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ECF HOLDING WON THE MON-TUE SWISS

MON-TUE SWISS
Ranking after Round 10

1	ECF Holding	141.2
2	Amoils	118.89
3	New Amateurs	114.2
4	Levine	110.16
5	Goodman	108.52
6	Nedev	107.09
7	Fredin	103.3
8	Sandfia	101.98
9	Croatia U26	91.2
10	Nadel	90.96
11	Croatia U31	87.03
12	Netbridge	82.17
13	Pigot	81.85
14	Harris	61.45

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Team ECF Holding (Lie T., Fasting E., Ovesen J., Høyland S., Thoresen S., Eide Erik.) won the MON-TUE Swiss!
The team had mathematically won the trophy one round before the end.

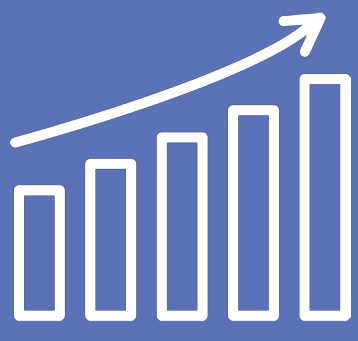
Team Amoils (Amoils L., Hanlon T., Bessis T., Lorenzini C.) placed 2nd and team New Amateurs (Lo A., Chechelashvili D., Yang D., Weinstein J., Loo C., Tan G., Wang W., Kwok-Fei M.) placed 3rd.

OCBL events will come back next September with the OCBL September Cup (13 - 15 September).

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

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

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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The Right Odds

by Mark Horton

According to the meteorologists there is a 30% chance that on Sunday the UK will record its highest ever temperature, beating the current record of 38.7°C of almost two years ago. Bridge players tend to prefer contracts with better odds than that. Let's see how they coped on day 2.

Round 6

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

New Amateurs v Levine

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	*Yang*	*Grainger*	*Weinstein*
—	—	—	1♠
3♡	4♡*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♢*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

4♡ Spade support
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard
5♢ ♠Q?
5NT ♠Q, no kings

West led the ♡8 and when declarer followed with the king he continued with the ten, East ruffing with the ♠J for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Helgemo*	*Wang*	*Nystrom*
—	—	—	1♠
2♡	2NT*	Pass	3♡*
Pass	4♢*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2NT Game forcing, 4+♠
3♡ Extras, short clubs
4♢ Short

That was worth 11 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ Q 9 7 3 ♡ K 10 9 8 5 ♢ J 9 2 ♣ 8	
♠ 5 4 ♡ A 4 ♢ 4 ♣ KQJ75432		♠ A K J 6 ♡ 7 6 3 2 ♢ 10 7 6 3 ♣ —
	♠ 10 2 ♡ Q J ♢ A K Q 8 5 ♣ A 10 9 6	

New Amateurs v Levine

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	*Yang*	*Grainger*	*Weinstein*
—	—	—	1NT
3♣	Dble*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Dble Negative

West led the ♣K and declarer took the ace, East discarding the ♡7, and played the ♡J followed by the queen. West took the second round with the ace as East followed with the six and three. After cashing the ♣QJ on which East threw the ♢107 West switched to the ♠5 and that was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Helgemo*	*Wang*	*Nystrom*
—	—	—	1NT
4♣	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♡5 and declarer took the ace and played the ♣Q, South winning, cashing the ♡Q and the ♢K and eventually collecting a club for one down, -200 and 9 IMPs.

Having taken the ♡A declarer might try a spade to the jack. When it wins he continues with the top spades and will come to ten tricks. However, the risk is clear – if the trumps are breaking you may be creating a fourth loser.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

New Amateurs v Levine

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	*Yang*	*Grainger*	*Weinstein*
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1NT
2♣*	2♢	Pass	2♡
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
2♣ Both majors

West led the ♡9 and declarer took East's queen and played a club to the queen. East took the ace and played two rounds of hearts for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	*Helgemo*	*Wang*	*Nystrom*
Pass	Pass	1♢*	1NT
2♣*	3NT	All Pass	

1♢ 2+♢
2♣ Both majors

West led the ♡9 for the queen and ace and declarer played a diamond to the king, a club to the king and the ♣J. East took that and switched to the ♠J and declarer won, cashed the ♢A and claimed ten tricks, +430 and 11 IMPs.

