

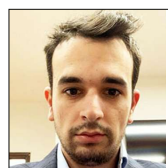
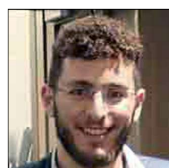
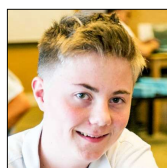


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IN HEAVEN, QUARANTEAM!

From left to right: Katherine Todd, Jacob Freeman, Christian Lahrmann, Asaf Yekutieli, Ami Zamir, Gabriele Zanasi, Marcel Verhaegen and Finn Kolesnik

Welcome in Heaven!

The star-studded teams Moss and Zhao, replete with world champions, were in the lead almost all the time in the Mini-Alt. When they played each other the very last round it was likely that the winner of that match would be the tournament winner. Not so. Quaranteam defeated Amateurs big and by the end of the day the squad of Katherine Todd arrived in bridge heaven.

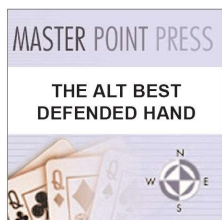
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Triple F

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Kamil Nowak (kamiln)
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Federico Primavera (fulldiRe)
Walter Schuster (schustmozz)
Piotr Tuczynski (mischczu)

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Jing Liu (liujing)
Choon Chou Loo (bridgeboy)
Guy Mendes de Leon (guymdl)
Bart Nab (bnab)
Thibo Sprinkhuizen (thibos)
Ricco van Prooijen (riccovp)
Tim Verbeek (timve)
Louk Verhees (loukie)
Chen Zhao (zhaochen)



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They say (whoever they may be) that sometimes it's better to be lucky than to be good, and the first day of the Mini Alt Teams saw some examples of just that.

Match 3 Board 9. N/EW

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

This deal doesn't look any too inspiring, at first glance probably just a competitive part-score hand, trading a few fifties or hundreds or 110s or 120s perhaps. In fact, with the good luck of cards lying nicely, and with some good guesswork, NS can make 3NT. Only one pair bid it, and must have suffered bad luck in guessing, ending two down. However, the results were far from unexciting; this board produced some of the biggest numbers of the whole tournament and saw 102 IMPs traded.

What the ancients would have considered as off-center 1NT openings have become increasingly common, and here they were the cause of all the mayhem.

Nowadays a singleton top honor is considered a perfectly respectable feature of a 1NT opening, and quite rightly in my opinion, especially in a 4441 hand. And with a hand like this East one with its ropey club suit and short suit honors I refuse to reverse just to show my extra values. Many Easts saw 1NT as the smallest distortion, and a good number of Souths could overcall 2♠, usually showing spades and a minor. This came back round to East and four who felt lucky doubled for takeout, turning the spotlight on their West partners. Two felt their best chance lay in passing, and they conceded respectively 570 and 470 (dropped a trick, but doubtless content). Two others heeded the maxim that takeout doubles should be taken out, and with four cards in the other major probably didn't expect a disaster when they removed to 3♥. Doubled both times by their northern LHOs.

Gabrielle Zanasi did well to get as many as six tricks at a cost of 800. In the other instance Volcker-Bessis produced a vicious defense and scored 1400. Unlike many of her counterparts in the South seat, Tatyana Trendafilova chose to pass the 1NT opening, leaving Per-Ola Cullin to transfer to spades, and when the completed transfer came back to Fredrik Jarlvik he found a reopening double, and when NS duly took their allotted nine tricks they had 1100 in the plus column.

Zia also went for 1100 playing 2♠X, in his case from the West seat, after the kind of auction that you know is landing you in trouble, one that began with a different off-center 1NT, a mini (how appropriate for the Mini Alt Teams):

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Vergoed</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Topiol</i>
-	1NT*	Dbl*	Rdbl*
2♣*	Dbl	Pass	Pass
2♥	Dbl	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1NT 10-13
 Dbl penalty
 Rdbl to play
 2♣ running, may not have clubs

I've saved the biggest score from this uninspiring board to the end, with the mini notrump again responsible:

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhoeve</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>Van Dijk</i>	<i>L Robinson</i>
-	1NT*	Dbl*	Pass*
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Dbl*
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1NT 10-12
 Dbl values
 Pass partner should redouble
 2♥ transfer to spades
 Dbl penalty
 Rdbl rescue

The same four off, but redoubled that was 2200 and 19 IMPs against the 1NT+1 in the other room. A new maxim emerges : if takeout doubles should be taken out, SOS redoubles really really should be taken out.

One player who certainly thought it was his lucky day was Roger Lee. Take a look at this deal:

Match 5 Board 3. S/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>S Moss</i>	<i>Liu</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

I was commentating on BBO, and could only manage a quick 'Wow!' when the final bid appeared on screen. OK it's a three loser hand, but with the opening bid behind you it wouldn't be astonishing to lose the AQ of trumps, or a trump and a heart or spade. It was indeed his lucky day with partner producing the ♥J and North holding the ♦Q. To give you an indication of just how much Lee was riding his luck, not only was he the only one in slam, only five pairs got to game, one reached the dizzy heights of 4♦, the remainder in 3♦ (or, one brave soul, 2♦).

When the hand was over we spectators saw this table chat:

Liu: well bid

Lee: thanks but just lucky imo

To which I can only add: full marks to Roger Lee for honesty there.

On this next hand I think it's as much a question of luck as of judgment whether you bid the slam in a crowded auction:

Match 4 Board 4. W/All

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

West and East both have pretty nice hands with points and controls and decent looking suits. What they don't have is a primary fit, so slam rates to be against the odds, and so it very much is, single dummy. Six EW pairs must have felt lucky, their optimism carrying them all the way to slam, three times in hearts by East, twice in notrump by West, and once in diamonds by West. Against hearts all three Souths led a club, so those three were down by trick two. Against diamonds the Norths led ♣A, so also down at trick two. The play interest comes in 6NT; note that it has to be played by West, else a spade lead beats it. When the hearts break 3-3, without which you can curse your luck as you head on down, you have eleven tricks once the ♣A has been knocked out.

Apart from the unlikely stiff ♣A in South, you have four primary chances: the spade finesse; diamonds 3-3; ♦Jx or ♦10x in North; or a diamond-spade squeeze (there are also some remoter chances of squeezes involving clubs, or some unlikely endplay possibilities). Dror Padon got the lead of the ♥3, so he cashed the

three tops to find the lucky break there. Next he led a club to the queen, correctly ducked by Brad Moss. Correctly not only because it gives declarer a losing option of repeating the club up, but also because it avoids rectifying the count for a possible squeeze. Padon now decided to combine his chances of 3-3 diamonds, club ace onside, and some squeezes. He took dummy's two top diamonds, then the ace in his own hand to run the hearts. South discarded the ♠4, 9, J. Dummy discarded the ♠7, ♣7, ♦9 and North the ♣5, ♠10, ♣8. Now at the crossroads, he played his second club, not trying for the ace onside any longer, since South also has a cashing long diamond, but for the ♣6 to set up if South had started with J10 in that suit. His luck was out when Moss could take two club tricks. The successful (and lucky) declarer was Alan Wilson, who got the ♦10 lead. He took it in hand with the ace to lead a club up, won by North, who returned a heart. Having used his only outside entry at trick one Wilson now had to run the heart suit, but after the opening lead he felt confident of the diamond finesse. As his NPC I joined him and his partner in counting ourselves lucky. Statistics geeks might like to assess which has the best odds on, say, a heart lead: Padon's line, or cash top hearts to find they break, then ♣ and ♦A to see what happens there before you run the rest of the hearts. My instinct says the latter.

