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THE FOUR MUSKETEERS

September CUP

Ranking after Round 8

1	Seligman	111.77
2	Scorway	104.45
3	New Amateurs	100.95
4	Fredin	94.79
5	Yellow Cap	90.55
6	Harris	87.2
7	Gillis	79.01
8	Nadel	78.47
9	Black	76.55
10	Crocodile	73.95
11	Greenspan	73.88
12	Sugi	69.87
13	Peanuts	67.55
14	Pigot	63.16
15	Netbridge	57.49
16	Rubenstein	50.36

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 / 9th Round. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

SF / 10th Round. 17.30 CEST / 11.30 a.m. EDT

F / 11th Round. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

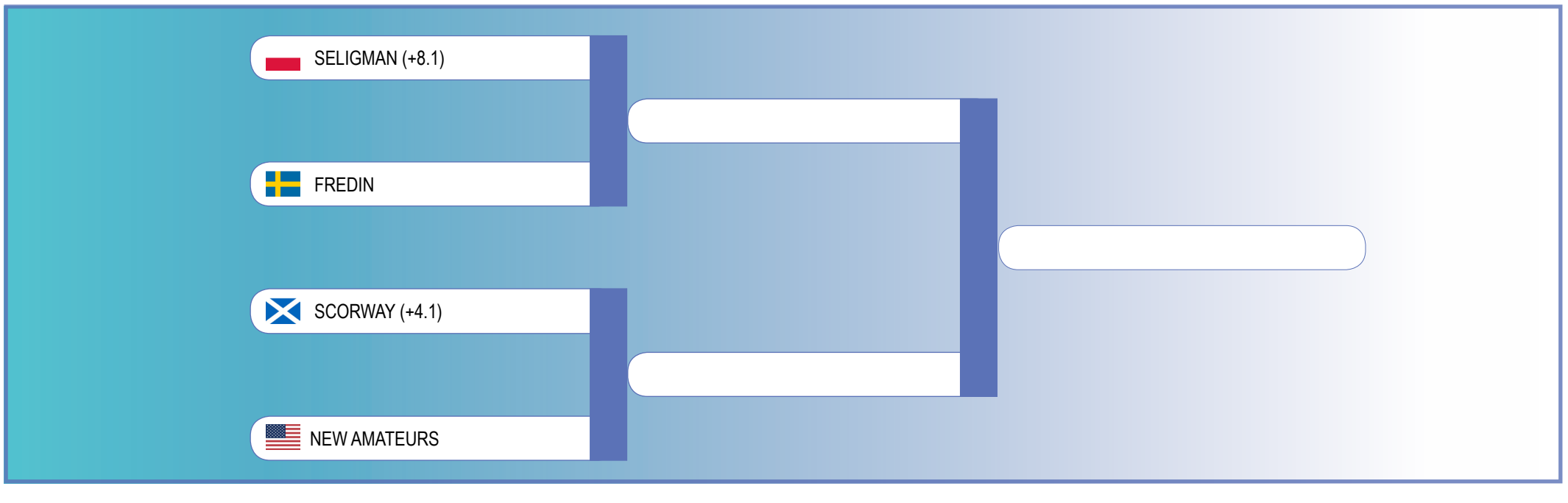
F / 12th Round. 20.30 CEST / 2.30 p.m. EDT

It's Semifinals time!
After 8 Rounds, teams Seligman, Scorway, New Amateurs and Fredin were in the top 4 of the ranking.

Seligman:
Seligman M. (mseligman), Kwiecien M. (michal1), Pszczola J. (pikolo), Starkowski W. (wstarkowsk), Bizon P. (Taub), Lair M. (mslair)
Scorway:
Levinson S. (sc0tsteve), Shenkin B. (Barnets), Kvangraven N. (Nils123), Brekka G. (kaninen), Diamond D. (Derekd), Spears B. (Spears), Saur O. (Saurdino), Olsen J. (Janaolsen)
New Amateurs:
Lo A. (aitail), Jiang Gu (Jiang_Gu), Lusky J. (pachyderms), Falk A. (Allan Falk), Pettis B. (buffalo6), Kwok-Fei M. (Kfmak), NG Chi-Cheung B. (baron_ng), Chechelashvili D. (Dato)
Fredin:
Fredin P. (P_Fredin), Apteker A. (alonap), Schaltz P. (PS_DK), Eber N. (eebs), Schaltz D. (DS_DK), Fick H. (hcbfick)