It was a big win for Levine, 32-7, keeping them in the hunt.

Round 7

I decided to follow the play at the top table, but the deals refused to cooperate, the final score being 4-1 in favour of ECF Holdings.

This deal did produce some swings:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

New Amateurs v Sandfia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Burgess	*Lo*	*Leslie*	*Gu*
—	1♢	Pass	1♠*
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

1♠ Hearts

East led the ♣A and continued with the king, declarer ruffing and playing the ♠9. When dummy's queen held declarer ruffed another club and played the ♠K. East won and returned a spade and having ruffed in dummy declarer now played trumps, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Loo	*Bell*	*Tan*	*Norton*
—	1♢*	Pass	1♡*
Pass	2♢*	Dble	3♡
All Pass			

1♢ 4+♢ unbalanced (4♢5♣ ok) or 5♢ weak NT
1♡ No five-card major
2♢ 5+♢4♡ non-forcing

East's double devalued North's ♠K, but this was the only table NS stopped short of game.

West led the ♡8 and declarer won with the ten, cashed the ace, played a diamond to the ace, drew the outstanding trump and played another diamond, claiming 12 tricks when both defenders followed, +230, but a 6 IMP loss.

Nedev v Croatia U31

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vidovic	*Nedev*	*Cicvaric*	*King*
—	1♢	Pass	1♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

West led the ♠5 and East took the ace, cashed the ♣K and switched to the ♢6. Having won with the ten declarer drew trumps and claimed, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	*Grguric*	*Chen*	*Mijic*
—	1♢	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♢	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The bidding is not annotated, so the precise meaning of 1♠ is unknown, although we can guess that it probably showed a balanced hand.

West led the ♣7 and East took the king and ace before returning the three. West won and played back the ♣8, East winning and cashing the ♠A for -50 and 11 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Croatia U26 v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
T Drijver	*Evacic*	*V den Hoek*	*Bilušic*
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♢	2♣*	2♢	3♣*
5♢	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
2♣ Majors, 5+5+
3♣ 'Simple raise'

The explanation of 3♣ as a simple raise might be referring to one of the majors. Whatever the effect of the intervention was to leave EW worried about a potential weakness in one of the majors and they opted for the more difficult diamond game.

North led the ♣5 and having won in hand with the ace declarer played a spade to dummy's king, South winning with the ace and returning the ♢2. Declarer won with dummy's ten and cashed the ♢A. When North discarded the ♠6 declarer ruffed a spade and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing. After cashing dummy's top clubs, he ruffed a spade with the ♢Q and played the ♡J pitching a spade but South could ruff and cash the ♢K for one down, -100.

Having been unlucky to find the ♠A and trumps 4-1 declarer probably discounted the possibility that South might hold the ♡Q. As it happens once the trump split is revealed declarer can get home by playing a low diamond towards the queen. If South wins and plays a fourth diamond declarer wins and cashes three clubs, squeezing North in the majors. In order to hold on to the ♠Q North must come down to three hearts and now the heart finesse delivers four tricks in the suit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Katusic	*Bouwen*	*Petkovic*	*Zomer*
—	—	1♢	Pass
1♡	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♠3 for the queen and king and declarer cashed the ♣Q, played a club to dummy's ace and ran the ♢Q. When it held he repeated the finesse and South won and played two rounds of spades, declarer claiming eleven tricks, +660 and 13 IMPs.

Round 8

Applying the adage 'If at first you don't succeed…..' I resolved to see how the younger of the two Croatian teams (practicing for the World Championships) would fare against the undefeated leaders.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

ECF Holding v Croatia U26

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Katusic	*Ovesen*	*Petkovic*	*Haugstad*
—	—	2♡*	Pass
3♡	3NT	All Pass	

2♡ Both majors, weak, 4+4+

The idea of opening 2♡ to show both majors is described in detail in The Mysterious Multi.

Here it deterred South from bidding 4♠, which, despite the 4-2 break would make quite easily.

East led the ♡5 and declarer took West's ten with the queen, unblocked the ♠A, crossed to dummy's ♢Q and played two rounds of spades, discarding a club and the ♡8 while West pitched the ♡2. Having won with the ♠8 East decided to cash the ♡A which gave declarer his ninth trick, +600.

