a spade control. With the ♠A onside he was +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Root*	*Pszczola*	*Gross*
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠*	Dble
4NT*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

2♣ Gazzilli
2♢ 8+ artificial
4♠ RKCB
4NT 3 keycards

South's double made it clear that the ♠A was well placed and having won the second round of spades declarer claimed, +1430 and 13 IMPs.

The most spectacular result on this deal came in the match between Peanuts and Netbridge. In the Open Room EW stopped in 4♡.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*van de Hoek*	*Bessis*	*Bremer*
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♡	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	All Pass

2♣ Gazzilli
2♢ Any (8) 9+
4♢ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 key card

South was unlucky, the ♠K was not with East so that was +2070 and 16 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The positional factor at bridge can be important. Imagine you are playing the last set of a match where you need swings. Both teams have a pair playing Precision and you have choice of opponents. The opposition's Precision pair are NS. Do you put your Precision pair in as NS in the other room? That would be a good idea if you were leading, attempting to match any potential systemic swings, but not when you are trailing.

By the same token, the direction in which a contract is played can be significant.

Seligman v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Starkowski*	*Trendafilov*	*Kwiecen*
—	—	—	1♣*
1♡	Dble*	2NT*	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♡	All Pass

1♣ Polish
Dble Spades
2NT Heart support

North led the ♠9 and declarer won, unblocked the spades, crossed to dummy with a heart and pitched his club on the ♠A. He continued with the ♢8 and South took the king and played

the ♣A but declarer ruffed, played a heart to the king and a diamond, North winning with the jack. Declarer ruffed the club return and ran the ♢Q. South ruffed, but that was the last defensive trick, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Root*	*Pszczola*	*Gross*
—	—	—	1♣
2NT*	Pass	4♡	All Pass

2NT Red suits

Naturally South led the ♣A and declarer could not avoid losing two diamonds and a heart, -100 and 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Seligman v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Starkowski*	*Trendafilov*	*Kwiecen*
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♢*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ Polish
2♢ Strong, artificial
2NT 4♠, maximum

East led the ♣9 and when dummy's queen held declarer played two rounds of diamonds followed by a spade to the jack and queen, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Root*	*Pszczola*	*Gross*
Pass	1♢	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	3♢
Pass	5♢	Pass	6♢
All Pass			

2♣ Fourth-suit forcing
2♢ Natural

East led the ♣10 and declarer went up with dummy's ace, and played a diamond for the ten and king followed by a diamond to the eight! He cashed the ♢A and exited with the ♣Q, East winning and returning the five to dummy's jack. When declarer played a spade to the ten his contract was fulfilled, +920 and 10 IMPs.

Fredin v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Fredin*	*M Norris*	*Apteker*
2♡	Dble	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3♠	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

West led the ♡9 for the jack, king and ace and declarer played a diamond for the ten and king and took the club finesse. That was one hurdle cleared and when his next move was to run the ♠J the winning post was in sight. A spade to the ten was followed by a diamond to the eight, and declarer took all the remaining tricks, +1020.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Werdelin*	*Gustawsson*	*Aagaard*
Pass	1♢	Pass	1♡
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♢	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♢	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

2♣ Game forcing
4♣ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♠ 2 keycards +♢Q
5NT Grand slam interest

East led the ♡4 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♢A, drew trumps and took the club finesse. That was followed by the ♠K and a spade to the ten, +940 but a 2 IMP loss.

Everyone else stopped in game.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Seligman v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Isporski	*Starkowski*	*Trendafilov*	*Kwiecen*
—	1♣*	Pass	1♢*
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Dble
2♢	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♠	All Pass

1♣ Polish
1♢ Artificial
2♣ Forcing for one round, normally 3♠

North led the ♣A and when declarer discarded the ♡7 he continued with the four. Declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the nine and jack and pitched the ♡8 on the club return. When South switched to the ♡5 declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠Q, came to hand with the ♠K and played a diamond to the eight. South won and played a heart and declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the ace, South's ruff leaving declarer with eight tricks, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Root*	*Pszczola*	*Gross*
—	1♣*	Pass	1♢*
1♠	Dble*	2♢*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
1♢ 'Natural in theory'
Dble 3♢
2♢ Spade support

North led the ♣K and declarer ruffed, played a diamond for the eight and jack, won the spade return in dummy, drew trumps and played a diamond to the ace, +170 and 9 IMPs.

