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PEANUTS WON THE MAY CUP!

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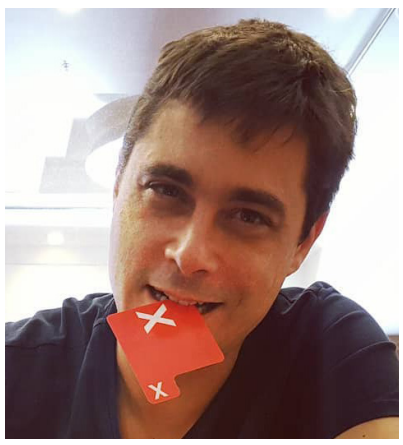

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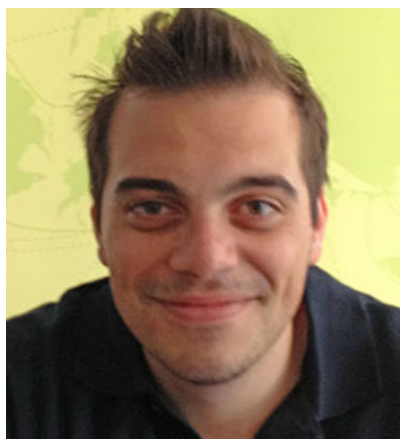

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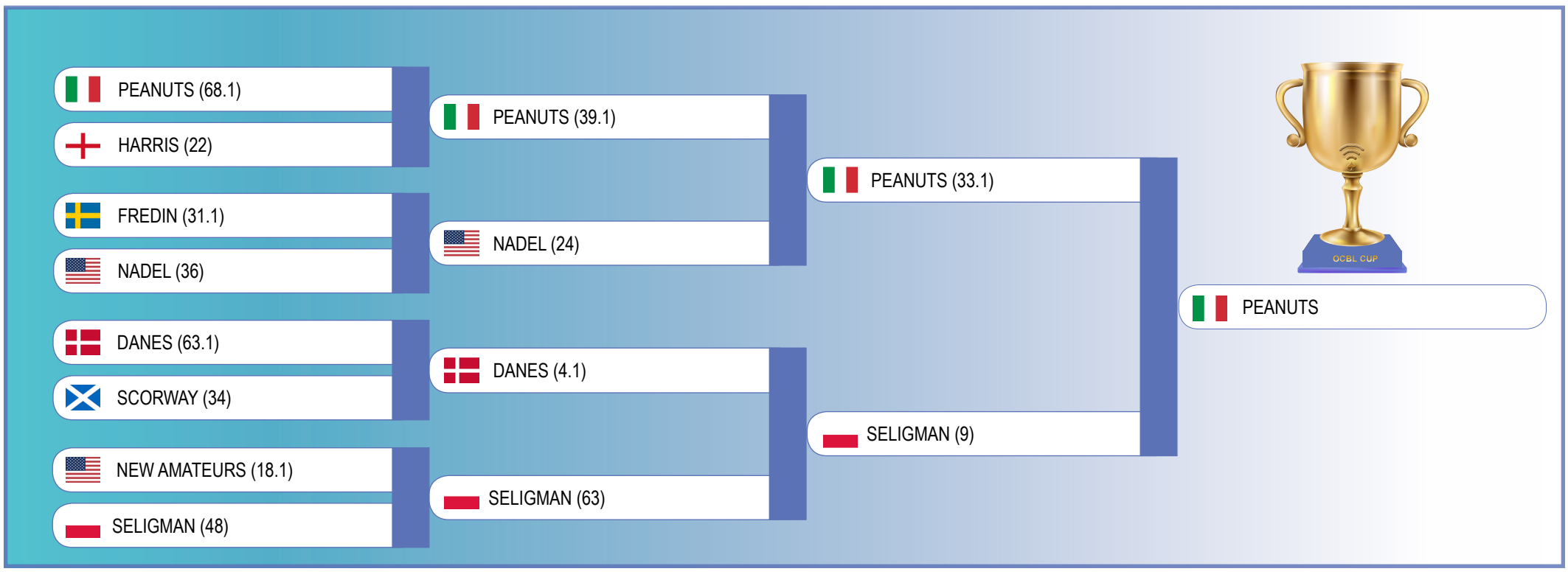
Team **Peanuts** (Lorenzini C., Setton H., Franceschetti P., Bessis T., Robert Q.) won the OCBL May Cup!

