

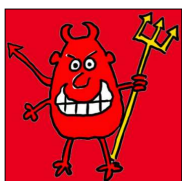


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**Red Devils** (Belgium) take Group 1A with **Moss** on second place after Photo Finish



Easy ride for **Larry Lebowitz** and his bunch in Group 1B leaving second for **De Botton**



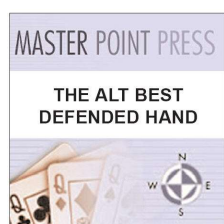
**Amateurs**, under the captaincy of Aitai Lo, Super in C prevailing Norwegian **Skeidar** by a mere six vips

### THE CYCLE, HOW DOES IT WORK?

January 30, 2021. We just finished the first **Alt NewCo** of the season. Great teams and fantastic hands, but how does it work? In 2021 almost every month an Alt NewCo (New Competition) is played, for a total of ten events. These ten tournaments are part of an entirety. Teams and players can earn points: placing points for teams and **Triple F points** for individual players. In December 2021 the teams with the most placing points will play the Grand Finals. It will likely come down to six or eight teams, to be decided.

All groups but the last will consist of six teams which will play a double round-robin: 10 matches of 16 boards; 2 matches per day. We foresee at least three groups: **A**, **B** and **C** (or similarly). After each NewCo teams can qualify for the next higher group or relegate to the next lower group. Only in the first Alt NewCo the A and the B group were of the same quality; on paper that is. For the rest of the **Cycle** this rule applies: in A there are more placing points at stake, then in B, et cetera. Check our *Conditions of Contest* on [alt.bridgeresults.org/](http://alt.bridgeresults.org/).

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# The play's the thing?

## BID, LEAD, PLAY

Martin Cantor

Hamlet reckoned that 'the play's the thing', but in bridge that's not always the case.

Match 3. Board 5.

N/NS

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

This hand is all about the bidding. North passes and East, unless s/he is lucky, is wishing their system included an opening bid for weak with both majors. As it is, many will pass and hope to be able to show their hand later, while others will ignore the weak hearts and open spades, some at the two level, some at the three level. Where East passes South might open 1NT, whether playing 12-14, 14-16 or even 15-17 if wearing rose-tinted glasses. Much depends on that range. Over 12-14 North will pass and East can come in with a bid showing both majors, and the spotlight turns on West. The major suit holdings are about as good as it gets, but you don't want to punish partner for protecting at favorable, so 3♥ is probably enough, and might even be too

much. Whether East now bids game is largely a matter of style and temperament. Facing 14-16 North will invite, and facing 15-17 will drive to game, so now it all depends on methods. Norths who bid 2♠ as transfer to clubs will hear it doubled on their left, South will show a club fit, and East may now get the chance to show the hearts. Norths who can bid 2NT as an invite leave East with no sensible way into the auction. If North bids 2♣ as the start of an invitation, East can enter with 2♠, and maybe show the hearts later. Of course many Souths, playing 15-17 and not deeming the hand worthy of an upgrade, will open 1♦, to which North responds 1NT and East can happily bid 2♦ for the majors. In none of these scenarios is getting to game in either major routine, so congratulations to the fourteen pairs who did, though two weren't allowed to play there when NS bid 5♣, doubled in one case, for 1100, undoubled in the other for 400. The easiest route to game was Grue-Moss's, when Joe Grue opened the East hand 3NT showing 6-5+ either way in the majors.

Match 4. Board 16.

W/None

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



It's the bidding again. The ideal contract here is 6♦ by West. Getting to six should be feasible for top pairs, but getting it played by West might be more difficult. Why? Because if your system's strong opening is 2♣, as it will be for many, then East's negative or waiting response will generally be 2♦. Similarly if you are playing a strong club system, East's negative is 1♦. In fact diamond contracts were played at 26 of 34 tables, 11 times with West as declarer, either when North overcalled the strong opening so East passed, or where West opened 1♠. Of the 26 diamond contracts, 20 were in the small slam (doubled three times), 5 in game, and one stopped in 3♦ in a supposedly game-forcing auction. Elsewhere 3NT was bid and made six times, and a lowly 1♠ was the contract at the two other tables, once plus one and once minus one. 1♠-1 is somewhat embarrassing when you have 6♦ cold, and it's even more painful when in the other room your teammates double the making slam for a combined -1640 or 17 IMPs. Oh well, at least you don't have to score up face to face. And, to be fair, 12 out of 34 Wests chose to open 1♠, but the other 10 could then force when partner responded 1NT.

#### Match 5. Board 7.

S/All	♠ Q		
	♥ K 5		
	♦ K J 10 7 4		
	♣ A J 4 3 2		
♠ K 7			♠ 9 3 2
♥ A Q J 10 6			♥ 9 8 7 3 2
♦ Q 5 2			♦ 9 8 3
♣ 9 8 5			♣ K 7
	♠ A J 10 8 6 5 4		
	♥ 4		
	♦ A 6		
	♣ Q 10 6		

The bidding is not the issue here, in fact we almost had rare unanimity in the contract. At 33 tables South played 4♠. The party pooper was the South who played 5♠. This time we look at the lead and the play. Single dummy 4♠ is a very good contract, with a possible loser in each of spades, hearts and clubs. Double dummy it is unbeatable. The toughest defense is a club lead, setting East up for a possible club ruff. With one exception (see below) the auction was unrevealing, with EW either silent or getting involved in hearts. The club at trick one was found at 20 tables; 12 declarers made, 8 went down. The lead has you fearing a club ruff, though perhaps by West more than East, so you obviously take the ace. One option now, heavily against the odds, is to play for the diamond position as it is, discarding a club on the third round. Alternatively, and much better odds, especially where West has overcalled in hearts, is to come to hand with a diamond to play a heart towards the king for a later club discard (note that coming to hand with a spade does not work, as

it opens a route to the West hand after ♥A, ♣K before you get your discard). The third option is to play two rounds of trumps, hoping that the short club hand has either a doubleton spade or Kxx, or if xxx no way for partner to get in to deliver the ruff especially if, as here, there is a club blockage. Not bad odds. Certainly where there is no heart overcall I think the immediate trump play looks favorite, but I'm no odds guru. Several defenders went wrong when declarer took that line, cashing the ♥A before playing the second club - the lesson is you should finish what you started.

I mentioned an exception to the unrevealing auctions, and that came from Thomas Bessis, who found a lead-directing double of North's club cue bid. He duly got the club lead, and he and Frederic Volcker duly defeated the contract.

On a lighter note, one of the nice features of online bridge is the table talk between the players. I watched this hand in the match between Nickell and De Botton, at the table where Thor Erik Hoftaniska found the club lead. Ralph Katz took the ♣A and played two rounds of spades, putting Hoftaniska on lead again. Rather than continue clubs he tried a sneaky ♥Q, which held, and continued with the ace for declarer to ruff, draw the last trump, and claim. At which point Hoftaniska wryly wrote "too smart for my own good".

#### Match 5. Board 16.

W/EW	♠ 6		
	♥ 6 2		
	♦ K 7 6 5 2		
	♣ A 7 6 5 4		
♠ Q 10 7			♠ K J 9 8 5 4 2
♥ A 7 3			♥ Q J
♦ J 9 4			♦ A 10 3
♣ K J 9 3			♣ Q
	♠ A 3		
	♥ K 10 9 8 5 4		
	♦ Q 8		
	♣ 10 8 2		

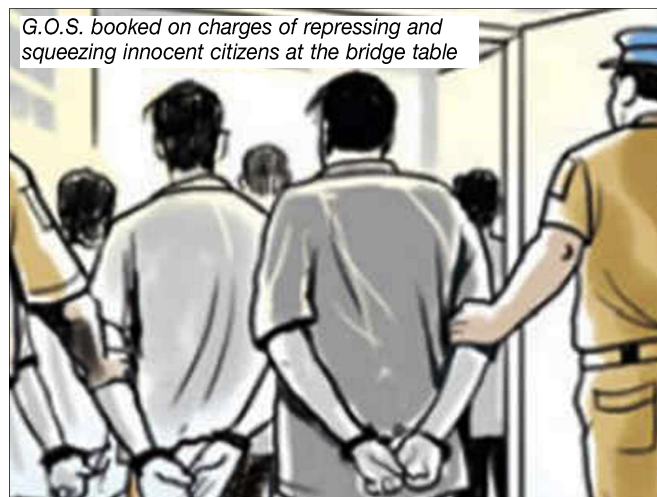
Nothing much to the bidding here either, with all bar five playing 4♠. The key play, as so often, is the opening lead. With the ♥K inside the defense has a spade, a diamond and a club by force, so a ruff is needed. Only the ♦Q gives the defense a chance, and Katz (along with twenty others) did well to find it. Hoftaniska ducked the first diamond and won the second with dummy's jack. When he ran the spade 10 to the ace Katz, to my mind unaccountably, played his other trump. I just can't see a layout to give the defense two more tricks which is likelier than club ace and diamond ruff. Mind you, he did quickly apologize to his partner. But note the similarity with the previous hand; defenders finding good leads but then failing to follow through with them.