Black v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*M Rimstedt*	*Wang*	*O Rimstedt*
—	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
2♠	3♣	4♠	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣
2♣ 5+♣, non-forcing

North led the ♣A and declarer pitched a heart, ruffed the next club, cashed the ♠A, crossed to dummy with a spade and played the ♢9. South went up with the king and played a club, but declarer ruffed with the ♠J, drew the outstanding trump and claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Loo*	*Gold*	*Tan*
—	1♢*	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♢*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

1♢ 0+♢
2♢ Good spade raise

Declarer ruffed the club lead and played a diamond for the eight and jack. When South continued with the ♢K declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps and claimed, +620.

If you take the diamond suit in isolation, the odds play is to take two finesses, offering a 71% chance of four tricks. Say North has ♢K64. After taking a second finesse you can't afford to draw trumps but after taking two rounds you can play the ♢A. South can ruff, but declarer will still take ten tricks.

8 pairs bid 4♠, but these were the only two to make it.

Round 2

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Nadel v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*van den Bos*	*Gustawsson*	*vandenBergh*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♡*	Pass	4♢*
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

3♡ Game forcing, 5+♠, 4+♡
4♢ Cue, heart fit

East led the ♡J and declarer won with dummy's king, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a spade, East pitching the ♢5, cashed the ♢A,

ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, unblocked the ♡Q, crossed to the ♣A, drew the last trump and claimed, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
van Lankveld	*Fredin*	*Nadel*	*Apteker*
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2NT*	Dble
3♢	4♠	5♢	Dble
All Pass			

2NT Minors

North led the ♠A and continued with the king. When declarer pitched a heart from dummy North cashed the ♡A and played the ♠2, declarer ruffing with dummy's ♢J as South discarded the ♡Q. Declarer continued with dummy's ♣K, North taking the ace and playing the ♠3 which declarer ruffed with dummy's ♢Q. South overruffed and played back the ♢3 and declarer won with dummy's king and cross-ruffed, discarding a spade on dummy's ♣J along the way. South was able to score a trick with the ♢7, leaving declarer with seven tricks, -1100 and a 3 IMP loss.

Three more pairs reached 6♡ but played by South. On a club lead declarer must win with dummy's ace and play to establish the spades, eventually taking advantage of the lucky position in trumps by overtaking with dummy's ace. In practice no one found that line. One pair were even more ambitious, trying 7♡. On another day, with spades 4-2 and North as declarer that would roll home.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Scorway v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Kvangraven*	*M Norris*	*Olsen*
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♡J and when dummy's queen held declarer played a club to the king, cashed the ♢K, played a diamond to the queen and took a spade finesse. When that worked, she cashed the diamonds and the major suit aces for +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Werdelin*	*Saur*	*Pederson*
—	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

When North starts with a weak two in spades East must chose between overcalling 2NT or passing, intending to pass if partner re-opens with a double.

East led the ♣K and declarer won with the ace and played a heart (here comes another decision) putting in dummy's jack when East followed with the eight. West won and switched to the ♠8, East taking the queen, cashing the ace and exiting with the ♣2 to dummy's queen. Declarer pitched a diamond on the ♡K and East won and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed and drew trumps, finishing with six tricks, -500.

If declarer puts up dummy's ♡K he can unblock the ♣Q, ruff a heart and play a club when nine tricks will be on the horizon.

Having led the ♣K to be sure of defeating 2♠ East must rise with the ♡A and switch to a diamond so that West can play a spade through declarer. After taking the ♠AQ East must exit with a black card to be sure of one down. Exiting with a diamond allows declarer to ruff, and draw trumps, putting pressure on West. Forced to hold on to the ♡Q5 he will be thrown in at the end to lead into dummy's tenace.

Black v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zomer	*Gold*	*Bouwen*	*Black*
—	2♠	All Pass	

As you see, there is no guarantee that partner will re-open.

East led the ♡8 and naturally declarer put in dummy's jack. West covered with the queen (not automatic) cashed the ♢A and continued with the five, declarer ruffing and playing a club. East took the king and switched to the ♠3 and declarer won with the jack, crossed to the ♣Q and pitched a club on the ♡K. When East was able to win with the ace he could have cashed the ♠A to remove dummy's trump, but he exited with the ♢9 and declarer ruffed and played the ♣3. When East discarded the ♡4 dummy's ♠10 scored and declarer had seven tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*v den Hoek*	*McIntosh*	*Bremer*
—	1♠	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♡6 and declarer won with the nine and played two rounds of diamonds, North pitching the ♠7. The ♣5 went to declarer's king and he cashed his diamonds, took the spade finesse, cashed the ♠A and exited with the nine to North's now lone jack. South exited with a club to South's queen, but declarer took the last two tricks with the ♡A and ♠3, +660 and 11 IMPs.

