

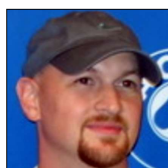


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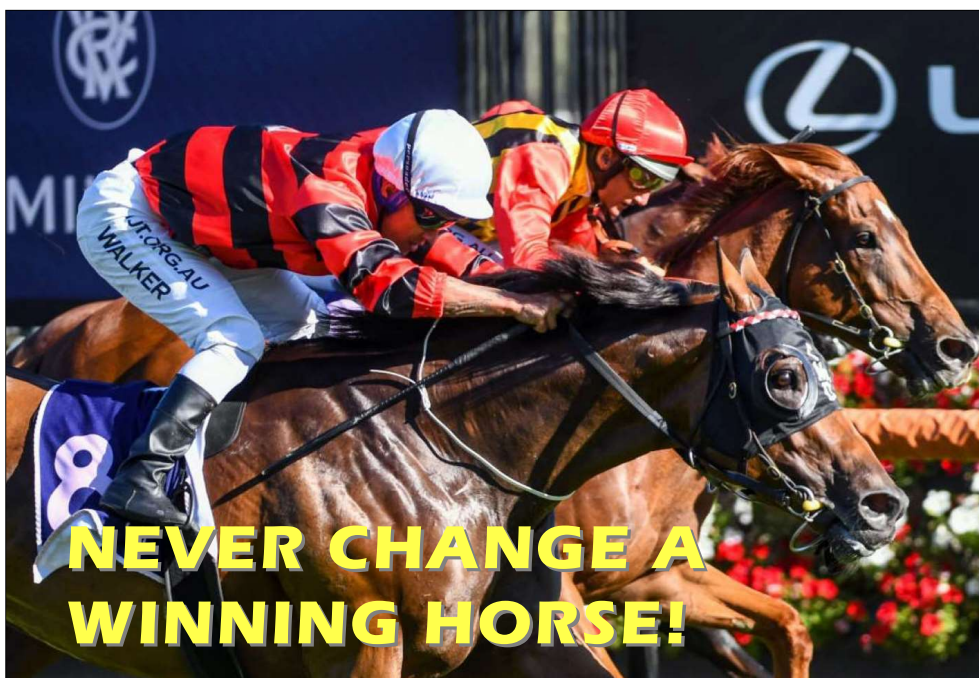
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A new ALT NEWCO with old winners, team Moss. Left to right: Sylvia Moss (c), Kevin Bathurst, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, John Hurd, Jacek Kalita, Roger Lee and Michal Nowosadzki.

Like in the previous NEWCO the Moss squad prevailed in the third leg as well. The difference with number 2, team De Botton, was more than a full match. Salvo won Group B, Fredin crashed C and Uli clearly was on top of group D.



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FOREVER YOUNG

BOB, BOB & BRUCE

Harris v. Jedi Knights

Round 5, Board 12

W/NS

♠ K J 9 6 5 4

♥ 7

♦ 2

♣ K 7 6 5 3

♠ 8 7 2

♥ Q 9 6 5 3 2

♦ J 8

♣ A 9



♠ Q 10

♥ A K J 10

♦ A K 9 5 3

♣ 4 2

♠ A 3

♥ 8 4

♦ Q 10 7 6 4

♣ Q J 10 8

West

Harris

2♥

Pass

Pass

North

Jones

2♠

4♠

Pass

East

Malhasyan

4♥

Dbl

South

Smith

Dbl*

Pass

Dbl* points

East led a top heart and a top diamond, then switched to a club for his partner's ace. Declarer ruffed the next diamond and played ♠5 from hand to which Eddie Malhasyan contributed the queen! Declarer fell to it:

he won the ace and finessed the ♠9. Down one and automatically a nomination by Malhasyan for the *Master Point Press ALT Best Defended Hand*. The hand was spotted by Arie Beukers from Amstelveen, The Netherlands.



Eddie Malhasyan

Just for your info: west played spades in this order: 2, 7 and 8. Your editor comes

back to that. At the other table EW bid and made 4♥.

