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AND NOW THE KNOCKOUTS

May Cup Qualifiers:

Peanuts
(Lorenzini C., Setton H., Franceschetti P., Bessis T., Robert Q.)

Danes
(Werdelin S., Lauge Pedersen S., Aagaard T., Norris J., Norris M., Dahl F., Berg T.

New Amateurs
Lo A., Jiang Gu, Yang D., Chechelashvili D., Wang W., Kwok-Fei M., Weinstein J., Chou C., Sheng M., Baseggio F., Tan G.

Fredin
Fredin P., Apteker A., Sylvan J., Clemmensson J., Gustawsson M., Aa T., Livgard A., Ekenberg S., Dahlstrom L.

Nadel
Nadel J., Van Lankveld J., Snellers A., De Boer W., Van Den Bos B., Van den Bergh R., Coppens P.

Seligman
Seligman M., Kwiecien M., Pszczola J., Starkowski W.

Scorway
Levinson S., Shenkin B., Kvangraven N., Brekka G., Diamond D., Spears B., Saur O., Olsen J.

Harris
Root S., Harris J., Igoe N., Malhasyan E., Gold M., Trendafilov R., Isporski V., Tiholov T., Gross S., Burgess O.

A special mention to the unlucky team **Black**, who missed the qualification for just .19 VPs.

MAY CUP
Ranking after Round 9

1		Peanuts	122.69
2		Danes	122.5
3		New Amateurs	111.77
4		Fredin	98.81
5		Nadel	97.26
6		Seligman	92.25
7		Scorway	84.64
8		Harris	82.64
9		Black	82.45
10		Uli	77.05
11		Netbridge	62.99
12		Spring Warriors	44.95

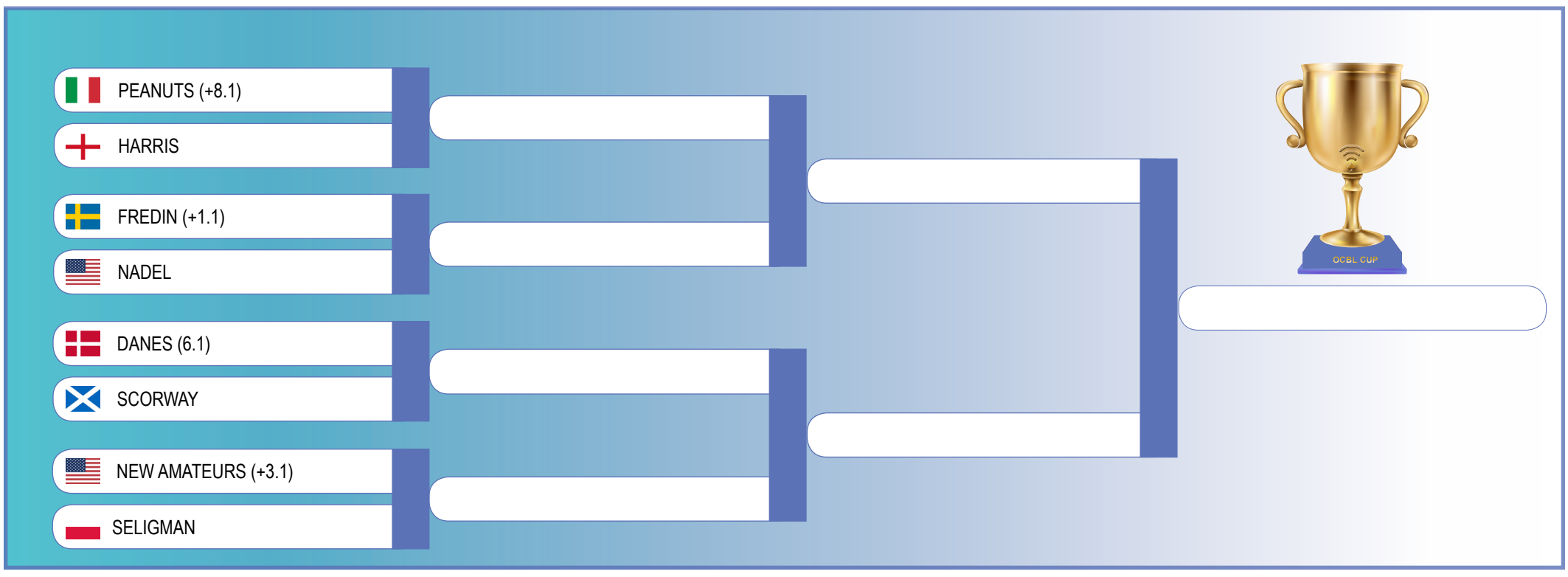
SCHEDULE TODAY

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 7. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Round 8. 13.00 CEST / 12.30 p.m. EDT