Zia always attracts a big crowd of kibitzers, because there's always the chance he'll do something outrageous - sometimes wildly successful, sometimes wildly not. And there is also the attraction of his table chat. However, it was his opponent Mike Rippey who produced the outrageous action on this board, leading to a suboptimal contract but some entertaining table banter at the end. First the board:

Match 1 Board 9. N/EW

	<div>♠ Q J 10 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ A 5 4 3</div>		
<div>♠ 9 8 4 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ A K Q J 8 ♣ Q 2</div>	<div>N W E S</div>	<div>♠ A K 6 5 ♥ 10 3 ♦ 10 6 5 3 2 ♣ J 7</div>	
	<div>♠ 7 3 2 ♥ J 9 8 7 5 ♦ - ♣ K 10 9 8 6</div>		
West	North	East	South
Zia	Nowak	Gupta	Rippey
-	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dbl [!?!]
Rdbl*	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	good hand		

EW cashed their eight tricks and scored just 300, while their opponents, like most EW pairs, played and made 3NT for 600 and 7 IMPs.

Then we were treated to this:

zia: weird!!!!

radiators: Haha! Sorry. Thought he opened a diamond

zia: i psyche ..mike psyches and the rest are normal

nareng: opened 1♣

[me in commentary]: when Zia calls something weird (and with 3 exclamation marks) it must be odd

kamiln: letting me play 1nt to Your 4hcp was sadistic

radiators: I guess I "knew" he had diamonds

zia: it was from the movies ..

zia: the weirdest lead on bidding ..but most welcome !

some wd lead sp ace but thats too normal for this hand

zia: its the covid virus i guess

zia: look for it in my next book!

nareng: kamil is bidding 1NT with confidence... I need to set up tricks somewhere

zia: pl dont explain ! they may call director !!!

From the same match we also had this little exchange:

Match 1 Board 8. W/None

		♠ 10 6 ♥ Q 10 8 3 ♦ Q 9 6 5 ♣ A K 7			
♠ Q J 8 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ K 8 7 4 3 ♣ 5 2		<div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>		♠ K 9 5 4 2 ♥ J ♦ 2 ♣ Q J 8 6 4 3	
		♠ A 7 ♥ K 9 7 5 4 2 ♦ A J 10 ♣ 10 9			

West	North	East	South
Zia	Nowak	Gupta	Rippey
Pass	1♦	3♣	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Apparently Zia-Gupta don't have a way to show this two suiter, but 3♣ would not have been my choice of call (if you want to know what I would have done, I charge very reasonable rates for lessons ;-) just joking). As we can all see EW have a very good save in spades against the heart game, but if you don't bid the suit you won't play the suit. Which seems to be Zia's view, when he chatted.

Zia: I probably should have bid to which my response in commentary was: "I don't think Zia has a bid there (well, Zia might have, the rest of us don't)".

While we're on the subject of Zia's amusing table chat, on board 11 of the first match he alerted his 3♣ bid

with the following description: 'game try but could be suspect'. For most opponents all of Zia's bids, and plays, come with the tagline 'could be suspect'. If there were a fourth award category for best alert description, I would surely nominate this.

So, do ya feel lucky? Well, as the famous golfer Gary Player once said when accused of being lucky, "It's a funny thing, the more I practice, the luckier I get". It seems that some of my protagonists must have practiced a lot.

*It's a funny thing, the more
I practice, the luckier I get*



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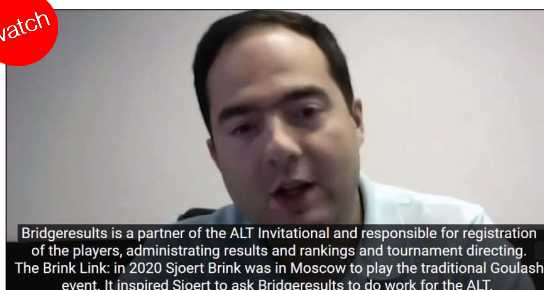
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ALternative Bids

Mark Horton



I spent my time looking for an insight into how expert players approach certain types of bidding problems. I leave you to judge if they are of any value.

Round 2

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

I selected this deal for a number of reasons. Firstly it is what the late, great Roland Wald described as a 20-20 deal (I'll leave you to work out why). Secondly I spent part of Monday watching recordings of the first two T20 (a form of cricket) matches between India and England, played in front of 67,000 spectators. Thirdly I was interested to see how many pairs might reach the playable game in hearts.

It's easy enough to predict the first two bids - North opens 1♠ and East overcalls 1NT. However, the continuation after that is not so clear and if South bids 2♦ getting to 4♥ looks some way off. Time to check a few auctions!

Quaranteam v de Botton

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Zamir</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>
-	1♠	1NT	2♦
3♣*	Pass	Pass	Pass

3♣ Non-forcing

North led the ♦Q, setting up a ruff, declarer scoring nine tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Lahrman</i>	<i>de Botton</i>
-	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♠ Range ask or clubs; 2NT minimum

With EW known to have a decent number of clubs North contested the part-score. South must have been close to raising, but it was still a 7 IMP gain.

Bananas v Baldusson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Einarsson</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
-	1♠	1NT*	2♦*
2NT*	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1NT 15-18
2♦ ♦+♥
2NT Clubs

South's conventional 2♦ solved the problem at a stroke! It is part of the Meckwell armory, where a double shows 10+, 2♣ would show at least nine cards in clubs and hearts, 5-9 and 2♥/2♠ would be natural bids. If the opening bid is 1♥ then 2♦ would promise ♦+♠.

East led the ♦A and switched to the ♣K, but declarer won, drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy and played the ♦J for +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Setton</i>	<i>Thorvaldson</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Armannsson</i>
-	1♠	Dbl	2♣*
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♣ Diamonds

North led the ♦Q, but did not switch to hearts when in with the ♣A, so declarer emerged with 11 tricks and 11 IMPs.

Zhao v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paske</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
-	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♠ Balanced invitation or clubs
2NT Minimum
3♣ Clubs, to play

Once again we saw North take a second bid with South declining to raise. Ten tricks were easy after the lead of the ♦A (not that anything else would help).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Mendes de Leon</i>	<i>Black</i>
-	1♠	Dbl	2♣*
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2NT 'Weak three-level bid'
3♣ 'Somewhat forced'

South led the ♠5 and when the defenders did not cash their hearts when North got in with the ♣A declarer took eleven tricks and pocketed 8 IMPs. This was the only other table where East preferred a double to 1NT.

In Amateurs v Altshuler Ahmed Soliman was able to open 2♠, 10-13 and Jossef Roll's 2NT overcall ended matters, declarer being held to eight tricks, +120. It was a flat board as EW scored +110 in 3♣ in the other room.

Netbridge v Moss

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Bremer</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Van den Hoek</i>
-	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♠ Clubs

North started with two rounds of clubs, so +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Witteveen</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Arens</i>	<i>Brink</i>
-	1♠	1NT	2♦*
2NT*	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♦ 5♦+4♥
2NT Lebensohl

North led the ♦Q, South following with the two, and after winning the first round of clubs he switched to the ♥9, South winning and returning the ♦9 for -300 and 10 IMPs.