Thus, they qualified for the Semifinal matches, which will be:
Seligman vs Fredin
Scorway vs New Amateurs

The remaining teams will play four more rounds for the fifth place.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER CUP
3 - 5 October, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards	CEST	EDT
Monday, 3 October R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Tuesday, 4 October R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 5 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

MON - TUE SWISS
21 - 22 November, 2022

10 Rounds x 8 boards	CEST	EDT
Monday, 21 November	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00
Tuesday, 22 November	16.00 - 17.15 - 18.30 - 19.45 - 21.00	10.00 - 11.15 - 12.30 - 13.45 - 15.00

DECEMBER CUP
13 - 16 December, 2022

		CEST	EDT
Qualification:	Tuesday 13 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
3 Rounds x 14 boards	Wednesday 14 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
	Thursday 15 December	16.00 - 18.00 - 20.00	10.00 - 12.00 - 14.00
KO:	Friday 16 December	16.00 - 18.30 - 21.00	10.00 - 12.30 - 15.00
3 Rounds x 16 boards			

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

Bridge NEWS

From the WBF website:

46th WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Senior Trophy, Wuhan Cup

13th WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP
Organised by the World Bridge Federation
in cooperation with the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Bridge

The WBF is pleased to confirm that the 46th World Bridge Teams Championships and the 13th World Transnational Open Teams Championship will be held and every competition will be played at

Movenpick Mansour Eddahbi Palais des Congrès Marrakech
Marrakech, Morocco
20th August – 2nd September 2023

Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, d'Orsi Trophy, Wuhan Cup

Format of the Championships
All four Championships will be played as a single complete round-robin with all teams playing each other. At the end of the round-robin the first eight ranked teams will qualify for the knock-out stages; Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final.

Right to enter
Zonal Qualified teams for all four championships (in addition to the Host Teams):
Zone 1 – 8 teams
Zone 2 – 3 teams
Zone 3 – 2 teams
Zone 4 – 2 teams
Zone 5 – 1 team
Zone 6 – 3 teams
Zone 7 – 2 teams
Zone 8 – 2 teams

If any Zone does not fill its quota the first berth will be offered to Zone 1, the second to Zone 6 and from the third onwards to Zone 1. Each participating member NBO must play against all other participating member NBOs. Entry and subsequent refusal to play will result in disqualification.
To be eligible for participation in the 2023 World Bridge Teams Championships each player, non-playing captain, coach, trainer and other team official must have filled out and signed the Competitors Commitment Form and comply with the WBF Laws, the WBF Eligibility Code and other Rules & Regulations.
Players competing in the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy must reach at least the age of 63 during the year 2023.

13th World Transnational Open Teams Championship
The 13th World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week, starting on Monday 28th August and ending on Saturday 2nd September.
The World Transnational Open Teams Championship is a prestigious and most enjoyable event. Being Transnational, it is open to teams composed of players coming from different National Bridge Organisations, in good standing with their own Federation, and approved by the WBF Credentials Committee.
It is a great opportunity for players to participate in a wonderful bridge tournament while at the same time having a unique opportunity to experience all the atmosphere and excitement of the final stages of the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and watch some of the greatest players in the world on the first class vu-graph presentation. There is no quota for this great Championship and NBOs are asked to publicise the event as widely as possible and encourage teams to enter.
More detailed information concerning both the World Teams Championship and World Transnational Championship will follow in due time

The Four Tops

by Mark Horton

If you are anticipating an exposition about the American vocal quarter, I fear you are going to be disappointed. My title simply refers to the fact that at the end of play on day two the top four teams will advance to the semifinals. Mind you, I do recall that one of the groups later hits was entitled 'A Simple Game' which might easily be used in a bridge context.

First up we have the runaway leaders against their closest rivals, Fredin v Scorway. Would they find things simple?

