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KNOCKOUTS & SWISS DAY

Participants to the June Cup are taking two different paths today.

- The top-4 teams from the qualifying stage advance to the Semifinal (#1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3) and later on to the Final (1st/2nd place and 3rd/4th place).
  There will be the following carry over: In the semifinals no. 1-2 get a carry-over of 8.1-4.1 IMP. In the Finals no. 1 get a carry-over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.
- The non-qualified teams continue playing the other 4 rounds of 10 boards each in the form of a "Swiss".

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.

SF & CONS. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

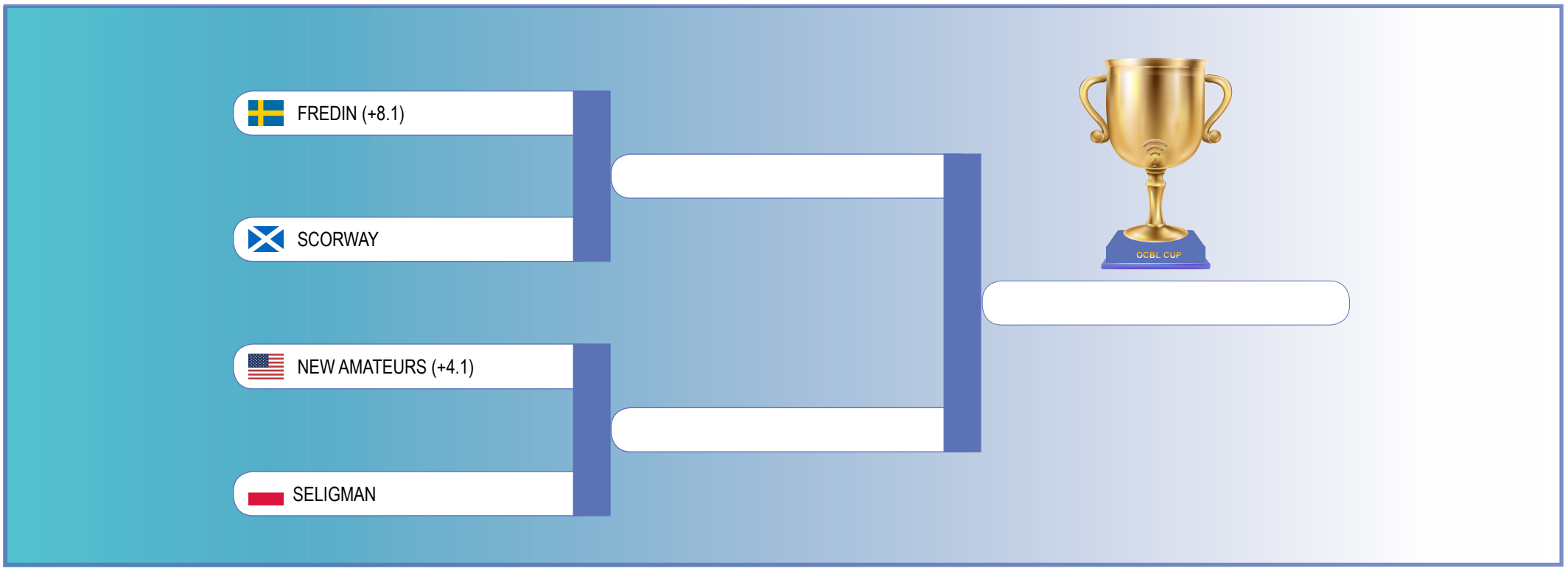
SF & CONS. 17.30 CEST / 11.30 a.m. EDT

F & CONS. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

F & CONS. 20.30 CEST / 2.30 p.m. EDT

JUNE CUP
Ranking after Round 8

1	Fredin	107.16
2	New Amateurs	100.97
3	Seligman	94.93
4	Scorway	94.59
5	Flyfalcon	87.6
6	Danes	85.18
7	Harris	74.68
8	Texan Aces	71.84
9	Lorin	67.72
10	Friends	66.5
11	Swiss Arabian	58.95
12	Netbridge	49.88



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

OCTOBER CUP
4 - 6 October, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 4 October R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 5 October R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 6 October R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

HALLOWEEN CUP
25 - 27 October, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 25 October R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 26 October R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 27 October R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

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Rounds 2, 3, 4 and 5

by Brian Senior

Round 2

If there had been a lot of action in Round One, Round Two was a generally quiet affair. The last board was a borderline slam.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

New Amateurs v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Fredin*	*Yang*	*Apteker*
–	–	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fick	*Chechelash.*	*Eber*	*Lo*
–	–	Pass	1♢
3♠	4♡	All Pass	

Falk opened 3♠ in third seat and Fredin, North, made the surprise decision to pass and see what he could get on defence. Three Spades ended the auction and Falk lost four trump tricks and three aces so was down three for –300.