Gupta v Northeasterners

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Botta</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>McNay</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
-	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♠ 'Range or clubs'
2NT Minimum

Here South did raise (it rarely turns out badly when you raise with four-card support). East led the ♦K and continued with the four, declarer winning with dummy's jack, drawing trumps and playing the ♦10, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
-	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♠ 'Clubs or range'
2NT Minimum

North led the ♦Q but did not find the heart switch, so +150 and 11 IMPs.

Uli v Donner

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Primavera</i>	<i>Donner</i>	<i>Mann</i>
-	1♠	1NT*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Dbl*	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1NT 15-18
 2♠ 'Range or ask clubs'
 2NT 'On the lower side'
 Dbl Take out

West led the ♦6 and East won with the king and switched to the ♥3, declarer winning with the nine and exiting with the ♠9. West won with the ten and switched to the ♣Q. Declarer won, ruffed a club high and played a spade for the queen, king and ace. East continued with the ♠J, but declarer ruffed high in dummy and claimed, +420.

If West continues with a red card after winning the first round of spades, declarer does not have a winning line.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schuster</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
-	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♠ Transfer to Clubs

Round 4

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

On this deal EW have a very playable 6♥, not least because of West's excellent trump spots. However, reaching this type of contract is not always easy when one player holds all the assets, especially when that includes first round control in every suit. There is also a strong possibility that the bidding will start along the lines of 1♠-3♠ when East has less room to maneuver. Let's see how our guinea pigs coped:

Guinea pig



Zhao v The Boys - not all from Brazil

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♠*	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

3♠ Preempt

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Thoma</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♠*	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

3♠ Weak; 4♦ ♦+♥; 5♣ Cue bid

That looks like an interesting agreement - non-leaping Michaels. It was not enough to see EW reach slam.

Moss v Rippey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vallet</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bedouet</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	2NT*	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2NT 7-11, 4♠ or 10-11, 3♠

6♠ was four down in top tricks, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moss	Nowak	Lee	Rippey
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♠*	4♦	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

3♠ Weak

It seems clear that 4♦ showed the red suits, but stopping short meant a loss of 3 IMPs.

Gupta v de Botton

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	de Wijs	de Botton	Muller
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

East's direct jump to 6♥ is very much in the style of the late Maria Erhart.

Declarer ruffed the spade lead, cashed the ♥A, crossed to dummy's jack and played the ♦10 for the six, queen and king. After ruffing the spade return she played on clubs and the fall of the QJ meant she no longer needed the diamonds to break, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Charlsen	Crouch	Bakke
-	-	-	2♠*
Pass	3NT	4♠*	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♠ 8-11, 6 ♠; 4♠ Intended as Michaels

Declarer ruffed the spade lead and played two rounds of diamonds, South winning with the jack and playing a second spade. Declarer ruffed and ruffed a diamond with dummy's ♥9, claiming, +1430. It was the only match in which both teams bid 6♥.

Amateurs v Jolly Jumper

Open Room

West	North	East	South
van de Pavverd	Pettis	Nijssen	Lo
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	2♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

What would 4NT over 4♠ suggest in this situation? When East corrects West's 5♣ to 5♦ does it suggest a stronger hand than the direct 5♦?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stark	Vreeswijk	Baseggio	Vilier
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	2NT*	4♥	4♣
5♥	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2NT 'Fit and 5+'

I'll suggest that in this situation West should be allowed to bid 5♣ to show clubs and a heart fit.

Black v Bananas

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robert	Gold	Franceschetti	Black
-	-	-	2♠*
Pass	4♠	4NT*	Dbl*
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♠ 'Constructive weak two, (7)8-11'

Dbl 'Undiscussed; but fair hand'

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hult	Bessis	Hallberg	Volcker
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♠*	4♥	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

3♠ 'Rather preemptive'

As I mentioned earlier its worth considering the difference between this and East bidding 4NT over 4♠ and then correcting to 5♦ over West's 5♣. Does that show a stronger hand?

Bridge Winners v Cantor

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wilson	Watson	Smith	Geeske
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♠*	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

3♠ Mixed raise

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Feldman</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
-	-	-	2♠
Pass	3♠	4♠*	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♠ 9-11, 6♠

If East's redouble confirmed a first round control in spades then it is easy to see why West bid 6♥ and gained 13 IMPs.

Uli v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>van Dijk</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Verhoeve</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	2NT*	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

2NT '10-11, 3 card support or mixed raise'

The artificial 2NT gives East the option of bidding 3♠, but you would need the agreement that it is Michaels rather than showing a solid suit somewhere while asking West for a spade stopper. 4♦ is available as Leaping Michaels.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Primavera</i>	<i>Bremer</i>	<i>Mann</i>	<i>Van den Hoek</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
Pass	4♠	6♦	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

That is not dissimilar to Janet de Botton's approach and it was worth 13 IMPs.

Round 4

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Jerry Stamatov

EW appear destined to reach 4♠, but there appear to be four losers. There is also the possibility that South will get involved when West has to choose between supporting partner or playing for penalties.

Zhao v The Boys - not all from Brazil

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Zhao</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Unless South intervenes that looks like the model auction. South led the ♥5 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club for the queen and king. South switched to the ♦9 and North won with the king, cashed the ♣A and waited for a trump, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Tommasini</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Thoma</i>
1NT*	Pass	2♥*	3♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

1NT 10-12
2♥ 'Can be four spades'
Dbl 'I think penalty'

There was nothing to the play, the defenders easily securing six tricks for -300 and 8 IMPs.

Moss v Rippey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vallet</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bedouet</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

That was the regulation -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Rippey</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South led the ♥2 and declarer put in dummy's jack and cashed the ♠QA, South pitching the ♥4. The ♣Q lost to North's ace and he returned the ♣4. That allowed declarer to follow with the two and South won with the king and switched to the ♦Q, declarer winning with dummy's ace and playing the ♥A, ruffed by North and overruffed by declarer, who could pitch two diamonds on the ♣QJ and ruff a diamond for +420 and 3 IMPs.

Altshuler v Donner

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Michielsen</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Levin</i>
1♦*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♦	1+♦, 10-15
2NT	Asking
3NT	Maximum with 4♠

South led the ♥5 and when declarer played dummy's three North won with the ten and switched to the ♣6 for the queen and king. South returned the ♦9 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♥A, discarding a diamond when North ruffed with the ♠5. Now the defenders could score a diamond ruff so that meant three down, -150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Padon</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Grue</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	2♥
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1♣	2+♣
1♥	Spades

North led the ♥10 and declarer won with the jack and played a club for the jack and king. The ♥Q was covered by the ace, ruffed by the five and overruffed with the queen, declarer continuing with the ♣10, North taking the ace and exiting with the nine. Declarer could not avoid the loss of a spade and a diamond, -50 but a 2 IMP gain.

Black v Bananas

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Black</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West led the ♠8 and East won with the queen and switched to the ♣Q, declarer winning with the king and playing the ♦Q. West took the ace and played a club, declarer winning with dummy's ace, ruffing a spade with the ♥4, and playing a diamond to the ten and jack. East cashed the ♣J and followed with the ten. When declarer ruffed with the ♥2 (that's what it says on BBO!) West could overruff with the three for four down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hult</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South led the ♥2 and declarer put in dummy's jack, cashed the ♠AK and exited with the ♣Q. North won with the ace and returned the ♠J, declarer winning with the queen and playing the ♣10. When it held he ruffed a club and played the ♥A. North could ruff, but declarer was sure of ten tricks, +420 but a loss of 9 IMPs.

