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With one match left - of a total of ten - Sylvia Moss's team was already certain to win Group A of the Alt NewCo Event 2. All together great power play by Sylvia Moss (c), Kevin Bathurst, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, John Hurd, Jacek Kalita, Roger Lee and Michal Nowosadzki.

Group B was won by Jodi Edmonds and company, Group C went to Alshuler's Israeli All Stars and in D team Zhao proved to be victorious.



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Breaking Bad

Breaking Bad is a TV/Netflix/Alt Series

by Martin Cantor

Bad trump breaks were a feature of the first day, though not always fatally. Most declarers managed to overcome the 5-0 split on this hand.

Match 1 Board 5. N/NS

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

Auctions commonly began with West's 2♠ Michaels overcall of South's 1♠ opening, and mostly ended with South declaring 4♠, doubled on eight occasions. Four pairs stopped in a spade partial and two stopped in 3♥. Played by North - which it never was - it can be beaten by a club lead. Wests generally favored a heart lead, and Souths generally and accurately favored the ♦K at trick 2, presenting West with a dilemma s/he cannot solve.

Declarer has several winning lines, but broadly speaking they involve leaving trumps alone, something strongly suggested by the Michaels overcall, the suggestion reinforced where East doubled. But it is

quite possible to go wrong, as one world-class player showed in the match I was commenting. John Hurd in West ducked Brad Moss's trick 2 ♦K. Moss continued with the ♣A (still OK) and then the ♣10 (not OK). Hurd won and played the ♥J ruffed in dummy. The ♦Q was led for a heart discard and Hurd played another heart. Dummy discarded a diamond so Bathurst ruffed low and exited with the ♠K. Moss was left with one trump more than Bathurst, so eventually he had to ruff one of dummy's winners and lead into East's 10 8 spade tenace, for two down and -500, to go with the 790 that Sylvia Moss scored at the other table, and that made 15 IMPs for team Moss.

Before we leave this hand, let me share with you for your delectation one auction that is assuredly not a contender for the Alt Best Bid Hand Award. It led to South playing the bizarre contract of 3♣ - four off and deservedly 15 IMPs away.

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♥	2♦*	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
1♣	16+ artificial		
2♦	5+♦ GF		

Talking of bad trump breaks, on the very next board Sam Punch had to contend with a vile 6-0 break, though here too the choice of a club contract was, as they say, sub-optimal.

Match 1 Board 6. E/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Punch</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Andresen</i>
1♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass

3NT was a popular contract, often after South opened 3♣ (I approve), 3NT was mostly making. Geir Helgemo went all in with his preempt, and as so often this put the opponents from team Cantor on the spot. Punch's double is fairly routine, though I imagine she also considered 3NT, but it gave Stephen Peterkin a nasty problem. 3NT would be foolhardy in the extreme, though even by East it can make double dummy. So the choice is between the successful pass, which would be easier to do at matchpoints, or the 4♣ he chose. Can we all agree that the punishment of three down was harsh? (I admit to being biased). At the other table West played 1♠ making 10, so a 10 IMP swing to Skeidar.

Still on the subject of bad breaks

Match 2 Board 2 E/NS

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

Nine pairs bid the spade slam, one stopped in five, and the rest played game in spades - apart from one EW pair who doubled South's 3NT and took 1400. How good is the slam? The short answer is: not very. The longer answer is: assuming a diamond lead, which is automatic on the actual layout and highly likely on a cue bidding auction; and assuming (falsely) no trump

loser; you still need to develop your hearts for one loser. If trumps are 2-2 you have pretty good chances, including a 3-3 break, the ♥Q dropping doubleton, and the ♥10 doubleton in South if you read it. If spades are the more likely 3-1 you have fewer chances, but you still have the 3-3 break after drawing just two rounds of trumps. So, all in all, not very good, but by no means the worst slam that most of us have been in, nor even the worst one many of us have made. As I wasn't commentating I could focus on my team's match against Black. For Cantor Petersen-Nygaard stopped in game, and to my delight were doubled. At the other table David Gold and Andrew Black had an auction that impressed me, since getting to slam (not the best, not the worst) with just 14 HCP facing a passed hand is not easy.

West	North	East	South
<i>Black</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Graham</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♣ three-card Drury
5♣ 1 key card

Black was a little unlucky to lose 12 IMPs here or, as we sometimes say, the operation was a success, but the patient died. They got the 12 plus 50% back on this next board, which produced lots of big swings, including 20 for Zhao against Objectivity, when 6♣X made at one table, and 5♠X made at the other.

Match 2 Board 7. S/All

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

Five of either major makes, so par is 6♥X - which was not the contract at any of the 30 tables. As you can see, if North plays in clubs, East has to find a diamond lead, and if West then switches to a heart declarer is held to nine tricks. The diamond lead is of course hugely easier to find if South declares. Altogether 169 IMPs changed hands at 12 tables (three were pushes). The biggest NS score was the 1540 for Zhao, and the biggest EW the 990 for Gold-Black's 4♠X+1.

The dealing machine produced another distributional hand, but nothing could prevent EW making 13 tricks in diamonds or no trumps:

Match 3 Board 3. S/EW

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

Well, a GRAND slam was bid nine times, seven in diamonds. Also, once in clubs, doubled for 500, and once in spades, doubled of course, for 1400. The latter two, if you haven't figured it out, by NS. So again no one managed to achieve par, but at IMPs you're happy enough to be in the diamond grand. How hard is it to bid it, when South (as most did) opens 3♣ and North (as most did) raises to 5♣ over West's 3♦? At first glance it seems obvious for East to bid 6♣ to show first round control and interest in the grand. But because of the suit rankings this leaves the partnership no room to find out about major suit first round controls. West is far from minimum for the 3♦ overcall, but can't be sure of the required spade control in East. From East's perspective, West could just as well have the ♠KQ and no ♥A. Even if East bids 5♠ over 5♣, and even if it is a cue bid for diamonds rather than natural (would it be for you?), West still can't show the heart control without going past 6♦, unless s/he can bid 5NT as some sort of Last Train, which would allow East to cue bid 6♣ and now they should arrive. Many Easts simply jumped to 6♦ over 5♣, which I can understand, though I still don't see that 6♣ can cost.

One EW pair had an almost unobstructed seven round auction to the grand. Four got there when North bid only 4♣ (or in one instance 3NT), giving them more room to explore. The two successful auctions after a 5♣ raise are detailed below - I leave it to you to decide how much guesswork, if any, was involved, and whether either is worthy of a Best Bid Hand Award nomination.

West	North	East	South
<i>M. Bessis</i>	<i>de Donder</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Bahbout</i>
3♦	5♣	6♣	3♣
6♥	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>S. Baldsyz</i>	<i>Luo</i>	<i>C. Baldsyz</i>	<i>Hong</i>
3♦	5♣	6♣	3♣
7♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Here's another hand where no one played in the par contract. Mind you, with six and seven card suits abounding, it's no surprise that 3NT was not a realistic prospect.

Match 6 Board 2. E/NS

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

Some Souths overcalled the 1♠ opening with 2♣, others with 3♣, and West generally gave a single spade raise. Several Norths ventured 4♥ over 3♠, but none of the Easts could bring themselves to double that (they would have had 500). Instead they followed Meckstroth's rule 'if your partner raises your six-card major, bid game'. So 22 4♠ contracts, nine of them doubled (apart from a single 4♣ NS, the rest were in 3♠). 4♠ is two down on best defense with two club tricks, two heart tricks, and another heart promoting the ♠J. It was made once: South led a top club, then the ♣2 forcing partner to ruff, but the 2, apparently taken as suit preference, saw North then returning the ♦8.

I was watching Cantor v Skeidar, and was surprised to see Geir Helgemo make a similar mistake, arguably with less excuse. Martin Andersen led a top club and switched to his singleton heart. Helgemo cashed the ace and king, but then played the ♦2. Sadly (from my point of view), Henrik Petersen failed to take advantage, unable to believe that he had been gifted a cold off contract. One off at both tables.

Big distribution

Big distribution again a few boards later produced a grand slam on a combined 19 count - and that with three of the HCP completely wasted. And with the six-card major that was opened completely irrelevant:

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Match 6 Board 7. S/All

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

With the clubs 2-2 there are 13 easy tricks in either minor, since with the honors split you don't have to decide whether to play for the drop or restricted choice. Par is in fact 7♥X for -1400 which no one managed, but then almost nobody had to, since only one pair bid the minor suit grand slam. There was one other grand slam attempt - Zia bid 7♠ in the South seat and went for 1700, which, with 6♣ making +1 in the other room, cost 22 IMPs, which I am pretty sure will be the biggest swing of the tournament.