Having won the third round of spades East needs to exit in a minor. If he chooses the ♣J West must overtake it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eide	*Evacic*	*Thoresen*	*Bilušic*
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♠ 6+♠

East led the ♢4 and declarer won with the king, unblocked the ♠A, crossed to dummy's ♢Q and ducked a spade, West winning with the jack and switching to the ♡10. East took declarer's king with the ace and continued with the jack. Having won with the queen declarer crossed to dummy with a diamond, cashed the ♢6 and then played the ♠K. When the suit failed to break he tried ducking a club, but that meant he was two down, -200 and 13 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Katusic	*Ovesen*	*Petkovic*	*Haugstad*
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♢*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♢*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

2NT 4+♠, invitational+
3♣ 11-15 balanced or minimum unbalanced
3♢ Asking
3♠ Minimum, some void
3NT Asking
4♡ ♡ void
4NT RKCB
5♢ 0/3 key cards

East's choice of opening bid worked out well – if you use Zar points to evaluate your hand it is automatic to open 1♠. I am currently working on a book about an exciting new bidding system called Prefer, devised by Tommy Sandsmark. Among other things it highlights the use of Zar openings. Here is how Tommy explains it:

A ZAR hand has at least ten cards in two suits (at least 6-4 or 5-5, or very seldom 5440). In addition, the OH should have at least 26 ZAR points.

In order to find out the ZAR count, you should add:

HCP: 4321 HCP.
+ Controls A = 2, K = 1.
+ Distribution long:
The sum of all cards in your 2 longest suits.
+ Distribution short:
The difference between your longest and your shortest suit.

The sum you arrive at is your number of ZAR points. To open on less than 11 HCP, you need at least 26 ZAR. The ZAR count is a pretty good measurement for your hand's real worth when you have an extreme distribution.

South led the ♣6 and North won and returned the eight, declarer claiming, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eide	*Evacic*	*Thoresen*	*Bilušic*
—	Pass	2♠*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♠ 8-11

South led the ♡A and declarer ruffed and took a round of trumps before claiming, +480 but an 11 IMP loss.

ECF Holding consolidated their lead with a 24-11 win.

Round 9

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

If you were following the match between Amoils and Croatia U26 this deal would not have caught your eye, South opening 2♠ at both tables and scoring eight and nine tricks.

Croatia U31 v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vidovic	*Chechelash.*	*Civcaric*	*Lo*
—	Pass	Pass	2♠*
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

2♠ 10-13

North led the ♠5 for the nine, ten and king and declarer played a heart to the four, jack and ace. South returned the ♠6 and declarer won with the ace and played the ♢Q, North taking the ace and returning the ♢2. Declarer won with dummy's six and played a club, South taking the ace and exiting with the ♠7. Declarer won with the queen, cashed the ♣K and exited with the ♢8. North could win and cash the ♡K, but then had to lead into the club tenace allowing declarer to escape for only one down, -100.

Having won with the ♢A North can pose declarer more problems by exiting with the ♢J, or a more mundane club. Scoring more than seven tricks will be unlikely. However, the strongest defence is for North to win the first round of hearts and then play a second spade. That preserves both entries to South's hand allowing the spade suit to be established and cashed for -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yang	*Grguric*	*Weinstein*	*Mijic*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	1NT	2♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	3♡	Pass
4♢	Dble	All Pass	

I wonder what a bidding panel would do with West's hand after South's 1♠?

East's 2♡ was risky, but he envisaged having at least a nine-card fit. Having decided to show his second suit East could have left his partner to decide if 3♡ was a better spot.

South led the ♢4 for the king and ace and North switched to the ♣2, South taking the ace, cashing the ♡A and exiting with the ♠4. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♢3, North winning with the ten and exiting with a spade. Declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy and played the ♠K, but North ruffed and exited with the ♢2. That left declarer with a club loser so the contract was three down, -500 and a 9 IMP loss.

Declarer can save a trick by running North's spade return to dummy. He can than cash the ♢Q and a top club then play the ♠Q. If North ruffs he is endplayed while discarding allows declarer to score another club and two trumps via a crossruff.