Round 9. 21.00 CEST / 3.00 p.m. EDT



OCBL
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

WORLD BRIDGE SERIES 2022

The 2022 World Bridge Series will be played in Wroclaw, Poland, from August 19 to September 3.
More details on the event have been published in the last days (including entry fees, registration details and schedule of play).
Info are available here: **http://championships.worldbridge.org/wroclaww22**

ACBL WANTS TO KNOW YOUR STORY

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ACBL wants to know more about your unique bridge-playing stories and NABC experiences. Click and fill out the form below, and your story may be included in a future Bridge Bulletin, on our social media pages, or in a local or national news story.

ALT AND OCBL POINTS

This tournament awards ALT and OCBL Points!

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.

ALT UPCOMING EVENTS:

https://alt.bridgeresults.org/

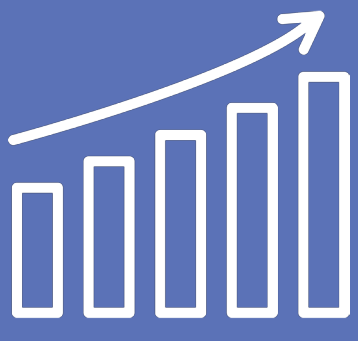
OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS:

https://ocbl.org/upcoming-events/

STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE!

Who are the strongest defenders?

Who are the overall leaders?



Who should I be more afraid of?

Who is the top declarer?

The answers to your questions are here:

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

Chasing the Rainbow

by Mark Horton

With three rounds to play in the qualifying phase the teams outside the top eight needed to be at their best – and perhaps enjoy the odd stroke of good fortune. Could any of them find that elusive 'crock of gold' at the end of the rainbow?

Round 7

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Harris v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Igoe*	*Saur*	*Gross*
—	—	—	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♡*	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

2♡ 'This was non-forcing'

East led the ♣J and declarer won with the ace and played a heart to the king followed by a heart for the jack and ace, East returning a club to West's queen. A third club forced dummy to ruff and after drawing the outstanding trump declarer cashed the ♠K and took the losing finesse for 10 tricks, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Shenkin*	*Malhasyan*	*Levinson*
—	—	—	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♢
All Pass			

West led the ♣K and switched to the ♡10, East winning with the ace and going back to clubs. Declarer took dummy's ace and ran the ♢9, West winning and playing the ♣Q. Declarer ruffed and played the ♢A followed by the jack, East winning and playing the ♣10. Declarer ruffed and played on hearts, claiming eight tricks but losing 8 IMPs.

Black v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*McIntosh*	*Pszczola*	*Paske*
—	—	—	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡*	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

2♡ Natural, forcing for one round

East led the ♣J and declarer won with the ace and played a heart. When dummy's queen held, he cashed the top spades and when the queen fell he continued with the ♠10. When East discarded the ♢6 declarer pitched dummy's remaining club and played the ♠J. East ruffed that with the ♡7 and declarer now embarked on a crossruff which got him up to 11 tricks, +450.

Once East has pitched a diamond rather than ruffing immediately with the ♡7 declarer can play a diamond to the ace and crossruff diamonds and spades to reach this ending:

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

He now plays the ♠10. East must ruff but declarer overruffs and plays a winning diamond to secure a second overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Starkowski*	*Gold*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	—	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

2♡ Natural, not minimum

East led the ♣3 and declarer ducked, won the spade switch with dummy's king (East playing the queen) played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, and played the ♡K. When it held he continued with the queen and East won and gave his partner a ruff, +170 and a loss of 7 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Harris v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Igoe*	*Saur*	*Gross*
—	—	—	1♣*
5♢	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

North led the ♠3 and South won with the jack and switched to the ♣A. When North followed with the jack South cashed the top spades and then played a club, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♢A and claiming, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Shenkin*	*Malhasyan*	*Levinson*
—	—	—	1♣*
5♢	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣

West led the ♢K and switched to the ♠7. Shortly thereafter declarer claimed ten tricks, -500 and a 12 IMP loss.