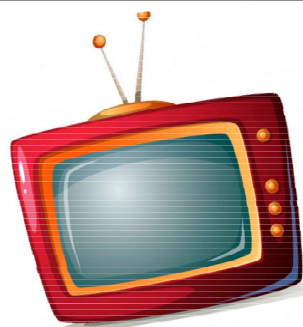
I'm pleased to report that the pair bidding the making 7♦ was Fredrik Jarlvik and Tatyana Trendafilova of team Cantor; being doubled just put a cherry on top of the icing on the cake. When the Skeidar pair stopped in 5♦ we scored a 'mere' 17 IMPs This was Fredrik and Tatyana's auction; have a look at their auction then decide for yourself whether you think they bid it to make, or as a save, or as a two-way shot.



West	North	East	South
Aaseng	Jarlvik	Johansen	Trendafilova
2♥	Pass	4♥	1♠
Pass	4NT*	5♥	Pass
6♥	7♦	Dbl	6♦
Pass	Pass		Pass

4NT two-suiter

Have you decided? Then here is the truth as e mailed to me by Fredrik: "7♦ was of course very lucky. I chose to pass first round, but then I got better cards. I bid it as a 'save'. Some days 6♥ can be made and some days 7♦ can be made. This was a good day." Note that if they had been scoring up against Zia's table the swing would have been 4030 for a maximum 24 IMPs, something I've never seen in real life.



Naren Gupta on ALT TV

Zia: 'Naren is a One-Man Army'

Naren Gupta (born 1948) is one of India's highest-profile venture capital investors, and is the founder of investment company Nexus Venture Partners, as well as various investment and software firms.

Mr. Gupta, nowadays residing in California near Silicon Valley, is also a successful bridge player, who together with his partner Zia Mahmood was on top of the Alt Triple F Race after leg one.

Check **ALT TV** and find out what Naren has to say on topics such as playing with Zia, his former bridge partner Huub Bertens, and his wife Vinita.



'I'm not in competition, except with my self'

A Mathematician's Nightmare

by Jos Jacobs

Halfway the second round of the February leg of the Alt New Competition, the board below occurred.

Brd 8. West/None

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

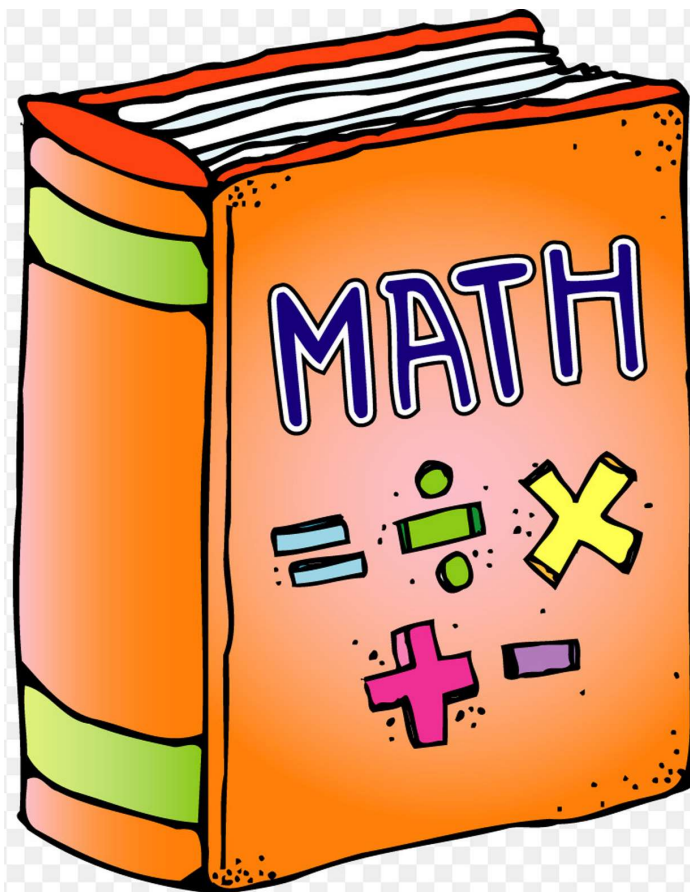
As you can see, even 13 tricks are available in either red suit. I will mainly look at the heart contracts because diamonds were trumps at none of the 30 tables in play; understandably so, as a spade lead would be quite unpleasant to cope with in practice.

A club lead in a heart contract is making declarer's task a delicate one as well. Getting to eleven tricks would still be straightforward anyway but when your bidding has been ambitious enough, you will no doubt have reached the heart slam and thus have to make one more.

But what is the best line, on a percentage basis? It might take some time to find out but a priori percentages on this board are pretty useless because EW intervened in one or even two black suits at all tables, thus reducing your calculations to nothing but more or less educated guesses. The choice is basically between ruffing club losers in South and exploiting its long diamond suit but in either case, the main problem is, as so often and anywhere, communication.

Let's first have a look at poor Bill Pettis' fate as North in 6♥. He won the spade lead and continued with the ♦A, ♦Q. West won the king and continued a club. He won the ace and all he had to do now was take the right view in trumps: one down when he next cashed the ♥KA.

His team, the Amateurs, was facing the Skeidar team, with Geir Helgemo in the North seat. Against him, West had opened 3♣ whereas at the other table, EW had only bid and raised spades. This explains East's lead of the ♣7 (!). After winning the ace, Helgemo had



a serious problem: the diamonds might be out of reach if dummy's trumps are to be used for club ruffs. When Geir decided to play ♦A, ♦Q, West won his king and returned a club for dummy to ruff. One down when the ♥Q did not appear in time. No swing here. Todor Tiholov for the Harris team got a ♣K lead. He, however, decided to win, ruff a club, finesse the ♦Q, cash the ♦A, ruff another club and use his ♠A as an entry to ruff the last club, thus losing only to the ♥Q. Problem solved. Well done.

Onno Eskes for the Objectivity team got a spade lead because clubs had not been mentioned in the auction at his table. At this point, he looked well set to choose a losing line but no, he followed the same approach as Tiholov, entirely voluntarily ruffing all his clubs and thus ending up with the same 12 well-deserved tricks.

Over now to the match in which interesting things were happening at both tables: Donner versus Gupta.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	N. Gupta	Dwyer	Zia
3♣	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Dwyer led the ♣K and the first card Naren Gupta played after winning the ace was a heart to dummy's

jack, thus using West's 3♣ opening bid to his advantage. When a diamond to his queen won the next trick, Naren could afford to cash the ♦A as well. When this brought down the king, Naren's problems were all over. His score of +1010 was not matched by any declarer.

Whether or not this score would bring a decent IMP swing remained to be seen as this was what happened in the replay:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Michielsen	T. Bessis	Cullin
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
2♣	2♥	2♠	4♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ was Strong Club and the 1♦ reply showed 0-4 high card points on a 3-2-1 basis. South showed his heart fit with 4♣ but North was happy to pass South's suggestion of a certain plus. And what a plus it was: timed to perfection. South led the ♦J on which dummy played low, but North overtook (perforce) and immediately played ♣A and a club. South ruffed and tried another diamond to North's ace to obtain another

club ruff, when declarer failed to ruff with his king and play a trump himself. Declarer might have done so to save an undertrick. As it was, South ruffed, cashed his ♥A and led a diamond ruffed by North with her ace. North's last club then produced the fifth undertrick when South's ♠Q got promoted into a trick. So that was 1100, making it a 3 IMP swing to the Donner team.

This defense is certainly worth a nomination for the *Master Point Press Best Defense Award*.

In yet another match, they also reached 4♠X played by East, but here South, Mike Rippey, led his club. North, Kamil Nowak, won the ace and returned the ♣2 for his partner to ruff. In spite of this, Rippey played a low heart away from his ace but Nowak won his ♥K and tried another club. Rather than ruffing with the king and playing a trump, declarer (Alon Apteker) shed a diamond so South scored his ♠J as well. Only now came two rounds of diamonds followed by North's last club. When declarer again failed to ruff high, he too suffered the ignominy of conceding 1100, albeit in a far less merciless way than we saw in the Donner team's defense.

As the adjudicators would say: 'Close, but no cigar.'

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Coup de grâce

An Alt BeBridge Best Declared Hand Nomination

by Martin Cantor

Kamila Solska of Poland has nominated this hand from the Alt Swiss Team-Pairs for Best Declarer Play. Meanwhile Dave Galt from the USA, one of my BBO co-commentators, also told me about it, describing it as 'a trump coup setup (with a little help from the defense)'.

Alt Swiss Teams-Pairs. Match 5. Board 7. S/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lesniewski</i>	<i>S. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Seligman</i>	<i>Donner</i>
1♠	DbI	Rdbl	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Sandra Rimstedt started off with the two top clubs and then, with a badly placed ♥K, and perhaps hoping that partner's probable four trumps could produce a trick, cashed the diamond ace. This was the defensive slip referred to by Dave Galt (and by David Burn in live commentary), since it gave declarer the timing and entries needed for the trump coup to pick up South's Q964.

Of course, Marcin Lesniewski didn't know the trump position yet, but he made no mistake, reading it perfectly from the auction and the play to date. He won the diamond continuation in dummy, then ♠K and finesse of the ♠J. Trusting his reading of the cards he played the ♦J and overtook it with the queen while South had to follow, then played the ♣J. If South ruffs it gives the trump suit so he discarded a heart, and declarer discarded his last diamond.