Sandfia v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huber	*Burgess*	*V der Starre*	*Handley-P*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♡	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

2NT 19-21

North led the ♠5 and declarer won with the ace and played a heart for the three, eight and ten. Back came the ♠J and declarer won and tried the ♢K, continuing with the ♣K when it held. South won and played the ♠8 and declarer won, cashed the ♣Q and exited with the four. The defenders took the remaining tricks for four down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Bouwen*	*Bell*	*Zomer*
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♡
Dble	All Pass		

Passing 1♠ strikes me as the best solution – it worked very well here when North decided not to go back to spades (in another match South played in 2♠ doubled and had no trouble scoring eight tricks).

West led the ♡5 for the three jack and ace and declarer played the ♠4, East winning with the nine and switching to the ♣7. West won with the queen, cashed the ♠Q and then played the ♢3. Declarer took dummy's ace, played a club to the ace and played a spade, discarding a club from dummy as West won with the king. When West continued with the ♠K declarer ruffed with dummy's ♡4 (discarding or even ruffing with the king saves a trick) and East overruffed and returned the ♡2 to dummy's king. Declarer could ruff a diamond, but that was his last trick, three down, -800 and a 17 IMP swing.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Huber	*Burgess*	*V der Starre*	*Handley-P*
—	—	—	1♢
2♣	Dble*	4♡	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

As is often the case, bidding 4♡ operated as a transfer to 4♠ by the opponents.

East led the ♣9 and declarer took West's queen with the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond and played the ♠2 for the four, king and nine. When declarer continued with the ♠10 West won with the ace, cashed the queen and then played the ♣K before switching to the ♡10. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a heart and West ruffed and exited with the ♢Q, declarer claiming eight tricks, two down, -500.

It could have been worse, it could have been better.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Bouwen*	*Bell*	*Zomer*
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♠	4♡	Dble
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣

South cashed two diamonds and switched to a club, one down, -200 and 12 IMPs.

4♡ was doubled five times, while only two pairs bid 4♠.

ECF Holding had a big win and had won the event with a round to spare!

Round 10

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Sandfia v Goodman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	*Zhao*	*Bell*	*Moses*
—	—	2♠*	Pass
3♠	Dble	Rdbl	4♡
4♠	All Pass		

2♠ 5♠+5♢/♣

South led the ♡2 and North cashed the ♡KA which ensured a one trick defeat, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goodman	*Burgess*	*Dwyer*	*Handley-P*
—	—	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

When South led the ♠4 declarer took North's queen, crossed to the ♣A and pitched a heart on the ♢A. Then a club to the ten brough home the bacon, +590 and 12 IMPs.

Eight pairs bid 4♠, two of them doubled. Tim van den Bos opened the East hand 4♠ and when Matea Grguric doubled, her partner, Ante Mijic found the essential heart lead. Neville Eber and Joris van Lankveld also found the heart lead.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Levine v Nedev

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	*Helgemo*	*Chen*	*Nystrom*
1♣*	2♣	2♠*	3♣
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

1♣ Precision
2♠ 5+♠, game forcing

North led the ♣J for the queen, king and ace and declarer crossed to dummy and ran the ♡9. North won, cashed the ♣9 and exited with the ♡5. There was no way to avoid the loss of two diamonds, -100.

David Yang made 4♡ (North having overcalled 2♣) after a club lead, playing two rounds of hearts. Tom Hanlon won and made a brilliant try by continuing with the ♣5. Alas, it was declarer who held the ♣8. If North cashes a club and exits with a spade declarer can pick up South's ♠J932. However, on the two occasions where this defence occurred declarer played for the spades to break and had to go one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	*Nedev*	*Grainger*	*King*
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♢*	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

2NT 19-20
3NT 5♡
4♢ >4♡

North led the ♠4 for the eight, nine and ace and declarer played two rounds of hearts, North winning and switching to the ♣J. Declarer won with the ace, played three rounds of spades ruffing high, crossed to dummy with the ♡9 and pitched a club on the ♠10 for +620 and 12 IMPs.

Although ECF Holdings colours were finally lowered in the last round, they were the standout team of the event, finishing more than a match clear.