That would be a good result for N/S if 4♡ was not making at the other table, where Lo opened the South hand. But, of course, there was no problem at all in making 4♡, and Chechelashvili came to 11 after a club lead; +650 and 8 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

The same pair of results were achieved in FLYFALCON v SWISS ARABIAN, where Adam Ali also passed the 3♠ opening on his right.

Seligman v Texan Aces

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	*Starkowski*	*Chen*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	Pass	1♢
2♠	3♡	Pass	4♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*King*	*Pszczola*	*Castner*
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♡	Pass	2♠
3♠	4♡	All Pass	

Seligman opened the West hand at the one level and King made a simple overcall, to which Castner responded with a cuebid to show the constructive raise. When Seligman repeated his long spades, King concluded the bidding with 4♡. King won the club lead with the ace and drew all the missing trumps ending in dummy. Next he led the queen of spades to the king and ace before passing the ten of diamonds to West's queen. King ruffed the club return and cashed his remaining hearts then led the jack of diamonds to dummy's ace. A spade to the nine now brought in three more spade tricks as Seligman had discarded one too many spades to keep the king of clubs; 12 tricks for +680.

Kwiecien opened the South hand and Hsieh made a weak jump overcall. Starkowski bid his hearts and, on being raised to game, asked for key cards then bid the small slam. Starkowski won the club lead with the ace and cashed the ace and king of hearts, then ran the jack of diamonds to the queen. A spade back now would have beaten the contract via a ruff, but Hsieh tried a club. Starkowski ruffed that and ran the ten of diamonds then crossed to dummy's ♡J. He pitched the ♠9 on the ace of diamonds then led a spade to the jack and cashed the ace, being left with the ♠3 for the last trick; down one for –100 and 13 IMPs to TEXAN ACES.

Harris v Friends

West	North	East	South
Fang	*Tiholov*	*Yang*	*M Gold*
–	–	Pass	1♢
1♠	2♢(i)	Pass	2♡
Pass	4♣(ii)	Pass	4♢
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

(i) Hearts
(ii) Splinter

West	North	East	South
Root	*Wang*	*Malhasyan*	*Huang*
–	–	Pass	1♢
1♠	2♡	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♢
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

Both Souths opened the bidding and both Wests contented themselves with a simple overcall, perhaps not liking the broken suit for a pre-empt. Both Norths explored slam possibilities then used Key-card on getting a little co-operation from partner, and bid the small slam on finding that all the key cards were present.

Fang led the seven of spades against Marusa Gold, so the transfer element in the auction, making South declarer, was immediately fatal, as Gold played low from dummy only to see Yang ruff. Gold unblocked the ♠Q, won the club return, and drew a couple of rounds of trumps before taking the spade finesse. She took a diamond pitch on the ace of spades, ruffed the last spade, and ruffed a club before cashing all the rest of the hearts, hoping for a miracle. Yang kept clubs, Fang diamonds, so Gold had to lose the last trick and was down one for –100.

Malhasyan led a club, Wang winning the ace and leading the queen of spades to the king and ace. Having only seen a simple overcall from West, that looked an entirely reasonable thing to do, but the spade was ruffed and play followed the same lines as at the other table with the same inevitable result of down one; –100 and no swing.

It didn't matter how declarer played it, there were always two losers unless the defence screwed up.

Four pairs bid the small slam, three being one down, one down two. Six pairs stopped in game, one making 12 tricks the rest 11, and two pairs defended 3♠ for down three and +300.

Six Souths opened 1♢, one opened 1NT, and five passed. Four Wests overcalled 1♠, two overcalled 2♠, and the rest either opened or overcalled 3♠.

Round 3

As in the previous round, the last board of Round Three featured a borderline slam.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Danes v Texan Aces

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	*Werdelin*	*Chen*	*Aagaard*
–	–	1♡	Dble
Pass	2♡	4♡	Pass
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Dahl	*Grunke*	*Petersen*	*Castner*
–	–	1♡	Dble
Pass	2♡	3♢	Pass
3♡	4♣	All Pass	

Werdelin cuebid in response to the take-out double and Chen jumped to 4♡. That left no room to explore and Werdelin guessed to jump to 6♣, where he played. Chen tried two top hearts, but Werdelin ruffed the second one and cashed a top club. Seeing Chen show out, he led the queen of spades to the ace, took the club finesse, and claimed 12 tricks for +1370.

Grunke too cuebid in response to the take-out double. Petersen introduced his second suit and Dahl gave simple preference to hearts. That left room for exploration, or so thought Grunke, who bid 4♣. Clearly, he thought that his previous cuebid had made this follow-up forcing; equally clearly, Castner did not see things the same way. He passed, and that was a rather embarrassing +170 but 15 IMPs to DANES.

New Amateurs v Friends

West	North	East	South
Han	*Chechelash.*	*Mou*	*Lo*
–	–	1♡	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Wang*	*Yang*	*Zhou*
–	–	1♡	Pass
Pass	3♣	4♡	Dble
All Pass			

Neither South doubled in this match.

Chechelashvili overcalled 5♣ with the North cards and Lo judged correctly that his ace-king, ace justified a raise to slam; +1370.