Now Lesniewski could repeat the process by playing the ♦9, on which both he and Gary Donner in South discarded hearts to leave this:



Marcin Lesniewski

	♠ -		
	♥ K 10 6		
	♦ -		
	♣ 8		
♠ A 10 5		N	♠ -
♥ Q	W	O	♥ A 7 2
♦ -	Z		♦ -
♣ -			♣ 7
	♠ Q 9		
	♥ 9 8		
	♦ -		
	♣ -		

Now came the losing ♣7, and again South could not afford to ruff, so away went another heart and declarer could finally shorten his trumps to the same length as South. The ♥A was cashed and another heart was the trump coup de grâce.

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8½

by Elisabeth van Ettinger

Almost sixty years ago *Otto e mezzo*, one of the film classics of all time, was produced under the direction of Federico Fellini. Great, but what does that have to do with bridge? Everything, especially when you look at board 15, round 2 on which Thomas Bessis, a genius possessed of a magic touch, showed a prodigious style much like the actors in Fellini's movies.

S/NS

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

N
W O
Z

♠ 9 7 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ J 10 6 4

The question is: can EW make 4♠? Let's first have a look at the tables where the spade game was actually made. South led a heart, the obvious thing to do, since his partner had opened with 1♥. Declarer won the ace and played a diamond to king and ace. Defense will still prevail if South switches to a trump; North wins the ace and continues with ♠J. At several tables, however, South did not find the much needed switch and the cross-ruff gave declarer a relatively easy ride to ten tricks.

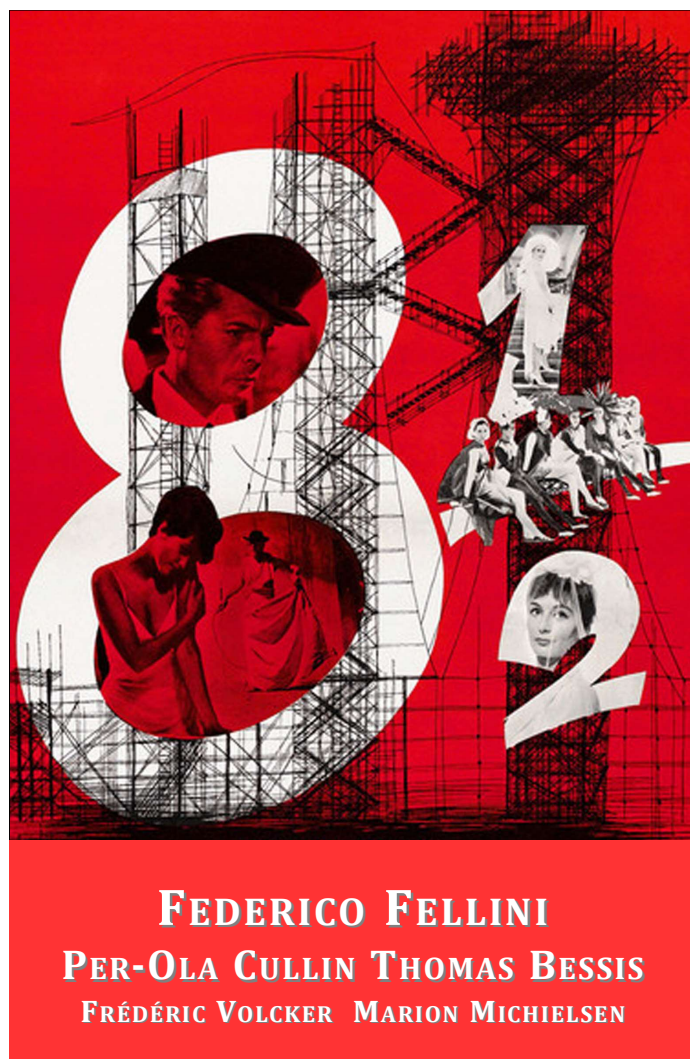
Having said so, let's follow the play in the match between Donner and Gupta, two pre-tournament favorites.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Zia</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	1♠	Dbl'
Pass	1NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1 take-out

The doubled partscore had no play and when the smoke cleared, EW duly collected 500. Nobody thought of 4♠.



I had the opportunity to follow the open room live on BBO.

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Cullen</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Frédéric Volcker's aggressive jump to 4♠ showed great confidence in his partner's declarer skills. Right or wrong, South led his partner's suit. Dummy's ace won and declarer played a diamond to the king. Per-Ola Cullin took the ace and correctly switched to a trump. Marion Michielsen won the ace and returned ♠J. Thomas Bessis won ♠K and went into the tank, for him a rare situation.

I checked my watch and noticed that it took Thomas exactly 8½ minutes to resume play. I have to admit that, after this defense, I saw no way to grab ten tricks. But Thomas had a plan. He ruffed a heart, played a club to the king and advanced another heart:

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

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♠ 9	♠ -
♥ -	♥ 9 8 3
♦ 9 8 3	♦ J 10 6
♣ J 10 6	♣ -

If South discards a diamond or a club that suit will be ruffed high and produces trick number ten. Per-Ola ruffed instead, and now the contract was doomed.

Post Mortem

1. I nominate Per-Ola Cullin for the *Alt Master Point Press Best Defense Award* since, as where others failed, he found the correct defense at two different stages.
2. I analyzed the hand in DeepFinesse. The hand could be made after the heart lead via a surrealistic - Fellini-ish - ♦Q (!) at trick two. After that card a dazzling series of variations opens up; way too much to describe, but believe me, they could fill a whole bulletin.



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dealer East vulnerability None NBW-03			
West		East	
♠ A K 10 8 3	♠ 2	♥ A K J 10 6 4	♥ -
♥ 2	♥ -	♦ K Q J 8	♦ -
♦ A 9 5	♦ -	♣ Q 10	♣ -
♣ A K 6 4	♣ -		

10 7♦	7 6NT	6 7NT 6♥ 6♦	5 7♥
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West Marina72	North	East Tobias	South
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Anyone?

Something went terrible wrong here.
Who is to blame?

East led the ♠Q and declarer took the third round having discarded a club and a diamond from dummy. He cashed five hearts pitching diamonds, played the ♣J for the king and ace, cashed the ♣Q and exited with a club for +400 and 7 IMPs against the +130 recorded at the other table.

I don't know who first coined the phrase, 'frozen suit' (was it Patrick Jourdain?), but if you want to know more about the topic I suggest you visit Richard Pavlicek's site: <http://www.rpbridge.net/8j65.htm>

Contrasting Fortunes

If you want to become successful I recommend you form an alliance with a partner who has a name that can easily be amalgamated with your own. The most famous example is Meckstroth & Rodwell who are universally known as Meckwell, but close behind come Helgeness, the amalgam of Helgemo & Helness (I have often wondered if one could make something of Versace and Ventura). On this deal the latter were involved in different matches, with wildly contrasting results:

Round 2

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Helness</i>
1♥	Dbl	2♥*	2♠
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♥ Bad raise
4♥ Good 4♠ raise
4NT RKCB
5♣ 0/3 key cards

West led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a spade to the jack and a club, West taking the ace as declarer unblocked the ♣Q and returning the ♥Q. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps, cashed the ♣K and claimed, +980.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Lebowitz</i>
2♥*	Dbl	3♥*	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dbl

2♥ 5♥ & 4+♣/♦, preemptive
3♥ Preemptive

North led the ♥8 and declarer won with the king and played a diamond to the jack. When that held he played a heart to the queen and could not be denied nine tricks, +630 and 17 IMPs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Chechelashvili</i>	<i>Andresen</i>
1♥	Dbl	3♥	Pass
5♥	6♠	Dbl	4♠
Pass	Pass		Pass

West led the ♦3 for the queen and king and East returned the jack, declarer winning with dummy's ace and a club. West took the ace and when declarer did not unblock one of dummy's honors he could not avoid two down, -300.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aaseng</i>	<i>Pettis</i>	<i>Bogø</i>	<i>Lo</i>
1♥	Dbl	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

That was worth 13 IMPs.

Wild Thing

Do you like deals that feature high-level bidding by both sides? Then this one might be just your cup of tea!

Round 3

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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



Alain Lévy

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Black</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Edmonds</i>
3♦	5♣	6♦	3♣
Pass	7♣	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		Pass

There was nothing to the play, declarer losing three tricks, -500, which was worth 13 IMPs against the +1390 recorded at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Bessis</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Bahbout</i>
3♦	5♣	6♣*	3♣
6♥	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		Pass

East's brilliant 6♣ bid indicated he had ambitions beyond 6♦ and resulted in the laydown grand slam being reached. It was worth 13 IMPs.

Where North only raised to 4♣ East could bid 4NT (Tom Johansen and Lasse Aasend went down that route) and get to 7♦, despite further intervention. Pierre Bedouet saw North bid 3NT over 3♦ and his 4♣ was answered by his partner's 4♥ so they also got to 7♦.