## GANG OF SEVEN

What do **Bas Drijver**, **David Gold**, **Mikael Grönkvist**, **John Lesmeister**, **Kamil Nowak**, **Ola Rimstedt** and **Steve Root** have in common?

You are about to find out, due to this board being spotted by **Marina Witvliet** of Maastricht, The Netherlands. Much impressed by its methods, Marina nominates the above Gang of Seven for the Alt BeBridge Best Played Hand. In itself a unicum, since so far in the long history of bridge a group of more than two players never had been nominated for an award.



Alt NewCo, no. 1. Match 6, Board 10

East/All

♠ A Q J 10 5

♥ A 8 7

♦ J 3

♣ 10 4 3

♠ 6 4 3 2  
♥ J 10 9 6  
♦ A Q 5  
♣ 9 8



♠ K 9 7

♥ K Q 4 3

♦ K 10 7 6

♣ J 2

♠ 8

♥ 5 2

♦ 9 8 4 2

♣ A K Q 7 6 5

♠ 5

♥ A 8

♦ J 3

♣ -

♠ -  
♥ J 10 9  
♦ A Q  
♣ -



♠ -

♥ Q 4 3

♦ K 10

♣ -

♠ -

♥ 2

♦ 9 8 4

♣ 7

The majority of the tables showed either of these bidding sequences:

West	North	East	South
-	-	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

or

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♣	Dbl1
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1 three-card support

With all cards open it is easy to see that the defense prevails by cashing two clubs and two diamonds. However, not everybody found the necessary switch to a diamond. The Gang of Seven received three rounds of clubs (ruffed high in dummy) or two rounds and a heart switch (for the king in dummy). Not that this made any difference, since all G.O.S. members arrived at the same little endgame:

At this point North advanced his last trump and bared his ♦K! West pitched the ♦Q, the best he could do. But that was not good enough, because declarer simply played a diamond, developing the ♦J as his tenth trick.

Well done, but what made G.O.S. so sure about the situation? In view of the bidding it was highly unlikely that East possessed a diamond honor. Therefore a red suit squeeze was the only realistic chance.

Some final notes:

- Declarer should be careful with his heart honors. To preserve an entry to his ♦J he should sit on his ♥A.
- A diamond switch is not required when at trick two East switches to a heart, and later, coming in with a second round of clubs, continues in hearts. That will ruin the communication for the squeeze.
- On paper the play looks like a piece of cake. However, bear in mind that one Bermuda Bowl winner and one renowned journalist/viewgraph commentator missed the winning line in spite of the fact that they received the same defense as G.O.S.



John Lesmeister



## Bridge wALTzes

Mark Horton

Earlier this month, I watched the traditional New Year's Day concert from Vienna - how sad that the famous concert hall was devoid of an audience. However, it illustrated perfectly that despite the pandemic life goes on. It certainly does in the world of bridge, with a veritable cornucopia of online events. Here is a selection of deals from the New ALT event.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ A 10 9 6 4	♠ 7 2	♠ K Q 8 3
♥ 3 2	♥ A K J 9	♥ 10 6
♦ A Q 9	♦ 10 7 4 2	♦ K 8 3
♣ J 6 2	♣ K 5 4	♣ A 10 8 3
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           N W O Z         </div>	
	♠ J 5	
	♥ Q 8 7 5 4	
	♦ J 6 5	
	♣ Q 9 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	Pass	Pass

2NT Spade support; 4♠ 'Worst'

North led the ♥K, cashed the ace and exited with the ♠2. Declarer won, took a second round of trumps and eliminated the diamonds, ending in hand. A club to the four, eight and nine saw South return the ♣7, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cope</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Katz</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♣ Artificial game force; 2♠ 3+♠, relay  
2NT (10) 11-14, not 5044

After an identical start to the play declarer's line in clubs was to play low to the ten. South won with the queen and returned the seven and when declarer played the six he was home, +620 and 12 IMPs.

The hand revolves around the best way to play the clubs. If declarer needed three tricks then low to the eight is best, coming in at 26.5%. Here declarer needs to avoid losing two tricks and knows the defenders can't afford to give away a ruff-and-discard. Playing a club to the ace and a second club works against a singleton or doubleton honor in either hand and at least one declarer tried that. The alternatives are low to the eight, hoping North started with the nine, low to the ten, or to play the jack from hand. A quick check revealed that a club to the eight was selected once, a club to the ten five times and the ♣J 16 times. One advantage of playing the jack is that North may not cover (and that happened a few times). How nice to be in the shoes of the declarers who got a switch at trick two which allowed them to draw trumps, eliminate diamonds and exit with a heart.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 8 5 3 2			
♥ 7 3			
♦ K Q 4 3			
♣ A			
♠ J 9 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W O Z </div>	♠ 10 7	
♥ 10 9 8 4		♥ A 5 2	
♦ J 10 8		♦ 9 6 5 2	
♣ Q 6 2		♣ K J 8 3	
		♠ Q 4	
		♥ K Q J 6	
		♦ A 7	
		♣ 10 9 7 5 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
-	-	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♥ Spades  
1NT Denies 3+♠  
2♣ Diamonds

Declarer lost only to the ♥A, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cope</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Katz</i>
-	-	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠*
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♦ Game forcing, artificial  
4♣ 'Shortness (I think)'  
4♦ Cue bid  
4♥ Last Train  
4NT RKCB  
5♣ 0/3 key cards  
5♥ Cue bid looking for a grand slam  
6♠ 'I was thinking 1430, we do not play it'

That was +1430 and 13 IMPs.  
15 pairs reached a slam.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ J 5 3			
♥ A J 5			
♦ 10 7 5			
♣ K Q 8 2			
♠ 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W O Z </div>	♠ K 9 6 2	
♥ 10 9 8 6 3		♥ 7 2	
♦ Q 4 3		♦ J 9 8 2	
♣ A 6 5 3		♣ J 9 4	
		♠ A Q 10 8 7	
		♥ K Q 4	
		♦ A K 6	
		♣ 10 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Weinstein</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♥ 3(+)♠, 8+  
2NT Game forcing  
4♣ Cue bid  
4♦ Cue bid  
4♥ Cue bid

> West led the ♥10 and declarer won with dummy's jack and ran the ♠J. After a spade to the queen he



played a club to the king, drew trumps and played a second club, +1430.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cope</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Katz</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1NT Forcing  
 2♣ Gazzilli, under 16, 3+♣ or 16+, artificial  
 3♠ 3 card limit raise

The same 12 tricks, but a 13 IMP swing.  
 I was surprised to discover that no one else had attempted 6♠.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

Board 9: Dealer East EW Vul.			
	♠ 5 3		♠ A K 10 9 8 6 2
	♥ 7 6 2		♥ Q 3
	♦ 8 7		♦ A 9 5 2
	♣ K J 10 9 7 6		♣ -
♠ J 7 4	<div>    N   W   O     Z</div>		
♥ A K 10 8 5			
♦ Q			
♣ 8 4 3 2			
	♠ Q		
	♥ J 9 4		
	♦ K J 10 6 4 3		
	♣ A Q 5		

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Trendafilova</i>	<i>Arlovich</i>	<i>Jarlvik</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
-	-	1♠*	2♦
3♦*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♠ 10-15, 5+♠  
 3♦ Short diamond and spade support, invitational +  
 5♣ Exclusion Blackwood; 5♦ 1/4 of 5  
 5NT Something more?; 6♥ ♥K

South led the ♠Q, but with three trumps in dummy declarer could ruff two diamonds, +2210.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Graham</i>
-	-	1♠	2♦
2NT*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2NT Invitational + ♠; 4♣ Splinter; 4♦ Cue bid



David Burn (WBF)

If you don't play Last Train then 4♠ looks obvious, but perhaps East should continue with 5♣. That allows West to bid 5♥ when East can continue with 6♦. If West then bids 6♥ ...  
 Only four pairs managed to bid 7♠ and eleven got no further than game.