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Fredin*	*Saur*	*Apteker*
—	—	2♡*	Pass
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♡ 5♡ +4♣/♢

East led the ♡2 and West won and returned the nine. Declarer went up with the king and cashed the ♢A. When the king fell, he tried the club finesse. When that lost and West returned a club he took dummy's ace, finessed in diamonds and soon claimed ten tricks and +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Schaltz	*Diamonond*	*D Schaltz*	*Spears*
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠*	2♢	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♢	All Pass	

1♠ 4+♠, 3♠ possible, up to 15

East led the ♠J and declarer won in hand and played the ♢A. After that is was easy enough to take ten tricks, +130, but an 11 IMP loss.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Fredin*	*Saur*	*Apteker*
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♡A and when North followed with the nine he switched to the ♢K, continuing the suit when it held. Declarer won, cashed the ♠A and then played the ♣J. South won and did not risk underleading his hearts so the contract was one down, -100.

Would you have overcalled 5♡?

It is not without risk, but on this layout, it cannot be defeated!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Schaltz	*Diamonond*	*D Schaltz*	*Spears*
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♡
2♠	3♡	4♠	All Pass

When South led the ♠7 declarer won with the king and played the ♣J. South ducked, but declarer crossed to dummy with the ♠J and pitched a heart on the ♣K. She could not be denied 10 tricks, +620 and 12 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Fredin*	*Saur*	*Apteker*
—	1♢	1♠	Pass
2♢*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Declarer took the lead of the ♢5 with dummy's ace and played a club, North taking the ace and switching to the ♡4. Declarer put in the queen, cashed the ace and exited with a heart, North winning and exiting with the ♣Q. Declarer won, drew trumps and claimed 11 tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Schaltz	*Diamonond*	*D Schaltz*	*Spears*
—	1♢	1♠	Pass
2♡*	Pass	2♠	All Pass

2♡ Spade support

South led the ♢5 and declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♡9 for the five, ten and jack. She ruffed the diamond return, cashed the ♠Q, went to dummy with a spade and played a club for the queen and king. A spade to dummy, running the ♡8, cashing the hearts and exiting with a low club meant she had 11 tricks, +200 but a 6 IMP loss.

At this point Fredin led 23-8, but their opponents came back over the last three deals, which included this specimen:

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Fredin*	*Saur*	*Apteker*
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♡	1♠	Pass*	Pass
Dble	Pass	1NT	All Pass

1♣ 4+♣
Pass Not 3+♡

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with the king, cashed the diamonds and played a heart, claiming eight tricks when North went up with the ace, +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Schaltz	*Diamonond*	*D Schaltz*	*Spears*
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♣	All Pass

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with the king, played a diamond to the king and a club for the kin and ace. She won the spade return with dummy's ace and played a heart, North taking the ace and cashing the ♠J on which South pitched a heart. Another spade was ruffed and overruffed by the nine, South cashing the jack and queen of clubs which meant declarer was two down, -200 and 8 IMPs worse off.

Given that East did not overcall 1♠, should West have ventured 2♢? I am confident he would have done that if 2♣ had been doubled.

In Round 6 it was time to follow two of the teams who were in contention, but could not afford any further setbacks, Black and Greenspan.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schenker	*Hallberg*	*Greenspan*	*Hult*
—	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♢*	Pass	3♡*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♡*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

2♢ 4-9, 6♡/♠
2NT Game forcing
3♣ Good hand in context
3♢ Please transfer to your suit
3♡ Spades
4♣ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♡ 2 keycards

North led the ♡7 and declarer took all the tricks, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*J Bishel*	*McIntosh*	*T Bishel*
—	Pass	Pass	2♡
Dble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With two aces East was not inclined to start with a weak bid, and when his partner doubled South's weak two he saw nothing better than jumping to game, which meant the loss of 11 IMPs.

Of the 16 players who held the East hand, 13 of them opened the bidding, either 1♠, 2♢ or 2♠. Seven pairs bid a slam one of them an unfortunate 6♢.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schenker	*Hallberg*	*Greenspan*	*Hult*
Pass	Pass	1♢	1NT
2♠*	Dble	3♣	3♡
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ Spades and a minor

Dble 'Penalty I hope, but not discussed'

Clearly South interpreted North's double as being for takeout.

