Online Contract Bridge League

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TRICKS OR TREAT?

The OCBL Halloween Cup has started yesterday!
Twelve top class teams are playing.

After four rounds, team BLACK are leading the ranking (61.19 VPs).
They are followed by teams SELIGMAN (54.6 VPs) and PEANUTS (50.99 VPs).

Today, four more rounds will be played.
Then, according to the ranking, the first four teams will qualify to the Semifinals, the others will play another four rounds.

HALLOWEEN CUP
Ranking after Round 4

1	Black	61.19
2	Seligman	54.6
3	Peanuts	50.99
4	New Amateurs	50.11
5	ECF Holding	41.99
6	Yellow Cap	40.38
7	Greenberg	38.73
8	Friends	38.57
9	Scorway	33.46
10	Fredin	27.65
11	Harris	26.53
12	Netbridge	15.8

SCHEDULE TODAY

All the tables will be closed to kibitzers, but the matches will be broacast on Vugraph.
The show will be delayed by 15 minutes.

Round 5. 16.00 CEST / 10.00 a.m. EDT

Black	VS	Peanuts
Seligman	VS	New Amateurs
ECF Holding	VS	Yellow Cap
Greenberg	VS	Friends
Scorway	VS	Fredin
Harris	VS	Netbridge

Round 6. 17.30 CEST / 11.30 a.m. EDT

Round 7. 19.00 CEST / 1.00 p.m. EDT

Round 8. 20.30 CEST / 2.30 p.m. EDT

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Who should I be more afraid of?

Who are the overall leaders?

Who is the top declarer?

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OCBL
UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - 15 December, 2022

12 Rounds x 10 boards

	CEST	EDT
Tuesday, 13 December R1 - R4	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Wednesday, 14 December R5 - R8	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30
Thursday, 15 December R9 - R12 & SF/F	16.00 - 17.30 - 19.00 - 20.30	10.00 - 11.30 - 13.00 - 14.30

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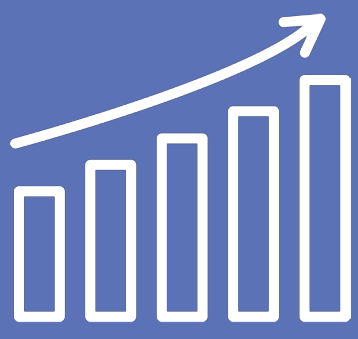

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Bridge NEWS

EUROPEAN WINTER GAMES 2023
NEW DATES

The European Winter Games will be organised by EBL in Tignes, in the French Alps near the Italian border at the **changed dates of 21 to 27 April 2023**. The dates have been changed with the co-operation of the venue to avoid a scheduling clash with the EBU Schapiro Spring Foursomes. The venue will still be Tignespace, a new convention centre in the town. A detailed schedule will be announced shortly.

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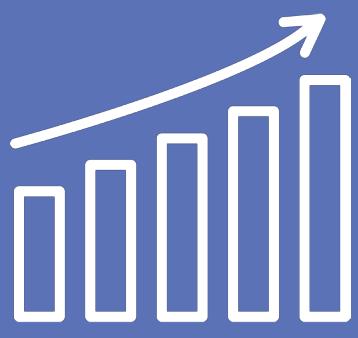

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Rounds 1 & 2

by Brian Senior

Round 1

Twelve teams are taking part in the OCBL Halloween Cup. They will play 8 x 10-board rounds of Swiss over two days to qualify the top four to Thursday's 2 x 10-board semi-finals and final.