Swiss, Round 6

ECF Holding	18.83 VPs 35 IMPs	1.17 VPs 2 IMPs	Fredin
New Amateurs	2.5 VPs 7 IMPs	17.5 VPs 32 IMPs	Levine
Amoils	3.77 VPs 7 IMPs	16.23 VPs 26 IMPs	Goodman
Nedev	4.5 VPs 13 IMPs	15.5 VPs 29 IMPs	Sandfia
Croatia U26	8.33 VPs 14 IMPs	11.67 VPs 18 IMPs	Harris
Nadel	7.95 VPs 26 IMPs	12.05 VPs 31 IMPs	Croatia U31
Netbridge	10.44 VPs 20 IMPs	9.56 VPs 19 IMPs	Pigot

Swiss, Round 7

ECF Holding	11.27 VPs 4 IMPs	8.73 VPs 1 IMPs	Goodman
Levine	6.55 VPs 6 IMPs	13.45 VPs 15 IMPs	Amoils
New Amateurs	16.68 VPs 21 IMPs	3.32 VPs 0 IMPs	Sandfia
Nedev	14.96 VPs 16 IMPs	5.04 VPs 2 IMPs	Croatia U31
Croatia U26	17.69 VPs 28 IMPs	2.31 VPs 2 IMPs	Netbridge
Fredin	15.5 VPs 17 IMPs	4.5 VPs 1 IMPs	Harris
Nadel	15.75 VPs 22 IMPs	4.25 VPs 5 IMPs	Pigot

Swiss, Round 8

ECF Holding	14.68 VPs 24 IMPs	5.32 VPs 11 IMPs	Croatia U26
New Amateurs	7.23 VPs 22 IMPs	12.77 VPs 29 IMPs	Nedev
Amoils	14.09 VPs 12 IMPs	5.91 VPs 1 IMPs	Nadel
Levine	4.25 VPs 7 IMPs	15.75 VPs 24 IMPs	Croatia U31
Goodman	6.55 VPs 6 IMPs	13.45 VPs 15 IMPs	Pigot
Fredin	7.95 VPs 9 IMPs	12.05 VPs 14 IMPs	Netbridge
Sandfia	12.42 VPs 18 IMPs	7.58 VPs 12 IMPs	Harris

Swiss, Round 9

ECF Holding	19.37 VPs 38 IMPs	0.63 VPs 1 IMPs	Nadel
New Amateurs	10 VPs 10 IMPs	10 VPs 10 IMPs	Croatia U31
Amoils	11.67 VPs 12 IMPs	8.33 VPs 8 IMPs	Croatia U26
Nedev	10 VPs 13 IMPs	10 VPs 13 IMPs	Pigot
Goodman	12.42 VPs 14 IMPs	7.58 VPs 8 IMPs	Fredin
Levine	14.39 VPs 17 IMPs	5.61 VPs 5 IMPs	Harris
Sandfia	12.42 VPs 19 IMPs	7.58 VPs 13 IMPs	Netbridge

Swiss, Round 10

New Amateurs	7.58 VPs 7 IMPs	12.42 VPs 13 IMPs	Amoils
Levine	11.27 VPs 15 IMPs	8.73 VPs 12 IMPs	Nedev
Goodman	11.27 VPs 15 IMPs	8.73 VPs 12 IMPs	Sandfia
Croatia U26	3.1 VPs 5 IMPs	16.9 VPs 27 IMPs	Fredin
Croatia U31	5.61 VPs 10 IMPs	14.39 VPs 22 IMPs	Nadel
Netbridge	9.56 VPs 1 IMPs	10.44 VPs 2 IMPs	Pigot
ECF Holding	6.55 VPs 5 IMPs	13.45 VPs 14 IMPs	Harris