Wang only overcalled 3♣, which looks a bit of an underbid, assuming it to be intermediate, as is normal in fourth seat. When Yang now jumped to 4♡, Zhou doubled on the strength of his probable three top tricks, and Wang left it in. Zhou cashed the king of diamonds, getting the ten from Wang, of course, and switched to a club. Yang ruffed, drew trumps, and knocked out the ace of diamonds, coming to nine tricks for –200 but 15 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

Fredin v Lorin

West	North	East	South
Ekinci	*Fredin*	*Kutuk*	*Apteker*
–	–	1♡	Pass
Pass	3♡	4♢	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Eber	*Nahmiyas*	*Fick*	*Yilmaz*
–	–	1♡	Pass
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Again, neither South came in over the 1♡ opening. When 1♡ came round to Nahmiyas, he overcalled 5♣ and Yilmaz raised to Six – well judged and worth +1370.

Fredin found a different call on the North hand, a 3♡ cuebid to ask for a heart stopper. Kutuk introduced his second suit and Apteker, knowing that he must be facing long and strong clubs, bid 5♣ on the strength of his top winners. Fredin did not raise to slam, so Apteker scored +620 but 13 IMPs to LORIN.

Netbridge v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Olsen	*V D Starre*	*Kwangraven*	*Huber*
–	–	4♡	Dble
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Zomer	*Shenkin*	*Bouwen*	*Levinson*
–	–	4♡	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Both Kvangraven and Bouwen opted to open at the four level.

Huber doubled that and Van der Starre responded 6♣, where he made the usual 12 tricks for +1370.

Levinson did not double so Shenkin overcalled 5♣ and Bouwen doubled to suggest to partner that they should do something. With a balanced hand containing nothing of value for a heart contract, Zomer left it in, and that was +950 but 9 IMPs to NETBRIDGE.

Those were the only two 4♡ openers, the rest all opening at the one level. Three Souths doubled a 1♡ opening, seven passed.

Round 4

After two quiet rounds, the fourth and final match of day one was a bit livelier. There were major swings in a number of matches on the second board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Danes v Seligman

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Werdelin*	*Pszczola*	*Aagaard*
–	–	Pass	1♠
5♢	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Dahl	*Starkowski*	*Petersen*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	Pass	1♠
4♢	Dble	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Seligman overcalled 5♢ and Werdelin had little option but to double and, with no reason to think that he could make a five-level contract, Aagaard left it in. Werdelin led the nine of spades to the ace, Aagaard continuing with the ♠Q. Seligman ruffed with the nine and played ace and another diamond. Werdelin won the queen, cashed the king, and then cashed the ace of hearts before leading a low club. Seligman got that wrong, playing low and so losing to the queen, and the ace of clubs was the sixth defensive trick; down four for –800.

Dahl overcalled a level lower and Starkowski doubled. Kwiecien had an easy 4♡ response and played there. Dahl led the nine of clubs and, reading this as being from shortage, Kwiecien rose with dummy's ace and played ace and another heart. Petersen won the ♡K and played king and another club to declarer's queen. Kwiecien led a diamond up, so Dahl took the ace and got out with a diamond to dummy. Kwiecien won that and led a spade to his queen, losing to the bare king for down one and –100, giving DANES a big 14 IMP swing.

Scorway v Friends

West	North	East	South
Han	*Shenkin*	*Mou*	*Levinson*
–	–	Pass	1♠
5♢	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Olsen	*Wang*	*Kvangraven*	*Zhou*
–	–	3♣	3♠
5♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♢	Dble	All Pass	

Han overcalled 5♢ and Levinson left in Shenkin's double. Shenkin led the nine of spades to the ace and king, and Levinson switched to his trump. Han rose with the ace and led the nine of clubs and, when Shenkin played low, ran it. That meant that he lost two club tricks and six in all; down four for –800.

Kvangraven opened an off-centre 3♣ and Olsen raised him to game after Zhou's overcall. However, when Wang doubled and Zhou left it in, Olsen judged the wiser course being to rescue his partnership into the hoped for safety of his eight-card suit. Wang led a spade and Zhou won the ace and continued with the queen. Olsen ruffed and played ace and another diamond, and Wang won the queen and tried a low club. Olsen judged that this would be a dangerous switch on this auction if from the queen, and that it was more likely that Wang was underleading the ace. He put up the king and got out for down three and –500, earning 7 IMPs for SCORWAY.

New Amateurs v Texan Aces

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	*Chchelash.*	*Chen*	*Lo*
Falk	Grunke	Yang	Castner
–	–	Pass	1♠
4♢	Dble	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

Both Falk and Hsieh overcalled 4♢ and found themselves on lead against the heart game. Both led the ace of diamonds.

Falk switched to the nine of clubs at trick two. Castner won the ace and led a spade to the queen and king. A second club to the king was followed by a club ruff, a diamond ruff with the king, and a spade ruff. The contract was down three for –300.