We didn't have to wait for the first big swing deal, the competition starting with a bang on Board 1.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Fredin v Greenberg

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Eber*	*Bedouet*	*Fick*
–	3♣	4♢	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Tokay*	*Apteker*	*Greenberg*
–	Pass	1♠	2♢
Dble	2♠	4♡	Pass
4♠	5♢	All Pass	

For FREDIN, Eber opened the North hand with a 3♣ pre-empt, and Bedouet overcalled 4♢, both majors. Vallet chose spades, of course, and when 4♠ came round to Fick he thought he had chances to beat the contract due to his well-placed heart holding, so was never going to save at Love All. Four Spades can be beaten, of course, but that requires an implausible heart lead, South taking two of those, putting his partner in with a club, and collecting a heart ruff. Eber led ace and another club. Vallet ruffed, drew trumps, and eliminated the minors before leading a low heart towards his jack. Fick won the queen and had the ace to come; 10 tricks for +420.

For GREENBERG, Tokay did not open the North hand, and that worked out much better for his team when Greenberg overcalled 2♢. Tokay first cuebid to show a good diamond raise then saved in 5♢ over the opposing 4♠ and 5♢ ended the auction. Greenberg won the heart lead and played a diamond, won the heart continuation and drew the outstanding trump. He got the clubs wrong, but that was only for the overtrick, so had his contract for +400 and 13 IMPs to GREENBERG.

Black v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Verhoef	*McIntosh*	*Bremer*	*Bertheau*
–	Pass	1♠	2♢
4♠	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♢	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	*Bouwen*	*Hult*	*Zomer*
–	3♣	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Bouwen opened the club pre-empt and Hult cuebid 4♣ to show both majors. Hallberg's 4♠ response ended the auction, and Bouwen led the nine of diamonds to dummy's ace. Hallberg drew trumps, taking one ruff in each minor along the way, then led the queen of clubs and discarded a heart on it. Zomer won the clob and returned a diamond, and Hallberg ruffed in dummy while discarding a heart from hand, crossed to hand with a trump, and played for the ♡A to be onside. When it was not, he had two heart losers and was one down, having previously lost two clubs; –50.

McIntosh did not open the North hand, so Bremer, got to open 1♠ with the East cards and Bertheau overcalled 2♢. Verhoef raised to 4♠ and McIntosh bid 5♣, a fit non-jump, showing clubs and diamonds. When Bertheau did not double Bremer's 5♠, McIntosh went on to 6♢ and that ended the auction. Bertheau ruffed the spade lead and played a diamond. When that was won on his right and Bremer returned a heart, Bertheau went up with the ace and drew the last trump. A winning club play would now have made the slam, but Bertheau played them from the top, so had to lose both a club and a heart and was down two for –100 and 4 IMPs to NETBRIDGE.

Yellow Cap v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nordqvist*	*Olsen*	*JJohansson*
–	3♣	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Pyykko	*Spears*	*L Johansson*	*Levinson*
–	1♣	2♣	2♢
4♠	5♢	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Nordqvist opened 3♣ and Olsen overcalled 4♣ to show the majors, Brekka responding 4♠ and being left to play there. Nordqvist led ace and another club. Being ultra-cautious, Brekka ruffed the second club with the queen, cashed the ace of diamonds, then came to hand with a spade. He ruffed his last club with the ♠K, led a spade to the ten, then ruffed his remaining diamond. Having eliminated the minors, Brekka now led the king of hearts off the dummy. Joakim Johansson won the ace and could only cash the queen then concede the rest; 10 tricks for +420.

Spears brought a new approach to the North hand, opening it at the one level, which looks very aggressive to me when holding only 8 HCP. Lena Johansson made a Michaels Cuebid, Levinson introduced his long diamonds, and Pyykko jumped to 4♠. Spears competed with 5♢, and Pyykko doubled that, the complete the auction. Pyykko led the ace of spades. Levinson ruffed and played a diamond, losing to the bare ace. Back came a heart. He rose with the ace, ruffed his remaining spade, and cashed the king of diamonds. It wasn't impossible that East was 5-5-1-2 with the queen of clubs, but 6-5 either way round seemed more likely, so Levinson played king of clubs followed by a club to the ten, and had 12 tricks for +650 and 14 IMPs to LEVINSON – what a way to start the competition!