Giorgia Botta

Five players opened 2♠, two 1♠, one 4♠, and one 3♠. There was one 2♢ opening, and the other two passed. Where North opened 3♠ East overcalled 3NT. When the opening bid was 4♠ West did not re-open with a double. Against a 2♠ opening three players passed and two bid 2NT. Only one West doubled.

Round 3

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Scorway v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gu	*Shenkin*	*Sheng*	*Levinson*
—	2NT	3♣*	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♠	5♢	All Pass	

3♣ 'Majors but undiscussed'
3♠ 'Short but undiscussed'

East led the ♠A and switched to the ♡J, declarer winning with the queen and playing the ♢K. East won and returned the ♡10, but declarer won, cashed the ♢Q, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing and ran the ♠Q, claiming when it held, +400.

After West's 4♠ bid East might have tried leading the ♠4. It would not have helped.

North did well, not doubling 4♠.

If West had passed 3NT you might imagine that it would have been defeated, but Zach Grossack and Ewan McNay were the only pair to manage it, East leading a heart and refusing to be panicked at the sight of dummy's clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Olsen	*Baseggio*	*Kvangraven*	*Lo*
—	2NT	4♡	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♡K and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the ♣A, East discarding the ♠4. The ♢K lost to East's ace and East cashed the ♠K (a heart is best) and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the queen, pitched a diamond on the ♠Q, cashed the ♡Q and played a diamond. West eventually had to lead into declarer's ♣KJ for -300, still worth 12 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Spring Warriors v Danes

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dahl	*Botta*	*Berg*	*Marker*
—	—	Pass	1♡
Pass	2♡	Pass	4♢*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

4♢ Splinter
5♣ Control

West led the ♢10 and declarer won perforce with the ace and played the ♡Q. When it held he continued with the king and West took the ace, an unlucky one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	*Werdelin*	*McNay*	*Pedersen*
—	—	Pass	2♣*
2♢	3♣	4♢	6♣
All Pass			

You recall I mentioned that the positional factor can be important?

West led the ♢J and declarer could win, draw trumps, cash four spades to dispose of dummy's diamonds and give up a heart, +920 and 14 IMPs.

Seligman v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zomer	*Starkowski*	*Bouwen*	*Kwiecen*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♢	2♣*	3♢*	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♢
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

1♣ Polish
2♣ Non-forcing
3♢ Weak

West led the ♡A....and switched to the ♠8. Declarer won with the ace, played a club to the queen and a club to the nine! He claimed when it held, +1090.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*La Haye*	*Pszczola*	*Verhoeve*
—	—	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

3♣ Puppet

That was +450, but a loss of 12 IMPs.

Black v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	*Hallberg*	*Gustawsson*	*Hult*
—	—	Pass	1♡
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ Natural, forcing for one round

East led his heart, West won and returned the four, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*Fredin*	*McIntosh*	*Apteker*
—	—	Pass	2♣*
2♢	Dble*	4♢	4♡
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♢*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

2♣ 20-21 balanced or game forcing
Dble Game forcing
5♣ Cue

West led the ♢K and in due course he scored two trump tricks, -50 but a 2 IMP gain.

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ROUND 1

Black	0.17 VPs / 13 IMPs	19.83 VPs / 67 IMPs	New Amateurs
Seligman	13.48 VPs / 47 IMPs	6.52 VPs / 35 IMPs	Harris
Fredin	4.54 VPs / 20 IMPs	15.46 VPs / 41 IMPs	Danes
Peanuts	14.19 VPs / 43 IMPs	5.81 VPs / 28 IMPs	Netbridge
Nadel	20 VPs / 58 IMPs	0 VPs / 1 IMPs	Scorway
Uli	19.83 VPs / 71 IMPs	0.17 VPs / 17 IMPs	Spring Warriors

ROUND 2

Scorway	15.66 VPs / 40 IMPs	4.34 VPs / 18 IMPs	Danes
Harris	14.19 VPs / 43 IMPs	5.81 VPs / 28 IMPs	Spring Warriors
Peanuts	18.87 VPs / 54 IMPs	1.13 VPs / 10 IMPs	New Amateurs
Black	10 VPs / 36 IMPs	10 VPs / 36 IMPs	Netbridge
Uli	10 VPs / 26 IMPs	10 VPs / 26 IMPs	Seligman
Nadel	2.96 VPs / 14 IMPs	17.04 VPs / 44 IMPs	Fredin