Black v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*McIntosh*	*Pszczola*	*Paske*
—	—	—	1♣
3NT*	5♣	Dble	All Pass

3NT 'Probably gambling'

West led the ♢K and continued with the jack. When declarer ruffed with dummy's eight East overruffed and switched to the ♠4. Declarer put in the jack and when it held he played a club to the jack, came to hand with the ♣A, cashed the ♠AK and played a heart, claiming nine tricks when West discarded, -500.

Declarer had missed a difficult chance.

If he ruffs the second diamond with the ♣K he can then run the jack. His next move must be to finesse the ♠J after which he draws the outstanding trump, cashes the top spades and exits with the ♢10, discarding a heart from dummy leaving West to deliver up a ruff and discard.

To avoid this West needs to switch to a spade at trick two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Starkowski*	*Gold*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	—	1♣*
1♢	Dble*	1♠	2♡
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♡
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

1♣ Polish
Dble Hearts

If West had resisted the temptation to bid in front of his partner, I suspect East would have doubled 4♡. It costs 800 if North decides to stand it.

South led the ♣A and switched to the ♢4. Declarer won in dummy and ran the ♠10. South's ♠AK meant one down, -200 and a 12 IMP loss.

Fredin v Uli

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mistretta	*Fredin*	*Margiotta*	*Apteker*
—	—	—	1♣
1♢	1♡	1♠	2♡
4♡*	5♣	Dble	5♡
Pass*	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Pass Forcing

East led the ♠4 and declarer took dummy's AK discarding the ♢Q and then played the ♣A followed by the four. He carried on playing clubs and after East had ruffed the third round and returned a diamond declarer ruffed and played another club, ruffed by the nine and overruffed with dummy's ten. A spade ruff and another club meant declarer had escaped for two down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	*Kandolu*	*Bennet*	*Zanasi*
—	—	—	1♣
1♢	1♡	1♠	2♡
2♠	4♡	Dble	All Pass

East led his diamond and West won with the king and continued with the ace, ruffed and overruffed. East exited with a spade and declarer took dummy's ace and played a heart, East winning with the nine and exiting with a spade. There were three more trump tricks to come, three down, -800 and 7 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Black v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*McIntosh*	*Pszczola*	*Paske*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♢	1♡	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ten, played a heart to the queen, ran the ♢Q and continued with the ♢J for the king, ace and ten. A spade to the jack was followed by a claim of ten tricks, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Starkowski*	*Gold*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♡	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♡	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
1NT 'About 11'

East led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ace and played two rounds of hearts, West winning, cashing the ♠K and switching to the ♢Q followed by the jack. That gave the defenders six tricks, -100 but an 11 IMP loss.

Fredin v Uli

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mistretta	*Fredin*	*Margiotta*	*Apteker*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT*	2♡*	Dble*	Pass
2♠	3♡	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

1NT 12-14
2♡ Constructive
Dble Takeout

North led the ♡4 and declarer won with dummy's jack and played the ♠10. When that held a diamond to the queen saw North win, cash the ♡A and exit with the two. Winning with dummy's king declarer played a spade to the ace and claimed the rest when North discarded the ♢5, +950.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Andersson	*Kandolu*	*Bennet*	*Zanasi*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	3♡	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
1♠ Diamonds or notrumps or weak with clubs
Dble Takeout

East led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ace, played a club to the ten and continued with the ace, pitching the ♠8 when West ruffed with the ♡Q. The ♢Q was covered by the king and ace and East switched to the ♠, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond for the ten and jack. West's heart return meant two down, -500, but a 10 IMP gain.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Black v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*McIntosh*	*Pszczola*	*Paske*
—	—	—	1♢
1♠	2♢	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♢
Pass	5♢	All Pass	

West led the ♠K and declarer ruffed, and played three rounds of clubs, East discarding the ♡6. West switched to the ♡3 and declarer won with the ace, played a diamond to the king, a diamond to the ace and could pitch dummy's remaining heart on a club, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Starkowski*	*Gold*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	—	1♢
1♠	2♢	2♠	3♣
All Pass			

West led the ♠K and declarer ruffed, cashed the top clubs, played a diamond to the king and a diamond to the jack, West's ♣Q being the only trick for the defence, +170 but a 6 IMP loss.