This was the most exciting table:

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lebowitz</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
-	-	1♠	2♦
3♦*	4♣	6♠	7♣
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's intervention suited South perfectly.  
 East led the ♦A, and switched to the ♠A, West following with the ♠4. When East continued with a diamond West ruffed and cashed the top hearts, five down, -1100. If West follows with ♠J is that enough for East to play the ♥Q before the second diamond?

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
-	-	1♠	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♥*	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

That was good for a 15 IMP swing.

In the following round there was another hand with grand slam potential:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	6♥*	Pass	7♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2NT	Game forcing, fit; 3♦	Unknown void
3♥	Asking; 3NT	Diamond void
4NT	RKCB	
5♠	2 key cards +♠Q	
5NT	Asking extras; 6♣	♣K
6♥	Asking for third round ♥ control	

West led the ♠J and declarer won with the ace and played three rounds of clubs, ruffing with dummy's ♠Q, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Caputo	De Wijs	Vandervorst	Muller
-	-	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass

1NT	Game forcing relay
2♣	Clubs or three-suiter or short hearts
2♦	Asking
2♠	55+ ♠♣
2NT	Asking
4♥	6205, four controls
4NT	Asking
5♥	1-2 top honors in ♠+♣, none in ♥
5NT	Asking
6♦	Two top honors in ♠, one in ♣

North knew everything about South's hand, but was unwilling to go beyond 6♠. Clearly the ♠J is an important card. Gabriele Zanasi and Marcel Verhagen were the only other pair to bid 7♠, their relays establishing that South was minimum with 6♠ and 4+♣, a singleton or void diamond and a third round heart control. West led the ♥2 and declarer won in dummy, played two rounds of clubs, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a club with the ♠9. If the suit does not break you have to ruff another club with dummy's ♠Q and if a defender started with ♠Jxx ...

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Primavera	Burn	Schuster	Graham
-	1♣*	2♠	3♠*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣	4+♣
3♠	Cue bid, usually ♣ support
4♠	Control
5♦	Cue bid

When Martin Cantor mentioned how useful it was to have 1♣ show 4+ cards on this deal I pointed out that in certain parts of the world you can still be burnt at the stake for having anything other than 2+♣ on your convention card.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Trendafilova	Percario	Jarlvik	Sementa
-	1♣*	1♠	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

That was +460 but a 10 IMP loss.






### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>S Rimstedt</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Donner</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦*
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1♦ 2+♦

Two diamonds was a comfortable spot; declarer won the spade lead, cashed the top trumps and played three rounds of spades, claiming ten tricks, +130, but lost 7 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

If you are long in the tooth, then you may have read an excellent book by Jeremy Flint and Freddie North in which (among other things) they introduced the concept of the Tiger Double. The idea was to take an opponent by surprise when you knew the cards were lying badly for declarer. North had the spade suit under control and declarer was not going to score many tricks in clubs. Opposite an opening bid (even third-in-hand) doubling was a reasonable speculation.

South led the ♦K and having won perforce with dummy's ace declarer played a spade to the queen and a spade to the jack and ace. When North continued with the ♦10 South allowed it hold, following with the five. North switched to the ♥8 and declarer won with dummy's ace and decided to play a club to the jack. Now the tiger got a substantial meal, North winning and playing the ♥7. That left declarer with four tricks, -1400.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>S Rimstedt</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Donner</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦*
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♦ 2+♦

The early play was identical, but when North switched to a heart after cashing the ♦10, declarer allowed South to win, settling for one down, -100, a small matter of 16 IMPs.

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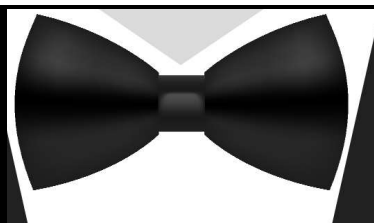
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## Feedback to the ALT BAM January 11-15, 2021

Hi Jan and Denis,

It was fantastic!

BAM is my favourite form of scoring and, I believe, the one which is easiest to understand for non-participants. If we want to bring more people into the game, what better way than win-loss, rather than 14 IMPs or 17.85 VPs. The WBF likes to say, "Make every IMP count." as a reason for its ridiculous VP scale, which only a mathematician or engineer could love. In BAM, you "Make every trick count." When they invented the current VP scale, their committee was indeed a bunch of anal-retentive mathematicians.

I have been trying for years to get the WBF to have a major BAM team event such as this. For example, my idea is to run the Bermuda Bowl as a BAM every other time, and IMPs in the alternate BB years. Thus, the World Championship teams cycle would be 1. Olympiad Teams; 2. Bermuda Bowl, scored at IMPs/VPs; 3. Rosenblum; 4. Bermuda Bowl, scored at BAM. I think this would be a great event. Try it once and if the participants disagree that it was a good event, revert to IMPs for the next time - what is lost?

In North America, we have an occasional BAM event, but the movement is always like a pair event, with 2 or 3 boards per round against a single team (the events usually comprise many more than 14 teams). The way you ran this

event, with a Round-Robin format of longer matches, was much preferable, in my view. With more teams, you could run it in a Swiss Teams format. Playing 8+ boards at one time against a team is great. If you ran a KO event, with 32-board matches, with some sort of double- or triple-KO format and/or a repechage, that would be great too.

But, please, let's have more BAM.

Regards,  
**John Carruthers, Canada**

Just a word on the ambiance in the Alt BAM. My partner misclicked in the match, opening one club (strong in our system) instead of the intended one spade. He asked for an UNDO, which was INSTANTLY accepted by Bauke and Simon without any question of UI because of the artificiality of one club. No discussion, no TD call, no demurral.

I told them I usually cheered for NED in any event, but that now I was going to do so even harder.

It is a pleasure to see that some players at the absolute top of the bridge tree are true sportsmen. We all know players who would have refused.

Regards,  
**Zia**  
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dealer East vulnerability None NBW-03			
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ A K 10 8 3		♠ 2	
♥ 2		♥ A K J 10 6 4	
♦ A 9 5		♦ K Q J 8	
♣ A K 6 4		♣ Q 10	
10 7♦	7 6NT	6 7NT 6♥ 6♦	5 7♥
<b>West</b> Marina72	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> Tobias	<b>South</b>
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Something went terrible wrong here.  
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## A GRAND SLAM

Toine van Hoof

In round 5 we had a grand slam, which was bid by seven pairs. There was nothing in the play. Declarer takes six clubs (after finessing), six top tricks and a spade ruff in dummy. No less than thirteen pairs stayed in game. Fourteen more ended up in six. Let's see who we can nominate for best auction.

Round 5. Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass

3♠	clubs
4♥	cue
4NT	RKCB
5♦	one key card
5♥	Q ask
6♣	no ♣Q

Strong 4441s are always difficult to describe. Espen Lindqvist treated the hand as a balanced 18-19 count, opening 1♦ and rebidding 2NT over 1♠. Boye Brogeland was able to show his clubs by bidding 3♠ and then North took control. Why did Lindqvist bid 7♣ when he heard they were missing ♣Q? "Partner has denied five spades. Three spades showed clubs. I didn't think he would introduce clubs with 4-x-x-5." If Lindqvist had bid 7♣ over 5♦ directly, it would have been a strong candidate for best auction.

West	North	East	South
<i>Drijver</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Brink</i>	<i>Paske</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	7♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	



4♦	cue
4NT	RKCB
5♣	1 or 4 key cards

Andrew McIntosh opened 1♣ and reversed with 2♥ at his second turn, overpromising a club. That turned out well when Thomas Paske had six of them. A convincing sequence.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lagerman</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Gustawsson</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	7♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3♦	Fourth Suit Forcing
4♦	cue
4♠	RKCB
4NT	1 or 4 key cards

Dennis Bilde and Agustin Madala basically had the same bidding sequence as the Brits, the only difference being the use of the fourth suit before establishing clubs. Well done by them also.

>

West	North	East	South
<i>Trendafilova</i>	<i>Percario</i>	<i>Jarlvik</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	2♥*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass

2♥ 4♠  
3♦ strong hand (?)  
4♦ cue (?)  
4♥ cue (?)  
4NT RKCB (?)  
5♣ 1key card (?)  
5♦ Q ask (?)  
5♠ ♣Q+♠K (?)