West led the ♢J and declarer won with the queen and played the ♠4. When West followed with the two he played dummy's five. A small triumph, but the continuation of the ♣Q saw East cover with the king and declarer took the ace and played a club to the eight. Eat won with the nine and played a diamond, West winning with the ten and returning a diamond. East cashed his winners for two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	*J Bishel*	*McIntosh*	*T Bishel*
Pass	Pass	1♢	1NT
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

2♡ Transfer

West led the ♢J and East won with the king and switched to the ♡10 for the jack and queen, West continuing with the ♢10 on which dummy threw a heart. East took the ace and played a second heart and declarer won with the ace and played a spade to the king, getting the bad news. He came to hand with the ♠A, pitched a club on the ♢9 and then played the ♢Q, ruffed by West with the ♠J as declarer pitched a second club. The club return saw declarer play dummy's queen, but when East produced the king declarer could not avoid one down, -50 and a 6 IMP loss that meant Greenspan had won 22-10. They collected 14 VP to move into 5th place while Black dropped to 7th.

In Round 9 I kept an *eye* open for interesting deals, not only the ones that might determine the outcome of the matches at the business end of the table.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Crocodile v Nadel
Open Room

West	North	East	South
V Lankveld	*Baraket*	*Nadel*	*Lengy*
—	Pass	2♣*	Passs
2♢*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♢	Pass	4♡	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

2♢ Waiting
3♢ Transfer

South led the ♣6 for the ten and queen and declarer played a heart to the ace and a diamond to the jack. When that held she cashed the ♡K, collecting South's queen. She could draw the outstanding trump and when she unblocked the ♢A the appearance of the king meant she could count 12 tricks, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
L Bilde	*Snellers*	*B Bilde*	*de Boer*
—	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♢*	Pass	4♡	All Pass

2NT 22-24
3♢ Transfer
3NT 3♡
4♢ Retransfer

South led the ♢10 and declarer won with the jack, crossed to the ♡A and took a losing spade finesse. The diamond return went to the king and ace and declarer cashed the ♡K, collecting South's queen. The ace of clubs and a club ruff were followed by a heart to the jack and another club ruff, but when the king refused to appear declarer claimed 11 tricks, +450 but an 11 IMP loss.

After ruffing the second round of clubs, declarer can play dummy's ♢Q. If North ruffs there will be 12 tricks as declarer overruffs and can ruff two more clubs in dummy, felling North's king. If North fails to ruff declarer can play to ruff two clubs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Fredin v Yellow Cap

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	*Fredin*	*Hallqvist*	*Apteker*
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

East led the ♣A and continued the suit, West winning with the king and returning the jack, covered by dummy's queen and ruffed by East. Declarer overruffed in dummy, played the ♡Q to dummy's ace, took three rounds of spades, ruffing in hand and exited with a heart. East won with the king, but then had to lead a diamond into the tenace or give declarer a ruff and discard. A well-played +420.

I expect you have spotted that East should ruff the third round of clubs with the ♡K. Then declarer will not be able to avoid the loss of a diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bennet	*I Grönkvist*	*Andersson*	*Övelius*
Pass	1♡	Pass	2NT*
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

2NT Stenberg

The first three tricks were more or less identical to those in the other room, but at trick four declarer ran the ♡Q and when East won and exited with a trump declarer had to go one down, -50 and a 10 IMP swing.

Julie Nadel was the only defender to find the play of ruffing the third round of clubs with the ♡K.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Johansson	*Fredin*	*Hallqvist*	*Apteker*
—	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♣ Natural or 16+

North led the ♢10 and having won with dummy's ace declarer played the ♡K, South taking the ace and returning the ♣9. Declarer won with dummy's king and played the ♠Q, South winning with the king and exiting with the ♡3. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the ten and ace. When South could not ruff the club return declarer could draw the outstanding trump and claim, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bennet	*I Grönkvist*	*Andersson*	*Övelius*
—	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3♠*	All Pass

From my limited knowledge of Swedish I think East was showing a strong hand that was either 45 in the majors or two spades and six hearts, with Three Hearts asking which one. 3♠ showed the major suited hand with around 18 points, so it was a little surprising that West did not try for the vulnerable game bonus. It cost 10 IMPs.