Harris v Northeasterners

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Tiholov</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>Gold</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South led the ♣3 and North won with the ace and returned the four for the queen and king. South switched to the ♦Q, but declarer could win in dummy, take two rounds of spades and then pitch two diamonds on the clubs, +420 when declarer took the heart finesse (although as the cards lie it is not essential, as if North ruffs in at any point he is endplayed).

West	North	East	South
<i>Harris</i>	<i>McNay</i>	<i>Malhasyan</i>	<i>Grossack</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

South led the ♥6 and when dummy's jack held declarer played a club for the jack and king. South switched to the ♦Q and when declarer ducked in dummy a second diamond meant he finished two down, -100 and a loss of 11 IMPs.

Uli v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Dijk</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>	<i>Verhoeve</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	2♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

1NT 10-12
2♣ 'Stayman, doesn't have to have a four-card
major'

West led the ♠4 and East won with the king and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed and played a heart, West taking the jack and exiting with the ♣8 for the nine, ten and king. When declarer played the ♦Q West won and played a club, but declarer won in dummy and played the ♠J, covered and ruffed by declarer who crossed to dummy with the ♦K and pitched a club on the ♠10 for +470.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Primavera</i>	<i>Bremer</i>	<i>Mann</i>	<i>Van den Hoek</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

West led the ♣8 for the nine, ten and king and declarer played a heart, West winning with the jack and playing a second club. Declarer took dummy's ace and exited with the ♠5, East winning with the queen, cashing the ♣Q and continuing with the jack. When declarer ruffed with the ♥4 West pitched a second diamond (one had already gone on a club) took the heart exit with the king and played the ♠4. If declarer plays dummy's seven the contract will be two down, but playing the ten saw East cover with the king. Declarer ruffed and played the ♦9, but West took the ace and played the ♠9 which established a high spade which meant the ♥3 would score, taking the contract three down, -500 and a 14 IMP swing.

Round 6

Board 2, Dealer East, NS Vul.

Board 27: Board: East: NS Vul:

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

Diagram of the board layout:

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Hand 1 (Left):

♠ K J 7 4 3
♥ K J 10 5 4
♦ -
♣ 8 3 2

I tend to be irresistibly drawn to deals like this where the dealer has a 4441 pattern with four hearts, as I have always been partial to opening 2♥ with this type of hand (a method described in the Editor's The Mysterious Multi). That aside, which minor would East start with and what would South do given the vulnerability?

Moss v Gupta

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Moss</i>
-	-	1♦*	2♥*
2NT*	4♠	4NT*	Pass
5♦	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1♦	2+♦, 11-15
2♥	Weak, majors
2NT	'Puppet to 3♣ (I think)'

East led the ♣K and declarer won, cashed the ♠Q10 and played a heart to the ten, West taking the ace and playing a club for one down, -100.
Note that if South is declarer West has to find a club lead to be sure of defeating 6♠.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
-	-	1♦	2♦*
5♦	6♦	Pass	6♥
Dbf	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♦ Majors

In the days when I took the game seriously my partnership with Richard Winter was able to use bids in the minors to agree one of partner's suits, which can be useful if you want partner to be declarer. Here 6♣ would agree hearts and 6♦ spades. Even so, I suspect West would have led a club, don't you? East led the ♣Q, one down and a 3 IMP swing.



Chen Zhao

Zhao v Quaranteam
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lahrmann	van Prooijen	Todd	Zhao
-	-	1♦	1♠
2♠*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

2♠ Good raise

This was one of only two tables where South was content to overcall 1♠. South led the ♠3, ensuring one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bob Drijver	Zamir	Verhees	Yekutieli
-	-	1♣*	2♦*
3♦*	4♦*	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

1♣ 2+♣, may have longer diamonds
2♦ Majors; 3♦ 'Undiscussed, natural'
4♦ 'Not sure, meant as a good 4♠'

East led the ♣K but that was only enough to stop an overtrick, +850 and 13 IMPs. East was one of three players who started with 1♣.

Bananas v Bid72

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Wouden	Bessis	Bakker	Volcker
-	-	1♦*	2♦*
3♦	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1♦ Unbalanced; 2♦ Majors

Declarer took eleven tricks on the lead of the ♣K.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Setton	Lesmeister	Franceschetti	Ros
-	-	1♦	2♦*
3♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♦ Majors

The same lead led to the same result, no swing. This was the only match where both rooms played in 4♠.

Amateurs v The Boys - not all from Brazil

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thoma	Soliman	Tommasini	Chechelasvili
-	-	1♦	2♦*
2♠	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♦ Majors
2♠ 'Diamond invitational or more'

Declarer scored 11 tricks, +850.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gu	King	Baseggio	Castner
-	-	1♦	2♦
3♦	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

East led the ♠8 and declarer won, drew the outstanding trump and played a heart to the ten, +1050 and 5 IMPs.

Altshuler v Bridge Winners

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Liu	Birman	Hung	Padon
-	-	1♦	2♦*
2♠*	3♦*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♦ Majors
2♠ Diamonds, limit raise+
3♦ Spade raise, limit+

West led the ♦A, but here declarer's first play in hearts was low to the king, so he took only ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Erkoc</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Chorush</i>
-	-	1♦*	2♦*
2♥*	4♠	5♣	Pass
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♦	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- 1♦ 'Unbalanced or 18-19 any balanced'
 2♦ Majors
 2♥ Limit+ in diamonds

South led the ♠3 and North won and switched to a heart, two down, -300 and an 8 IMP gain.

Cantor v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Black</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
-	-	1♦*	2♦*
4♦	4♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

- 1♦ Almost always unbalanced
 2♦ Michaels

East led the ♣K, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graham</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Paske</i>
-	-	1♣*	2♣*
2♦*	4♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

- 1♣ 4+♣, natural
 2♣ Michaels
 2♦ 'Not sure if forcing or not (probably forcing)'

East led the ♣K but that was +850 and 14 IMPs.

Dutch All In v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Dijk</i>	<i>Hoogeveen</i>	<i>Verhoeve</i>	<i>Schols</i>
-	-	1♣*	2♣*
Dbl	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1♣ 3+♣
 2♣ Majors
 Dbl Points
 4NT Minors

South led the ♠3 and North won with the ace and switched to the ♥8 for the queen, king and ace and North ducked the first club, won the second and, with South following with the ♣23, played a second heart, so only one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dewit</i>	<i>Huber</i>	<i>Vandewiele</i>	<i>Van der Starre</i>
-	-	1♦	2♦*
2♠*	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

- 2♦ Majors; 2♠ Good hand with diamonds

Leading the ♣K led to one down and a 7 IMP gain.

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A FLEXIBLE DOUBLE

As West you have:

♠ A K Q 7 5 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ 8 3 ♣ J 9 3

E/W

West	North	East	South
-	-	1♦	4♣
?			

Pass, 4♠ or double?