In the match between Harris & Scorway, Eduard Malhasyan had managed to bid hearts and Jonathan Harris led the ♡4 against 5♢. When declarer did not divine the trump position, he was one down which cost 10 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Black v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*McIntosh*	*Pszczola*	*Paske*
—	—	1NT	Pass
3♣*	3♡	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3♣ Puppet

South led the ♡J and North overtook it and continued the suit leaving declarer with only eight tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Starkowski*	*Gold*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠8 and declarer won with the ace, went to dummy with the ♢K and played the ♣10 to his queen. A diamond to the queen was followed by the ♣9 to the king and another club, setting up the eight. That meant 11 tricks, +460 and 11 IMPs.

I wondered if anyone would speculate with a double with North's hand after 1NT-3NT, possible if you are asking partner to lead their shortest major. No-one did.

Round 8

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Peanuts v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Franceschetti*	*Saur*	*Setton*
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♢*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

4♢ Accepts clubs
4NT RKCB
5♢ 1 keycard
5NT Grand slam try

North led the ♣7 and declarer drew trumps discarding hearts from dummy, cashed the ♣J pitching a spade and then played two rounds of diamonds, claiming, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Shenkin*	*Bessis*	*Levinson*
—	Pass	Pass	2♠*
Dble	Pass	4♡	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

2♠ Spades and a minor

North led the ♢8 for the queen, king and ace and declarer was already assured of 12 tricks. There was no squeeze for an IMP winning overtrick.

Five pairs bid 6♣, Jonathan Harris overcalling North's 2♡ with 6♣!

On Board 6 EW held

♠J ♡KQ742 ♢A103 ♣AJ75

opposite

♠AQ52 ♡J1095 ♢KQ652 ♣-.

Two pairs stopped in game, 9 bid 6♡ and one got to 7♢, East gambling that West's aces were in the red suits.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Peanuts v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Franceschetti*	*Saur*	*Setton*
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♢*	4♡	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

2♢ Multi

South led the ♡2 and declarer lost two hearts and a trick in each of the other three suits, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Shenkin*	*Bessis*	*Levinson*
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♢*
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

3NT Good 4♡/4♠
4♢ Bid your suit

East led the ♢2, +710 and 5 IMPs.

Harris v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Black	*Root*	*Gold*	*Gross*
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♠	4♡	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♡K, switched to the ♢K, went back to hearts, then played the ♢Q. Declarer had to lose a spade and a club, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*M Rimstedt*	*Malhasyan*	*O Rimstedt*
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♢*
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♢*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♡	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

2♡ Natural or 24+ balanced
2♠ Relay
3♢ 6+♡
3♠ 0/1 ♡
4♠ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard

East led the ♡5, declarer taking all the tricks, along with 14 IMPs for +1460. 6 pairs bid a slam.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Peanuts v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Franceschetti*	*Saur*	*Setton*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	6NT
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

West led the ♣Q and declarer won perforce with dummy's king and cashed all the spades, reducing her hand to ♡KJ ♢AQ ♣A. She crossed to the ♡K, cashed the ♣A, went back to dummy with a heart and played a diamond to the queen, +2220

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Shenkin*	*Bessis*	*Levinson*
3♣	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Declarer won the club lead, drew trumps and played three rounds of hearts before taking the diamond finesse, +1460 but a 13 IMP loss.

What's the best line in 7NT?

Thomas Andersson, having seen West open 3♣ and East raise to 5♣ had won the club lead, cashed four spades, played the ♢J to the ace, cashed the ♣A pitching a diamond crossed to the ♡A and then played three spades, squeezing East in front of dummy's ♡KJ ♢Q for +2220 and 13 IMPs.