Seligman v Harris

West	North	East	South
Harris	*Pszczola*	*Malhasyan*	*Seligman*
–	Pass	1♠	2♢
4♠	5♢	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♢	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	*Isporski*	*Kwiecien*	*Trendafilov*
–	Pass	1♠	2♢
4♠	4NT	5♡	Dble
5♠	6♢	Pass	Pass
6♠	Dble	All Pass	

Both Norths passed as dealer and found the bidding at the four level when it came back to them.

Pszczola bid 5♢ over 4♠ and followed up with 6♢ over 5♠, doubled by Malhasyan. Seligman ruffed the spade lead and played a diamond. On the heart return he put in the queen, drew the last trump, then proceeded to get diamonds wrong so was down one for –100.

Isporski bid 4NT over 4♠ then he too went on to 6♢ over 5♠. However, Kwiecien did not double as East, and Starkowski went on to 6♠, which Isporski doubled. Trendafilov led the queen of diamonds round to declarer's bare ace. Kwiecien led a spade to dummy, ruffed the remaining diamond, and gave up a club. Back came a second club, which he ruffed, and he next led the ♠K to the ace, ruffed the last club, and led a low heart towards the jack. When the queen went in, he had two heart losers so was down two for –300 and 9 IMPs to HARRIS.

All told, there were three pairs in 6♢, one of them doubled, and all going down, while there was one 5♢ just made and one 5♢ doubled plus one. Two pairs made 4♠, one was down in 4♠, three were down in 5♠, and one down two in 6♠ doubled.

Five Norths opened 3♢, six passed, and we have seen where Spears opened 1♣.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

ECF Holding v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Lie*	*Chechelash.*	*Fasting*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Dble	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Eide	*Hendelman*	*Thoresen*	*Gu*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	2♡	4♢	5♣
5♠	6♣	Dble	All Pass

When South opened 1♢ and West overcalled 1♠, Lie doubled with the North hand while Hendelman preferred to bid his hearts.

Chechelashvili now jumped to 4♠ as East and took the push to 5♠ when Fasting's 5♣ came around. That would have made +680, so Lie did the right thing by saving in 6♣ doubled – well, he did the right thing as long as his opponents would not go on to slam, of course. Falk cashed the ace of spades then switched to the queen of diamonds, and Chechelashvili did not ruff, preferring to discard a spade. Fasting won the ♢A and cashed the king and ace of clubs then led the ten of hearts to the king and ace. Chechelashvili returned a spade, which was ruffed in dummy as a diamond went away from declarer's hand. Now Fasting led a diamond to his hand followed by a third diamond to Falk's nine. The eight of hearts was covered by the jack and queen, and ruffed by Fasting, who ruffed a diamond with the ♣Q then ruffed a heart. Next, Fasting played a winning diamond, forcing the ♣J from Chechelashvili, so Fasting's ♣8 won trick 13 and he was down three and –500.

Thoresen showed the diamond shortage on the way to 4♠, and here it was Eide who bid 5♠ over 5♣. Hendelman too found the winning save in 6♣. Eide led the queen of diamonds, which was ruffed by Thoresen, who returned a spade. Eide won that and gave his partner a second diamond ruff, and there was still a heart to come so down three for a flat board at –500.

Fredin v Greenberg

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Eber*	*Bedouet*	*Fick*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Dble	4♠	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Tokay*	*Apteker*	*Greenberg*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Dble	4♢	5♣
6♠	7♣	Dble	All Pass

Fick opened 1♢ and, when the bidding had reached 4♠ when it came back to him, introduced his second suit and was left to play there. Vallet led the king of spades and, trusting that declarer would be extremely shapely, switched to the six of diamonds at trick two. Bedouet ruffed and returned a trump, and later came to the ace of hearts to defeat the contract by a trick; –50.