The only match in which both sides bid 7♦ was that between Objectivity and Canadian and Friends. Otherwise it was always worth a swing, the others to collect it being Jacob Freeman and Christian Lahrmann (over the latter's 6♣ cue bid his partner simply jumped to 7♦) and Kees Bouwen and Jan de Winter.

There were two other auctions worth noting:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Enfield</i>	<i>Kranyak</i>	<i>Hinze</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
1♦*	2♦*	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		Pass

1♦ 11-15, 2+♦

2♦ Majors

They only reached 6♦ in the other room.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Helness</i>
-	-	-	3♣
3♦	3♠	4♣*	4♠
5♦	Pass	5♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
6♦	6♠	Pass	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	7♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Rdbl First round control

East led the ♥5 and West won with the ace and switched to the ♣9, East taking the ace and returning the six for a ruff, declarer unblocking the clubs. The ♥Q forced declarer to ruff and he played the ♠K followed by a second spade. East won and cashed two hearts for six down, -1400, a push against 1390.

Change of Direction

One of the toughest decisions for a defender is whether or not to attack a new suit. Here is an example from the fourth round:

Round 4

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

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West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>de Botton</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Dbl	Pass*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- 2♣ Game forcing, asking
- 2♦ No shortage
- 2♥ Asking
- Pass 5-7 points where A=3 K=2 Q=1

East led the ♥4 for the five, eight and seven and West continued with the queen, declarer winning with the ace as East followed with the six. A diamond for the king and ace was followed by dummy's ♦J and West won and continued with the ♥9. Declarer won and played a club to the queen and when it held she cashed the diamonds. That saw East reduced to ♠AQ ♣A and when declarer exited with a club East had to surrender the game going trick to the ♠K. In the replay South was the declarer and West led a club, East winning and returning the suit which effectively killed the dummy, the contract finishing one down, a 10 IMP swing.

3NT was only made on two other occasions - in the same match! Alexander Allfrey got a diamond lead from West so was under no pressure, while in the replay Henrik Petersen, having passed initially, got a spade lead from East and collected an overtrick and an IMP.

Well Suited

In the days when I was reading Bridge Magazine as opposed to editing it, I was always eager to try the bidding contest that was coordinated by Joe Amsbury. It often featured deals where it was important to play in the right suit. One such appeared in round 5:

Round 5
Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K Q 10 8 4 3
♥ J 9 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 5

♠ 7
♥ K 8 5 4
♦ K J 10 8 7 6
♣ K 7

♠ A 5
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ A Q
♣ A Q 9 8 6

♠ J 9 6 2
♥ Q 6
♦ 5 2
♣ J 10 4 3 2

Looking at just the EW hands you would like to play in 7♦. In a team game 6♦ is a safer slam than 6♥, which

might be defeated by a bad break. Here it looks as if 7♦ will fail because of the club split, but it's worth a closer look. If North, having shown a weak two in spades leads a trump against 7♦ declarer can draw trumps. That gives us nine of North's cards and the next move is to cash the ♥K and play a heart to the ace. When South plays an honor on the second round the principle of restricted choice suggests that North holds the missing one. If that is the case, North is 6-3-3-1. That might persuade declarer to run the club nine! However, if North leads the ♠K then an important entry is removed and declarer is hardly likely to follow the double-dummy line that is now required.

Three pairs reached 7♦ (well bid indeed!) and one of them made it when North didn't find the right discards.

Judgment Call

From time to time a player cannot rely on sophisticated methods, but must rather use his or her judgment to determine the appropriate course of action. This deal from round 6 is a case in point:

Round 6
Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ 8 4 3
♥ 10 8 6 5
♦ A J 5 3
♣ 9 4

♠ A K Q J 7 6 2
♥ 7
♦ K 4
♣ 7 6 5

♠ 10 9 5
♥ K 9 3
♦ 10 9 7 6
♣ K Q 2

♠ -
♥ A Q J 4 2
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A J 10 8 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Umur</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Svensden</i>
4♠	5♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	6♥

West led the ♠A and declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the jack and the ♣9 for the king and ace. He continued with the ♣J and East won and played the ♦10. Declarer won with dummy's ace and advanced the ♥10, running it when East followed with the ♥3. Moments later declarer was claiming. It was worth 16 IMPs against the 4♠ played in the other room.

Aris Bremer and Jan van den Hoek also got there via 1♥-(4♠)-5♥-(5♠)-6♥. That sequence would allow some players to use both Pass and Double in a conventional way, the Pass/Double inversion preferred by Meckwell and many other top flight players is one option.

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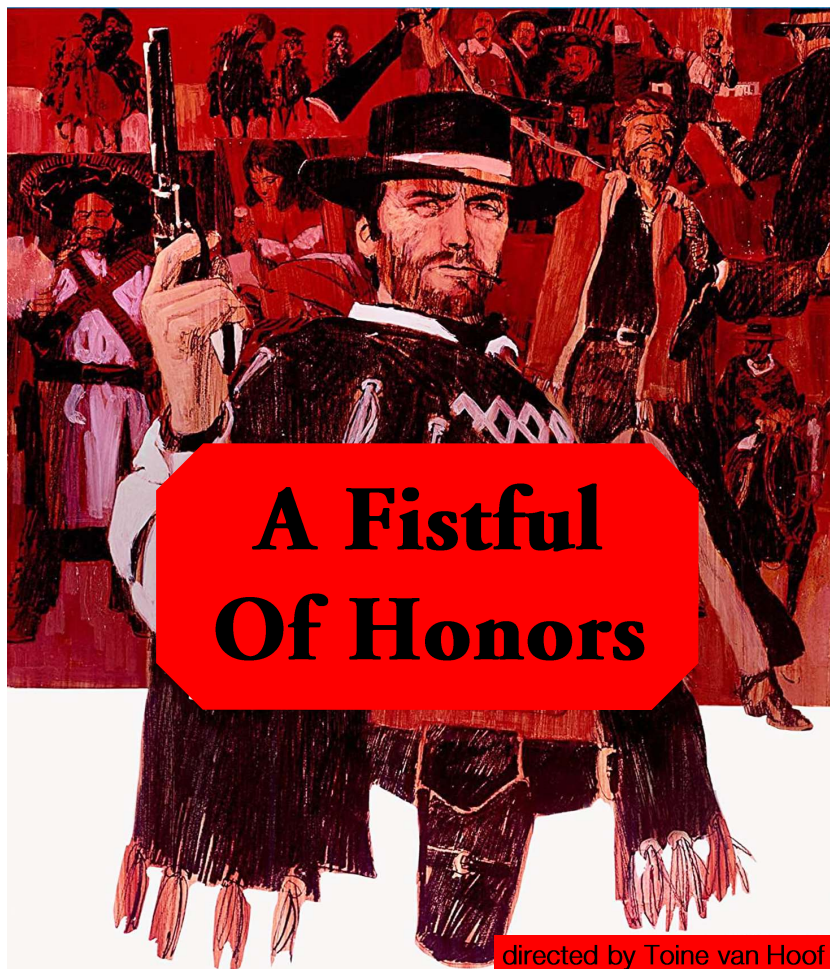
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directed by Toine van Hoof

In round 3 the match in Group D between Vinita and Zhao produced some nice defensive problems.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

Declarer: E♠ Dealer: S♠ East: NS ♣			
		♠ K Q J 9 5 3	
		♥ Q 8	
		♦ 5	
		♣ A 7 3 2	
♠ 10 6 2	<div>♠ N ♥ W O ♦ Z</div>	♠ A 7	
♥ J 4 3		♥ 10 9	
♦ Q 10 9 2		♦ A J 8 7 3	
♣ J 6 5		♣ K Q 10 9	
		♠ 8 4	
		♥ A K 7 6 5 2	
		♦ K 6 4	
		♣ 8 4	

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Bilde</i>
		1♦*	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass

1♦ 2+♦, 11-15; 3♦ cue bid

The popular contracts were 4♠ by North and 4♥ by South. To confine a spade contract to nine tricks, East

needs to lead a heart. This was found once, by Alon Apteker - against 2♠.

To beat 4♥ West has to lead a club. Simon de Wijs duly led the ♣5, ducked to the queen. Bauke Muller correctly continued with the ♣K to the ace. Declarer, Morten Bilde, advanced the ♠K from dummy. Fearing a singleton spade in South, Muller won with the ace which gave declarer a chance to win the contract. Upon seeing his partner following with the ♠10 (odd number) Muller shot back a spade. Now declarer can draw two rounds of trumps, ending in North, discard a diamond on a high spade and play a diamond towards his king. Instead Bilde directly played the ♦5 and now the defense was in command again. Muller went up with the ace and played a third round of clubs. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A, crossed to the ♥Q and discarded a diamond on the ♠Q. However, he had no entry to his hand to draw the last trump. He ruffed the ♣7 but was overruffed for down one. In the replay South made ten tricks in 3♥ for a gain of 7 IMPs for Zhao.