Hsieh continued with a second diamond at trick two. Chen ruffed with the king as Lo discarded a club, and returned a spade. Lo put up the ace, felling the king, drew trumps, and could take a second club discard on the remaining diamond winner. He had 11 tricks for +650 and 14 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Scorway v Friends

West	North	East	South
Han	*Shenkin*	*Mou*	*Levinson*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♢	Pass	6♢
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Olsen	*Wang*	*Kvangraven*	*Zhou*
1NT	2♢	3♢	
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Levinson transferred to diamonds then jumped to the small slam when Shenkin said that he liked diamonds. Mou tried cashing the ace of hearts, but that was ruffed and Shenkin had three heart winners in hand. He drew trumps, cashed the top spade to see if the queen would fall, then cashed the hearts, taking the club finesse for the overtrick; +1390.

Kvangraven's overcall, 2♢ showing one major, made for a different scenario in the other room. Zhou's 3♢ was forcing and now it was natural for Wang to bid 3NT when holding so much in the suit. With no guarantee of a diamond fit and knowledge of potentially wasted heart values,

Zhou left his partner to play the NT game. Kvangraven led a low heart round to declarer's eight, and Wang played a heart straight back at him. There were 12 tricks for –690 but that meant 12 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Netbridge v Harris

West	North	East	South
Harris	*V d Starre*	*Malhasyan*	*Huber*
Pass	1NT	2♢	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♡	3♢
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Verhoef	*Tiholov*	*Bremer*	*M Gold*
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♢
Pass	3♢	Pass	4♡
Pass	5♢	Pass	6♢
All Pass			

Huber doubled the 2♢ overcall (one major) then bid a forcing 3♢ when Malhasyan corrected to his long suit. As we have seen before, it was natural for a hand containing so much heart strength to bid 3NT, and the lack of knowledge of a diamond fit once again saw Huber leave partner to play there. Van der Starre put in the queen on the low club lead. When it held he came to hand with a top diamond and played on hearts to establish two extra tricks, so had 12 in all for +690.

Tiholov opened 1♣ and Bremer made an artificial 1♠ overcall. Gold showed her diamonds and caught a raise from Tiholov. She showed her heart shortage and, though Tiholov signed off in game, went on to the excellent slam. Knowing that declarer was short in hearts, Verhoef tried a spade lead instead, but Gold put in dummy's jack, drew trumps, and took the ruffing heart finesse, coming to all 13 tricks for +1390 and 12 IMPs to HARRIS.

Danes v Seligman

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Werdelin*	*Pszczola*	*Aagaard*
Pass	1♢	2♡	4♡
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♡	Pass	6♢
All Pass			

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

Starkowski opened 1NT and Petersen overcalled to show one major. Kwiecien transferred to diamonds and Starkowski suggested playing the NT game. However, Kwiecien had his eye on greater things and went on with a natural 4♣ and, on getting diamond preference from partner, went on with a heart cuebid. Starkowski asked for key cards and the slam was reached. Petersen tried to cash the ace of hearts, which was ruffed, so Starkowski had three heart winners and drew trumps, cashed the top spades and fell back on the club finesse for his overtrick; +1390.

Werdelin opened 1♢, Pszczola made a weak jump overcall of 3♡. Aagaard spintered then, on getting a spade cuebid form partner, went on with key-card and Werdelin showed two without the queen so slam was reached. Pszczola led a low club and Werdelin was not willing to risk his contract at trick one. He rose with the ace, drew trumps, and took the ruffing heart finesse, and had 12 tricks for +1370 but 1 IMP to SELIGMAN.

We have seen the four pairs who bid the slam. The other eight all played in NT, making 12 tricks. Of the nine Easts who saw a 1NT opening on their right, seven overcall either a natural 2♡ or artificial 2♢, two passed.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Three E/W pairs bid to 3NT and made 11 tricks for +460. One got to 5♡ after East opened the bidding with 1♡. That was down two on a diamond lead. The rest played it in 4♡, all but one by West.

Chechelashvili led a diamond, Hsieh winning with dummy's jack to take the heart finesse. That lost to the king, a diamond continuation was ruffed, and Lo had the luxury of being able to beat the contract whichever black suit he returned. He opted for a spade, so Chechelashvili could win the ace and give him a second diamond ruff. There was no time to get a club trick, but the contract was already down one for –50. Falk and Yang were one of the pairs scoring +460 in 3NT, so that was 11 IMPs to NEW AMATEURS.

Werdelin led a diamond against Seligman, who won in hand with the ace and played ace and another heart. Werdelin won the ♡K and returned his lowest diamond, so Aagaard ruffed and returned a club. There was a trick to be lost in each black suit now so Seligman was down one for –50.

Starkowski also led a diamond. Dahl won the ace, cashed the ace of hearts, then played a spade. Starkowski won the ace and gave Kwiecien his diamond ruff, but Dahl could rise with the ace on the club return, and take a club discard on the king of spades before playing a trump. The king of hearts was the last defensive trick; +420 and 10 IMPs to DANES. Well played by Dahl.