I should mention this auction from the match at Table 1:

Seligman v Greenspan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schenker	*Starkowski*	*Greenspan*	*Kwiecien*
—	Pass	1♣*	1♡
Dble*	Pass	2♢*	3♢
Pass	5♢	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♣ Polish Club
Dble 4+♠
2♢ 3+♠, 18+

West led his heart and declarer won and played back a heart, East winning with the queen, cashing the ♢A and continuing with the ♣KQ. Declarer ruffed, cashed the top spades, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and when West pitched the ♣A he ruffed a spade, ruffed a heart and had a high cross-ruff for one down, -100.

Interestingly if East switches to spades after cashing the ♢A declarer cannot score more than nine tricks, because at some point West will take a club trick and can play a second diamond. It is not quite good enough for East to switch to a low club, allowing West to win and play a second trump. I'll leave you to work out why, but here is a small clue: double squeeze.

In passing it should be noted that if declarer plays a club at trick two then the defenders can only score three tricks.

In the other room EW had a free run to 4♠ which meant they collected 11 IMPs en route to a tremendous 49-0 win.

Going into the last round Seligman was already sure to qualify. Meanwhile, the overnight leaders, Fredin, had dropped to fifth.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Greenspan v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schenker	*Bennet*	*Greenspan*	*Andersson*
1♣*	1♢	2♢*	Pass
2♡	Pass	6♣	All Pass

1♣ 12-14 notrump or 12-17♣, or 18+ any

That was a disappointing +1390.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*J Bishel*	*Apeteker*	*T Bishel*
1NT	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	7♣	All Pass

2♠ Minor or minors, weak or strong
3♣ Longer clubs
3♠ Short

A painless +2140 and 13 IMPs.

8 pairs bid the grand slam, only Brekka and Saur diagnosing that the tricks were available in 7NT (it was an important 13 IMPs for Scorway).

One pair had the misfortune to play in a part score after West opened 1♣ and East responded with an inverted 2♣ which was passed out.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Yellow Cap v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sandin	*Starkowski*	*Clementsson*	*Kwiecien*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

1♣ Polish Club
2NT 18-20

West led the ♢2 for the jack, king and ace and declarer went to dummy with a heart and played the ♣Q, covered by the king and ace, West discarding the ♢3. Declarer unblocked the ♠A, went to dummy with a heart, pitched a diamond on the ♠K, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♢Q, went to dummy with a heart and played the ♠10, claiming his contract, +920. East was down to the ♣9842, but had no good move.

Suppose East refuses to cover the ♣Q?

Declarer can follow the line he adopted, but at the point where he plays dummy's ♠10 East ruffs in with the ♣8 and although declarer can overruff wit the jack he must then lose two trump tricks.

The only player to find the defence of not covering the ♣K was Andrew McIntosh – well done indeed! (It was worth 11 IMPs.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seligman	*Grönkvist*	*Lair*	*Övelius*
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♡*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♢*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
1♡ 4+♠
2NT 16+, unbalanced, 5+♣, 3+♠
3♢ Game forcing ask

West led the ♢9 for the jack, king and ace and declarer soon had 12 tricks, +490, but a 10 IMP loss.

Zach Grossack and Linda Robinson found a different slam, bidding 2NT-3♣*-3♡-3♠*-4♣-6♡ and that was worth 11 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Gillis v New Amateurs

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Svendsen	*Gu*	*Hanlon*	*Lo*
—	Pass	1NT	2♢*
Dble*	Rdbl*	Pass	2♠
3♡	All Pass		

2♢ One major
Dble 8+
Rdbl Bid your major

North led the ♠A and switched to the ♣9, declarer taking dummy's ace, ruffing a club, and playing three rounds of diamonds. South ruffed and played two rounds of hearts and that held declarer to nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Lie*	*Lusky*	*Saelensminde*
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♢*	Pass	1♡*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♢*	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

1♣ 2♣ only if 44 in majors
1♢ 4+♡
1♡ 3♡, wide range
2♣ Forces 2♢, to play or invitational
2♢ The usual bid

South led the ♢J and declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade, North taking the ace and returning a diamond to dummy's queen. Declarer ruffed a spade and played a heart, but South went up with the ace and returned the ♠10, North ruffing and playing a diamond for South to ruff, -100 and 6 IMPs.