After an identical start, Apteker made a more descriptive bid of 4♢, showing a void, on the East hand, and that added considerable momentum to the auction. Greenberg too introduced his clubs, but Fredin now blasted the spade slam, thinking that this partner surely had to have a heart control to justify a splinter response when holding no top spade honour. Anyway, if he was wrong, there was still a chance that the opposition would save him with a phantom save. Tokay did save, and Apteker doubled, to conclude the auction. Fredin led the eight of hearts, Apteker winning the queen and attempting to cash the ace. That was ruffed, so declarer's spade loser could go away on the king of hearts, but Greenberg drew all the outstanding trumps and that left him with only one trump in each hand, insufficient to both establish and cash the diamonds, so he was left with a third loser anyway; down three for –500 and 10 IMPs to FREDIN.

Black v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Verhoef	*McIntosh*	*Bremer*	*Bertheau*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	2♡	4♠	5♣
5♠	6♣	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	*Bouwen*	*Hult*	*Zomer*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	2♣	4♢	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Zomer opened 1♢ and Hallberg overcalled 1♠. Bouwen's 2♣ showed hearts, and Hult splintered with 4♢. Zomer doubled to show good diamonds, and Hallberg signed off in 4♠. Bouwen led his singleton spade, so Hallberg won and took the heart finesse and, when the queen held, could just concede one club and crossruff his way to 12 tricks for +680.

Bertheau opened 1♢, Verhoef overcalled 1♠, and McIntosh bid 2♡. Bremer raised quietly to 4♠ rather than splinter, so Bertheau introduced his second suit and, when Verhoef took the push to 5♠, McIntosh bid 6♣. Now Bremer, realising that his partner must be short in clubs, having a diamond void himself, and having a tenace over the defensive heart length, went on to 6♠, which Bertheau doubled. Verhoef will not want reminding of his play of 6♠ doubled – perhaps he misclicked? McIntosh led the king of clubs then switched to the two of hearts. Verhoef put in the queen and drew a round of trumps. He then ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, and ruffed the last club before ruffing a third diamond. All he needed to do was to cash the ace of hearts and ruff one, then ruff the last diamond, but instead he played dummy's last trump to his hand and was left with a diamond loser; down one for –200 and 13 very fortunate IMPs to BLACK.

Yellow Cap v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nordqvist*	*Olsen*	*JJohansson*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	2♡	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Pyykko	*Spears*	*L Johansson*	*Levinson*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	2♡	4♠	5♣
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Both Souths opened 1♢. Both Wests overcalled 1♠, both Norths introduced the hearts, and both Easts jumped to 4♠ rather than splinter. Joakim now doubled for take-out and Nordqvist responded 5♣ and was allowed to play there. Olsen led the four of spades, Brekka winning the queen and switching to the queen of diamonds. Olsen ruffed that and played ace and another heart, after which Nordqvist could handle the rest; down one for –50.

Levinson bid 5♣ over 4♠ and Pyykko took the push to 5♠, which Levinson doubled. Spears led king and another club, Pyykko ruffing the second round, drawing trumps and taking the heart finesse; 12 tricks for +1050 and 14 IMPs to YELLOW CAP.

Six Spades doubled down one was the only plus score for N/S. There were two 5♠ doubled plus one for +1050, and one 4♠ plus two for +680. Five Clubs was down one for –50 four times, and we have seen the two occasions on which 6♣ doubled was down three for –500 and the one time that 7♣ doubled also cost –500.

There was one table at which South opened 4NT and became dummy in 5♣, down one. Of the other 11 Easts, three splintered while eight simply raised to 4♠.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Yellow Cap v Scorway

West	North	East	South
Brekka	*Nordqvist*	*Olsen*	*JJohansson*
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♢
3♡	Dble	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Pyykko	*Spears*	*L Johansson*	*Levinson*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	2♣	2♠	6♣
All Pass			

Levinson opened 1♢ and Pyykko overcalled 1♠. That left room for Spears to bid 2♣ and, when Lena raised to 2♠ with the East hand, Levinson blasted the club slam. After ace and another heart, Spears had the rest for +1370.