In the Final, they faced team **Seligman (**Seligman M., Kwiecien M., Pszczola J., Starkowski W.).
The match ended 33.1 - 9 for Peanuts.

The third place is shared between the opponents of Peanuts and Seligman in the Semifinals: teams **Nadel** (Nadel J., Van Lankveld J., Snellers A., De Boer W., Van Den Bos B., Van den Bergh R., Coppens P.) and **Danes** (Werdelin S., Lauge Pedersen S., Aagaard T., Norris J., Norris M., Dahl F., Berg T.).



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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

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4 Days in May

by Mark Horton

I knew there was a film called '7 days in May' but with our event lasting only four it was not quite fit for purpose. Imagine my surprise when I discovered there was one that matched my tile. It was made in 2011 and was a German-Russian-Ukranian co-production. How times change!

Going into our last day in each of the four quarterfinals the first named team enjoyed a carryover, Peanuts of 8.1, Fredin 1.1, Danes 6.1 and New Amateurs 3.1.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Peanuts v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Franceschetti*	*Malhasyan*	*Setton*
—	—	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♠	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♣ 0/3 key cards

South led the ♣J and declarer had to lose three tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Isporski*	*Bessis*	*Trendafilov*
—	—	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♠*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

2♠ Natural 5+◇ & 4+♠ 18+ or 6◇, 15+

North led the ♠10 for the king and ace and South returned the ♣J, North winning with the ace and continuing with the ♠2. Declarer won with dummy's queen, cashed the top diamonds pitching a club, unblocked the ♡A and came to hand with a diamond via an overruff of South's ♡9 to claim ten tricks, +420 and 10 IMPs.

Fredin v Nadel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	*Fredin*	*van den Bos*	*Apteker*
—	—	1◇	Pass
3♡*	Pass	4♡	All Pass

3♡ Preemptive

North led the ♠10 and the play followed an identical course to the line I have already described, the only difference being that after unblocking the ♡A declarer gave up a spade, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Snellers*	*Andersson*	*de Boer*
—	—	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Dble	5♠	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♣ 0/3 keycards

South led the ♣J so -50 and a 10 IMP loss.

Danes v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Werdelin*	*Saur*	*Aagaard*
—	—	1◇*	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
4◇*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5◇*	Pass	6◇*	Pass
6♡	Pass	6♠	All Pass

1◇ 4+◇
4◇ Splinter
4NT RKCB
5◇ 'I think there is a misunderstanding'
6◇ 'I thought diamonds were trumps'

As you can see EW were not quite on the same wavelength. The standard lead of the ◇J meant the usual -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Shenkin*	*M Norris*	*Levinson*
—	—	1◇	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♡ Weak, normally 5-8

Knowing West was weak with a 4-6 East was not interested in looking for a slam. Presumably with ♠A985 ♡KJ1043 ◇4 ♣64 West would respond 1♡. +420 was worth 10 IMPs.

New Amateurs v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Loo*	*Pszczola*	*Tan*
—	—	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Dble	5♠	All Pass

4NT RKCB
5♣ 0/3 key cards

Out cam the familiar jack of clubs, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Starkowski*	*Wang*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1◇*	Pass	2◇	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

1♣ 16+
1◇ 0-7

West was happy to play in his six-bagger and when North led the ♣A and switched to a heart declarer could cash the top diamonds pitching a club, ruff a diamond, draw trumps and play a spade for 11 tricks, +450 and 11 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Peanuts v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Franceschetti*	*Malhasyan*	*Setton*
—	—	—	2◇*
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
6◇	All Pass		

2◇ Multi

North led the ♠J and declarer won with the ace, drew trumps, went to dummy with a spade and played the ♣J for the king and ace. When a heart to the king lost to the ace declarer had to lose a club at the end, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Isporski*	*Bessis*	*Trendafilov*
—	—	—	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♡	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠J and declarer won with dummy's king and played the ♣3 to the queen. He cashed five diamonds and the ♠A and then took the two remaining diamonds. South, down to ♠Q ♡A ♣K10 tried discarding a club, but declarer could cash the ace for +690 and 13 IMPs.