Three boards later Bilde again was the victim of an accurate, be it less difficult defense by De Wijs and Muller.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Bilde</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2NT NF

De Wijs led a club, the unbid suit. Muller took the ♣7 with the ace and shifted to the ♠Q. He continued with the king and the 3 to the 10 and the ace. De Wijs' only hope to beat the contract was his partner holding the

♦10 with at least two small. So he exited with the ♦9, locking declarer in dummy. Bilde cashed the ♥A, gave up a heart and claimed eight tricks. This was a push as NS at the other table went one off in 5♦.

On Board 7 De Wijs executed a pseudo triple squeeze to bring in a tricky 4♠ contract.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Gupta</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Bilde</i>
1♠	Dbl	1NT*	2♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1NT clubs

Declarer has nine tricks from top. To defeat 4♠ South must play a diamond when in with the ♥A. Vinita Gupta led the ♥Q. For some reason Bilde overtook with the ace in order to shift to the ♦5. This went to the 6, the 10 and the 7. North might have cashed the ♥K now but she played a trump. De Wijs rattled off his spades, putting pressure on North in three suits. She discarded two hearts, a club and a diamond, hanging on to a fistful of honors. Then came the last spade in this ending:

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

It is clear that North cannot afford to discard the ♥K, while the ♦J should be kept if declarer has ♦Qx left. Hoping to find her partner with ♣Jx, she parted with the king of clubs. De Wijs now made the ♣9 as his tenth trick. North should have gotten this right. If

declarer had a stiff club, he would have kept a third club in dummy to ruff out the suit. At the other table Bob Hamman was allowed to make 2♠ with two overtricks: 10 IMPs to Zhao.

Gupta got a bit of revenge two boards later.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Gupta</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Bilde</i>
1NT*	2♣*	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1NT 15-17; 2♣ majors

Declarer won the lead of the ♥3 with dummy's king and played a diamond to the 10 and the jack. Gupta returned a heart, which De Wijs took with the jack. He cashed four diamond tricks and played a spade:

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

This ran to Bilde's ace. He returned ♠4 to the king. Gupta cashed the ♥A and exited with a heart. As a result South could score the last trick with the ♣K.

Declarer could have prevailed. Therefore he needs to remove North's exit cards in hearts before cashing ♦AK and giving up a diamond. The defense will not be able to prevent him from scoring a black trick in dummy. The only lead to beat 3NT is a club, which sets up a trick in the suit before declarer has nine. At the other table North opened a 10-12 NT, which was passed out. The contract went three off: 6 IMPs to Vinita that won the match by 30 to 26 IMPs (11.2-8.8 VP).

I don't have a lot of hair left, and most of what I have is already grey. Not for the first time this week one of my team turned a few more of them grey (watching them has also had me pulling a few more out this week).

First take a look at this hand as a single dummy problem. North deals with EW vulnerable and East is trying to make 3NT.

♠ A K 6 5 4
♥ 5
♦ K J 4 2
♣ 9 8 6

N
W O
Z

♠ 7 2
♥ K 8 6 4 2
♦ A Q
♣ A Q 7 5

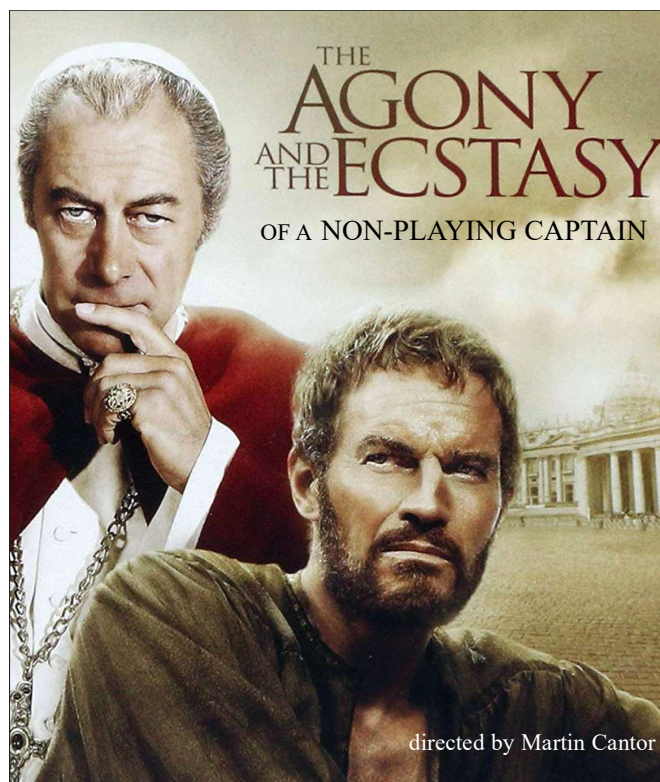
Suppose first that there is no opposition bidding. You have seven top tricks and a club or heart lead gives you an eighth. As the saying goes, 'where there are eight there are nine', but where will you look for it? You could try the finesse in whichever round suit wasn't led, or you could try for spades 3-3, or you could try for North to hold the three missing club honors. Also, rather than finesses, there might be endplay possibilities and as an expert you would surely rather go for an endplay than a simple finesse.

What about if the opponents get involved in the auction? Where North passed, and East 1♥, South overcalled 1♠, which rules out that suit. Where East opened 1NT South showed both majors, ruling out both the majors. Two Norths had a 2NT opening for both minors weak, which also gave declarer a lot of useful information. And four (yes four) Norths opened 3♣ - I know that the late great John Armstrong would have approved.

I was watching this board at two tables. Firstly I was commentating on Gupta v Donner, where Thomas Bessis opened 1♥, Brad Moss overcalled 1♠, and Frédéric Volcker played 3NT from the West seat, on the lead of the ♦9. He took his time, but played it accurately. He cashed the two top diamonds, crossed to hand in spades, and played the ♣9 for the 10, Q and 3. He cashed the ♣A, went to dummy in spades again, took the other two diamonds, and exited in spades to endplay Moss who had to give him the ♥K for his ninth trick. As Brad pointed out, he could have avoided the heart endplay by keeping the ♠3, when instead of the heart king the ninth trick would be dummy's ♠4.

With my other eye I was kibitzing Black v Cantor where the auction was even more revealing

West	North	East	South
Nygaard	Paske	Petersen	McIntosh
	3♣*	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	



3♣ "can be very weak" [you don't say!]

Tosh McIntosh led his partner's suit, and since as far as I know even John Armstrong never opened at the three level on a four-card suit, that distribution was already known. The double had to be based on good hearts sitting over the bid, so that helped to place the cards, and made it imperative to keep North off lead. The lead was covered by the 9, 10 and queen, then the ♠7 went to the 9, K and 10. That ♠10 was also pretty suggestive. The diamonds were unblocked, and another spade played to dummy, North discarding a club. It took the table as long to play the hand to this point as it has taken me to describe it, with Henrik Petersen taking most of the time, during which time I suffered agonies while my need for a barber was diminishing apace, my need for hair dye increasing similarly. When South threw a heart on the third diamond (East ditched a club) the entire distribution was revealed, and it was clear to cash the fourth diamond and exit a spade to South who was welcome to his three tricks there and his ace of hearts. It might have been clear, but it still didn't happen quickly, despite all my efforts at long distance telepathy. But, in time, and to my relief and ecstasy, Henrik figured it out - he'll probably tell me that he was just double and triple checking.

It recalls a story from one of Mike Lawrence's 'over the shoulder' books where he is playing with a client. The client takes an eternity over what to Mike seems a simple and obvious decision, so Mike asks him what took so long. To which the client replies with the immortal words "Would you rather I was right slowly or

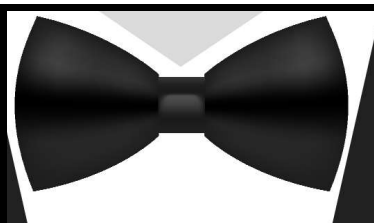
wrong quickly?". Thank you, Henrik, for being right, albeit slowly, and for bringing in 13 IMPs that helped us to a 5 IMP victory.