This is what happened in the match between Lebowitz and Moss. The bidding was almost the same:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>A. Grossack</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Z. Grossack</i>
2♥	2♠	4♥	Dbl
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Again, East kicked off with a top heart, followed by a top diamond, but then fell back to another heart. Declarer ruffed and played a low spade from hand. When Bas Drijver followed with the 10, Adam Grossack won the ace in dummy and played a spade to the..king: 14 imps to Lebowitz when at the other table EW scored 420 in 4♥.

Playing ♠K was kind of an insult because the 10 easily might have been from 10x. Could East be blamed for not playing the queen at first opportunity? Maybe, but Sjoert Brink took all the blame: 'I had better follow with the 8 instead of the 7 on the second turn. That makes it harder for declarer to guess the position right.' Brink is referring to the fact that at this level defensive carding almost always is from low to high.

One board later Drijver got his revenge:

Board 13
N/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>A. Grossack</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Z. Grossack</i>
-	1♦	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Dbl
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♦* extras

South led a diamond, which left declarer no other option then to play low. When the queen won and with the trump suit 3-3 Bas Drijver easily wound up with ten tricks.

At the other table the bidding started exactly the same, but when 2♦ X came back to him, East modestly rebid 2♠, where it rested. In a way he was right because after the club lead NS got their club ruff: EW 140. In the match Vinita versus Bridgescanner the hand was approached differently. In the open room EW played 2♠ making ten tricks (West never entered the bidding). In the closed room game was bid, but not in spades:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamman</i>	<i>Arlovich</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
-	1♣	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♠* 12-16, six spades

North led ♦4 to queen, king and 3. Declarer won the ♦10 with the ace and played a spade. North hopped up with the ace and switched to the ♣J for the ace. Declarer cashed the ♣K as well and successfully finessed ♥9.

Nine well deserved tricks for Bob 'Forever Young' Hamman who once more proved two golden rules:
1. Pay attention to carding methods. South signaled a doubleton club and a tripleton in spades. Ergo, North has a 3=3=4=3, and therefore South possesses more hearts than North and is favorite to have ♥10.
2. It often pays off to bid 3NT, especially when you are in doubt.

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Deciding how high to bid on competitive deals can be tough, especially for inexperienced players. Experts have a habit of getting such decisions right, but there are no guarantees.

When I spotted this deal from the second round I decided to see how our stars handled it:

Round 2

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Both sides have a double fit, which is usually a precursor to a bidding battle. NS can score eleven tricks in spades, and while EW have a lot of red cards the vulnerability is such that they will be wary of getting too high. Let's see how things panned out:

Lebowitz v De Botton

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>A. Grossack</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Lebowitz</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	2NT*	4♥	4♠
5♥	Dbl	Pass	5♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

2NT 4 card limit raise or better

It was mildly surprising that South overruled his partner. Had he passed -500 would have been the likely outcome - a spade lead to the ace and a low club back should see North switch to a diamond. Notice that West kept his diamonds in reserve. He led the ♦A and declarer ruffed and cashed the ♠A which meant there were three losers, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Helness</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Dbl	5♦*	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4NT Any two places to play
5♦ Pass or correct

South's opening bid compelled West to show both suits, so EW reached the par contact their way. Declarer ruffed the lead of the ♦K and played the ♥10, West taking the ace and exiting with the ♣8. When declarer put in dummy's queen East won and returned the seven for West to ruff, no swing.

Donner v Moss

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Brink</i>	<i>C. Rimstedt</i>
-	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
2NT*	Pass	4♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	6♥	6♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

1♣ 2+♣
1♥ 4+♠
2NT 'Reds'

It would be interesting to know why West did not bid 5♦ over 4♠. One possibility is that West did not want to make it easier for NS to judge how high to bid, especially as the vulnerability might encourage them to take out insurance.

When East bid 6♥ I think South might have reflected that West had not made a slam try and her partner had opened the bidding, which perhaps suggested that EW were overboard.

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead, played the ♥10 and put in the queen when West switched to the ♣8. After West had scored a club ruff declarer tried to drop the ♠K and was three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moss</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dbl	Rdbl*	4NT*	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Rdbl 'Natural, good hand, not specifically discussed'

West led the ♣8 and declarer went up with dummy's ace and ran the ♠10, +650 and a 15 IMP swing.