Prepared to correct the expected 4♦ or 4♥ to 4♠, Marcel 'Triple F' Verhaegen opted for double. He could have bid 4♠ right away, but he didn't mind defending 4♣ should partner pass. Marcel's flexible doubled paid off:

Round 1, board 6, Donner versus Quaranteam

E/W

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

	N	E
W		S

♠ 10 8	
♥ 8 5	
♦ Q 10	
♣ A Q 8 7 6 4 2	

West	North	East	South
Verhaegen	S. Rimstedt	Zanasi	Donner
-	-	1♦	4♣
Dbl	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass



Marcel Verhaegen

Club lead to the ace. Spade to the ace. Diamond to king. Diamond back. Heart to the king. ♠J. Diamond ruff. Trumps. Heart to the king. EW +650.

After winning the second diamond North better switches to a club or continues with his third diamond. Then 4♠ fails to make. To survive declarer should have won the spade switch in dummy with his jack, draw trumps and go after the diamonds.

At the other table South overcalled 3♣ over 1♦ and was allowed to play there. Minus three, still 11 IMPs to Quaranteam.

With ♦A right side and the diamonds 3-2 it looks like 4♠ is cold. Not so. A heart honor or club lead to the ace and a heart switch does the job. Zia for instance had to suffer such a defense and went down.



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dealer East vulnerability None NBW-03			
West		East	
♠ 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	6	5
7♦	6NT	7NT 6♥ 6♦	7♥

West	North	East	South
Marina72		Tobias	
—	—	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?



Bassie

the Bassie and Bobbie Tales



Bobbie

DRIJVER-OF-THE-DAY (2)

by Toine van Hoof

In the first encounter between the teams of Moss and Zhao in round 5 Bas Drijver (40) avoided the confrontation with his brother Bob (34) by sitting out. However, in the second match, with the tournament victory at stake, he did not forsake. As always Bas played with Sjoert Brink, while Bob, who during the tournament had almost as many different partners as Zsa Zsa Gabor had husbands, teamed up with his regular partner Bart Nab. This was the ranking after eleven rounds:

1. Zhao	138.28
2. Moss	136.18
3. Quaranteam	133.70

Bas (Moss) needed a small win in order to pass Bob (Zhao). He got a good start when Drijver-Nab drifted to a hopeless 6♦ contract on the first board:

Round 12. Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 8 4 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ J 10 5</p>		<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ K 7 6 4 ♣ A K 7 2</p>	
<p>♠ A 5 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ A Q J 10 9 ♣ 9 4 3</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ K 9 7 6 3 ♥ K 10 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ Q 8 6</p>	
West	North	East	South
Bob	Bas	Nab	Brink
-	Pass	1♣*	1♠
2♣*	2♠	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♣	2+♣
2♣	5+♦, invite+
2♠	support but no A, K or Q
3♠	asks for stop
4NT	optional RKCB
5♠	2KC +♦Q, no minimum

Even after Brink's lead of a small heart for dummy's queen, there was no way to get to twelve tricks. In the replay East made eleven tricks in 3NT, gaining 11 IMPs.

Bob immediately won 6 IMPs back by bidding a nicely fitting 4♠:

Round 12. Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bob	Bas	Nab	Brink
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	4+♠, invite		

The lead was a trump to the queen, king and ace. Bob drew another round of trumps, stripped the red suits and played a club to the king, North contributing the 8 and South winning with the ace. South returned the



Zsa Zsa Gabor:

“How many husbands have I had? You mean apart from my own?”

♣10 and declarer claimed ten tricks. At the other table Kalita and Nowosadzki rested in 2♠: 6 IMPs to Zhao.

Bas won the same amount of IMPs with a shaky 4♠ contract that was 'missed' at the other table:

Round 12. Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bob</i>	<i>Bas</i>	<i>Nab</i>	<i>Brink</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1NT	9-14		

East led the ♥A and continued with the ♥K and the ♥2. West ruffed with the ♠J and Bas elegantly discarded a diamond. He won the ♦Q return with the ace, played a spade and claimed when the queen appeared (declarer can draw trumps and discard the ♦J on the established heart).

On the next board Brink launched a devious psych.

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Round 12. Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bob	Bas	Nab	Brink
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

1NT 15-17
3♠ 4♠+5♥

Though the 3♠ bid came slowly, Nab fell for it and abandoned the spade lead. He led a club and Bas grabbed his ten tricks.

At the other table Chen Zhao as South bid 3NT at his second turn. Jacek Kalita led the ♠10 and the defense had the first five tricks: 12 IMPs to Moss.

More excitement on the next hand:

Round 12. Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bob	Bas	Nab	Brink
-	1♣*	1♦	1♥*
1♠*	3♣	3♦	Pass
3NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass

1♣ 2+♣
1♥ spades
1♠ take-out, usually 4♥

Bob knows Brink-Drijver's reputation of doubling ambitious 3NT contracts so he did not run. Bas led the ♣A,

followed by the ♣Q. Bob won with the king, rattled off six diamond tricks and advanced the ♠Q, which South had to cover to prevent an overtrick: EW 550, winning 4 IMPs against 400 at the other table.

Round 12. Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bob	Bas	Nab	Brink
-	-	1♠	2♦
Dbl	2♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Declarer lost two diamonds, a heart and a spade: EW plus 140.

West	North	East	South
Nowosadzki	Verhees	Kalita	Zhao
-	-	1♠	1NT
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4♦ hearts

At the other table Zhao overcalled 1NT, a bid that was not available to Brink because they play it as Raptor (four hearts and a longer minor). One second later he was declarer in 4♥. The defense has four cashable tricks (and a potential trump trick) but South's diamond strength was unknown to them. West led the ♠J to the ace and East shifted to a diamond. Zhao won with the ace, cashed the ♥Q, pitched a club on the ♠K and played the ♥9 to the ace. He cashed the ♥K and saw to his delight West follow suit on two more rounds of diamonds. So he could pitch another club on the ♦10 while West ruffed with the ♥J: NS 420 and 11 IMPs to Zhao.

In the remaining six boards only a few IMPs changed hands (a cold 7♥ contract was bid by both Verhees-Zhao and Brink-Drijver) and Moss won the match by 10 IMPs (13.18-6.82). That was enough for Bas to become the Drijver of the Day but not enough to win the tournament. By scoring 17.56 in their final match Marcel Verhagen's Quaranteam won the Mini Alt Teams Invitational. Final score: 1. Quaranteam 151.26, 2. Moss 149.36, 3. Zhao 145.10.



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Les Amoils

A FRIVOLITY

There is a thin line between genius and insanity. Being in a mild mood your editor, who just finished his scallops à la Meuse, would prefer to describe the redouble on the diagrammed board as a frivolity. But judge for yourself.

As North you have:

♠ K 8 ♥ A Q 9 8 3 ♦ 8 7 5 4 ♣ 9 7

West being the dealer and East-West vulnerable the bidding starts as follows:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	?		

Your editor would opt for a bourgeois 3♦, but suppose you take a shot at 3NT in spite of your hole in clubs. The bidding proceeds:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Db1	?		

1Asking for a spade lead

In a way you are happy, because from your perspective the only real fear would have been a club lead. Since you have the spades covered and are likely to have enough points, you decide to redouble for business. It seems that your only worry is that partner might get these 'doubt showing redouble' ideas.

This is what happened at the table:

Match 3, Board 3

The Boys - Not All - from Brazil versus Quaranteam

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Amoils</i>	<i>Lahrman</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Todd</i>
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Db1	Rdbl	Pass	pass
Pass			

Les Amoils deliberately gave up a club lead, which might have been good for his side. From his point of view a heart lead might not work out well. A spade lead however could do a much better job, for the defense that is.