Another great auction, if my interpretation of the various calls is correct. Except for the 2♥ bid, Giacomo Percario and Antonio Sementa did not bother to alert and explain. Therefore they cannot be nominated for best auction.

West	North	East	South
<i>Xu</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Dbl	6♣
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3♣ asks  
3♦ no 3♠  
4♣ spades and clubs  
4♦ cue

Alison Wilson might have passed 4♦ to hear if Ricco van Prooijen had first round control in the suit. However, being in unknown territory she preferred to make an unambiguous call. Her jump to 6♣ did the job as North had a fairly easy raise to the grand.

West	North	East	South
<i>Plejdstrup</i>	<i>Hoogenkamp</i>	<i>S. Bilde</i>	<i>Green</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♦	1♠*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	7♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Ed Hoogenkamp opened a strong club and upon a positive response started relaying. Steve Green

showed a game forcing hand with four spades, one heart, two diamonds and six clubs. After 4♣ (three controls) Ed Hoogenkamp knew enough to jump to 7♣, but instead he continued 'brainlessly' (Ed's words) by scanning with 4♦ and 4♠. He learned that his partner did not have any tops in clubs and then realized he did not need any. Green was understanding: "Always good to practice the system." A beautiful auction, but primarily the merit of the Symmetric Relay system.

West	North	East	South
<i>Kelsey</i>	<i>Cooke</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Small</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♦	2♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	7♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ 16+  
2♣ natural, GF  
4♦ RKCB  
4♥ 1 or 4 key cards  
5♥ grand slam invite, showing ♥AK

Jon Cooke did not worry about missing the ♣Q: "Cameron would never introduce xxxxx. He can double with less shape or dodgy clubs." Another strong candidate.

It's much easier to assign the prize for the worst bidding sequence:

West	North	East	South
<i>Aslan</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Rippey</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♦	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ 2+

Apparently North thought his partner's negative double showed both majors and took 4♣ as a cue bid for hearts. South corrected 6♥ to 6NT. Justice was served when East found the spade lead and declarer unsuspectingly played a club to his ace in trick two.



## LOOK-ALIKES?

Shortly after the first Alt of this season - the BAM - was over, we received an e mail by a somewhat confused David Chechelashvili, member of Team Amateurs. In The Bulletin a hand played by the team was published together with a picture (page 7):

"Hello, just read your bulletin about the BAM. Nice work, but there is my photo with caption 'Frank Basseggio'. However, Frank was my teammate. Frankly, I don't know what he looks like; maybe he looks exactly like me."

Apologies to both Frank and David, but that's the charm of online bridge. Sometimes you have no idea who your teammates are.

Frank Basseggio

David Chechelashvili



David Chechelashvili



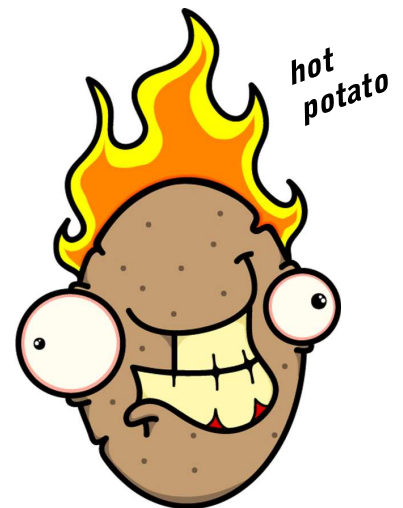
Frank Basseggio

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## ERIC THE CRIMEFIGHTER

Internet has taken the bridge world by storm. Sadly, the same can be said of cheating. Online bridge events often give rise to discussions like how to detect cheats and how to deal with them. All this goes hand in hand with a growing need for a legal framework. As to fraude, bodies like the World Bridge Federation and the European Bridge League were not really prepared for the latest digital developments. Lately, however, the tide has turned. The WBF appointed Eric Laurant as Chairman of the newly formed Investigating Committee and at the same time drew up a New Code for an honest and better bridge world.

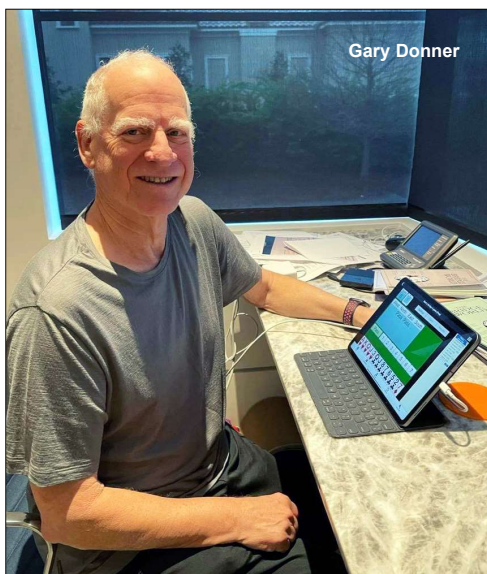


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to find out what the WBF wants to achieve with its New Code and learn what Laurant thinks of hot potatoes like Giorgio Duboin.  
*An interview by Jan van Cleeff*

## GARY DONNER, PLAYING BRIDGE AS IT SHOULD BE PLAYED

Martin Cantor



In round 9 Donner played Cantor. On Board 6 David Burn of Team Cantor saw three passes to him when he held this nice collection:

♠ K J 9 7 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ A 9 7 6 ♣ K J

Unfortunately he mislicked on pass. This ended the board of course, so not only is it impossible to ask for an undo at this point, all the players see all 52 cards, so it would be unplayable anyway. David and the other three players - Mike Graham, Cecilia Rimstedt and Gary Donner - could do nothing but move on and play on.

Shortly after the match I got an e-mail from Gary Donner, to say that he was asking the director to award an adjusted score. Absolutely in the spirit of bridge and the Alt tournaments, and absolutely no surprise that Gary would do this, for which I and my team thank him, as the bridge community at large should do. For the record the director did award Ave+/Ave-. Amid all the turmoil of cheating allegations,

moments like this remind us that the vast majority of us play for the beauty of the game. Gary's active ethics deserve recognition, which is why I have written this. If there were a Best Sportsman award to go alongside the Best Hands awards, I'd be nominating Gary for it.

## THE RABBI'S LAMENT

Mark Horton

Earlier in the week I spent some time discussing book projects with Ray Lee, CEO of Master Point Press. I mentioned the possibility of something about the fateful board 13. Low and behold this deal came along:

Round 9  
Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nowosadzki	Lindqvist	Kalita	Brogeland
-	1♣*	1♦	Dbl*
1♠*	2♥	4♠	5♥
5♠	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl*	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	2+♣; Dbl	4+♥ (not 4♥♠ 6-11)	
1♠	5♠; Dbl	'I think one trick, not sure'	

East led the #DK and declarer ruffed, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a diamond and cashed the ♥K. He played a spade and West won with the ace and exited with the ♠7, declarer ruffing in dummy as East followed with the jack. Declarer ruffed a diamond and advanced the ♣J. Rabbinically speaking, when West plays low one should go up with the jack, but naturally declarer finessed and was one down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Svendsen	Drijver	Saelensminde	Brink
-	1♣	1♦	Dbl*
1♠	3♥*	4♠	6♣
6♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Dbl Hearts  
3♥ 12-14 Unbalanced

North led the ♣A and switched to the ♦10. South ruffed, returned the ♥4, North winning with the queen, ruffed another diamond, put North in with a heart and ruffed a third diamond. The defenders were now out of ammunition, but they were already up to -1400 and a 17 IMP swing.

To my (and the Rabbi's) disappointment, no one in 6♣ doubled managed to drop the king of clubs.

## PLOY AND DECEIT

Toine van Hoof

One of the beautiful aspects of the game bridge is the possibility to deceive an opponent. This first event of the Alt New Competition provided several occasions.

Round 2. Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 9 8 3 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ 6 ♣ 10 7 2</p>		<p>♠ - ♥ A K Q J ♦ Q 10 9 7 5 3 ♣ J 5 4</p>	
<p>♠ 10 5 ♥ 8 7 5 2 ♦ K J 8 4 ♣ A Q 8</p>	<p>N W O Z</p>	<p>♠ K J 7 6 4 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A 2 ♣ K 9 6 3</p>	

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbl	4♠	4NT/5♦	5♠
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Three declarers (Michal Nowosadzki, Yan Wang and Ankush Khandelwal) managed to make 6♦ on a spade lead. They ruffed and advanced the ♦10 or the ♦7 (Wang). When South erred by ducking - it is hard to imagine that East lacks the ♦Q - declarer eliminated the spades and started cashing hearts. South ruffed and was endplayed.