Fredin v Nadel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
v. Lankveld	*Fredin*	*van den Bos*	*Apteker*
—	—	—	2◇*
Dble	Rdbl*	Pass	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

2◇ Weak 2♡/♠ or game forcing balanced/◇
Rdbl Asking for the major

North led the ♡Q for the king and ace and South switched to the ♢8. Declarer won, cashed his remaining diamonds, went to dummy with a spade and exited with the ♡10. North had to win and lead a club, +660. However, with South having the ♣K the endplay had not been required – South had been squeezed out of a club on the run of the diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Snellers*	*Andersson*	*de Boer*
—	—	—	2♢*
Dble	Rdbl*	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♠*	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

2♢ Multi
Rdbl Bid your suit
3♠ 'No agreement but forcing'

North led the ♠J and declarer won with the ace and cashed five diamonds, discarding two clubs from dummy. He then played a spade to the king, ruffed a spade, cashed two more diamonds and played a heart. When North followed with the four he put up dummy's king, but South won and exited with the ♣K leaving declarer with a club loser, -100 and 13 IMPs.

The first thing to appreciate is that for 6♢ to have any chance South must hold the ♣K. It might be a doubleton, in which case 12 tricks will be easy. However, once South discards on the second round of diamonds that becomes less likely as South's shape would have to be 6412 and not everyone is happy to start with a Multi holding four cards in the other major.

Anyway, we have placed the ♣K with South.

The next thing to consider is the spade suit. Assuming North has at most 2 spades dummy's ♠7 constitutes a menace against South.

Finally, we turn our attention to the heart suit. If North has the ace, then leading towards the king will establish the extra trick we need. However, it is possible that South has the ♡A.

Let's consider a line of play and see what happens. You win the spade lead in hand and cash six diamonds. You must find three discards and the best idea is to pitch three hearts from dummy. You arrive at this position:

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

Now you cash your last diamond and can even discard dummy's ♡K. If South throws the ♡A you cross to dummy with a spade and exit with a spade to endplay South. If South's last heart is not the ace, he is still forced to discard it to stay protected in both black suits and now you can execute the endplay in spasdes.

This always works if South is 6313. How can you be sure that is the distribution? When you cash the third diamond North discards the ♡3 – 'the idle fifth' which gives you the vital clue.

Danes v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Werdelin*	*Saur*	*Aagaard*
—	—	—	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠J and declarer won in hand and cashed all his diamonds before playing a heart for the jack and ace. South exited with a club and declarer took the ace and cashed dummy's ♠A for +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Shenkin*	*M Norris*	*Levinson*
—	—	—	1♠
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♡Q for the king and ace and when South returned the ♡8 he ducked it to dummy's ten. Declarer cashed his diamonds and South pitched all his clubs, +690 and a couple of IMPs.

New Amateurs v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Loo*	*Pszczola*	*Tan*
—	—	—	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠J and while declarer was cashing the diamond he pitched three clubs while South parted with the ♣10. Declarer went to dummy and took the club finesse, the ♣2 becoming his twelfth trick, +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Starkowski*	*Wang*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	—	2♢*
Dble	2♡*	Pass	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

2♢ Multi
2♡ Pass or correct

Declarer took the spade lead in dummy, played a club to the queen and ran the diamonds. Dummy's last four cards were ♡K10 ♣J5 while South was down to ♡A2 ♣K10. When declarer discarded dummy's ♣5 there were only 11 tricks, +660 and an IMP changed hands.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

Peanuts v Harris

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Franceschetti*	*Malhasyan*	*Robert*
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♢	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣6 and declarer won with the seven, played a diamond to the ace and a spade to the jack. When it held he cashed the ♠A and then played the ♣A, East ruffing with the ♠K and switching to the ♢2 at which point declarer claimed, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Isporski*	*Bessis*	*Trendafilov*
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♢*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
1♢ 4+♡
1♠ ♣+♠
5♠ Invitational for slam

West led the ♡K and declarer took dummy's ace discarding the ♣2 and played a spade to the jack. He then played off the top clubs, East ruffing the king with the ♠10 and returning the ♡8. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A and could ruff out West's clubs, +1430.