Tom Hanlon duly led his stiff spade: 3, 9, K. Declared returned ♠8 (East ♥4) and let it run to the jack. West continued with ♥J to the queen and king and East played back a low diamond for the ace in dummy. At this point declarer had no play and had to accept two down, minus 600.

One can argue what was the real frivolity on the board: the double by west, the redouble by north or the game forcing jump to 3♦ by South.

At the other table it rested in 2♠ after a 2♦ rebid by South and a - rather conservative - pass by North. In spite of the bad breaks declarer managed to make eight tricks. Twelve well deserved imps to the boys.



Scallops à la Meuse

THE FUNNIEST TRICK OF THE TOURNAMENT

Match 10 Board 3. S/EW

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

West	North	East	South
Brink	Bessis	Bas Drijver	Volcker
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	4♠	4NT	6♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

A little quiz for you. You can see all the hands, and you can see the auction. Declarer wins the second trick - can you guess which card he wins it with? Ready for the answer? Even if you weren't watching the match, I suspect you'll be less surprised than Thomas Bessis was.

At trick 1 Bas Drijver led the ♣K for the 3, 4 and 7. For reasons best known to himself (perhaps he misread the club signal) he then switched to the ♥5 'covered' by dummy's 6, and Sjoert Brink disappeared into the proverbial tank. When he emerged, for reasons best known to himself and that I really do not wish to try to guess at, he ducked, signaling something with the 4. So yes, Bessis' singleton ♥7 won the second trick, and the sacrifice cost only 800 instead of the normal (and other table) 1100. Sjoert, if you're reading this, let me give you an expert tip that I learned at my mother's knee, and which will help you improve your game:

Third hand plays high, also known as do not finesse against partner.

To be fair, he did admit he might have made a mistake, with this comment to the table:

"in the beginning i was happy i didnt put the king.....you lead the king and shift (100% singleton)... hahaha, im so stupid".

On another funny note, elsewhere in this bulletin I nominated Zia for the non-existent Best Explanation of an Alert Award. He has serious competition from Thomas Bessis, for this, from the last board of the same match as my first funny:



West	North	East	South
Brink	Bessis	Bas Drijver	Volcker
1♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

This being the last board, and with Bessis-Volcker's Team Bananas having established a healthy lead, Brink-Drijver had been congratulating them, in one case fake begrudgingly. 1♣ was described as '2+, if balanced 13+' and 2♦ as 'weak in major'. And Thomas's description of his 2NT? 'I'd like to score another 600'.

Fred Volcker hadn't seen that of course, but obviously knows his partner well enough to cooperate, and duly raised him to 3NT. To Thomas' chagrin, Bas Drijver didn't have much trouble finding the ♣10 lead that led to a one trick defeat. It can only have added to his disappointment to have realized, as I'm sure he has by now, that 3NT makes - but only if played by South. Fun all round, and bridge as it should be played.

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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	
				10 50
				11 45
				12 40
				13 35
				14 30
				15 29
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145	Vinita Gupta (vinita)	205	204	John Carruthers (jgc)	100	263	Richard Chamberlain (rmchamb)	70
146	Hemant Lall (hemantlall)	205	205	Mitch Dunitz (dunitz)	100	264	Tony Disley (ryegc)	70
147	Andreas Plejdrup (andreasw)	205	206	Ross Grabel (rossg)	100	265	David Jones (uncle mort)	70
148	Bob Hamman (tgbh3)	205	207	Allan Graves (algraves)	100	266	Patrick Shields (patr1cks)	70
149	Massim. Di Franco (m_difranco)	200	208	Martin Kirr (kirp)	100	267	Marc Smith (marcsmitch)	70
150	Andrea Manno (maqueda)	200	209	Jill Meyers (jillm)	100	268	Adrian Thomas (sadnorth)	70
151	Piotr Nawrocki (nawrot)	200	210	George Mittelman (mittmouse)	100	269	Raluca Dobrescu (ralooka)	65
152	Piotr Wiankoski (vino_e)	200	211	Kerri Sanborn (kerri)	100	270	Ted Greenberg (ted greenb)	65
153	Ashwini Gupta (axpt11)	200	212	Odin Svendsen (pirrum)	100	271	Okay Gur (okay gur)	65
154	Erke Suiçmez (grundar)	200	213	Jan Lagerman (jan_l)	100	272	Lynne Koeppel (lgkoeppel)	65
155	Quentin Robert (ptit)	200	214	Mårten Gustawsson (lagom)	100	273	Gokhan Yilmaz (yilmaz_g)	65
156	Pierre Franceschetti (gewd)	200	215	Andrei Arlovich (goblin2000)	100	274	Kay Enfield (cx107)	60
157	Hilda Setton (ldase)	200	216	Boguslaw Gierulski (bogier)	100	275	Greg Hinze (ghinze)	60
158	Phil King (philking)	178	217	Wojciech Olanski (olanski)	100	276	Karin Kelsey (KarinkElse)	60
159	Kevin Castner (jafra)	178	218	Jerzy Skrzypczak (txt)	100	277	Jacob Morgan (jpmnбр)	60
160	Kåre Bogø (osvail83)	175	219	Erikas Vainikonis (bookie_It)	100	278	Thijs Hoebe (hoethi)	58
161	Aris Bremer (arisbreem)	161	220	Vytautas Vainikonis (vainikonis)	100	279	Stefano Tommasini (stefanot)	58
162	Jan van den Hoek (janonline)	161	221	Cezary Serek (cezar1966)	100	280	Linda Robinson (saba)	57
163	Ophir Reshef (oreshef)	150	222	Chris Parker (cmp56)	100	281	Ruth Fleischmann (ruthiesrun)	50
164	Assaf Lengy (lengy)	150	223	Anam Tebha (anamtebha)	100	282	Patryk Patreuha (patrys2)	50
165	Anders Morath (andersm)	150	224	Stewart Rubenstein (stewr)	100	283	Krzysztof Cichy (megafoncub)	50
166	Shahar Zack (shaharz)	150	225	Alain Levy (evil)	100	284	Tomasz Kielbasa (domestos70)	50
167	Eldad Ginossar (eldad)	150	226	Matthias Thorvaldsson (icecat)	100	285	Stanislaw Golebiowski (stasgol)	50
168	Dana Tal (danat85)	150	227	Jón Baldursson (icebaldi)	100	286	Oscar Nijssen (oscar2000)	50
169	Ariel Braunstein (rel49)	150	228	Einar Gudjohnsen (einarusa)	100	287	Tim van de Paverd (tim_p)	50
170	Noga Tal (nogatal)	150	229	Bjarni Einarsson (einarsson)	100	288	Yael Topiol (top_33)	50
171	Ilan Bareket (bareket)	150	230	Sverrir Armannsson (gauksi)	100	289	Hans Vergoed (mrverygood)	50
172	Frank Bakkeren (fbak1)	150	231	Adalsteinn Jorgensen (jorgi)	100	290	Willem Alink (willemfbf)	45
173	Ton Bakkeren (tbak)	150	232	Kees Bouwen (kebosporto)	90	291	Filippos Karamanlis (firfos7)	40
174	Walter Schuster (schustmozz)	148	233	Jan de Winter (winjan)	90	292	Kostantinos Kontomirois (zlatan)	40
175	Nikos Delimpaltadakis (nickd)	140	234	Alex Hong (fhong)	90	293	Tasos Koukouselis (lelos)	40
176	Dinos Doxiadis (rigas_karo)	140	235	Winston Huang (wshuang)	90	294	Vasilis Vroustis (bill123)	40
177	Yank. Papakyriakopoulos (yankos)	140	236	Jiangfeng Luo (mossby3)	90	295	Onno Eskes (onno)	40
178	Manolis Protonotarios (emprot)	140	237	Ming Sheng (kainsheng)	90	296	Ge Sprinkhuizen (sprinksoet)	40
179	Petros Roussos (peter1961)	140	238	Yan Wang (wy7199)	90	297	Christian Bakke (chrien)	35
180	Aristidis Sapounakis (asapou)	140	239	Edward Xu (edward3048)	90	298	Leo van den Brom (Lbrom)	30
181	Cathy Baldysz (cathmark)	135	240	Steve Root (asnuttayas)	90	299	Rene Hermans (galileo60)	30
182	Sophie Baldysz (zofiumb)	135	241	Niall Igoe (ibraves)	90	300	Nico Klaver (tttiger)	30