Okay Gur made 6♦ doubled. He received a friendly club lead from South.

Franco Baseggio and Christopher Kemp had bad luck. Their respective opponents, Niall Igoe and Kay Enfield, were wide awake. When East played a diamond at trick two they rose with the ♦A and had a safe exit. Declarer still had to lose a club trick.

Round 8. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

<p>♠ A J 8 6 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ K Q 8 ♣ K 7 6</p>		<p>♠ 10 9 3 ♥ K J 10 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 9 8 3 2</p>	
<p>♠ Q 7 4 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ J 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ 10</p>	<p>N W O Z</p>	<p>♠ K 5 2 ♥ 9 5 4 2 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ Q 5 4</p>	

West	North	East	South
<i>Shields</i>	<i>Lesmeister</i>	<i>Chamberlain</i>	<i>Ros</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	1NT	2♣	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

John Lesmeister was taken in by Patrick Shields and Richard Chamberlain. After a third hand psych from West he became declarer in 3NT. East led the ♣9 to the 10 and the queen. Declarer played a spade to the king and a spade to the jack. He seemed to be heading for nine tricks, but then crossed to the ♦A to advance a heart from dummy, expecting West to have ♥AK. Chamberlain took the ♥Q with his king and cunningly continued with the ♣8. With ♥K in East Lesmeister was convinced that West had the ♣A and he ducked. The defense now cashed out and also scored the last trick for five down.

Round 8. Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

<p>♠ J 9 4 ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ J 8 5 4 ♣ 10 5</p>		<p>♠ A K 10 2 ♥ Q 10 4 ♦ - ♣ A Q J 9 4 2</p>	
<p>♠ 8 7 5 3 ♥ A 8 3 2 ♦ A Q 6 2 ♣ K</p>	<p>N W O Z</p>	<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ K J ♦ K 10 9 7 3 ♣ 8 7 6 3</p>	

West	North	East	South
<i>Plackett</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Erichsen</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
-	-	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♣ 2+  
1♦ 4+♥  
5♣ cue  
5NT pick a slam


Alon Apteker found a brilliant deceptive lead against the 6♠ contract by Espen Erichsen. Without an attractive alternative he led the ♥J. Of course declarer put up the ace. He unblocked the ♣K, drew two rounds of trumps and tried to discard all of dummy's hearts on the clubs. Peter Fredin ruffed the third club with ♠J and returned a heart for one off. Needless to say, 6♠ was made at every other table (twelve times).





Alon Apteker (WBF)

Round 8. Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

Hand 6: Board		Hand 10: Dealer South. NS Vul.			
		♠ K 5			
		♥ A 10 9			
		♦ A 10 6 5			
		♣ Q 9 8 5			
♠ Q 10 7 6			♠ J 3		
♥ 7 5 4 2			♥ K Q		
♦ Q 3			♦ J 9 7 4		
♣ K J 3			♣ A 10 7 6 2		
		♠ A 9 8 4 2			
		♥ J 8 6 3			
		♦ K 8 2			
		♣ 4			

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Katz</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Hampson</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Left to his own devices declarer will probably go one down in 2♠ as he will finesse twice in hearts. In shrewd cooperation Michael Klukowski and Piotr Zatorski managed a second undertrick.

West led the ♦Q. Geoff Hampson won with the king in hand and played a heart to the 10. East won with the king and returned a club to the king. Klukowski played the ♦3. Declarer finessed the 10 and Zatorski won with the queen. He gave his partner a ruff by returning the ♦9. A heart came back and again declarer finessed. East won with the queen and played his fourth diamond. Declarer was helpless and discarded a heart. Klukowski ruffed and gave his partner a heart ruff for down two.

In the replay Mikael Rimstedt made 2♠ when Bobby Levin led a heart and Steve Weinstein, upon winning with the queen, returned the ♥K.

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## FAMILY FEUD FORESTALLED

Onno Eskes

*Going high or going low?*

Partner opens 1♠ and you have:

♠ - ♥ K 10 9 8 3 ♦ 10 9 6 5 3 2 ♣ 10 7.

Pass or bid?

You open 1♦ on:

♠ - ♥ A K 8 4 ♦ J 8 7 4 3 ♣ A K 8 6.

Partner bids 1♠. Now 2♣ or 2♥?

You are on lead with two aces against opponents' slam, and your guardian angel whispers in your ear: "Careful now, this will decide the match".

♠ J 8 5 4 3 ♥ A Q J 4 ♦ 7 ♣ A 4 3

West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♦ followed by 3♠ showed a game-forcing hand with five spades and five or more diamonds. 4♦ set trumps and 4♥ was a control.

At the other table a trump was led, but Ida Grönkvist led her club ace and scored an IMP to tie the match on the last board. This averted a feud in the Sprinkhuizen family because the West cards were held by father Gerard in this room, and son Thibo Sprinkhuizen in the other room.

Board 16  
W/All

♠ A K 10 9 6  
♥ -  
♦ A K Q J 4  
♣ K J 2

♠ J 8 5 4 3  
♥ A Q J 4  
♦ 7  
♣ A 4 3

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♠ Q 7 2  
♥ 7 6 5 2  
♦ 8  
♣ Q 9 8 6 5

♠ -  
♥ K 10 9 8 3  
♦ 10 9 6 5 3 2  
♣ 10 7

West	North	East	South
Thibo	Hoogenkamp	Mendes de Leon	Helle
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Typical old school versus new school bidding. The youngsters adhere to the modern style of finding any excuse to respond to a one-level opening, which allows them to open very strong hands without a clear direction low, giving them the most room for investigation. Guy Mendes de Leon obliged with 1NT on his 3-pointer without spade fit, and moments later his partner was doing a grand slam try.

We noticed in the field a painful 1♠ down one against 6♦ doubled making at the other table. Clearly EW didn't go to the same school there.

The elderly generation took an early lead in the match by going low on the 0-4-5-4 hand (♠ - ♥ A K 8 4 ♦ J 8 7 4 3 ♣ A K 8 6.).

Partner held ♠ Q 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 5 ♣ Q J 9 5. Thibo went for the reverse and ended in a painful 3NT, down a bunch, vulnerable, while Gerard made an easy 10 tricks in 2♣.

The IMP scored on the last board tied the match at 31-31, which meant no losers and also no bragging in the family.

*(The board also was described by Martin Cantor on page 3, but from a different angle).*



Gerard Sprinkhuizen



Thibo Sprinkhuizen

## A ROTTERDAM OVERCALL

Toine van Hoof

Textbooks advise against overcalling at the two level on a shaky five-card suit and a balanced hand with opening values. In the Netherlands such a bid is known as a 'Rotterdam overcall' because it was the trademark of the 1966 world pairs champions Hans Kreijns and Bob Slavenburg, both from 'Manhattan at the Meuse'. The West hand on this board from round 3 was a typical example:

Round 3. Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
-	-	Pass	1♥
?			

West has 13 HCP but no satisfying bid. Thirteen players passed, thirteen doubled and seven overcalled 2♣ (at one table South opened a 10-13 2♥ and West passed). The 2♣ overcallers all escaped a penalty double. Most North players just bid 2♠. When then South rebid 3♦ instead of 3♥ North ended up in 3NT and East had an easy lead for down one.

When West passed or doubled 1♥, the most popular contract was 3NT by North. Simon Hult was the only one to lead the ♣Q after this auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Bahbout</i>
-	-	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

A quick one off was the result.

At most tables East led a diamond. Declarer won in hand with the king and advanced the ♥J. Four West players ducked, so declarer developed his spades for nine tricks. Bulent Aslan and Jan de Winter did well to take the ♥A, but then shifted to the ♣J which proved to be ineffective. The winning defense was found by Valerie Carcassone-Labaere and Gokhan Yilmaz, who won the second trick with the ♥A and played the ♣2.

Seven times South made 4♥ in relative comfort, though misplayed and subsequently misdefended at one table. A spade contract by North proved to be more challenging. especially when West had not entered the bidding. Several declarers tried to ruff two clubs in South and went off. Johan Sylvan and Kamil Nowak played well to make ten tricks: four spades, a heart, three diamonds, ♣A and a club ruff.