Fredin v Nadel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
v. Lankveld	*Fredin*	*van den Bos*	*Apteker*
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♡K and declarer won in dummy and played the ♠Q for the king and ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond and played a spade to the nine. He drew the outstanding trump and then played on clubs, losing one trick to West, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Becklen	*Snellers*	*Andersson*	*de Boer*
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣

Here West led a trump, so declarer could play the spades without loss, loosing only a club, +680.

The technical line in the spade suit if you can afford a loser is to start with a low spade to the jack. Then you lead low towards the eight on the next round, guarding against ♠K1053 with East. Were the spades to be 4-1 on this deal a heart lead (or even a diamond) would leave declarer with too much to do given the situation in clubs.

Danes v Scorway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Werdelin*	*Saur*	*Aagaard*
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♡	Pass	1♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♣ 3+♣
1♠ Natural, unbalanced with clubs

West led the ♢3 and declarer won with dummy's queen and played a spade to the jack followed by the top clubs. East ruffed with the ♠K and exited with the ♢4. Declarer won in hand and played the ♣J covered by the queen,

ruffed by dummy's six and overruffed by East's ten, +650.

It was the old story, ruff with the card you are known to hold.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Shenkin*	*M Norris*	*Levinson*
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♢*	Pass	4♡*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♡*
Dble	6♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
4♣ Cue
4♢ Cue
4♡ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 keycards

West led the ♣6 and declarer won with the seven, played a diamond to dummy's queen and a spade to the jack. He cashed the ♠A and played on clubs, +1430 and 13 IMPs.

New Amateurs v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Loo*	*Pszczola*	*Tan*
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♢*	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♢	Pass	4♡8
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♡*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1♣ 16+
2NT 12-13 balanced
3♣ Puppet
3♢ At least one major
3♡ 4♠
4♢ Cue
4♡ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 keycards

East led the ♡4 and declarer won with the ace, played a spade to the jack and followed it with the top clubs. East ruffed with the ♠10 so there was no danger of an accident, +1430.

Closed Room

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

2♢ Artificial game force
3♣ 15+
4♢ Short hearts
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 keycards

West led the ♢10 and declarer won with dummy's queen, played a spade to the jack and continued with the ace, +1430.

Only the Fredin-Nadel match was close, the double digit swings on Boards 2 and 3 being enough to see Nadel through by 4.9 IMPs.

Semifinals

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ Q 9 8
♡ 7 5 4 3
♢ 8 6 5 4
♣ 4 3

♠ —
♡ A Q 10 9
♢ K Q J 9 3
♣ Q 10 5 2

♠ K 10 7 6
♡ K 8
♢ A 7
♣ A K 9 8 7

♠ A J 5 4 3 2
♡ J 6 2
♢ 10 2
♣ J 6

Danes v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Werdelin*	*Pszczola*	*Aagaard*
—	—	—	2♠
Dble	3♠	6♣	All Pass

South led the ♠A and declarer ruffed in dummy, played the ♣Q and claimed, +1390.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Starkowski*	*M Norris*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	—	2♢*
3♢	4♢	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2♢ Multi

4♢ was not alerted by the operator, but one suspects it asked South to bid his major. There was nothing to the play, the defenders cashing the first seven tricks and then scoring two more in trumps for six down, -1400. No swing!

Peanuts v Nadel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	*Franceschetti*	*van den Bergh*	*Setton*
—	—	—	2♢*
Pass	2♡*	Dble	2♠
Dble*	Pass	3NT	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♢ Multi
2♡ Pass or correct
Dble Takeout
5NT Pick a slam

South led the ♣6 and declarer won in hand, ruffed a spade and claimed, +1390.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Nadel*	*Bessis*	*vasndenBos*
—	—	—	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♢	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♢	Pass	6NT	All Pass

3♠ Game forcing without 4♡
5♠ '2 keycards and ♢Q if 4NT is keycard'

South led the ♡2 and declarer won with dummy's nine and claimed at trick two, +1470 and 2 IMPs.