Shenkin led the usual diamond against Han, who won the queen and played a spade. Shenkin won the ace and gave Levinson a ruff, but with the ♠K established Han could win the club return, take his club pitch, and play ace and another heart; 10 tricks for +420. That was worth 1 IMP to SCORWAY, who had played 3NT+1 at the other table.

Eight pairs played it in 4♡, four successfully, four going down a trick. The successful declarers all set up the spade trick before giving up the lead, so could afford a diamond ruff as there would be no club loser.

Round 5

The new day began with a fairly quiet set of boards.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Danes v Fredin

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Werdelin*	*Apteker*	*Aagaard*
–	Pass	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
J V Norris	*Eber*	*N M Norris*	*Bloom*
–	Pass	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	3♠	All Pass	

Both Souths opened 1♢ in third seat and West, having the wrong shortage to double, passed. North responded 1♠ and, after a pass from East, the two auctions went their separate ways.

Bloom raised to 2♠ and J V Norris doubled. Eber raised himself to 3♠ to cut out East's response to the double and that worked a treat when it ended the auction with the opposition cold for 4♡. N M Norris led a heart, West winning and playing diamonds from the top. Eber discarded his remaining heart loser on the third diamond but ruffed the fourth round high and drew trumps. He started clubs by leading low to the eight and, when that lost to the nine, had a second club loser and six in all; down two for –200.

Aagaard passed his partner's 1♠ response and Fredin doubled. Werdelin raised his own suit by a level but Fredin doubled again when that came round to him, and when Apteker responded 3♡, Fredin went on to game. The lead was a spade to the ace, and Werdelin switched to a trump for the king and ace. Apteker came to hand with the jack of diamonds to lead a second heart and, when the jack appeared, could win the queen and throw all his clubs on the diamonds, making 12 tricks for +480 and 7 IMPs to FREDIN.

Harris v Scorway

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

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Shenkin*	*Malhasyan*	*Levinson*
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	2NT	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Levinson opened 1♠ in third seat and Harris doubled. Shenkin showed a constructive raise

to at least the three level, and Levinson, with a balanced minimum, signed off in 3♠. Harris did not double again so that ended the auction. Harris cashed two top diamonds then switched to ace and another heart, costing his side a heart trick. Levinson won the ♡K and drew trumps before leading a club to the eight and nine. He had to lose a second club trick so was down one for –100.

Igoe opened 1♢ and raised the 1♠ response to 2♠. When Brekka doubled, Gross raised pre-emptively to 3♠, but Brekka was no finished yet and doubled again. Saur's 4♡ response completed the auction, and Igoe led a spade. Gross won the ace of spades and switched to the two of clubs, Igoe winning the ace and continuing the suit. Saur won the king and played ace and another heart, so made 10 tricks for +420 and 8 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Netbridge v Friends

West	North	East	South
Fang	*La Haye*	*Yang*	*Verhoeve*
–	2♠	Pass	2NT
Dble	3♣	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Zomer	*Wang*	*Bouwen*	*Ng*
–	Pass	Pass	1♢
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♡	2♠
3♡	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♡	Dble	All Pass	

La Haye opened 2♠, weak with five spades plus a minor, and Verhoeve asked for further information. When Fang doubled for take-out of spades, La Haye showed his second suit and minimum and Verhoeve signed off in 3♠, Fang doubling again. Yang responded 4♡ and was left to play there, Verhoeve leading a spade and La Haye winning the ace and continuing with the queen. Yang ruffed, crossed to hand with the jack of diamonds, and took the heart finesse. When hearts proved to be two-two with the king onside, he could draw a second round of trumps then cash the diamonds to get rid of his club losers; 12 tricks for +480.

Ng opened 1♢ in third position then passed the 1♠ response. He competed at his next turn and the auction appeared to be a competitive one right up to and including the point at which Zomer, who had been willing to stop in 3♡, took the push to 4♡. Wang had no excuse other than the sound of the auction to double, but double he did. Ng led a spade. Wang won the ace and switched to a low club and Ng won the ace and continued the suit. Bouwen won the queen and played a heart to the jack and ace and a second round, losing to the king. He had the rest, however, so just made for +590 and 3 IMPs to NETBRIDGE.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Harris v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Shenkin*	*Malhasyan*	*Levinson*
–	–	1♢	1♡
2NT	3♡	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Gross*	*Saur*	*Igoe*
–	–	1♢	1♡
3NT	4♡	Dble	All Pass

Levinson overcalled 1♡ on a threadbare suit and a threadbare hand, and Harris jumped to 2NT, natural and invitational. Shenkin competed to 3♡ and Malhasyan raised to 3NT, ending the auction. Shenkin cashed the ace of spades, didn't like what he saw, and switched to a low heart to dummy's king. Harris took no chances, cashing all the diamonds then leading the seven of clubs to his ace and cashing the ♡A; nine tricks for +600.