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# Martin Cantor

Match 7. Bd 10. E/All

In the other room Nawrocki-Wiankowski had made 3♣ with the EW cards, when best defense holds them to seven tricks. So to keep our shutout going we needed either the same, or a one trick or more defeat of a NS contract.

3NT by NS can make. There are eight top tricks, and a heart or club lead gives you your ninth. On a neutral lead you can lead a club from the South hand. If West goes up with the ace, you can establish your ninth in the suit. If West ducks, you can later duck a club to the now stiff ace to set up your jack. Maybe a bit double dummy, but there is nowhere else much to go, and running your spades first will give you some clues; in fact it made the three times it was bid.

In our match 3NT was not the contract, but the more normal (bid thirteen times) 4♠, after this auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nygaard</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Petersen</i>	<i>Rippey</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Leif Nygaard led a diamond, the most popular choice across the field. The defense looks like it has four certain tricks, two in each round suit. But as East has no heart to lead, it is not quite so easy to cash them, unless West cashes the ace and gives partner a ruff. Looking again, there seems to be nowhere for declarer to get rid of his losers - unless he can engineer an endplay against West to lead hearts. And that is why I started to worry, because



**Kamil Nowak**  
(WBF)

as the early play developed that became a live possibility, albeit very hard to see single dummy. Mike Rippey took the lead in hand, and immediately led a club, aiming to ensure a ruff. After some thought Nygaard ducked, and the queen lost to the king. Double dummy Petersen now needed to play another club, followed by ♥A and ♥ ruff. Not being gifted with second sight he naturally returned a diamond, won perforce in dummy. I won't say that the sweat was pouring off me, but the longer Rippey thought the more nervous I became. If he now draws trumps and exits with a club, West is in fact subject to that endplay. In the end, to my relief, and still trying for the club ruff, he ducked a round of that suit without drawing trumps, and to my further relief, after some thought, Nygaard cashed his ♥A, gave partner a ruff, and got a diamond ruff in return for a two trick defeat, 3 IMPs to us, and the shutout intact.

With 52 cards on view and in hindsight I can find reasons for declarer to get it right. Those reasons? When East does not play partner's bid suit at trick 3 there is a strong indication he is void. The diamond lead could be from two, three or four, but after the second one it looks like a doubleton so 6-2 in the reds. West is marked with the ♣A for the opening bid. If he has two spades and three clubs you are down, and your club ruff just saves the second undertrick. But if he has three spades, so ♣Ax, then bingo!

Mind you, that does mean that you are playing for West to have misdefended, but on a difficult defense. I very much doubt that I would have got this right at the table, and nor did any of the other declarers who received a diamond lead. The remaining boards of the match were fairly quiet. We added 3 more IMPs, while Rippey managed to put 7 IMPs on the scoreboard to avoid the whitewash.



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2 450	2 350	2 250	2 175	2 350
3 400	3 300	3 200	3 150	3 300
4 300	4 200	4 150	4 125	4 250
5 200	5 100	5 100	5 100	5 200
6 100	6 75	6 75	6 75	6 150
			7 60	7 125
			8 50	8 100
			9 40	9 75
			10+ 30	