[Your editor watched the board at this table and found a small improvement how to declare the hand. When the trump ten kept the trick, declarer could/should ruff a diamond in hand, cash ♠A, cross to dummy overtaking ♠3 (!) with the 5 or 7, ruff the second diamond and exit with a club. That way the position of ♥A is not relevant any more.]

Red Devils v Edmonds

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Caputo</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>
-	Pass	Pass	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

A third option for South, who went on to take a second bid.

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and played a heart to West's ace. The club return was taken by dummy's ace and declarer ran the ♠10 for +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Roos</i>	<i>O. Rimstedt</i>	<i>Arts</i>	<i>M. Rimstedt</i>
-	1NT*	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1NT 10-12
4NT Two-suiter

A new opening bid from North. The defenders scored two aces and the heart king for -100, an 11 IMP loss.

Cantor v Altshuler

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levin</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Hansen</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	6♦	6♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

We have already seen the bidding start this way, Hoftaniska doubling 4NT and then bidding 5♠. I would have thought there was a case for bidding 5♣, which must agree spades and perhaps help partner to judge the situation. Even so I think bidding 6♠ might be considered dubious in some quarters.

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and took the club finesse. East won and switched to hearts, but declarer tried to drop the ♠K and was two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graham</i>	<i>Altshuler</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

6♦ was two down, -200 and an 11 IMP loss.

Amateurs v Orca

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Plackett	Pettis	Erichsen	Lo
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	6♦	6♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

4NT 'Any 2 of the 3 other suits'

West led the ♥A and switched to the ♦K. Declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy with a heart and ran the ♠10. East's ♣K was the setting trick, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gu	Robson	Baseggio	Allfrey
-	1♣*	1♦	1♥*
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
1♥ Spades

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead, crossed to dummy with the ♥K and ran the ♠10 for +450 and 11 IMPs.

Salvo v Black

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paske	Zorlu	McIntosh	Kubac
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl*	Pass	6♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

Dbl 'Penalty, no special meaning'

Declarer took the spade finesse so was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aslan	Hallberg	Koksoy	Hult
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4NT 'Two colors'

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead, played a heart, won the club switch with dummy's ace and ran the ♠10, +650 and 13 IMPs.



Hok v Apple

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robert	F. Bakkeren	Franceschetti	T. Bakkeren
-	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
2NT*	3♠	4♥	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♦	5♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

1♣ 2+♣
1♠ 'May be longer diamonds'
2NT 'Reds'

Declarer rejected the club finesse, but ran the ♠7 for +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakker	Bessis	Coppens	Volcker
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4NT '2 suits or strong ♥'

Here declarer did take the club finesse at trick three so the club ruff meant one down and the loss of 13 IMPs.

Bridgescanner v Rippey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gunev</i>	<i>Arlovich</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dbl*	Pass
6♦	Dbl	Pass	
Pass	Pass		

4NT '♦+♣ or ♥+♦ or only ♥ strong'

East's double was annotated as 'intention' which could mean all manner of things. Two aces and the ♥K added up to -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Krasnoselski</i>	<i>Strzemecki</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4NT Two places to play

At this vulnerability East is not likely to be bidding 6♦ as a 'save', so the only question to be answered is whether this hand with its collection of 'fillers' is worth it? Personally I would be concerned about the lack of a single first round control. You could argue that doubling 5♠ shows a smattering of high cards (it is not going to be based on a trump stack) which would leave West free to bid on with an exceptional hand such as ♠- ♥AKJ743 ♦AK10873 ♣8 (yes, West might have overcalled 5♠ with that hand, correcting a response of 6♣ to 6♦ - that would give an inspired East the chance to raise to seven holding the red queens and the ♣A). The absence of a double meant a 7 IMP swing.

Vinita v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Apteker</i>	<i>M Bilde</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4NT 'Minors or reds'

That was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Plejdrup</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>S. Bilde</i>	<i>Lahrman</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♣	5♦	5♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4NT 'Two-suiter'

At last someone bids 5♣!

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and played a heart, but on the club switch he did not take dummy's ♣A and was one down, a 4 IMP loss.