Another possibility is to cross to dummy with a heart at trick two, cash the ♣A, return to hand with a heart and then play off the spades, catching East in a show up squeeze.

The downside of that line is you are doomed if the spades are not running whereas you still have chances if you test the spades first and they don't break.

Two pairs bid 7NT, 3 7♠. One pair had the misfortune to stop in game.

In this round two teams, Black and Danes managed 20-0 wins (the first maximums since the opening round) which gave Black renewed hopes while severely damaging those of Harris and Uli.

Round 9

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Uli v Peanuts

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Drijver*	*Bessis*	*Verhaegen*
—	1♣*	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	3♠	4♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♢J and having won with dummy's king declarer played the ♡Q to the ace, pitched a spade on the ♢A and continued with the ♢2. When East followed with the five, declarer pitched dummy's remaining spade and West, who had played the four on the first round of the suit, had to win. With a heart ruff now out of the equation declarer could not be denied 11 tricks, +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Franceschetti*	*Schuster*	*Robert*
—	1♣	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	2♠	4♡
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♡K and the contract was secure, +420 and 14 IMPs.

Harrris v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chechelash.	*Tiholov*	*Yang*	*Malhasyan*
—	1♢*	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡*	2♠	4♡
All Pass			

1♢ 10-15, 0+♢
2♡ 4♡

West led the ♠A and when East followed with the two, he continued with the six, East winning with the jack and switching to the ♣10. After taking the first four tricks the defenders declared, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gross	*Gu*	*Burgess*	*Lo*
—	1♣*	Pass	1♢*
Dble	2♡	2♠	4♡
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
1♢ 4+♡

South led the ♡K which meant -590 and an 11 IMP loss.

Black v Spring Warriors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
M Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*O Rimstedt*	*Lebowitz*
—	1♣	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	2♠	3♡
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♡K and switched to the ♣4. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠AK and played the ♢Q, claiming when South won with the king, +420 and 10 IMPs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	*Hallberg*	*McNay*	*Hult*
—	1♣	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♡	2♠	4♡
4♠	All Pass		

South unerringly led the ♢K and continued with the ♡J, North winning, cashing the ♢A and giving South a ruff, -50.

No-one else found the diamond lead.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Uli v Peanuts

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Drijver*	*Bessis*	*Verhaegen*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♡*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3♡ Invitational, 4♠

West led the ♡2 and at trick two declarer claimed all the tricks, +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Franceschetti*	*Schuster*	*Robert*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

4♣ Splinter
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard

When West led the ♡7 declarer pocketed +1460 and 13 IMPs.

Harris v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chechelash.	*Tiholov*	*Yang*	*Malhasyan*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♢*	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ 16+ any shape
1♢ 0-7
4♣ Splinter

West led the ♡2, +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gross	*Gu*	*Burgess*	*Lo*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♢*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

3NT Mini splinter in any suit
4♣ Asking
4♢ Club shortage
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard

West led the ♡2, +1460 and 13 IMPs.

Call me old fashioned, but I would have doubled 4♢.

Black v Spring Warriors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
M Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*O Rimstedt*	*Lebowitz*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♢*	Dble	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

We just saw this sequence (and this time East did double!).

West led the ♡7 and +1460 was not music to East's ears.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	*Hallberg*	*McNay*	*Hult*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	4♠	4NT*	Dble
5♢	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♣5 and South won with the ace and returned the nine, North ruffing and switching to the ♠J. South took the queen and continued with the ♣7, North ruffing and switching to the ♢7. Declarer could draw trumps, ruff a club and exit with a heart. South won but had to offer up a ruff and discard so only four down, -800 and a 12 IMP swing.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Uli v Peanuts

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Drijver*	*Bessis*	*Verhaegen*
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♠*	Pass
3♠	4♣	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♢	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ Hearts and a minor

North pushed the boat out with 4♣ and discovered it was in deep water.