ROUND 3

Scorway	8.13 VPs / 28 IMPs	11.87 VPs / 34 IMPs	New Amateurs
Harris	6.77 VPs / 39 IMPs	13.23 VPs / 50 IMPs	Peanuts
Spring Warriors	4.34 VPs / 15 IMPs	15.66 VPs / 37 IMPs	Danes
Seligman	11.58 VPs / 47 IMPs	8.42 VPs / 42 IMPs	Netbridge
Nadel	16.88 VPs / 46 IMPs	3.12 VPs / 17 IMPs	Uli
Black	4.34 VPs / 23 IMPs	15.66 VPs / 45 IMPs	Fredin

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1	O. Kandolu	Uli	2.93	14
	G. Zanasi	Uli	2.93	14
3	M. Kwok-Fei	New Amateurs	2.64	14
	T. Aagaard	Danes	2.64	14
	W. Wang	New Amateurs	2.64	14
6	G. Tan	New Amateurs	1.86	14
	C. Loo	New Amateurs	1.86	14
8	P. Coppens	Nadel	1.57	14
9	M. Sheng	New Amateurs	1.5	14
	A. Snellers	Nadel	1.5	14
	W. De Boer	Nadel	1.5	14
12	N. Verhoeve	Netbridge	1.43	14
	M. la Haye	Netbridge	1.43	14
14	A. Apteker	Fredin	1.38	42
	P. Fredin	Fredin	1.38	42
16	B. Van Den Bos	Nadel	1.33	42
17	T. Bessis	Peanuts	1.21	42
	C. Lorenzini	Peanuts	1.21	42
	Q. Robert	Peanuts	1.21	14
20	F. Primavera	Uli	1.07	28
	G. Olivieri	Uli	1.07	28
22	S. Werdelin	Danes	1.02	42
23	M. Kwiecien	Seligman	0.95	42
	W. Starkowski	Seligman	0.95	42
25	P. Franceschetti	Peanuts	0.86	42
26	H. Setton	Peanuts	0.68	28
27	J. Van Lankveld	Nadel	0.62	42
28	V. Isporski	Harris	0.5	28
29	R. Trendafilov	Harris	0.36	42
30	N. Kvangraven	Scorway	0.29	28
	J. Olsen	Scorway	0.29	28
32	S. Lauge Pedersen	Danes	0.21	28
33	T. Tiholov	Harris	0.07	14
	R. Van den Bergh	Nadel	0.07	14
	G. Brekka	Scorway	0.07	28
	F. Dahl	Danes	0.07	14
	T. Berg	Danes	0.07	14
	O. Saur	Scorway	0.07	28
39	J. Van Den Hoek	Netbridge	-0.07	28
	D. Marker	Spring Warriors	-0.07	14
	G. Botta	Spring Warriors	-0.07	14
	A. Bremer	Netbridge	-0.07	28
43	J. Norris	Danes	-0.25	28
	M. Norris	Danes	-0.25	28
45	S. Gross	Harris	-0.43	14
46	J. Nadel	Nadel	-0.46	28
47	S. Root	Harris	-0.5	28
48	J. Pszczola	Seligman	-0.52	42
	M. Seligman	Seligman	-0.52	42
50	M. Gustawsson	Fredin	-0.55	42
	J. Sylvan	Fredin	-0.55	42
52	N. Igoe	Harris	-0.57	14
53	A. Black	Black	-0.61	28
	D. Gold	Black	-0.61	28
55	Gu Jiang	New Amateurs	-0.71	28
	F. Baseggio	New Amateurs	-0.71	14
57	Z. Grossack	Spring Warriors	-0.75	28
	E. McNay	Spring Warriors	-0.75	28
59	J. Weinstein	New Amateurs	-0.86	14
	D. Yang	New Amateurs	-0.86	14
61	K. Bouwen	Netbridge	-0.9	42
	M. Zomer	Netbridge	-0.9	42
63	A. McIntosh	Black	-0.93	28
	T. Paske	Black	-0.93	28
65	G. Hallberg	Black	-1.07	14
	S. Hult	Black	-1.07	14
	Bob Drijver	Uli	-1.07	28
	M. Verhaegen	Uli	-1.07	28
69	J. Harris	Harris	-1.21	14
	E. Malhasyan	Harris	-1.21	14
71	C. Parker	Spring Warriors	-1.57	14
	A. Grossack	Spring Warriors	-1.57	14
	W. Schuster	Uli	-1.57	14
	U. Schuster	Uli	-1.57	14
75	A. Lo	New Amateurs	-1.82	28
76	S. Levinson	Scorway	-2.04	28
	B. Shenkin	Scorway	-2.04	28
78	A. Tebha	Spring Warriors	-2.21	28
	S. Rubenstein	Spring Warriors	-2.21	28
80	O. Rimstedt	Black	-2.64	14
	M. Rimstedt	Black	-2.64	14

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