Joakim didn't think he would ever get his hand across by any opening bid so passed to see what would happen. Brekka also passed and Nordqvist opened 1NT. Now Joakim jumped to 3♢ natural and strong, and Brekka overcalled 3♡, doubled by Nordqvist. Joakim jumped to 4NT to suggest a secondary club suit, and Nordqvist picked clubs, of course, raised to slam by Joakim. Olsen cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a diamond in hope that his partner might be ruffing. He was not, and the slam was home for +1370 and a push board.

Fredin v Greenberg

West	North	East	South
Vallet	*Eber*	*Bedouet*	*Fick*
–	–	–	5♢
5♠	6♢	6♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Fredin	*Tokay*	*Apteker*	*Greenberg*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	2♠	Dble	5♢
All Pass			

Fick opened 5♢, which would, I think, be my choice. Vallet refused to go quietly with his shapely hand and overcalled 5♠, Eber raised to 6♢, and Bedouet saved in 6♠. That was doubled by Eber, who led out two top clubs. The second club was ruffed but there was a trump to be lost and a diamond, so the contract was down two for –500.

Greenberg chose to open at the one level, Fredin made a simple overcall, and Tokay's cuebid was a general force. Apteker doubled to show something in spades, and Greenberg jumped to 5♢, which ended the auction. A spade lead allowed Greenberg to get his heart loser away and he had all 13 tricks for +640 and 4 IMPs to GREENBERG.

Black v Netbridge

West	North	East	South
Verhoef	*McIntosh*	*Bremer*	*Bertheau*
–	–	–	1♢
3♢	Pass	4♡	4NT
5♡	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	*Bouwen*	*Hult*	*Zomer*
–	–	–	1♢
2♢	Dble	3♢	5♣
Pass	6♣	6♡	Pass
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass
7♡	Dble	All Pass	

Bertheau opened 1♢ and Verhoef had to jump to 3♢ to show a major two-suiter. McIntosh passed for now and Bremer, with a double fit for the majors, jumped to 4♡. Now Bertheau bid 4NT, showing a lot of minor-suit cards but with diamonds distinctly longer/stronger than clubs. When Verhoef competed with 5♡, McIntosh had great cards in the black suits and could see that his partner could have at most on eheart, so bid 6♣, where he was left to play. Bremer cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a diamond, but there was no ruff, and McIntosh won, drew trumps, and claimed 12 tricks for +1370.

Zomer too opened 1♢ and Hallberg made a Michaels Cuebid. Bouwen doubled to show values and Hult cuebid 3♢ to show a constructive raise in one of the majors. When Zomer now jumped to 5♣ and Bouwen raised to slam, Hult judged correctly to save in 6♡. Zomer left that round to his partner – should he do so without first-round heart control? In theory, Bouwen got it wrong when he now went on to 7♣, no doubt expecting his partner to have a heart void, but in practice Hallberg saved again in 7♡ and Bouwen doubled that and collected an extra +300 for defending a level higher. Zomer cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to the jack of clubs. Bouwen overtook and switched to a trump; down three for –800 but +11 IMPs to BLACK. Had Bouwen not been convinced that he was facing a heart void, he could have given his partner a spade ruff for an extra undertrick.

ECF Holding v New Amateurs

West	North	East	South
Falk	*Lie*	*Chechelashvili*	*Fasting*
–	–	–	1♢
1♠	Dble	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Eide	*Hendelman*	*Thoresen*	*Gu*
–	–	–	1♢
2♢	2♠	3♢	6♢
All Pass			

Fasting opened 1♢ and Falk made a simple overcall. When Lie doubled and Chechelashvili raised to 4♠, Fasting showed his second suit, and that ran round to Chechelashvili went on to 5♠. He was to regret doing so, as Liw in turn went on to 6♣ and Chechelashvili doubled it and, of course, found that he couldn't beat it. Falk led a heart, Chechelashvili winning and trying a second heart, which was ruffed; +1540.