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301 Charlie Bucknell (shisai)	30	320 Migry Zur Campanile (migry)	29	339 Castor Mann (castor01)	28
302 Elizabeth Gahan (lizgahan)	30	321 Nancy Katz (heart27)	29	340 Marijn Huber (marijnhu)	28
303 Christopher Kemp (otemplar)	30	322 Kim Gilman (kim4930)	29	341 Martin van der Starre (martin001)	28
304 Stephen Kennedy (gamertabby)	30	323 Ewan McNay (ewan)	29	342 Will Watson (willwats)	28
305 Oliver Powell (kenzo13)	30	324 Giorgia Botta (gio 89)	29	343 Geeske Joel (yoshka)	28
306 Ewa Wiecezorek (ew19)	30	325 Warner Solomon (warnie)	28	344 Luuk Hoogeveen (luukh)	28
307 Jon Cooke (mugsmate)	30	326 Tracy Capal (tra6y)	28	345 Emile Schols (mkgnao)	28
308 Ankush Khandelwal (fide51)	30	327 Eric Schwartz (waldorf1)	28	346 Eugene Hung (eyhung)	28
309 Cameron Small (cameron_1)	30	328 Vincent Gaillard (vincentg)	28	347 Howard Liu (hackenbush)	28
310 Michael Barel (mich-b)	30	329 Jason Feldman (jfeld)	28	348 Marco Thoma (hawai)	28
311 Ronnie Barr (ronniebarr)	30	330 Jerry Stamatov (jerry72)	28	349 Max Schireson (mschireson)	28
312 Ilan Cohen (ilan13)	30	331 Les Amoils (amoils)	28	350 Olivia Schireson (oschireson)	28
313 Ilan Herbst (ilanh)	30	332 Tom Hanlon (kinder1)	28	351 Karen Arens (karenar)	28
314 Tom Reynolds (tomreynold)	30	333 Bartosz Chmurski (chmurka)	28	352 Erwin Witteveen (erwinw)	28
315 Lance Kerr (lkerr)	30	334 Piotr Tuczynski (miszczu)	28	353 Dennis Dewit (hyperon)	28
316 Ira Hessel (lesinge)	30	335 Paul Barden (aardv)	28	354 Emiel Vandewiele (blink128)	28
317 Ellen Hessel (chongo)	30	336 Claire Robinson (geordiec)	28	355 Alan Wilson (spyderw)	28
318 Andrew Rosenthal (andrewr)	29	337 Ira Chorush (chorush)	28		
319 Aaron Silverstein (aarons)	29	338 Timo Erkoc (mrace)	28		

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Round 1. 12 boards. Monday, 15 March 2021, 11:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	MOSS	AMATEURS	12	22	33			6.55	13.45
2	DONNER	QUARANTEAM	12	2	51			0.26	19.74
3	DE BOTTON	ULI	12	23	1			15.99	4.01
4	BLACK	HARRIS	12	31	10			15.79	4.21
5	BALDURSSON	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	13	19			7.99	12.01
6	NORTHEASTERNS	CANTOR	12	18	39			4.21	15.79
7	BANANAS	JOLLY JUMPER	12	27	31			8.62	11.38
8	ALTSHULER	NETBRIDGE	12	34	24			13.18	6.82
9	GUPTA	RIPPEY	12	10	25			5.54	14.46
10	ZHAO	DUTCH ALL IN	12	34	12			15.99	4.01
11	BRIDGE WINNERS	BID72	12	27	23			11.38	8.62

Round 2. 12 boards. Monday, 15 March 2021, 12:50 Eastern Time / 17:50 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	QUARANTEAM	DE BOTTON	12	12	17			8.30	11.70
2	ZHAO	BLACK	12	36	7			17.24	2.76
3	CANTOR	RIPPEY	12	1	42			1.10	18.90
4	AMATEURS	ALTSHULER	12	11	13			9.29	10.71
5	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	BRIDGE WINNERS	12	39	0			18.66	1.34
6	JOLLY JUMPER	BID72	12	21	10			13.45	6.55
7	BANANAS	BALDURSSON	12	35	40			8.30	11.70
8	NETBRIDGE	MOSS	12	3	47			0.76	19.24
9	GUPTA	NORTHEASTERNS	12	49	5			19.24	0.76
10	HARRIS	DUTCH ALL IN	12	4	15			6.55	13.45
11	ULI	DONNER	12	12	33			4.21	15.79

Round 3. 12 boards. Monday, 15 March 2021, 14:40 Eastern Time / 19:40 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	RIPPEY	ZHAO	12	24	38			5.78	14.22
2	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	QUARANTEAM	12	30	11			15.37	4.63
3	DE BOTTON	MOSS	12	16	27			6.55	13.45
4	JOLLY JUMPER	GUPTA	12	30	36			7.99	12.01
5	ALTSHULER	BALDURSSON	12	23	30			7.69	12.31
6	AMATEURS	BLACK	12	12	8			11.38	8.62
7	DUTCH ALL IN	BANANAS	12	24	20			11.38	8.62
8	CANTOR	DONNER	12	20	30			6.82	13.18
9	BID72	HARRIS	12	33	22			13.45	6.55
10	BRIDGE WINNERS	ULI	12	20	14			12.01	7.99
11	NETBRIDGE	NORTHEASTERNS	12	40	45			8.30	11.70

Round 4. 12 boards. Monday, 15 March 2021, 16:30 Eastern Time / 21:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	ZHAO	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	40	15			16.55	3.45
2	MOSS	RIPPEY	12	38	28			13.18	6.82
3	GUPTA	DE BOTTON	12	17	8			12.90	7.10
4	AMATEURS	JOLLY JUMPER	12	47	34			13.97	6.03
5	QUARANTEAM	BALDURSSON	12	23	7			14.70	5.30
6	ALTSHULER	DONNER	12	11	24			6.03	13.97
7	DUTCH ALL IN	BID72	12	4	31			3.09	16.91
8	BLACK	BANANAS	12	5	44			1.34	18.66
9	BRIDGE WINNERS	CANTOR	12	41	25			14.70	5.30
10	HARRIS	NORTHEASTERNS	12	28	29			9.64	10.36
11	ULI	NETBRIDGE	12	62	15			19.54	0.46