The full board is below, and if you want to see how everyone else fared on the board just go to

https://bridgeresults.org/o/2021_alt_newco_2/2021_alt_newco_2_d105p.asp#BRD

Match 7 Board 9. N/EW

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



THE ALT 2021 SEASON

22 - 26 February 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 2	Conditions of contest	Results	Participants
15 - 17 March 2021	Mini Alt Teams (3 day event)	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
29 March - 2 April 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 3	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
12 - 16 April 2021	Alt Board a Match Invitational II	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
26 - 30 April 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 4	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
10 - 14 May 2021	Alt - to be announced...	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
24 - 28 May 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 5	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
7 - 11 June 2021	Alt - to be announced...	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
21 - 25 June 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 6	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
5 - 9 July 2021	Alt - to be announced...	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
9 - 13 August 2021	Alt - to be announced...	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
23 - 27 August 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 7	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
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20 - 24 September 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 8	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
11 - 15 October 2021	Alt - to be announced...	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
25 - 29 October 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 9	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
8 - 12 November 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 10	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
15 - 19 November 2021	Alt - to be announced...	Conditions of contest	Apply for invitation	Participants
13 - 17 December 2021	New Alt Competition - Event X	Preliminary info	Apply for invitation	Participants



the Bassie and Bobbie Tales



DRIJVER-OF-THE-DAY

by Toine van Hoof

We had to wait until the last match to see both **Bas** and **Bob Drijver** in action. Bas (40) played in team Moss against Lebowitz, Bob (34) in team Fredin against Quaranteam. Both were seated North, so we could compare their scores. The younger brother won with flying colors (69-17) so he is our first Drijver of the day. Four deals were notable.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Bas	Bilde	Brink
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Agustin Madala led a spade. Dennis Bilde won with the king and returned a spade, leaving Sjoert Brink no chance: NS minus 200.

West	North	East	South
Zamir	Bob	Yekutieli	Nab
Pass	Pass	1NT*	Dbl*
2♦*	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1NT	9-14
Dbl	penalty
2♦	♦+major
2NT	♣, weak or strong
3♣	forced
3♦	♣ strong

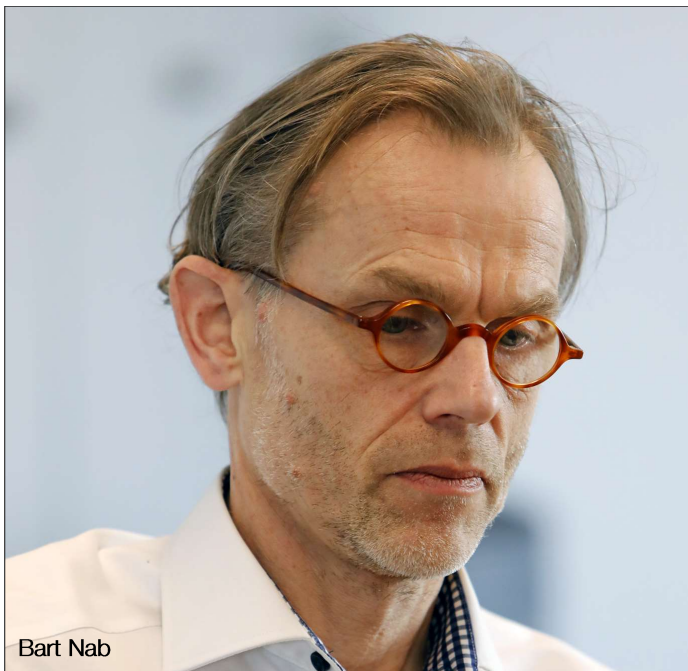
At Bob's table 3NT ended up in the North hand. It took a while before Asaf Yekutieli realized he was on lead. He could not be blamed for leading the ♦J: NS plus 600 and 13 IMPs to Bob.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Madala	Bas	Bilde	Brink
Pass	1♦*	1♥	1♣*
3♥	3NT	Pass	Dbl*
Pass			Pass

1♣	2+♣
1♦	negative / balanced / natural
Dbl	takeout



West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Bas</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	1♥	Dbl*	Pass
2♠	3♥	Pass	2♥*
Pass			Pass

Dbl 4+♠; 2♥ no heart lead

Uncharacteristically Brink-Drijver missed a vulnerable game on this hand. NS plus 170.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Bob</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>Nab</i>
1NT*	2♥*	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	2NT*
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♥

1NT 10-13; 2♥ 5♥ + minor
2NT asks for minor

After Ami Zamir's mini NT Drijver-Nab had an easy ride to 4♥. Bob won the diamond lead in dummy, finessed the ♥Q, ruffed a club in dummy and played another heart. When the king appeared he won the ace, drew the last trump, cashed the ♦K and claimed ten tricks. NS plus 620 and Bob 10 IMPs.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Bas</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♠ max with 3♥; 3♦retransfer

Over Madala's 1NT opener Bas decided to stay quiet. Sometimes the opponents will end up in 3NT, but this was not such a day. Madala located the ♥Q and made eleven tricks: NS minus 650.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Bob</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>Nab</i>
1NT	3♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Bob managed to silence East with a 3♣ overcall: NS minus 100 and Bob another 11 IMPs.

When Bas at his second turn bid 3NT, Brink saw no reason to run. Dennis Bilde found the killing lead of a small spade. Agustin Madala considered playing the jack, but then decided to go up with the ace and push the ♥J through: three down. NS minus 150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Bob</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>Nab</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♣*
3♥	Dbl*	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	4♦
Pass			Pass

1♣ 2+
1♦ 0-7 any / ♦ / 4-4M 8-9 / bal strong
3♥ Mixed Raise
Dbl GF (usually with ♦)

Bob launched a more flexible double, which prompted Bart Nab to bid 4♦. A spade lead would also have been killing against 5♦ but West chose an unfortunate ♥A. Bob ruffed, cashed the ace and queen of diamonds, unblocked the clubs, crossed to the ♦K and claimed twelve tricks. NS plus 420; Bob 11 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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



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2021 NEW ALT COMPETITION (NewCo)

Alt Team Points Ranking

rk	Team	Total Points	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 7	Event 8	Event 9	Event 10
1	MOSS	950	450	500								
2	LEBOWITZ	900	500	400								
3	DONNER	850	400	450								
4	DE BOTTON	750	450	300								
5	EDMONDS	700	300	400								
=	RED DEVILS	700	500	200								
7	SKEIDAR	525	175	350								
8	AMATEURS	500	200	300								
9	ALTSHULER	425	125	300								
10	GUPTA	400	300	100								
=	NICKELL	400	400	--								
12	CANTOR	350	150	200								
=	GILLIS	350	100	250								
14	BLACK	300	200	100								
15	ORCA	275	200	75								
16	FREDIN	250	100	150								
=	SALVO	250	50	200								
18	VINITA	205	30	175								
19	ZHAO	200	--	200								
20	FOLLOW SUIT (ISRAEL)	180	30	150								
21	QUARANTEAM	160	60	100								
22	HOK	155	30	125								
23	RIPPEY	150	75	75								
24	WILSON	105	30	75								
25	BRIDGESCANNER	100	100	--								
=	GREECE	100	--	100								
27	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	90	30	60								
=	OBJECTIVITY (IMP)	90	40	50								
29	JEDI KNIGHTS	70	30	40								
30	HARRIS	60	30	30								
=	MIXED NUTS	60	30	30								
=	NETBRIDGE	60	30	30								
33	KOEPEL	30	30	--								
=	RED TURTLE	30	30	--								
=	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	30	30	--								
=	ULI	30	30	--								

NEXT EVENTS

The next event, the **Mini Alt Teams** (3 day event), will be held 15 - 17 March 2021.

For applying, go to <https://alt.bridgeresults.org/reg/AltMiniTeams1.htm>

Also open for pre-registration:

Alt NewCo 3 / March 29-April 2 (<https://alt.bridgeresults.org/reg/AltNewCo3.htm>)

and

Alt BAM 2 / April 12-16 (<https://alt.bridgeresults.org/reg/AltBam2.htm>)

THE TRIPLE F ALT POINT RACE

Each individual player participating in any Alt event in 2021 is automatically included in the **Triple F Alt Point Race**. By the end of the season (December 2021) the Top Five is rewarded with money prizes: 1000 / 600 / 400 / 300 / 200 (in euros). The Alt is grateful to Triple F Logistics, a Dutch company, who made this possible.