Igoe found the same thin overcall but Brekka jumped to 3NT and, not heeding the warning that he rpartner's hearts might not be very strong, Gross bid 4♡, promptly doubled by Saur. This was loads of fun, but only if you were sitting East, or West. Brekka led his low diamond, Saur winning the ace and cashing the king of hearts before switching again to the queen of spades. Igoe won the ace and ruffed a low spade then ruffed a diamond and tried to cash the king of spades to discard his last diamond. Brekka ruffed the spade and cashed the ace of hearts, then led the king of diamonds. Igoe ruffed and tried a club to the jack, losing to the queen. He ruffed the diamond return and played the king of clubs, losing to the ace. Brekka cashed the ten of hearts followed by the ten of clubs, and that was down five for –1100 and 11 IMPs to SCORWAY.

Netbridge v Friends

West	North	East	South
Zomer	*Wang*	*Bouwen*	*Ng*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Fang	*La Haye*	*Yang*	*Verhoeve*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Both Norths made weak jump overcalls and both Easts passed this round the their partners, who doubled for take-out. Yang left that in to play for a penalty, while Bouwen preferred to jump to 3NT and try to make a vulnerable game.

Ng led his spade against 3NT, Bouwen putting up dummy's nine and Wang ducking. Bouwen played a second spade, Wang winning the king, won the heart return with the bare king, and played a third spade. That established an eleventh trick so Bouwen chalked up +660.

Bouwen cashed the king of hearts and switched to the queen of spades. La Haye won the ace and cashed the king, then played the jack of hearts. Fang won the ace and returned the ten of hearts, suit preference for diamonds. Yang ruffed and played ace and another diamond, La Haye ruffing and leading a club to the seven, nine and ten. Back came a third diamond. La Haye ruffed and led the jack of clubs to the queen, king and ace. There was the jack of spades to come so the contract was down two for –300 but 8 IMPs to NETBRIDGE.

Seligman v Flyfalcon

West	North	East	South
M de Leon	*Starkowski*	*Sprinkhuizen*	*Kwiecien*
–	–	1♢	Pass
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*V Prooijen*	*Pszczola*	*Wilson*
–	–	1♢	Pass
1♡	2♠	3♢	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Seligman responded with a natural 1♡ and Van Prooijen made the weak jump overcall. Pszczola repeated his diamonds, so Seligman asked him for a spade stopper and he duly bid 3NT. Wilson led the six of hearts to the two, jack and king, and Pszczola could play on spades to establish his overtricks, making 11 tricks for +660.

Mendes de Leon responded 2♣, and invitational or better relay. When Starkowski's 2♠ overcall came back to him, de Leon doubled and Sprinkhuizen left it in. Sprinkhuizen led the king of hearts then switched to the queen of clubs to the king and ace. De Leon played ace then ten of hearts, but Sprinkhuizen was ruffing with a natural trump trick, so this just helped declarer. Sprinkhuizen returned the seven of clubs and de Leon allowed dummy's nine to hold the trick. Starkowski played three rounds of spades and had seven tricks so was down only one for –100 but 11 IMPs to SELIGMAN.

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

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Bridge NEWS

COVID-19 REGULATIONS FOR MADEIRA CHAMPIONSHIPS (REVISED 24 May 2022)

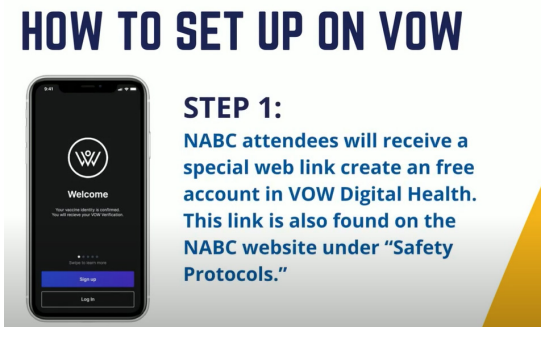
From the EBL website:

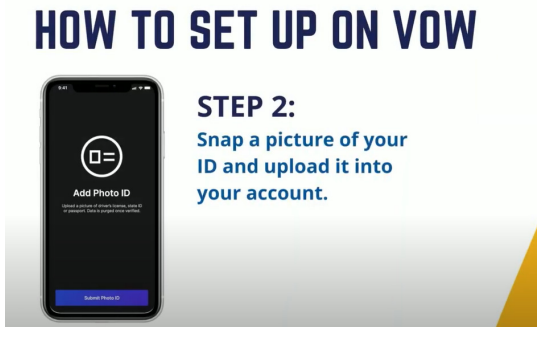
All participants must be fully vaccinated, as defined by the vaccine used and authorities in the country where it was administered.
Proof of vaccination must be shown at the registration desk.
If the last vaccine dose was administered more than 9 months ago, or if the validity of the vaccine is less than 9 months as stated on the vaccination certificate, a face-mask must be worn in the playing area unless:

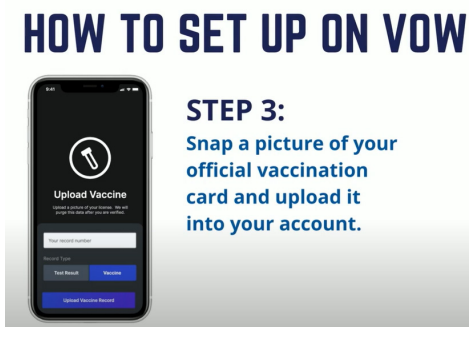
A. the participant can produce a negative PCR test, no older than 72 hours prior to arrival (there will be no need to repeat the PCR test if this condition is satisfied)

OR

B. a proof of recovery from Covid-19, no older than 6 months prior to arrival, can be shown.







COVID-19 REGULATIONS FOR PROVIDENCE NABC

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JULY 14-24, 2022

From the ACBL website:

Effective March 1, 2022, The ACBL will require masking of players, staff and volunteers when the COVID-19 Community Level rate is indicated as "High," and will not require masks when the Community Level rate is indicated as "Low" or "Medium." This will be reviewed on a daily basis for the Summer NABC using the Community Level county check system. Players at the NABC will receive updates in the Daily Bulletin notifying them of that day's status, and signage will be posted throughout tournament areas each morning.

Attendees should be prepared by bringing masks to the tournament playing areas in the event the Community Level rate changes to "High." Masks are still recommended for attendees who are at high risk for severe illness or otherwise are a member of a vulnerable population. We also ask attendees to be courteous and wear a mask if seated at a table with a high-risk player who asks for tablemates to wear masks.

Additionally, all monetary transactions will be cashless, including tournament fees.

Vaccine Verification

- Domestic Players (travelers within the United States)
- International Players (travelers coming from outside the United States)

Please watch the video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RcxZPK6uRAg&feature=emb_imp_woyt
for instructions on how to obtain clearance into NABC. We encourage attendees to complete this verification process prior to arrival at the tournament, as it will streamline your entry to the NABC tournament floor and help you avoid long lines.

OCBL JUNE CUP

ROUND 5

Danes	9.61 VPs 11 IMPs	10.39 VPs 12 IMPs	Fredin
New Amateurs	15.52 VPs 24 IMPs	4.48 VPs 6 IMPs	Swiss Arabian
Seligman	6.57 VPs 13 IMPs	13.43 VPs 23 IMPs	Flyfalcon
Harris	1.29 VPs 3 IMPs	18.71 VPs 39 IMPs	Scorway
Texan Aces	14.8 VPs 19 IMPs	5.2 VPs 4 IMPs	Lorin
Netbridge	15.97 VPs 22 IMPs	4.03 VPs 2 IMPs	Friends

ROUND 6

Danes	9.23 VPs 25 IMPs	10.77 VPs 27 IMPs	Flyfalcon
New Amateurs	13.72 VPs 35 IMPs	6.28 VPs 24 IMPs	Scorway
Fredin	17.16 VPs 40 IMPs	2.84 VPs 14 IMPs	Swiss Arabian
Seligman	19.44 VPs 52 IMPs	0.56 VPs 10 IMPs	Netbridge
Texan Aces	9.61 VPs 22 IMPs	10.39 VPs 23 IMPs	Friends
Harris	1.42 VPs 8 IMPs	18.58 VPs 43 IMPs	Lorin

ROUND 7

Danes	1.42 VPs 12 IMPs	18.58 VPs 47 IMPs	Scorway
New Amateurs	4.48 VPs 16 IMPs	15.52 VPs 34 IMPs	Seligman
Fredin	19.44 VPs 45 IMPs	0.56 VPs 3 IMPs	Texan Aces
Flyfalcon	16.78 VPs 41 IMPs	3.22 VPs 17 IMPs	Netbridge
Lorin	7.49 VPs 16 IMPs	12.51 VPs 23 IMPs	Friends
Swiss Arabian	1.56 VPs 10 IMPs	18.44 VPs 44 IMPs	Harris

ROUND 8

Fredin	9.23 VPs 10 IMPs	10.77 VPs 12 IMPs	Seligman
New Amateurs	17.51 VPs 35 IMPs	2.49 VPs 7 IMPs	Danes
Flyfalcon	4.95 VPs 6 IMPs	15.05 VPs 22 IMPs	Scorway
Lorin	6 VPs 11 IMPs	14 VPs 23 IMPs	Harris
Texan Aces	15.29 VPs 34 IMPs	4.71 VPs 17 IMPs	Swiss Arabian
Friends	17.51 VPs 38 IMPs	2.49 VPs 10 IMPs	Netbridge