Round 5. 12 boards. Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 11:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	ZHAO	MOSS	12	18	48			2.60	17.40
2	GUPTA	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	29	19			13.18	6.82
3	AMATEURS	QUARANTEAM	12	8	11			8.95	11.05
4	RIPPEY	BID72	12	7	15			7.39	12.61
5	BANANAS	DONNER	12	28	15			13.97	6.03
6	DE BOTTON	BRIDGE WINNERS	12	29	32			8.95	11.05
7	JOLLY JUMPER	ALTSHULER	12	13	39			3.27	16.73
8	BALDURSSON	ULI	12	41	19			15.99	4.01
9	DUTCH ALL IN	CANTOR	12	11	55			0.76	19.24
10	BLACK	NORTHEASTERNS	12	38	21			14.93	5.07
11	HARRIS	NETBRIDGE	12	18	11			12.31	7.69

Round 6. 12 boards. Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 12:50 Eastern Time / 17:50 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	MOSS	GUPTA	12	23	10			13.97	6.03
2	ZHAO	QUARANTEAM	12	32	34			9.29	10.71
3	BANANAS	BID72	12	22	15			12.31	7.69
4	AMATEURS	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	20	25			8.30	11.70
5	ALTSHULER	BRIDGE WINNERS	12	44	11			17.86	2.14
6	RIPPEY	BALDURSSON	12	2	57			0.00	20.00
7	DONNER	DE BOTTON	12	25	46			4.21	15.79
8	CANTOR	BLACK	12	25	29			8.62	11.38
9	JOLLY JUMPER	HARRIS	12	32	21			13.45	6.55
10	ULI	NORTHEASTERNS	12	55	18			18.41	1.59
11	DUTCH ALL IN	NETBRIDGE	12	32	34			9.29	10.71

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Round 7. 12 boards. Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 14:40 Eastern Time / 19:40 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	MOSS	BALDURSSON	12	28	43			5.07	14.93
2	ZHAO	ALTSCHULER	12	38	2			18.28	1.72
3	BANANAS	QUARANTEAM	12	31	38			7.69	12.31
4	GUPTA	BID72	12	33	33			10.00	10.00
5	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	DE BOTTON	12	30	27			11.05	8.95
6	AMATEURS	ULI	12	13	14			9.64	10.36
7	CANTOR	JOLLY JUMPER	12	17	25			7.39	12.61
8	BRIDGE WINNERS	BLACK	12	23	26			8.95	11.05
9	DONNER	HARRIS	12	55	4			19.92	0.08
10	RIPPEY	NETBRIDGE	12	30	26			11.38	8.62
11	DUTCH ALL IN	NORTHEASTERNS	12	24	31			7.69	12.31

Round 8. 12 boards. Tuesday, 16 March 2021, 16:30 Eastern Time / 21:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	ZHAO	BALDURSSON	12	35	25			13.18	6.82
2	MOSS	QUARANTEAM	12	18	32			5.30	14.70
3	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	BANANAS	12	20	48			2.92	17.08
4	GUPTA	AMATEURS	12	20	39			4.63	15.37
5	BID72	DE BOTTON	12	33	32			10.36	9.64
6	ALTSCHULER	ULI	12	56	36			15.58	4.42
7	DONNER	JOLLY JUMPER	12	35	11			16.37	3.63
8	BLACK	DUTCH ALL IN	12	37	25			13.71	6.29
9	RIPPEY	NORTHEASTERNS	12	26	67			1.10	18.90
10	CANTOR	HARRIS	12	5	34			2.76	17.24
11	BRIDGE WINNERS	NETBRIDGE	12	24	26			9.29	10.71

Round 9. 12 boards. Wednesday, 17 March 2021, 11:00 Eastern Time / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	ZHAO	BANANAS	12	43	25			15.15	4.85
2	QUARANTEAM	ALTSCHULER	12	43	31			13.71	6.29
3	BALDURSSON	AMATEURS	12	23	28			8.30	11.70
4	MOSS	DONNER	12	64	15			19.74	0.26
5	BID72	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	18	26			7.39	12.61
6	DE BOTTON	BLACK	12	5	42			1.59	18.41
7	GUPTA	ULI	12	35	25			13.18	6.82
8	JOLLY JUMPER	NORTHEASTERNS	12	27	55			2.92	17.08
9	BRIDGE WINNERS	HARRIS	12	19	23			8.62	11.38
10	CANTOR	NETBRIDGE	12	17	41			3.63	16.37
11	RIPPEY	DUTCH ALL IN	12	16	30			5.78	14.22

Round 10. 12 boards. Wednesday, 17 March 2021, 12:50 Eastern Time / 17:50 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	ZHAO	AMATEURS	12	38	36			10.71	9.29
2	MOSS	BANANAS	12	19	39			4.42	15.58
3	QUARANTEAM	BLACK	12	58	10			19.64	0.36
4	BALDURSSON	GUPTA	12	18	24			7.99	12.01
5	ALTSCHULER	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	19	23			8.62	11.38
6	BID72	DONNER	12	32	35			8.95	11.05
7	DE BOTTON	NORTHEASTERNS	12	45	42			11.05	8.95
8	ULI	CANTOR	12	34	34			10.00	10.00
9	BRIDGE WINNERS	DUTCH ALL IN	12	11	72			0.00	20.00
10	JOLLY JUMPER	NETBRIDGE	12	55	13			19.02	0.98
11	HARRIS	RIPPEY	12	35	40			8.30	11.70

Round 11. 12 boards. Wednesday, 17 March 2021, 14:40 Eastern Time / 19:40 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	ZHAO	GUPTA	12	32	49			5.07	14.93
2	QUARANTEAM	BID72	12	6	27			4.21	15.79
3	MOSS	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	45	12			17.86	2.14
4	BANANAS	AMATEURS	12	16	47			2.44	17.56
5	BALDURSSON	DONNER	12	37	21			14.70	5.30
6	ALTSCHULER	NORTHEASTERNS	12	46	16			17.40	2.60
7	BLACK	NETBRIDGE	12	31	45			5.78	14.22
8	DE BOTTON	CANTOR	12	28	36			7.39	12.61
9	JOLLY JUMPER	DUTCH ALL IN	12	41	28			13.97	6.03
10	ULI	HARRIS	12	8	43			1.86	18.14
11	RIPPEY	BRIDGE WINNERS	12	23	35			6.29	13.71

Round 12. 12 boards. Wednesday, 17 March 2021, 16:30 Eastern Time / 21:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	ZHAO	MOSS	12	24	34			6.82	13.18
2	QUARANTEAM	AMATEURS	12	50	19			17.56	2.44
3	BALDURSSON	GUPTA	12	7	49			0.98	19.02
4	ALTSCHULER	BID72	12	13	30			5.07	14.93
5	BANANAS	THE BOYS - NOT ALL FROM BRAZIL	12	57	6			19.92	0.08
6	JOLLY JUMPER	DONNER	12	38	38			10.00	10.00
7	DE BOTTON	BLACK	12	39	48			7.10	12.90
8	HARRIS	DUTCH ALL IN	12	26	28			9.29	10.71
9	NORTHEASTERNS	CANTOR	12	34	9			16.55	3.45
10	BRIDGE WINNERS	ULI	12	33	29			11.38	8.62
11	RIPPEY	NETBRIDGE	12	35	22			13.97	6.03