Gu too opened 1♢ but Eide made a Michaels Cuebid and Lie cuebid 2♠. Thoresen cuebid 3♢ to show a constructive major-suit raise, and Gu just punted 6♢, where he played. Eide led his club, so Gu had all 13 tricks for +1390 but 4 IMPs to ECF HOLDING.

There were eight 1♢ openings, three 5♢ openings, and one pass. Where South opened at the one level, six Wests made a two-suited overcall, while two preferred a simple 1♠.

Round 2

What a difference a lead makes. Board 3 of Round Two was a case in point.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Ten Souths opened 3♢, one opened 1♢, and one passed. One West was down a trick in 3NT after a spade lead, one East made 3♡ exactly after a spade lead, and one E/W collected +500 from 3♢ doubled down three. That left nine tables at which East declared 4♡.

For GREENBERG, the team captain led a diamond against 4♡. Bessis put in the queen and had two discards for his spade losers. He led a club to the nine and king at trick three, ruffed the diamond return and played a heart. Tokay, North, won the heart and returned a club. Bessis put in the jack and, when that scored, drew a second round of trumps, then played ace of clubs and ruffed his fourth club; 11 tricks for –650 and +13 IMPs to PEANUTS, as they were the ones defending 3NT-1 at the other table.

For SCORWAY, Saur led the king of clubs. Pszczola won the ace and played a trump, but Kvangraven won the ace of hearts and played queen and another club for his partner to ruff. Pszczola could get one spade away from each hand, but that left one spade for the setting trick; down one for –100.

At the other table in this match, Kwiecien, for SELIGMAN, had been the South to pass as dealer. This allowed Starkowski to open 1♠ in third seat and now Kwiecien led the queen of spades against 4♡. Brekka ducked but won the spade continuation, and now had no fast entry to dummy to take a pitch on the ace of diamonds. He led a heart to the queen, and Starkowski won the ♡A and cashed a spade, after which there was an unavoidable club loser; down one for –100 and no swing.

Lo, for NEW AMATEURS, led a trump, which had the unfortunate effect of removing his partner's entry. Cole won the ace of hearts and switched to the ten of spades, which was ducked by McIntosh, followed by the jack, which McIntosh won. He led a heart to the queen, cashed the ace of diamonds to get rid of his remaining spade loser, then played a club to the nine. Lo could win the king but had no good return. A diamond would set up the ♠Q as a discard for the fourth club, so Lo returned a club instead and that was round to the ace-jack; 10 tricks for +420 and 3 IMPs to BLACK, who had conceded –500 in 3♢ doubles at the other table.

Bremer, for ECF HOLDING, led a diamond, so NETBRIDGE's Fasting put in the queen and had two discards for his spade losers. He led a club to the nine at trick three, won the spade return with the ace, and led a heart to the queen and ace. Back came a spade, which Fasting ruffed low. He cashed the jack of hearts then played ace and another club, and finally ruffed the fourth club in dummy; 10 tricks for +620.

Zomer also ld a diamond. Thoresen put in the queen, discarding a spade from hand, and played the ♡Q. Bouwen won that and returned a club to the nine and king, and Zomer continued with a second club. Thoresen won the ace, cashed the jack of hearts, and could ruff the fourth club in dummy and take his second spade pitch on the ♠A; 11 tricks for +650 and 1 IMP to ECF HOLDING.

Ahlesved, for YELLOW CAP, led the king of clubs. Malhasyan, for HARRIS, ducked, so Ahlesved continued with his remaining club to the ten and jack. Malhasyan led a heart to the king, but Michal Gronkvist won the ace and gave his partner a club ruff, after which there was an unavoidable spade loser; down one for –100, and 6 IMPs to YELLOW CAP, as their E/W pair had stopped in 3♡ and just made it for +140.