West led the ♣7 and East won and returned the ♢4, West taking the queen, cashing the ace and continuing with the nine. East ruffed and switched to the ♠10. Declarer could only take four tricks, -1700.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Primavera	*Franceschetti*	*Schuster*	*Robert*
—	—	—	Pass
1♢	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♢4 and West took the queen, cashed the ♡A and continued with the jack, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond to the king and ace. When West continued with the ♢8 East ruffed and switched to the ♠10. Declarer took the ace and played the ♣Q East winning and going back to hearts. Declarer ruffed and claimed, only one down, -100 and a 17 IMP pickup.

Black v Spring Warriors

Open Room

West	North	East	South
M Rimstedt	*A Grossack*	*O Rimstedt*	*Lebowitz*
—	—	—	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♢*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♡*	Pass	6♡	All Pass

3♢ 5+♡, invitational +
4♣ Support, strong accept
4♢ Transfer
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 keycards

North led his spade and declarer was down before he had started, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	*Hallberg*	*McNay*	*Hult*
—	—	—	1♠
1NT	2♣	Dble*	Pass
2♡	3♣	Dble*	All Pass

Dble Stayman
Dble Values/penalties

East led the ♠10 and declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♢K, West winning and switching to the ♡J followed by the four. Declarer ruffed and played the ♢10 West winning and switching to the ♣4. East took the ace and forced declarer with a heart, ensuring three down, -500, and an 11 IMP loss.

Black won their match 49-29, 15.26-4.74, losing two IMPs on the last board where they bid a thin game that went two down.

Here is that last deal:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Harris v New Amateurs

In the other room EW had played in 3♢, West doubling South's opening bid of 3♣ and lost 150.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chechelash.	*Tiholov*	*Yang*	*Malhasyan*
—	—	Pass	3♣
Dble	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	Dble	All Pass	

North's double of 4♡ resulted in -300 and 4 IMPs. Harris won their match 47-20, 16.55-3.45, giving them a total of 82.64. Black's score was 82.45. That double was essential!

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ROUND 7

Harris	10 VPs 35 IMPs	10 VPs 35 IMPs	Scorway
Netbridge	10.66 VPs 34 IMPs	9.34 VPs 32 IMPs	Spring Warriors
New Amateurs	17.91 VPs 48 IMPs	2.09 VPs 12 IMPs	Danes
Black	7.56 VPs 26 IMPs	12.44 VPs 34 IMPs	Seligman
Peanuts	3.62 VPs 25 IMPs	16.38 VPs 51 IMPs	Nadel
Fredin	18.76 VPs 54 IMPs	1.24 VPs 11 IMPs	Uli

ROUND 8

Harris	0 VPs 15 IMPs	20 VPs 88 IMPs	Black
Spring Warriors	13.48 VPs 58 IMPs	6.52 VPs 46 IMPs	Seligman
New Amateurs	12.97 VPs 37 IMPs	7.03 VPs 27 IMPs	Fredin
Peanuts	13.23 VPs 35 IMPs	6.77 VPs 24 IMPs	Scorway
Danes	20 VPs 78 IMPs	0 VPs 17 IMPs	Uli
Netbridge	14.42 VPs 57 IMPs	5.58 VPs 41 IMPs	Nadel

ROUND 9

Uli	6.04 VPs 29 IMPs	13.96 VPs 43 IMPs	Peanuts
Seligman	13.23 VPs 33 IMPs	6.77 VPs 22 IMPs	Scorway
Harris	16.55 VPs 47 IMPs	3.45 VPs 20 IMPs	New Amateurs
Fredin	20 VPs 80 IMPs	0 VPs 12 IMPs	Netbridge
Danes	17.91 VPs 57 IMPs	2.09 VPs 21 IMPs	Nadel
Spring Warriors	4.74 VPs 29 IMPs	15.26 VPs 49 IMPs	Black