1 Per-Ola Cullin (pocken)	700	63 Frederic Volcker (fred92130)	300	125 Odin Svendsen (pirrum)	100	187 Alison Wilson (Flyfalcon)	30
2 Gary Donner (gdonnersc1)	700	64 Jodi Edmonds (jodi e)	300	126 Alon Apteker (alonap)	100	188 Marusa Gold (marusab)	30
3 Joe Grue (joegrue)	700	65 Michal Klukowski (skrztat96)	300	127 Peter Fredin (p_fredin)	100	189 Jonathan Harris (jdache)	30
4 Marion Michielson (lady007)	700	66 Mikael Rimstedt (mikaerlim)	300	128 Jan Lagerman (jan_l)	100	190 Niall Igoe (ibraves)	30
5 Brad Moss (brad)	700	67 Ola Rimstedt (olarim)	300	129 Johan Sylvan (joppesyl)	100	191 Vladi Isporski (smileyv)	30
6 Cecilia Rimstedt (cillar)	700	68 Joel Wooldridge (firechief)	300	130 Mårten Gustavsson (lagom)	100	192 Eddie Malhasyan (master dj)	30
7 Naren Gupta (nareng)	650	69 Steve Root (asnuttys)	300	131 Andrei Arlovich (goblin2000)	100	193 Todor Tiholov (polborta)	30
8 Zia Mahmood (zia)	650	70 Gilad Altshuler (giladalt)	275	132 Boguslaw Gierulski (bogier)	100	194 Rumen Trendafilov (rumen)	30
9 Bauke Muller (beukertje)	650	71 Alon Birman (hatol)	275	133 Wojciech Olanski (olanski)	100	195 Kees Bakker (keesbak)	30
10 Simon De Wijs (sm1)	650	72 Dani Cohem (cohen99)	275	134 Jerzy Skrzypczak (txt)	100	196 Leo van den Brom (Lbrom)	30
11 John Diamond (dimebags)	650	73 Amir Levin (amir)	275	135 Erikas Vainikonis (bookie_it)	100	197 Rene Hermans (galileo60)	30
12 Geoff Hampson (ghampson)	650	74 Dror Padon (drorp)	275	136 V. Vainikonis (vainikonis)	100	198 Nico Klaver (tttiger)	30
13 Ralph Katz (ralphk)	650	75 Yossi Roll (sroch)	275	137 Cezary Serek (cezar1966)	100	199 John Lesmeister (jlesme)	30
14 Bobby Levin (levin)	650	76 Richie Coren (wambibird1)	250	138 Giovanni Donati (giova007)	80	200 Gert-Jan Ros (rosgjw)	30
15 Nick Nickell (fnickell)	650	77 Dan Korbelt (dank)	250	139 Gabriella Olivieri (ollina)	80	201 Kay Enfield (cx107)	30
16 Brian Platnick (bplatnick)	650	78 David Burn (dburn)	225	140 G. Percario (giacomopr)	80	202 Greg Hinze (ghinze)	30
17 Steve Weinstein (stevo)	650	79 Mike Graham (mdgraham)	225	141 Federico Primavera (fulldiRe)	80	203 Karin Kelsey (KarinKelse)	30
18 David Gold (dagold)	550	80 Fredrik Jarlvik (freddy6)	225	142 W. Schuster (schustmozz)	80	204 Jacob Morgan (jpmnrb)	30
19 Dennis Bilde (ballebo-jr)	500	81 Peter Lund (pelu)	225	143 Antonio Sementa (llaria75)	80	205 Charlie Bucknell (shisai)	30
20 Adam Grossack (nevereast)	500	82 Leif Nygaard (nyg)	225	144 Martin Cantor (cantorm)	75	206 Elizabeth Gahan (lizgahan)	30
21 Zach Grossack (germs345)	500	83 Henrik Petersen (longrow)	225	145 Jonathan Davis (davisbiz)	75	207 Christopher Kemp (otemplar)	30
22 Larry Lebowitz (pinoy12)	500	84 Tatyana Treendafilova (tuti)	225	146 Nick Smith (rogerhunt)	75	208 S. Kennedy (gamertabby)	30
23 Agustín Madala (septiembre)	500	85 Alex Kolesnik (Kolesnik)	200	147 Aris Bremer (arisbreem)	75	209 Oliver Powell (kenzo13)	30
24 Antonio Palma (apalma)	500	86 M. Di Franco (m_difranco)	200	148 Jan van den Hoek (janonline)	75	210 Ewa Wiecezorek (ew19)	30
25 Frederic Wrang (fly21)	500	87 Andrea Manno (maqueda)	200	149 Raluca Dobrescu (ralooka)	65	211 R. Chamberlain (rmchamb)	30
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27 Sam Bahbout (sambah)	500	89 Kamil Nowak (kamili)	200	151 Okay Gur (okay gur)	65	213 David Jones (uncle mort)	30
28 Philippe Caputo (caputo)	500	90 Mike Rippey (radiators)	200	152 Lynne Koepfel (lgkoepfel)	65	214 Patrick Shields (patr1cks)	30
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32 Steve de Roos (stevedr)	500	94 Simon Hult (hultahult)	200	156 Victor Oranje (victornl)	60	218 Winston Huang (wshuang)	30
33 Mike van der Vorst (ratabar)	500	95 Andrew McIntosh (mcintosh)	200	157 Arjan Roelofs (arjannl)	60	219 Jiangfeng Luo (mosaby3)	30
34 Sedat Aluf (monk99)	450	96 T. Paske (thomas1000)	200	158 Jan de Winter (winjan)	60	220 Ming Sheng (kainsheng)	30
35 Bülent Aslan (baylind)	450	97 Alexander Allfrey (allfrey)	200	159 Jacob Freeman (jacob04)	60	221 Yan Wang (wy7199)	30
36 Enver Köksoy (koksoy)	450	98 Simon Cope (copey)	200	160 Chr. Lahmann (christianl)	60	222 Edward Xu (edward3048)	30
37 Nezihi Kubac (nezihi)	450	99 Peter Crouch (pitiful)	200	161 Katherine Todd (kmtntyc)	60	223 Morten Bilde (ballebo)	30
38 Ali Uçar (noweak)	450	100 Espen Erichsen (espene)	200	162 Asaf Yekutieli (tol23)	60	224 Søren Bilde (sbilde)	30
39 Ömer Umrur (ttlfb)	450	101 Richard Plackett (hoofie)	200	163 Ami Zamir (zamir1)	60	225 Vinita Gupta (vinita)	30
40 Nafiz Zorlu (begse)	450	102 Andrew Robson (arobson)	200	164 Ulrike Schuster (chrispe1)	50	226 Hemant Lall (hemantlall)	30
41 David Bakhshi (bakhshi)	450	103 Lasse Aaseng (lasseaa)	175	165 Willem Alink (willemfbf)	45	227 Andreas Plejdrup (andreasw)	30
42 Janet de Botton (capt lulu)	450	104 Martin Andresen (mime477)	175	166 Hester Gast (hester02)	45	228 Bob Hamman (tgbh3)	30
43 Thomas Charlsen (tcharlsen)	450	105 Geir Helgemo (micelle45)	175	167 Kees Rentes (7slaper)	45	229 Jon Cooke (mugsmate)	30
44 T. E. Hofstanska (kasper20)	450	106 Tom Johansen (brulle)	175	168 Bas v. Roosmalen (BasvRo)	45	230 Ankush Khandelwal (fide51)	30
45 Artur Malinowski (malisuper)	450	107 Kåre Bogo (osvaill83)	175	169 N. Delimpaltadakis (nickd)	40	231 Cameron Small (cameron_1)	30
46 Tom Townsend (mug)	450	108 Stephen Peterkin (spil)	150	170 Dinos Doxiadis (rigas_karo)	40	232 Stefano Tommasini (stefanot)	30
47 Tor Helness (helstokk)	450	109 Sam Punch (puncher)	150	171 Filippos Karamanlis (fifros7)	40	233 Cathy Baldys (cathmark)	30
48 Sjoert Brink (sjoertbr)	450	110 Leonardo Cima (100dog)	125	172 Kost. Kontomiro (zlatan)	40	234 Sophie Baldys (zofiumb)	30
49 Bas Drijver (basdr)	450	111 M. Verhaegen (marcel_ve)	110	173 Tasos Koukouselis (lelos)	40	235 Onno Eskes (onno)	30
50 Jacek Kalita (paalinka18)	450	112 Gabriele Zanasi (zanna9)	110	174 Y. Papakyriakopoulos (yankos)	40	236 Steve Green (bashgrove)	30
51 Roger Lee (pougerlee)	450	113 John Carruthers (jgc)	100	175 M. Protonotarios (emprot)	40	237 Rob Helle (rhelle)	30
52 Sylvia Moss (sylvie)	450	114 Mitch Dunitz (dunitz)	100	176 Petros Roussos (peter1961)	40	238 Ed Hoogenkamp (altocampo)	30
53 M. Nowosadzki (kot_korba)	450	115 Ross Grabel (rossg)	100	177 A. Sapounakis (asapou)	40	239 Ge Sprinkhuizen (sprinksoet)	30
54 Piotr Zatorski (dzeronimo)	425	116 Allan Graves (algraves)	100	178 Vasilis Vroustis (bill123)	40	240 Michael Barel (mich-b)	30
55 Franco Baseggio (baseggio)	400	117 Martin Kirr (kirp)	100	179 Thjs Hoebe (hoethi)	30	241 Ronnie Barr (ronniebarr)	30
56 David Chechelashvili (dato)	400	118 Jill Meyers (jillm)	100	180 Marco Zomer (mczo)	30	242 Ilan Cohen (ilan13)	30
57 Aitai Lo (aitail)	400	119 G. Mittelman (mittmouse)	100	181 Veri Kilijian (Vkil)	30	243 Ilan Herbst (ilanh)	30
58 Bill Pettis (buffalo6)	400	120 Kerri Sanborn (kerri)	100	182 G. Mendes d. Leon (Guymdl)	30	244 Yaniv Zack (yanivz)	30
59 Ahmed Solimen (rabie3)	400	121 Boye Brogeland (boye)	100	183 Thibo Sprinkhuizen (Thibos)	30		
60 Kevin Dwyer (kdwyer)	400	122 Simon Gillis (rayas78)	100	184 Luc Tijssen (Luctijs)	30		
61 Sandra Rimstedt (sandrja)	400	123 Espen Lindqvist (stevieg)	100	185 Ricco van Prooijen (Riccovp)	30		
62 Thomas Bessis (malpaluche)	300	124 Erik Saelsenminde (skaal1)	100	186 Louk Verhees (Loukie)	30		

*Please note that we calculated the list with care. If you detect a mistake however, please contact us: info@netbridge.online*



# RESULTS ~ DOUBLE ROUND ROBIN

Round 1. 16 boards. Monday, 25 January 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	GUPTA	DONNER	16	3	13			7.20	12.80
2	GILLIS	BLACK	16	11	52			3.12	16.88
3	MOSS	RED DEVILS	16	16	20			6.25	13.75

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	NICKELL	LEBOWITZ	16	12	34			5.61	14.39
5	DE BOTTON	ORCA	16	26	3			15.56	4.44
6	EDMONDS	FREDIN	16	1	20			5.20	14.80

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	BRIDGESCANNER	ULJ	16	12	12			10.00	10.00
8	RIPPEY	MIXED NUTS	16	46	0			18.77	1.23
9	HARRIS	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	16	38	12			15.19	4.81
10	SKEIDAR	AMATEURS	16	12	22			7.20	12.80
11	WILSON	HOK	16	11	12			9.69	10.31
12	KOEPPPEL	SALVO	16	13	2			11.76	8.24
13	ISRAEL	ALTSCHULER	16	2	14			7.97	12.03
14	QUARANTEAM	CANTOR	16	29	0			16.58	3.42
15	VINITA	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	15	42			3.74	16.26
16	JEDI KNIGHTS	RED TURTLE	16	41	1			18.09	1.91
17	IMP	NETBRIDGE	16	14	11			10.91	9.09

Round 2. 16 boards. Monday, 25 January 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	BLACK	GUPTA	16	20	42			4.62	15.38
2	DONNER	MOSS	16	14	43			3.42	16.58
3	RED DEVILS	GILLIS	16	20	54			4.26	15.74

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	ORCA	NICKELL	16	60	35			15.92	4.08
5	LEBOWITZ	EDMONDS	16	44	14			16.73	3.27
6	FREDIN	DE BOTTON	16	15	52			2.28	17.72

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	RIPPEY	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	35	33			8.80	11.20
8	QUARANTEAM	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	46	44			10.61	9.39
9	HARRIS	AMATEURS	16	22	46			5.40	14.60
10	ALTSCHULER	KOEPPPEL	16	46	43			10.91	9.09
11	IMP	HOK	16	28	28			9.69	10.31
12	BRIDGESCANNER	WILSON	16	39	2			12.80	7.20
13	ULJ	NETBRIDGE	16	13	50			2.28	17.72
14	SALVO	ISRAEL	16	68	16			19.34	0.66
15	SKEIDAR	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	16	26	32			8.24	11.76
16	VINITA	CANTOR	16	11	61			0.84	19.16
17	RED TURTLE	MIXED NUTS	16	54	3			18.66	1.34