Would you be able to find a route to 7♣?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 8 7 4 3
♡ K 4
♢ Q J 3
♣ Q 8 7 4

♠ A K Q 10 9 6 5
♡ 10 3
♢ 8 7
♣ 5 2

♠ J 2
♡ Q J 9 8 7 5
♢ 9 6 5 4
♣ A

♠ —
♡ A 6 2
♢ A K 10 2
♣ K J 10 9 6 3

Danes v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Werdelin*	*Pszczola*	*Aagaard*
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	2♣	2♡	5♣
All Pass			

1♣ 3+♣

That was a painless +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Starkowski*	*M Norris*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	—	1♣*
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

1♣ Polish
4♠ Cue
5♠ Nothing in spades

An equally painless but more productive +1370 and 13 IMPs.

Peanuts v Nadel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	*Franceschetti*	*van den Bergh*	*Setton*
—	—	—	1♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the spade lead and played a club, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Nadel*	*Bessis*	*vasndenBos*
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Pass	2♡*	3♣
4♠	All Pass		

2♡ Natural, forcing for one round

North eld the ♣4 and declarer won perforce with dummy's ace and played the ♡J, South going up with the ace and playing three rounds of diamonds. Declarer ruffed with the ♠9 ruffed a club and ran his trumps, but North held on to the ♡K, -100 but 11 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 6 5
♡ A 8 7 3
♢ 5 3
♣ Q 9 7 5 2

♠ K 4 2
♡ 5
♢ A K 10 8 4
♣ A J 10 3

♠ A J 10 8 7 3
♡ Q 4
♢ Q 2
♣ K 6 4

♠ Q 9
♡ K J 10 9 6 2
♢ J 9 7 6
♣ 8

Danes v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Werdelin*	*Pszczola*	*Aagaard*
—	—	1♠	3♡
4♡*	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣8 and when dummy's jack held declarer played off the top spades, +510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J Norris	*Starkowski*	*M Norris*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	1♠	3♡
4♡*	5♡	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

4♡ Game forcing with spades

South led the ♡J and the defenders played two rounds of the suit, declarer ruffing in dummy, cashing the ♠K and then playing a spade to the jack, -50 and an 11 IMP loss.

Peanuts v Nadel

Open Room

West	North	East	South
v Lankveld	*Franceschetti*	*v den Bergh*	*Robert*
—	—	1♠	3♡
Dble	4♡	Pass	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣8 for the ten, queen and king and declarer cashed the top spades, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Nadel*	*Bessis*	*vasndenBos*
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♢	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4♡*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♢*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2♠ 5+♠
3NT Non serious
4♣ Cue
4♢ Cue
4♡ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♢ 3 keycards

South led the ♣8 and having taken North's queen declarer cashed the top spades to flatten the board.

With no opposition bidding that was the normal line. After a weak jump overcall your first instinct is to play South for a singleton spade. However, on a club lead that looks like a singleton you might decide that two singletons with South is unlikely.

Seligman gave up only 4 IMPs in the semi-final to advance to the final where they would meet Peanuts, who edged out Nadel.

Final

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Seligman v Peanuts

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Franceschetti*	*Pszczola*	*Robert*
—	—	—	1♠
Dble	2♠*	3♢	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♢	Pass
6♢	All Pass		

2♠ Weak raise

South cashed the ♣AK and continued with the three, North overruffing dummy's ♢6 for two down, -200.

Closed Room

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

2♠ Weak
Dble 'Don't want a spade'

Three rounds of clubs saw declarer take the rest for +130 and 8 IMPs. Not easy for East to pass South's double.

Notice that if the contract is 5♢ the only defence that is guaranteed to hold declarer to ten tricks is for South to switch to a spade at trick two.

On Board 7 NS held ♠75 ♡A3 ♢1097643 ♣KJ5 opposite ♠AKJ3 ♡KQ ♢AK852 ♣Q3. Neither pair got beyond 3NT.