For FREDIN, Apteker led a diamond, so Wang, for FRIENDS, put in the queen and cashed the ace, discarding two spades, and led a club to the nine and king. He ruffed the diamond return and led the ten of hearts, which Fredin won with the ace to return his remaining heart. Wang won the king and led a club to the jack. Making 11 tricks for +650.

And finally, Han led the king of clubs, Fick winning the ace and playing a heart. Mou won that and played queen and another club, and Han ruffed and exited with a spade. As we have seen before, that left declarer with one discard from each hand but one spade loser, so the contract was down one for –100 and 13 IMPs to FRIENDS.

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OCBL HALLOWEEN CUP

RESULTS

ROUND 1

Black	15.05 VPs 31 IMPs	4.95 VPs 15 IMPs	Netbridge
Seligman	15.29 VPs 35 IMPs	4.71 VPs 18 IMPs	Harris
Peanuts	18 VPs 31 IMPs	2 VPs 0 IMPs	Friends
Fredin	3.41 VPs 11 IMPs	16.59 VPs 34 IMPs	Greenberg
Scorway	15.75 VPs 40 IMPs	4.25 VPs 21 IMPs	Yellow Cap
ECF Holding	8.5 VPs 17 IMPs	11.5 VPs 21 IMPs	New Amateurs

ROUND 2

Peanuts	15.97 VPs 30 IMPs	4.03 VPs 10 IMPs	Greenberg
Scorway	4.48 VPs 22 IMPs	15.52 VPs 40 IMPs	Seligman
Black	12.83 VPs 39 IMPs	7.17 VPs 31 IMPs	New Amateurs
ECF Holding	19.33 VPs 47 IMPs	0.67 VPs 6 IMPs	Netbridge
Harris	4.25 VPs 12 IMPs	15.75 VPs 31 IMPs	Yellow Cap
Fredin	2.66 VPs 2 IMPs	17.34 VPs 29 IMPs	Friends

ROUND 3

Peanuts	0.24 VPs 1 IMPs	19.76 VPs 46 IMPs	Seligman
Black	17.34 VPs 55 IMPs	2.66 VPs 28 IMPs	ECF Holding
Greenberg	9.61 VPs 27 IMPs	10.39 VPs 28 IMPs	Scorway
Yellow Cap	17.16 VPs 51 IMPs	2.84 VPs 25 IMPs	Friends
New Amateurs	14.28 VPs 18 IMPs	5.72 VPs 5 IMPs	Harris
Fredin	13.43 VPs 18 IMPs	6.57 VPs 8 IMPs	Netbridge

ROUND 4

Seligman	4.03 VPs 16 IMPs	15.97 VPs 36 IMPs	Black
Yellow Cap	3.22 VPs 11 IMPs	16.78 VPs 35 IMPs	Peanuts
New Amateurs	17.16 VPs 33 IMPs	2.84 VPs 7 IMPs	Scorway
ECF Holding	11.5 VPs 14 IMPs	8.5 VPs 10 IMPs	Greenberg
Friends	16.39 VPs 29 IMPs	3.61 VPs 7 IMPs	Netbridge
Fredin	8.15 VPs 12 IMPs	11.85 VPs 17 IMPs	Harris

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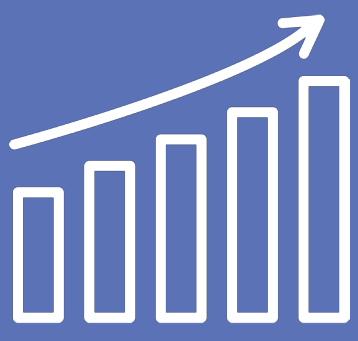

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Who is the top declarer?

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Round 3:	18.30	CET	12.30	EDT	Round 8:	18.30	CET	12.30	EDT
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