Points Allocation, 2021 Alt Season

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1 500	1 400	1 300	1 200	1 400 10 50
2 450	2 350	2 250	2 175	2 350 11 45
3 400	3 300	3 200	3 150	3 300 12 40
4 300	4 200	4 150	4 125	4 250 13 35
5 200	5 100	5 100	5 100	5 200 14 30
6 100	6 75	6 75	6 75	6 150 15 29
			7 60	7 125 16+ 28
			8 50	8 100
			9 40	9 75
			10+ 30	

Gary Donner (gdonnersc1)	1185	Steve de Roos (stevedr)	700	Leif Nygaard (nyg)	453
Cecilia Rimstedt (cillar)	1185	Mike van der Vorst (ratabar)	700	Henrik Petersen (longrow)	453
Per-Ola Cullin (pocken)	1150	Franco Baseggio (baseggio)	700	Tatyana Trendafilova (tuti)	453
Joe Grue (joegrue)	1150	Aitai Lo (aitail)	700	Sedat Aluf (monk99)	450
Marion Michielson (lady007)	1150	Bill Pettis (buffalo6)	700	Sjoert Brink (sjoertbr)	450
Brad Moss (brad)	1150	Michal Klukowski (skrztat96)	700	Bas Drijver (basdr)	450
Naren Gupta (nareng)	950	Mikael Rimstedt (mikaerim)	700	Sylvia Shi (sylvias)	400
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Sylvia Moss (sylvie)	950	Ralph Katz (ralphk)	650	Peter Fredin (p_fredin)	375
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THE TRIPLE F ALT POINT RACE (CONTINUED)

Johan Sylvan (joppesyl)	250	John Carruthers (jgc)	100	Patrick Shields (patr1cks)	70
Ricco van Prooijen (Riccovp)	230	Mitch Dunitz (dunitz)	100	Marc Smith (marcsmith)	70
Louk Verhees (Loukie)	230	Ross Grabel (rossg)	100	Adrian Thomas (sadnorth)	70
Morten Bilde (ballebo)	205	Allan Graves (algraves)	100	Raluca Dobrescu (ralooka)	65
Søren Bilde (sbilde)	205	Martin Kirr (kirp)	100	Ted Greenberg (ted greenb)	65
Vinita Gupta (vinita)	205	Jill Meyers (jillm)	100	Okay Gur (okay gur)	65
Hemant Lall (hemantlall)	205	George Mittelman (mittmouse)	100	Lynne Koeppel (lgkoeppel)	65
Andreas Plejdrup (andreasw)	205	Kerri Sanborn (kerri)	100	Gokhan Yilmaz (yilmaz_g)	65
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Andrea Manno (maqeda)	200	Mårten Gustawsson (lagom)	100	Vladi Isporski (smileyv)	60
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Katherine Todd (kmtnyc)	200	Erikas Vainikonis (bookie_lt)	100	Jacob Morgan (jpmnbr)	60
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John Lesmeister (lesme)	155	Alex Hong (fhong)	90	Filippos Karamanlis (fifos7)	40
Gert-Jan Ros (rosgjw)	155	Winston Huang (wshuang)	90	Kostantinos Kontomiro (zlatan)	40
Phil King (philking)	150	Jiangfeng Luo (mossby3)	90	Tasos Koukouselis (lelos)	40
Kevin Castner (jafra)	150	Ming Sheng (kainsheng)	90	Vasilis Vroustis (bill123)	40
Ophir Reshef (oreshef)	150	Yan Wang (wy7199)	90	Onno Eskes (onno)	40
Bob Drijver (bobdrijver)	150	Edward Xu (edward3048)	90	Ge Sprinkhuizen (sprinksoet)	40
Bart Nab (bnab)	150	Marco Zomer (mczo)	88	Leo van den Brom (Lbrom)	30
Assaf Lengy (lengy)	150	Marusa Gold (marusab)	88	Rene Hermans (galileo60)	30
Anders Morath (andersm)	150	Jonathan Harris (jdache)	88	Nico Klaver (tttiger)	30
Shahar Zack (shaharz)	150	Eddie Malhasyan (master dj)	88	Charlie Bucknell (shisai)	30
Eldad Ginossar (eldad)	150	Todor Tiholov (polborta)	88	Elizabeth Gahan (lizgahan)	30
Dana Tal (danat85)	150	Steve Green (bashgrove)	85	Christopher Kemp (otemplar)	30
Ariel Braunstein (rel49)	150	Rob Helle (rhelle)	85	Stephen Kennedy (gamertabby)	30
Noga Tal (nogatal)	150	Ed Hoogenkamp (altocampo)	85	Oliver Powell (kenzo13)	30
Ilan Bareket (bareket)	150	Giovanni Donati (giova007)	80	Ewa Wiczorek (ew19)	30
Nikos Delimpaltadakis (nickd)	140	Gabriella Olivieri (ollina)	80	Jon Cooke (mugsmate)	30
Dinos Doxiadis (rigas_karo)	140	Giacomo Percario (giacomopr)	80	Ankush Khandelwal (fide51)	30
Yankos Papakyriakopoulos (yankos)	140	Federico Primavera (fulldiRe)	80	Cameron Small (cameron_1)	30
Manolis Protonotarios (emprot)	140	Antonio Sementa (llaria75)	80	Stefano Tommasini (stefanot)	30
Petros Roussos (peter1961)	140	Martin Cantor (cantorm)	75	Michael Barel (mich-b)	30
Aristidis Sapounakis (asapou)	140	Jonathan Davis (davisbiz)	75	Ronnie Barr (ronniebarr)	30
Cathy Baldysz (cathmark)	135	Nick Smith (rogerhunt)	75	Ilan Cohen (llan13)	30
Sophie Baldysz (zofiumb)	135	Rene Stienen (baaxpee)	75	Ilan Herbst (ilanh)	30
Aris Bremer (arisbreem)	133	Elly Schippers (eltje)	75	Tom Reynolds (tomreynold)	30
Jan van den Hoek (janonline)	133	Marina Witvliet (donkeym)	75	Lance Kerr (lkerr)	30
Leonardo Cima (100dog)	125	Jan van Cleeff (imp_jan)	75	Ira Hessel (lesinge)	30
Gary Gottlieb (garybrook)	125	P. Bedouet (pi420)	75	Ellen Hessel (chongo)	30
Pim Coppens (PimCop)	125	Esteban Valet (rasko179)	75	Andrew Rosenthal (andrewr)	29
Huub van der Wouden (kinkofklab)	125	John Kranyak (jkrans)	75	Aaron Silverstein (aaron)	29
Walter Schuster (schustmozz)	120	Vince Demuy (okvince)	75	Migry Zur Campanile (migry)	29
Victor Oranje (victornl)	120	Mikael Gronkvist (mike_g)	75	Nancy Katz (heart27)	29
Arjan Roelofs (arjannl)	120	Ida Gronkvist (halko)	75	Warner Solomon (warnie)	28
Mustafa cem Tokay (tokay1975)	115	Hester Gast (hester02)	73	Tracy Capal (tra6y)	28
Veri Kiljian (Vkill)	105	Kees Rentes (7slaper)	73	Eric Schwartz (waldorf1)	28
Guy Mendes de Leon (Guymdl)	105	Bas van Roosmalen (BasvRo)	73	Linda Robinson (saba)	28
Thibo Sprinkhuizen (Thibos)	105	Richard Chamberlain (rmchamb)	70	Vincent Gaillard (vincentg)	28
Luc Tijssen (Luctijs)	105	Tony Disley (ryegc)	70		
Alison Wilson (Flyfalcon)	105	David Jones (uncle mort)	70		

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Round 1. 16 boards. Monday, 22 February 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	RED DEVILS	16	25	39			6.25	13.75
2	GUPTA	LEBOWITZ	16	18	38			5.40	14.60
3	MOSS	DONNER	16	42	20			15.38	4.62

Round 2. 16 boards. Monday, 22 February 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	LEBOWITZ	DE BOTTON	16	28	64			2.41	17.59
2	RED DEVILS	MOSS	16	22	52			4.80	15.92
3	DONNER	GUPTA	16	48	22			15.19	4.81

Round 3. 16 boards. Tuesday, 23 February 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	MOSS	16	14	51			2.28	17.72
2	LEBOWITZ	DONNER	16	60	2			19.85	0.15
3	GUPTA	RED DEVILS	16	35	32			9.39	10.61

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	BLACK	ORCA	16	21	36			6.03	13.97
5	SKEIDAR	CANTOR	16	38	2			16.88	3.12
6	EDMONDS	AMATEURS	16	38	21			14.60	5.40

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	CANTOR	BLACK	16	22	36			6.25	13.75
5	ORCA	EDMONDS	16	21	58			4.44	15.56
6	AMATEURS	SKEIDAR	16	24	2			14.39	5.61

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	BLACK	EDMONDS	16	64	18			20.00	0.00
5	CANTOR	AMATEURS	16	22	53			3.27	16.73
6	SKEIDAR	ORCA	16	62	21			18.21	1.79

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	ALTSHULER	FREDIN	16	63	5			19.85	0.15
8	GILLIS	SALVO	16	18	11			11.40	8.52
9	RIPPEY	QUARANTEAM	16	26	41			6.03	13.97

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	SALVO	ALTSHULER	16	52	12			16.09	1.91
8	FREDIN	RIPPEY	16	23	53			5.00	15.00
9	QUARANTEAM	GILLIS	16	25	11			13.75	6.25

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	ALTSHULER	RIPPEY	16	46	36			12.80	7.20
8	SALVO	QUARANTEAM	16	21	36			8.52	11.48
9	GILLIS	FREDIN	16	21	25			11.76	8.24

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	ZHAO	FOLLOW SUIT	16	22	19			12.29	7.71
11	HARRIS	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	17	22			8.52	11.48
12	GREECE	HOK	16	32	35			9.09	10.91
13	VINITA	MIXED NUTS	16	38	40			9.39	10.61
14	OBJECTIVITY	NETBRIDGE	16	48	28			14.10	5.82
15	WILSON	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	28	33			8.52	11.48