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BUTLER RANKING

1	E. Fasting, (mehe)	ECF Holding	1.33	64
	T. Lie, (Terjel)	ECF Holding	1.33	64
3	J. GU, (jiang_gu)	New Amateurs	1.25	8
4	S. Høyland, (sioslo)	ECF Holding	1.21	24
5	G. Tan, (serapuff)	New Amateurs	1.19	16
	C. Loo, (bridgeboy)	New Amateurs	1.19	16
7	C. Lorenzini, (pierced)	Amoils	1.01	80
	T. Bessis, (malpaluche)	Amoils	1.01	80
9	S. Thoresen, (sivt)	ECF Holding	0.97	64
	E. Eide, (bloodaxe)	ECF Holding	0.97	64
11	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0.92	64
12	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	0.9	48
13	K. Stefanec, (kstef)	Croatia U31	0.85	40
14	C. Gower, (craigy52)	Fredin	0.75	16
	M. Bell, (MickyB)	Sandfia	0.75	64
	B. Cole, (April2)	New Amateurs	0.75	8
17	J. Wooldridge, (firechief)	Levine	0.7	56
	D. Grainger, (drg)	Levine	0.7	56
19	J. Ovesen, (jo-arne)	ECF Holding	0.66	32
20	C. Rimstedt, (CillaR)	Goodman	0.63	8
21	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.53	80
22	T. Vidovic, (Tvidovic)	Croatia U31	0.5	40
	B. Cicvaric, (Cicva)	Croatia U31	0.5	40
24	P. King, (philking)	Nedev	0.48	80
	B. Nedev, (Borisssss)	Nedev	0.48	80
26	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.47	64
27	B. Norton, (Bechno)	Sandfia	0.45	80
28	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Nadel	0.41	32
	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Nadel	0.41	32
30	A. Goodman, (agoodman1)	Goodman	0.36	64
31	G. Helgemo, (micelle45)	Levine	0.31	64
	K. Dwyer, (kdwyer)	Goodman	0.31	80
	F. Nystrom, (F_Nystrom)	Levine	0.31	64
34	M. Grguric, (Mgrgc)	Croatia U31	0.2	80
35	J. Zhao, (brgpro)	Goodman	0.18	80
	T. Moses, (hottodstl)	Goodman	0.18	80
37	B. O'Brien, (bjoboru)	Pigot	0.14	56
38	D. Hsieh, (hsiehdh)	Nedev	0.09	80
	L. Chen, (lc chen)	Nedev	0.09	80
40	D. O'Gorman, (derekog6)	Pigot	0.08	40
41	T. Van Den Bos, (Timvdb)	Nadel	0.06	16
42	I. Bilusic, (shaymin29)	Croatia U26	0.04	80
	E. Evacic, (IvoKavasak)	Croatia U26	0.04	80
44	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	-0.02	56
	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	-0.02	56
46	E. Wold, (womoco)	Levine	-0.1	40
	M. Levine, (mikerl)	Levine	-0.1	40
48	D. Yang, (hyang)	New Amateurs	-0.11	64
	J. Weinstein, (jlw77)	New Amateurs	-0.11	64
50	I. Petkovic, (1petko1)	Croatia U26	-0.13	56
	F. Katusic, (karakli)	Croatia U26	-0.13	56
52	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Amoils	-0.19	80
	L. Amoils, (amoils)	Amoils	-0.19	80
54	B. Handley-Pritchard, (crotes)	Sandfia	-0.2	40
55	B. Van Den Bos, (Berendbs)	Nadel	-0.24	80
56	P. Goodman, (petepunt)	Pigot	-0.25	56
57	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-0.29	48
	Tom Drijver, (tdrijverrr)	Netbridge	-0.29	48
59	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	-0.31	32
60	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Nadel	-0.35	48
61	K. De Raeymaeker, (ewion)	Pigot	-0.38	48
	S. Huang, (precisebri)	Goodman	-0.38	8
63	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Nadel	-0.48	80
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	-0.48	40
65	C. Bosenberg, (bosie1)	Fredin	-0.55	80
	N. Eber, (eebs)	Fredin	-0.55	80
67	O. Burgess, (mrspen)	Sandfia	-0.57	80
68	S. Gross, (sgross)	Harris	-0.59	32
69	P. Pigot, (ppiglett)	Pigot	-0.6	48
70	D. McIntosh, (Danmac)	Pigot	-0.65	48
71	T. Leslie, (Culross66)	Sandfia	-0.89	56
72	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.94	48
	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.94	48
74	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	-0.98	64
75	E. Haugstad, (sandstol1)	ECF Holding	-1	8
76	R. Van den Bergh, (rvdb)	Nadel	-1.03	32
77	M. Ferenca, (ferem)	Croatia U26	-1.04	24
	V. Leskovar, (movsesian)	Croatia U26	-1.04	24
79	R. Milne, (ranald)	Pigot	-1.25	8
80	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-1.27	56
81	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-1.29	56
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-1.29	56
83	A. Mijic, (White shad)	Croatia U31	-1.31	80
84	J. Dilovic, (Joke_du)	Croatia U31	-1.5	32
85	W. Wang, (rosewwf)	New Amateurs	-1.75	16
	M. Kwok-Fei, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	-1.75	16
87	D. Walsh, (dodge31)	Pigot	-1.94	16
88	T. Sasek, (vipe1)	Croatia U31	-4.88	8

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