As you can see, if declarer postpones the spade ruff, coming to hand with the ♣A and playing a heart, the trump position is such that ten tricks will be easy enough. If South takes the ♡A and plays a spade declarer ruffs and plays another trump.

4♡ was made six times.

With Yellow Cap losing to Seligman, Fredin's win over Greenspan was enough to move them up into fourth place where they would join New Amateurs and Scorway to complete the semifinal quartet.

SEPTEMBER CUP RESULTS

Round 5

Fredin	9.23 VPs 23 IMPs	10.77 VPs 25 IMPs	Scorway
Seligman	9.61 VPs 4 IMPs	10.39 VPs 5 IMPs	New Amateurs
Harris	8.15 VPs 18 IMPs	11.85 VPs 23 IMPs	Black
Nadel	6.57 VPs 12 IMPs	13.43 VPs 22 IMPs	Greenspan
Yellow Cap	12.51 VPs 23 IMPs	7.49 VPs 16 IMPs	Gillis
Crocodile	8.86 VPs 18 IMPs	11.14 VPs 21 IMPs	Peanuts
Pigot	15.29 VPs 31 IMPs	4.71 VPs 14 IMPs	Sugi
Netbridge	16.97 VPs 52 IMPs	3.03 VPs 27 IMPs	Rubenstein

Round 6

Fredin	2.66 VPs 1 IMPs	17.34 VPs 28 IMPs	Seligman
Scorway	7.17 VPs 21 IMPs	12.83 VPs 29 IMPs	New Amateurs
Black	6 VPs 10 IMPs	14 VPs 22 IMPs	Greenspan
Yellow Cap	10.77 VPs 18 IMPs	9.23 VPs 16 IMPs	Pigot
Harris	4.25 VPs 4 IMPs	15.75 VPs 23 IMPs	Crocodile
Nadel	6 VPs 10 IMPs	14 VPs 22 IMPs	Gillis
Peanuts	7.17 VPs 31 IMPs	12.83 VPs 39 IMPs	Rubenstein
Netbridge	4.03 VPs 7 IMPs	15.97 VPs 27 IMPs	Sugi

Round 7

Seligman	20 VPs 49 IMPs	0 VPs 0 IMPs	Greenspan
Fredin	2.49 VPs 22 IMPs	17.51 VPs 50 IMPs	Yellow Cap
Scorway	17.34 VPs 29 IMPs	2.66 VPs 2 IMPs	Black
New Amateurs	19.22 VPs 40 IMPs	0.78 VPs 0 IMPs	Pigot
Crocodile	1.56 VPs 13 IMPs	18.44 VPs 47 IMPs	Nadel
Gillis	11.5 VPs 23 IMPs	8.5 VPs 19 IMPs	Peanuts
Harris	12.51 VPs 28 IMPs	7.49 VPs 21 IMPs	Netbridge
Sugi	15.75 VPs 34 IMPs	4.25 VPs 15 IMPs	Rubenstein

Round 8

Seligman	11.85 VPs 21 IMPs	8.15 VPs 16 IMPs	Yellow Cap
New Amateurs	11.5 VPs 16 IMPs	8.5 VPs 12 IMPs	Gillis
Scorway	16.18 VPs 28 IMPs	3.82 VPs 7 IMPs	Nadel
Fredin	15.75 VPs 43 IMPs	4.25 VPs 24 IMPs	Greenspan
Harris	16.97 VPs 34 IMPs	3.03 VPs 9 IMPs	Sugi
Black	11.85 VPs 27 IMPs	8.15 VPs 22 IMPs	Peanuts
Crocodile	10.39 VPs 17 IMPs	9.61 VPs 16 IMPs	Netbridge
Pigot	2.49 VPs 14 IMPs	17.51 VPs 42 IMPs	Rubenstein