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BUTLER RANKING

1	T. Andersson, (skalman)	Fredin	2.26	42
	J. Benett, (jbennet)	Fredin	2.26	42
3	T. Aagaard, (thorvald)	Danes	2.14	56
4	M. Kwok-Fei, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	2.02	42
	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	2.02	42
6	D. Kazmucha, (dana_5)	Uli	2	14
7	G. Tan, (Serapuff)	New Amateurs	1.86	14
	C. Loo, (bridgeboy)	New Amateurs	1.86	14
9	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Peanuts	1.57	42
10	M. Sheng, (Kainsheng)	New Amateurs	1.5	14
11	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Nadel	1.43	42
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Nadel	1.43	42
13	P. Coppens, (pimcop)	Nadel	1.36	42
14	S. Werdelin, (stigw)	Danes	1.12	112
15	M. Norris, (meretev)	Danes	1.09	56
	J. Norris, (pumpumpum)	Danes	1.09	56
17	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Harris	0.79	14
18	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.78	126
	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	0.78	126
20	O. Rimstedt, (olarim)	Black	0.76	42
	M. Rimstedt, (Mikaelrim)	Black	0.76	42
22	C. Lorenzini, (pierced)	Peanuts	0.72	126
	T. Bessis, (malpaluche)	Peanuts	0.72	126
24	G. Olivieri, (ollina)	Uli	0.66	56
25	M. la Haye, (martenha)	Netbridge	0.66	70
	N. Verhoeve, (slin55)	Netbridge	0.66	70
27	J. Clemmensson, (jannec69)	Fredin	0.64	28
28	R. Van den Bergh, (rvdb)	Nadel	0.52	42
29	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Peanuts	0.51	126
30	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0.47	70
	J. Olsen, (Janaolsen)	Scorway	0.47	70
32	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	0.43	42
33	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Nadel	0.42	126
34	G. Zanasi, (Zanna9)	Uli	0.41	56
35	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	0.35	84
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	0.35	84
37	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	0.31	42
	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.31	84
39	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.27	126
40	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.2	98
	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.2	98
42	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.16	98
43	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.13	70
44	F. Dahl, (Fdahl)	Danes	0.12	84
	T. Berg, (Beccamin)	Danes	0.12	84
46	O. Kandolu, (ozy)	Uli	0.1	42
47	S. Lauge Pedersen, (sigurdlp)	Danes	0.09	56
48	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Nadel	0.07	126
	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	0.07	56
50	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Peanuts	-0.02	84
51	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	-0.06	84
52	E. McNay, (ewan)	Spring Warriors	-0.1	98
	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Spring Warriors	-0.1	98
54	F. Primavera, (Fulldire)	Uli	-0.23	98
55	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	Uli	-0.26	70
56	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	-0.29	84
57	S. Margiotta, (Saverio)	Uli	-0.36	14
	E. Mistretta, (Eugenio123)	Uli	-0.36	14
59	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	-0.37	98
60	A. Livgard, (livgard)	Fredin	-0.43	42
	T. Aa, (aate)	Fredin	-0.43	42
62	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.46	56
	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.46	56
64	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	-0.47	70
	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	-0.47	70
66	J. Sylvan, (JoppeSyl)	Fredin	-0.55	42
	M. Gustawsson, (Lagom)	Fredin	-0.55	42
68	D. Marker, (marker544)	Spring Warriors	-0.6	42
	G. Botta, (gio89)	Spring Warriors	-0.6	42
70	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.63	84
71	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-0.64	56
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-0.64	56
73	Bob Drijver, (bobdrijver)	Uli	-0.66	56
74	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	-0.71	126
	F. Baseggio, (baseggio)	New Amateurs	-0.71	14
	J. Pszczola, (pikolo)	Seligman	-0.71	126
77	S. Gross, (sgross)	Harris	-0.8	56
78	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	-0.85	84
	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	-0.85	84
80	J. Weinstein, (jlw77)	New Amateurs	-0.86	14
81	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-0.87	70
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-0.87	70
83	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.91	70
84	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-1.07	70
85	C. Parker, (cmp56)	Spring Warriors	-1.61	28
	O. de Haas, (olliebol)	Netbridge	-1.61	56
	M. Been, (bendezz)	Netbridge	-1.61	56
88	U. Schuster, (chrispe1)	Uli	-1.64	28
89	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Spring Warriors	-1.68	56
90	L. Lebowitz, (pinoy12)	Spring Warriors	-1.75	28
91	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Nadel	-2.01	84
92	S. Rubenstein, (stewr)	Spring Warriors	-2.13	56
	A. Tebha, (anamtebha)	Spring Warriors	-2.13	56
94	W. Schuster, (Schustmozz)	Uli	-2.39	56

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