Objectivity v Red Turtle

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bucknell</i>	<i>S. Baldysz</i>	<i>Kemp</i>	<i>C. Baldysz</i>
-	Pass	Pass	3♠
Dbl	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

South led the ♣5 to North's ace, won the spade return and exited with the ♥5. When declarer finessed North won but did not find a diamond switch so -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Eskes</i>	<i>Kritsalis</i>	<i>Sprinkhuizen</i>	<i>Karapanos</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4NT '2 places'

The regulation -500 meant a 9 IMP swing.

Harris v Netbridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Roelofs</i>	<i>Root</i>	<i>Oranje</i>	<i>Igoe</i>
-	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
2NT*	3♠	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♣ '1+♣, maybe balanced with 5♦'

1♥ Spades

2NT ♦+♥

East led the ♥6 and West won and switched to the ♣8. Declarer took the ace and ran the ♠7, claiming when it held, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Bouwen</i>	<i>Malhasyan</i>	<i>de Winter</i>
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and played two rounds of spades, East winning with the king and playing a second diamond. Declarer ruffed and ran the ♣J, +420 but a loss of 6 IMPs.

Jedi Knights v Canadian & Friends

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hong	Jones	Luo	Smith
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
4NT*	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	6♦	6♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

4NT '2 suited'

Again we see South taking the decision for the partnership - 300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Muller	Sheng	Matthews	Huang
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠*	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♠ 'Michaels, ♥+ minor'

Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and cashed the ♠A, -50, but a gain of 6 IMPs.

Herres! v Russia Jr

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vakhraneva	Witteveen	Zubov	Arens
-	1NT*	Pass	4♥*
4NT*	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1NT 10-12; 4♥ Spades; 4NT 2 suits

Two down, -100 as before.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Huber	Stolyarov	Van der Starre	Tatarkin
-	Pass	Pass	3♠
Dbl	4♠	Dbl	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

For me, 6♦ is too much - a passed hand is not that likely to deliver the cards you need. No swing.

Mixed Nuts v Uli

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Hinze	Donati	Enfield
-	1♦*	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♠*	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1♦ 2+♦, 11-15

Three tricks to lose meant -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kelsey	Primavera	Morgan	Mann
-	Pass	Pass	4♠
5♦	5♠	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Ten tricks meant -200 and a 3 IMP loss.

I'm not sure what conclusions can be drawn, but no one opened the South hand 2♠. Only Johan Sylvan found the 5♣ bid after 4♠-(4NT) - personally I think it should be an automatic choice - don't you?

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ON YOUR GUARD!

by Martin Cantor

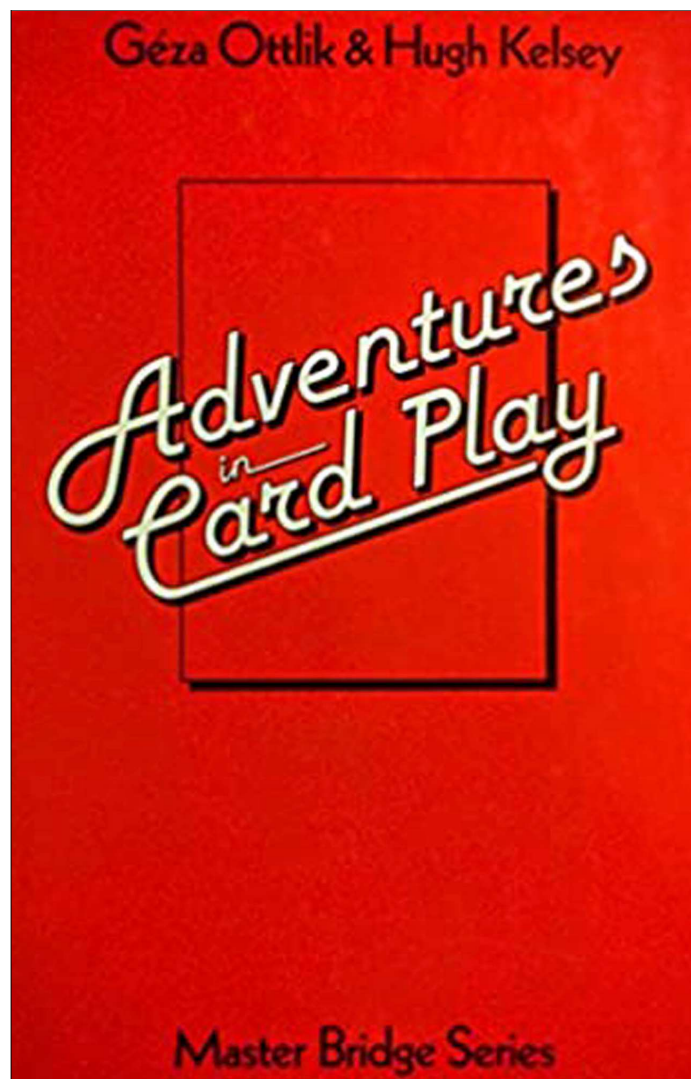
It's a sign of the quality of the players here that those who had the chance - meaning they didn't get the killing lead - made the still difficult slam on the hand below. Only four NS pairs bid to slam, all in spades.