Round 3. 16 boards. Tuesday, 26 January 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	GUPTA	MOSS	16	24	30			8.24	11.76
2	BLACK	RED DEVILS	16	45	23			14.39	5.61
3	GILLIS	DONNER	16	15	52			0.00	20.00

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	NICKELL	EDMONDS	16	46	13			17.17	2.83
5	ORCA	FREDIN	16	41	41			10.00	10.00
6	DE BOTTON	LEBOWITZ	16	36	18			14.60	5.40

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	JEDI KNIGHTS	SALVO	16	23	32			12.03	7.97
8	RIPPEY	AMATEURS	16	24	25			12.55	7.45
9	QUARANTEAM	NETBRIDGE	16	41	48			10.31	9.69
10	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	ALTSCHULER	16	33	36			9.09	10.91
11	BRIDGESCANNER	CANTOR	16	15	54			2.03	17.97
12	KOEPPPEL	HOK	16	55	23			18.33	1.67
13	IMP	HARRIS	16	16	61			1.34	18.66
14	RED TURTLE	WILSON	16	22	21			10.31	9.69
15	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	ULJ	16	12	20			0.15	19.85
16	SKEIDAR	ISRAEL	16	59	24			17.45	2.55
17	VINITA	MIXED NUTS	16	53	20			15.56	4.44

Round 4. 16 boards. Tuesday, 26 January 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	RED DEVILS	GUPTA	16	39	36			10.91	9.09
2	MOSS	GILLIS	16	52	9			18.44	1.56
3	DONNER	BLACK	16	32	32			8.52	11.48

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	FREDIN	NICKELL	16	12	53			1.79	18.21
5	EDMONDS	DE BOTTON	16	33	44			6.96	13.04
6	LEBOWITZ	ORCA	16	52	11			16.09	3.91

Round 5. 16 boards. Wednesday, 27 January 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	GUPTA	GILLIS	16	29	42			5.40	14.60
2	RED DEVILS	DONNER	16	52	20			14.60	5.40
3	BLACK	MOSS	16	28	28			10.00	10.00






















Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	NICKELL	DE BOTTON	16	25	18			12.03	7.97
5	FREDIN	LEBOWITZ	16	22	63			1.79	18.21
6	ORCA	EDMONDS	16	54	62			10.61	9.39

Round 6. 16 boards. Wednesday, 27 January 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DONNER	GUPTA	16	21	20			13.04	6.96
2	BLACK	GILLIS	16	34	46			6.72	13.28
3	RED DEVILS	MOSS	16	32	26			11.76	8.24

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	LEBOWITZ	NICKELL	16	50	26			15.74	4.26
5	ORCA	DE BOTTON	16	20	55			2.55	17.45
6	FREDIN	EDMONDS	16	20	39			5.20	14.80

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj.		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	JEDI KNIGHTS	CANTOR	16	35	29			11.76	8.24
8	RIPPEY	HARRIS	16	56	12			17.85	2.15
9	KOEPPPEL	QUARANTEAM	16	28	32			6.96	13.04
10	NETBRIDGE	SALVO	16	13	54			1.79	18.21
11	AMATEURS	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	64	18			18.77	1.23
12	ALTSCHULER	SKEIDAR	16	52	12			18.09	1.91
13	ULJ	RED TURTLE	16	26	16			15.00	5.00
14	WILSON	IMP	16	11	31			10.00	10.00
15	BRIDGESCANNER	HOK	16	11	62			1.23	18.77
16	VINITA	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	16	22	21			11.76	8.24
17	ISRAEL	MIXED NUTS	16	64	15			19.07	0.93

Ttl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	 RIPPEY	 SALVO	16	34	29			8.52	11.48
8	 AMATEURS	 JEDI KNIGHTS	16	62	12			19.16	0.84
9	 ALTSCHULER	 QUARANTEAM	16	20	32			5.61	14.39
10	 CANTOR	 ULJ	16	49	29			12.80	7.20
11	 KOEPPPEL	 HARRIS	16	26	62			4.81	15.19
12	 HOK	 NETBRIDGE	16	56	50			11.76	8.24
13	 WILSON	 CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	54	57			9.09	10.91
14	 RED TURTLE	 SKEIDAR	16	8	82			0.00	20.00
15	 IMP	 VINITA	16	43	53			7.45	12.55
16	 ISRAEL	 BRIDGESCANNER	16	22	56			2.69	17.31
17	SMALL IN NAME ONLY								
		 MIXED NITS	16	53	24			16.50	3.50

# RESULTS ~ DOUBLE ROUND ROBIN / RANKINGS

Round 10. 16 boards. Friday, 29 January 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	GILLIS	GUPTA	16	12	60			1.03	18.97
2	DONNER	RED DEVILS	16	12	41			3.42	16.58
3	MOSS	BLACK	16	57	27			16.73	3.27

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	DE BOTTON	NICKELL	16	25	37			6.72	13.28
5	LEBOWITZ	FREDIN	16	28	21			12.03	7.97
6	EDMONDS	ORCA	16	55	30			15.92	4.08

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	AMATEURS	BRIDGESCANNER	16	20	25			8.52	11.48
8	SKEIDAR	RIPPEY	16	28	25			10.61	9.39
9	ALTSCHULER	SALVO	16	35	17			14.60	5.40
10	CANTOR	HARRIS	16	53	9			19.16	0.84
11	VINITA	QUARANTEAM	16	10	28			5.40	14.60
12	ULI	IMP	16	15	55			1.79	18.21
13	JEDI KNIGHTS	WILSON	16	7	40			2.83	17.17
14	HOK	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	16	1	31			0.00	20.00
15	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	ISRAEL	16	35	29			11.76	8.24
16	KOEPPPEL	MIXED NUTS	16	23	46			4.44	15.56
17	NETBRIDGE	RED TURTLE	16	56	45			13.04	6.96

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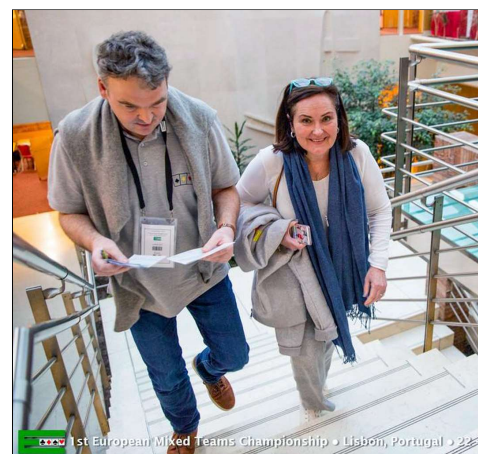
Lebowitz	500	Ripsey	75
Red Devils	500	Quaranteam	60
De Botton	450	Salvo	50
Moss	450	IMP	40
Donner	400	Netbridge	30
Nickell	400	Wilson	30
Edmonds	300	Uli	30
Gupta	300	Jedi Knights	30
Black	200	Vinita	30
Orca	200	Harris	30
Amateurs	200	Canadian & Friends	30
Skeidar	175	Koeppel	30
Cantor	150	Hok	30
Altschuler	125	Red Turtle	30
BridgeScanner	100	Small only in name	30
Fredin	100	Israel	30
Gillis	100	Mixed Nuts	30

Ranking after round 10		
rk	Group 3	VPs
1	AMATEURS	130.86
2	SKEIDAR	124.92
3	CANTOR	124.26
4	ALTSCHULER	122.49
5	BRIDGESCANNER	112.78
6	RIPPEY	111.72
7	QUARANTEAM	111.32
8	SALVO	111.04
9	IMP	110.52
10	WILSON	104.12
11	VINITA	103.91
12	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	95.83
13	ULI	95.64
14	HARRIS	95.06
15	NETBRIDGE	91.85
16	JEDI KNIGHTS	90.86
17	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	89.87
18	KOEPPPEL	86.77
19	HOK	84.64
20	ISRAEL	75.68
21	RED TURTLE	75.20
22	MIXED NUTS	50.66

Ranking after round 10		
rk	Group 1A	VPs
1	RED DEVILS	116.66
2	MOSS	116.52
3	DONNER	102.66
4	GUPTA	97.32
5	BLACK	96.37
6	GILLIS	70.47

Ranking after round 10		
rk	Group 1B	VPs
1	LEBOWITZ	149.21
2	DE BOTTON	127.08
3	NICKELL	111.91
4	EDMONDS	85.07
5	ORCA	74.53
6	FREDIN	52.20

## Red Devils



more Red Devils