OCBL JUNE CUP

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1	L. Tijssen, (luctijs)	Flyfalcon	1.27	30
2	V. Isporski, (smileyv)	Harris	1.15	20
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	1.15	20
4	C. Loo, (bridgeboy)	New Amateurs	0.85	20
	G. Tan, (serapuff)	New Amateurs	0.85	20
6	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	0.84	50
	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	0.84	50
8	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	0.8	60
	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	0.8	60
10	G. Yilmaz, (yilmaz_g)	Lorin	0.72	50
	R. Nahmiyas, (carlitta)	Lorin	0.72	50
12	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.71	80
	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.71	80
14	H. Fick, (Hcbfick)	Fredin	0.66	70
15	N. Eber, (eebs)	Fredin	0.65	80
	J. Norris, (pumpumpum)	Danes	0.65	40
	M. Norris, (meretev)	Danes	0.65	40
18	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.63	80
	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.63	80
20	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	0.62	60
	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0.62	60
22	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	0.61	80
	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	0.61	80
24	F. Primavera, (Fulldire)	Swiss Arabian	0.6	30
	H. Kruse Petersen, (Longrow)	Danes	0.6	20
	V. Bloom, (valfb)	Fredin	0.6	10
27	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	0.53	30
	J. Olsen, (Janaolsen)	Scorway	0.53	30
29	M. Kwok-Fei, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	0.5	20
	W. Huang, (hweiming13)	Friends	0.5	40
	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	0.5	20
32	S. Werdelin, (stigw)	Danes	0.44	80
	T. Aagaard, (thorvald)	Danes	0.44	80
34	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Flyfalcon	0.42	50
	M. Gronkvist, (Mike_G)	Flyfalcon	0.42	50
36	P. King, (philking)	Texan Aces	0.28	40
37	W. Mou, (wmou)	Friends	0.24	50
	Y. Han, (ynh)	Friends	0.24	50
39	L. Verhees, (loukie)	Flyfalcon	0.2	30
40	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.06	80
	J. Pszczola, (pikolo)	Seligman	0.06	80
42	S. Margiotta, (saverio)	Swiss Arabian	0.03	40
43	L. Chen, (lc chen)	Texan Aces	0.01	80
	D. Hsieh, (hsiehdh)	Texan Aces	0.01	80
45	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.03	30
46	V. Kiljan, (Vkill)	Flyfalcon	-0.07	30
47	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	-0.12	50
	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	-0.12	50
49	G. Mendes de Leon, (guymdl)	Flyfalcon	-0.13	30
	T. Sprinkhuizen, (thibos)	Flyfalcon	-0.13	30
51	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	-0.28	40
	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	-0.28	40
53	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-0.3	40
	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-0.3	40
	M. Verhaegen, (Marcel_ve)	Swiss Arabian	-0.3	40
	Bob Drijver, (bobdrijver)	Swiss Arabian	-0.3	40
57	G. Wang, (kaisadadi)	Friends	-0.43	80
58	I. Ayaz, (kanaryaz)	Lorin	-0.47	30
	A. Acar, (aslicann)	Lorin	-0.47	30
60	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.48	60
61	B. NG Chi-Cheung, (baron_ng)	Friends	-0.5	20
	O. Ekinci, (Ekinci)	Lorin	-0.5	60
	B. Kutuk, (basak)	Lorin	-0.5	60
64	J. Fang, (lakers1)	Friends	-0.53	30
	T. Yang, (tcyang)	Friends	-0.53	30
66	R. Van Prooijen, (riccovp)	Flyfalcon	-0.57	40
67	L. Camerini, (kiddd)	Swiss Arabian	-0.63	40
	H. Adam Ali, (Adamali_h)	Swiss Arabian	-0.63	40
69	A. Wilson, (flyfalcon)	Flyfalcon	-0.63	30
70	K. Castner, (Jafra)	Texan Aces	-0.79	80
71	E. Serdar, (Exerdar)	Lorin	-0.85	20
	A. Gobekli, (1mavzer)	Lorin	-0.85	20
73	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.93	40
74	F. Dahl, (Fdahl)	Danes	-1.05	40
75	N. Verhoeve, (slin55)	Netbridge	-1.1	40
	M. la Haye, (martenha)	Netbridge	-1.1	40
77	P. Marill, (cortex)	Swiss Arabian	-1.27	40
78	G. Zanasi, (Zanna9)	Swiss Arabian	-1.36	50
79	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-1.6	30
80	N. Verhoef , (nicotest)	Netbridge	-1.65	20
	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.65	20
82	P. Grünke, (thetaker)	Texan Aces	-1.85	40
83	S. Gross, (sgross)	Harris	-1.95	20
84	K. Zhou, (kaiz)	Friends	-2.2	20
85	T. Drijver, (tdrijverrr)	Netbridge	-2.35	20
	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-2.35	20
87	T. Berg, (Beccamin)	Danes	-2.7	20

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Round 3:	18.30	CEST	/ 12.30	EDT
Round 4:	19.45	CEST	/ 13.45	EDT
Round 5:	21.00	CEST	/ 15.00	EDT

TUESDAY

Round 6:	16.00	CEST	/ 10.00	EDT
Round 7:	17.15	CEST	/ 11.15	EDT
Round 8:	18.30	CEST	/ 12.30	EDT
Round 9:	19.45	CEST	/ 13.45	EDT
Round 10:	21.00	CEST	/ 15.00	EDT

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