On Board 10 NS had ♠8 ♡Q986 ♢K ♣AK109432 facing ♠AJ432 ♡KJ ♢A3 ♣Q875. Both pairs cruised into 6♣.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Seligman v Peanuts

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Franceschetti*	*Pszczola*	*Robert*
—	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2NT 20-21

West led the ♢A and played two more rounds of the suit, declarer pitching dummy's ♡7. Having won with the ♢Q he continued with the ♣A followed by the queen, West discarding the ♠6. East won and exited with a diamond, West winning and returning the ♡5. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with the ♣J and ran the ♠Q, West's king being the setting trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Starkowski*	*Bessis*	*Kwiecien*
—	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Dble	3♢*
Pass	3♡*	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

3♣ Puppet
3♢ 'Stop 1 or Major's'
3♡ 4♠

West led the ♢A and switched to the ♣2 for the seven and queen. He took the diamond return and exited with a diamond, declarer pitching a heart from dummy. The ♠J saw West duck and declarer then took three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy and tried a club to the ace. West ruffed and exited with the king of spades which saw declarer claim eight tricks, two down, -500 and a 9 IMP loss, the biggest of the match.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Seligman v Peanuts

Open Room

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

3♢ Transfer

West led the ♣3 and declarer won with the queen, cashed the ♡A and played a heart to the king. When West pitched the ♠5 declarer played a diamond for the jack and king and West cleared the clubs. Winning in dummy declarer played a diamond to the ten, cashed the ace and claimed nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	*Starkowski*	*Bessis*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♢*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♢*	Pass	2♡
Dble	Rdbl	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ Polish
1♢ Negative/♢+♣/strong
1NT 18-19
2♢ Hearts
Dble Takeout

2♡ redoubled would have been an exciting contract, but East, probably wisely, looked elsewhere.

South led the ♣Q and when it held he continued with the four, declarer taking dummy's ace and ruffing a club with the ♠8. He continued with the ♠9 to dummy's jack and played a heart, North going up with the king and returning the ♢3 for the ten and king. Declarer came off dummy with the ♠4 and South won with the queen, cashed the ♠A and exited with the ♡A. Dummy could ruff and cash two clubs, but South would get the last two tricks, one down, -100 and another 7 IMPs.

My au pair observed that North could overtake the ♣Q and switch to a diamond. If play then continues as before, declarer winning with dummy's king, playing two rounds of clubs, a spade to the jack and a heart, North wins with the king and plays a diamond and after cashing two tricks in the suit South can play a red winner and declarer must go two down.

Peanuts gave up only 9 IMPs over the 16 deals to win 33.1-9.

What wonderful entertainment our 12 teams provided!

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6	Scorway	1820
7	Netbridge	1430
8	Uli	1340
9	Apple	1220
10	Cantor	960
11	Bridge24PL Mixed	840
12	Rippey	830
13	Donner	760
14	Nadel	760
15	Jupiter	750
16	Moss	720
17	Jedi Knights	640
18	Roiko	630
19	Danes	630
20	Lebowitz	620
21	Flyfalcon	570
22	Edmonds	560
23	ECF HOLDING	530
24	Macavity	530
25	Reynolds	520
26	Denmark	480
27	The Seniors	470
28	Hok	450
29	Zhao	400
30	Practice	380
31	Orca	370
32	Friends	350
33	Goraco	330
34	Levine	320
35	Red Turtle	310
36	Nederland CO	280
37	De Botton	270
38	Vinita	260
39	Sweden	260
40	Pigot	250
41	Swedish Juniors	250
42	Dutch Juniors +	250
43	Tulips +	240
44	Magicians	240
45	Winter Soldiers	230
46	Smart Rabbit	220
47	Bridge Too Far	220
48	Multi	210
49	Russian Juniors +	210
50	Team Bici	210
51	Tilly	200
52	Moses	200
53	Mikadinho	190
54	Germany Juniors	180
55	Kruse's Cardcircus	180
56	Daugava	170
57	Mass Ave	160
58	Greenspan	160
59	East-West	150
60	Walker	150
61	Quaranteam	120
62	Sugi	110
63	England Juniors	110
64	Aliaga	110
65	Onstott	110
66	Spring Warriors	110

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