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	ZHAO	16	45	32			12.29	7.71
11	JEDI KNIGHTS	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	26	43			5.61	14.39
12	HOK	MIXED NUTS	16	21	52			6.96	13.04
13	VINITA	GREECE	16	43	23			15.00	5.00
14	WILSON	HARRIS	16	45	41			11.20	8.80
15	FOLLOW SUIT	NETBRIDGE	16	42	48			10.31	9.69

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	22	22			11.20	8.80
11	VINITA	ZHAO	16	35	25			11.20	8.80
12	MIXED NUTS	WILSON	16	16	56			1.91	18.09
13	FOLLOW SUIT	HOK	16	17	33			5.82	14.18
14	HARRIS	NETBRIDGE	16	29	25			8.24	11.76
15	JEDI KNIGHTS	GREECE	16	38	28			9.69	10.31

Round 4. 16 boards. Tuesday, 23 February 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DONNER	DE BOTTON	16	73	18			19.81	0.39
2	MOSS	GUPTA	16	49	16			17.17	2.83
3	RED DEVILS	LEBOWITZ	16	45	20			13.97	6.03

Round 5. 16 boards. Wednesday, 24 February 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	GUPTA	16	32	14			14.60	5.40
2	DONNER	RED DEVILS	16	17	32			8.52	11.48
3	LEBOWITZ	MOSS	16	25	32			9.39	10.61

Round 6. 16 boards. Wednesday, 24 February 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	DE BOTTON	16	40	51			6.96	13.04
2	LEBOWITZ	GUPTA	16	60	48			18.21	1.79
3	DONNER	MOSS	16	28	26			10.61	9.39

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	AMATEURS	BLACK	16	28	22			9.89	10.31
5	EDMONDS	SKEIDAR	16	44	25			14.80	5.20
6	ORCA	CANTOR	16	31	53			4.62	15.38

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	BLACK	SKEIDAR	16	21	46			4.08	15.92
5	AMATEURS	ORCA	16	40	32			14.60	5.40
6	CANTOR	EDMONDS	16	60	42			14.60	5.40

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	ORCA	BLACK	16	31	16			13.97	6.03
5	CANTOR	SKEIDAR	16	40	2			17.72	2.28
6	AMATEURS	EDMONDS	16	32	54			4.62	15.38

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	QUARANTEAM	ALTSHULER	16	2	72			0.00	20.00
8	RIPPEY	GILLIS	16	38	11			16.26	3.74
9	FREDIN	SALVO	16	42	26			14.10	5.82

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	ALTSHULER	GILLIS	16	32	45			6.48	13.52
8	QUARANTEAM	FREDIN	16	38	21			14.30	5.61
9	SALVO	RIPPEY	16	43	12			16.09	3.91

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	FREDIN	ALTSHULER	16	22	42			5.20	14.80
8	SALVO	GILLIS	16	22	38			5.82	14.18
9	QUARANTEAM	RIPPEY	16	31	26			11.40	8.52

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	WILSON	OBJECTIVITY	16	32	52			6.03	13.97
11	VINITA	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	28	19			12.85	7.45
12	HOK	ZHAO	16	24	32			9.09	10.91
13	NETBRIDGE	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	6	51			1.34	18.66
14	HARRIS	MIXED NUTS	16	48	18			16.73	3.27
15	GREECE	FOLLOW SUIT	16	23	39			5.82	14.18

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	VINITA	16	23	55			2.97	17.03
11	JEDI KNIGHTS	WILSON	16	22	56			2.89	17.

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Round 7. 16 boards. Thursday, 25 February 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	LEBOWITZ	16	63	22	18.21 1.79
2	MOSS	RED DEVILS	16	59	45	13.75 6.25
3	GUPTA	DONNER	16	32	38	8.24 11.76

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	BLACK	CANTOR	16	41	35	11.48 8.52
5	EDMONDS	ORCA	16	58	8	18.97 1.03
6	SKEIDAR	AMATEURS	16	21	63	1.67 18.33

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	ALTSHULER	SALVO	16	32	4	16.42 3.58
8	RIPPEY	FREDIN	16	27	70	1.56 18.44
9	GILLIS	QUARANTEAM	16	63	30	17.17 2.83

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	WILSON	HOK	16	18	28	4.81 15.19
11	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	GREECE	16	35	58	6.25 13.75
12	VINITA	FOLLOW SUIT	16	25	43	5.40 14.60
13	ZHAO	NETBRIDGE	16	64	11	19.40 6.60
14	OBJECTIVITY	HARRIS	16	12	25	5.40 14.60
15	JEDI KNIGHTS	MIXED NUTS	16	42	32	12.88 7.20

Round 8. 16 boards. Thursday, 25 February 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	MOSS	DE BOTTON	16	37	17	15.00 5.00
2	DONNER	LEBOWITZ	16	68	28	18.55 1.45
3	RED DEVILS	GUPTA	16	22	32	7.20 12.80

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	EDMONDS	BLACK	16	44	17	16.25 3.75
5	AMATEURS	CANTOR	16	21	42	4.81 15.19
6	ORCA	SKEIDAR	16	28	28	8.52 11.48

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	RIPPEY	ALTSHULER	16	47	33	13.75 6.25
8	QUARANTEAM	SALVO	16	58	14	18.55 1.45
9	FREDIN	GILLIS	16	42	25	13.97 6.03

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	HOK	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	40	17	15.56 4.44
11	ZHAO	WILSON	16	72	28	18.21 1.79
12	GREECE	NETBRIDGE	16	33	38	10.91 9.09
13	FOLLOW SUIT	HARRIS	16	34	4	20.00 0.00
14	VINITA	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	81	9	20.00 0.00
15	OBJECTIVITY	MIXED NUTS	16	45	28	14.80 5.20

Round 9. 16 boards. Friday, 26 February 2021, 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	DONNER	16	52	28	15.19 4.81
2	GUPTA	MOSS	16	19	22	6.96 13.04
3	LEBOWITZ	RED DEVILS	16	28	28	10.61 9.39

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	BLACK	AMATEURS	16	38	23	13.97 6.03
5	SKEIDAR	EDMONDS	16	41	13	16.42 3.58
6	CANTOR	ORCA	16	41	28	13.28 6.72

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	ALTSHULER	QUARANTEAM	16	52	9	18.44 1.56
8	GILLIS	RIPPEY	16	70	9	20.00 0.00
9	SALVO	FREDIN	16	54	18	17.85 2.15

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	ZHAO	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	27	18	12.29 7.71
11	HOK	HARRIS	16	33	52	3.42 16.58
12	FOLLOW SUIT	WILSON	16	32	25	6.48 13.52
13	VINITA	NETBRIDGE	16	28	28	10.00 10.00
14	GREECE	MIXED NUTS	16	20	40	5.00 15.00
15	OBJECTIVITY	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	22	48	3.91 16.09

Round 10. 16 boards. Friday, 26 February 2021, 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	GUPTA	DE BOTTON	16	38	14	14.80 5.20
2	RED DEVILS	DONNER	16	1	42	1.25 18.75
3	MOSS	LEBOWITZ	16	2	38	3.12 16.88

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	SKEIDAR	BLACK	16	45	47	8.38 10.62
5	ORCA	AMATEURS	16	38	28	13.52 6.48
6	EDMONDS	CANTOR	16	28	6	16.73 3.27

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	GILLIS	ALTSHULER	16	17	42	4.08 15.92
8	FREDIN	QUARANTEAM	16	63	28	17.72 2.28
9	RIPPEY	SALVO	16	14	55	1.79 18.21

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs	Adj	VPs
	Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	ZHAO	HARRIS	16	68	38	15.38 4.62
11	VINITA	HOK	16	49	6	17.31 2.69
12	FOLLOW SUIT	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	28	38	7.20 12.80
13	WILSON	NETBRIDGE	16	17	49	4.44 15.56
14	GREECE	OBJECTIVITY	16	48	47	9.69 10.31
15	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	MIXED NUTS	16	23	27	7.97 12.03

Ranking after round 10		
rk	Group A	VPs
1	MOSS	131.10
2	DONNER	112.59
3	LEBOWITZ	101.22
4	DE BOTTON	96.81
5	RED DEVILS	84.92
6	GUPTA	73.36

Ranking after round 10		
rk	Group B	VPs
1	EDMONDS	121.28
2	SKEIDAR	103.06
3	AMATEURS	101.08
4	CANTOR	100.60
5	BLACK	100.00
6	ORCA	73.98

Ranking after round 10		
rk	Group C	VPs
1	ALTSHULER	132.87
2	GILLIS	108.21
3	SALVO	103.95
4	FREDIN	90.66
5	QUARANTEAM	90.29
6	RIPPEY	74.02

Ranking after round 10		
rk	Group D	VPs
1	ZHAO	128.86
2	VINITA	122.14
3	FOLLOW SUIT	109.57
4	HOK	107.30
5	GREECE	105.35
6	WILSON	101.45
7	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	98.74
8	OBJECTIVITY	92.77
9	JEDI KNIGHTS	89.89
10	NETBRIDGE	87.37
11	HARRIS	84.88
12	MIXED NUTS	71.68

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