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1	J. Becklen, (Janb)	Fredin	1.85	20
2	M. Kwiecien, (michal1)	Seligman	1.7	80
	W. Starkowski, (wstarkowsk)	Seligman	1.7	80
4	K. Lucky, (leonhart)	Sugi	1.45	40
	P. Gonçalves, (pgonsalvs)	Crocodile	1.45	20
	R. Gómez, (comissure)	Crocodile	1.45	20
7	N. Kvangraven, (Nils123)	Scorway	1.4	30
8	B. Fudor, (bf06)	Greenspan	1.37	30
9	H. Sugiharto, (sugi)	Sugi	1.3	50
10	Y. Johansson, (yljo)	Yellow Cap	1.27	40
	L. Hallqvist, (louiseha)	Yellow Cap	1.27	40
12	A. Snellers, (asnellers)	Nadel	1.18	50
	W. De Boer, (bukkum)	Nadel	1.18	50
14	T. Tiholov, (polborta)	Harris	0.95	40
	R. Trendafilov, (rumen)	Harris	0.95	40
16	S. Gross, (sgross)	Harris	0.93	30
17	B. Shenkin, (Barnets)	Scorway	0.9	60
18	A. McIntosh, (mcintosh)	Black	0.88	50
19	T. Lie, (Terjel)	Gillis	0.87	30
20	A. Lo, (aitail)	New Amateurs	0.8	60
21	O. Berset, (oleab)	Gillis	0.7	10
22	T. Paske, (thomas1000)	Black	0.68	40
	N. Igoe, (ibraves)	Harris	0.68	40
24	J. Lusky, (pachyderms)	New Amateurs	0.67	60
	A. Falk, (Allan Falk)	New Amateurs	0.67	60
26	S. Root, (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	0.6	50
	J. Bennet , (jbennet)	Fredin	0.6	40
28	I. Gronkvist, (Halko)	Yellow Cap	0.57	30
	E. Övelius, (Emma Sj)	Yellow Cap	0.57	30
30	S. Levinson, (sc0tsteve)	Scorway	0.55	40
31	A. Apteker, (alonap)	Fredin	0.53	60
	P. Fredin, (P_Fredin)	Fredin	0.53	60
33	D. Diamond, (Derekd)	Scorway	0.53	40
	B. Spears, (Spears)	Scorway	0.53	40
35	K. Gustafsson, (Klaragust)	Yellow Cap	0.45	20
36	Gu Jiang, (Jiang_Gu)	New Amateurs	0.44	80
37	T. Hanlon, (kinder1)	Gillis	0.43	60
38	D. Schaltz, (DS_DK)	Fredin	0.43	40
	B. O'Brien, (bjoboru)	Pigot	0.43	40
	P. Schaltz, (PS_DK)	Fredin	0.43	40
41	E. Hansson, (HansEri1)	Yellow Cap	0.4	20
	B. NG Chi-Cheung, (baron_ng)	New Amateurs	0.4	20
	M. Kwok-Fei, (Kfmak)	New Amateurs	0.4	20
	C. Mann, (castor01)	Yellow Cap	0.4	20
	R. Milne, (ranald)	Pigot	0.4	30
46	J. Essink, (jornes2)	Nadel	0.35	20
47	G. Brekka, (kaninen)	Scorway	0.33	60
48	C. Lorenzini, (pierced)	Peanuts	0.33	80
	T. Bessis, (malpaluche)	Peanuts	0.33	80
50	O. Svendsen, (Pirrum)	Gillis	0.3	80
51	C. Coyne, (ciaran)	Pigot	0.28	40
52	G. Friesen, (gaborf)	Nadel	0.27	30
53	M. Lair, (mslair)	Seligman	0.2	80
	O. Saur, (Saurdino)	Scorway	0.2	50
	M. Seligman, (mseligman)	Seligman	0.2	80
	N. Saada, (natsa)	Crocodile	0.2	40
57	M. Lindfors, (denkmittel)	Nadel	0.1	10
	A. Black, (boggis)	Black	0.1	60
59	E. Saelensminde, (skaal1)	Gillis	0.08	80
60	B. Greenspan, (BernieG)	Greenspan	0.01	80
61	K. De Raeymaeker, (ewion)	Pigot	-0.1	30
62	M. Van der Starre, (martin001)	Netbridge	-0.18	60
	M. Huber, (marijnhu)	Netbridge	-0.18	60
64	K. Bouwen, (kebosporto)	Netbridge	-0.2	60
	M. Zomer, (mczo)	Netbridge	-0.2	40
	H. Setton, (Ldase)	Peanuts	-0.2	60
67	D. Gold, (dagold)	Black	-0.22	50
68	A. Braunstein, (rel49)	Crocodile	-0.25	20
	S. Zack, (shaharz)	Crocodile	-0.25	20
70	I. Bareket, (bareket)	Crocodile	-0.26	50
71	M. Nilsland, (Nilsland)	Yellow Cap	-0.27	30
72	L. Robinson, (saba)	Rubenstein	-0.34	50
73	B. Londberg Bilde, (lionberg)	Crocodile	-0.35	20
	L. Bilde, (Bilde)	Crocodile	-0.35	20
75	Ji. Beni, (beni ji)	Sugi	-0.43	30
76	C. Ahlesved, (Cafor1)	Yellow Cap	-0.45	20
	M. Grönkvist, (mgronkvist)	Yellow Cap	-0.45	20
78	G. Hallberg, (rerack)	Black	-0.47	60
	S. Hult, (hultahult)	Black	-0.47	60
80	A. Grossack, (nevereast)	Rubenstein	-0.48	50
81	P. Katz, (paz_k)	Crocodile	-0.6	40
	M. Barel, (mich-b)	Crocodile	-0.6	40
83	P. Franceschetti, (gewd)	Peanuts	-0.61	80
84	D. Chechelashvili, (Dato)	New Amateurs	-0.65	20
	T. Andersson, (skalman)	Fredin	-0.65	20
86	M. Gold, (marusab)	Harris	-0.68	40
	F. Nando, (tj3n)	Sugi	-0.68	40
	M. Fernando Christian, (elang)	Sugi	-0.68	40
89	M. Nosatzki, (poema)	Crocodile	-0.7	10
	H. Fick, (Hcbfick)	Fredin	-0.7	20
	N. Eber, (eebs)	Fredin	-0.7	20
	C. Parker, (cmp56)	Rubenstein	-0.7	60
93	T. Bishel, (tobias31)	Greenspan	-0.73	80
	J. Bishel, (rxguy2)	Greenspan	-0.73	80
95	E. Malhasyan, (master DJ)	Harris	-0.75	40
96	Z. Grossack, (germs345)	Rubenstein	-0.77	60
97	J. Harris, (Jdache)	Harris	-0.8	40
	F. Schenker, (jbcoyle)	Greenspan	-0.8	50
99	S. Gillis, (Rayas78)	Gillis	-0.82	60
	P. Pigot, (ppiglett)	Pigot	-0.82	60
101	D. O'Gorman, (derekog6)	Pigot	-0.83	40
102	S. Clementsson, (237425)	Yellow Cap	-0.9	10
	A. Sandin, (stridsvagn)	Yellow Cap	-0.9	10
104	J. Nadel, (juliejoy)	Nadel	-0.96	80
	J. Van Lankveld, (ennaji)	Nadel	-0.96	80
106	A. Nurkunyil, (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-1	20
107	J. Van Den Hoek, (janonline)	Netbridge	-1.15	60
108	D. Maggs, (robbroy)	Sugi	-1.2	10
	P. Norman, (gb1959)	Sugi	-1.2	10
110	G. Elwindra, (gabrialsew)	Sugi	-1.25	40
	M. Reza, (jakskal)	Sugi	-1.25	40
112	A. Bremer, (arisbreem)	Netbridge	-1.3	20
113	D. Walsh, (dodge31)	Pigot	-1.33	30
114	H. Hjort Warlenius, (Hwarlenius)	Yellow Cap	-1.4	10
	I. Lichtenstein, (Ivarlicht)	Yellow Cap	-1.4	10
	A. Lengy, (lengy)	Crocodile	-1.4	20
117	P. Goodman, (petepunt)	Pigot	-1.57	30
118	S. Rubenstein, (stewr)	Rubenstein	-1.65	60
119	S. Sivelind, (sara s)	Yellow Cap	-1.7	10
	D. McIntosh, (Danmac)	Pigot	-1.7	20
121	Q. Robert, (ptit)	Peanuts	-1.85	20
122	V. Gaillard, (VincentG)	Netbridge	-1.95	20
123	E. Kolesnik, (ekolesnik)	Rubenstein	-2	40

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