Round 1. Board 7. S/All

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

The usual auction saw South open 1NT, North transfer to spades, then the pair either subsided in 4♠ or twice in 3NT, or, after some cue bids and keycard, arrive in 6♠ by South. It's a good slam, making if there is no trump loser, and with some other chances, as we will see, even if there is. It's easy to see, double dummy, that a club lead will beat it. Conventional wisdom advises against leading away from a king, but it also advises attacking leads against suit slams. So well done to Steven de Donder of Red Devils for following the second piece of wisdom despite the lack of any guidance when Sam Bahbout had no opportunity to lead-directingly either double, or fail to double, a conventional bid by North. Maybe Steven was heeding the wise words of Benito Garozzo: "What's the least that partner needs to break a contract?" (with thanks to Mark Horton for reminding me of that quote).

Fredrik Jarlvik of Cantor doubled a diamond keycard response, and Tatyana Trendafilova duly led that suit. In Edmonds v Lebowitz Joel Wooldridge could have doubled Zach Grossack's 4♥ transfer, he didn't, but Jodi Edmonds led a heart anyway. In the all-English clash between Jedi Knights and Red Turtle, Alan Mayo could have doubled conventional bids in either of the red suits but didn't. Rob Cliffe led a diamond. So Andrew Black, Larry Lebowitz and Stephen Kennedy were the three declarers in with a chance, and they all took much the same line, indeed it is the only sensible one. Win trick 1, ♠A, ♠ finesse losing. Win the return and run the spades, hoping to put pressure on one or both of your opponents. And it works - East can't stand the pressure; a discard in either red suit concedes the twelfth trick immediately, so all the clubs have to go. And that means that a guard squeeze has operated, since declarer can now finesse West for the



♣K - with one important proviso: you have to be careful to unblock the ♣J from dummy. Black and Lebowitz both did. Kennedy, perhaps embarrassingly for the author of two excellent books on esoteric squeezes, didn't. Fortunately for him East discarded a diamond, and while he couldn't be sure that the ♦10 would now come good, it looked likely from the carding in that suit.

So much for the play in 6♠. What about 6NT? Surely a club lead beats that just the same. No it doesn't. As Géza Ottlik would say, now you have to change tack. You win the club lead and play the suit back, and since they break 3-3 you now have three tricks in clubs. And, beautifully, the thirteenth club subjects East to a repeating squeeze. A spade discard lets you make more than enough tricks there, so a red card has to go, and now the cashing of that suit does it to you all over again. Painful for poor East, but a true *Adventure in Card Play*.

Just a shame that no one was put to the test in real life. Anyone tested and succeeding would have been nominated for a Best Played Hand Award.

Shortly afterwards came:

Round 1 Board 10. E/All

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

East deals and sees a rather dull 1NT opener. Yes, it is all aces and kings which is good, but counter-balanced by the fact that intermediates are non-existent. S/he little foresees the drama that is about to erupt around the table. South intervenes of course, unless he is Morten Bilde, who passed now and throughout, giving his opponents a free run to 7♥. Many overcalled 2♦ (one major) or 2♠ (just spades, or spades and a minor), while the bolder elements, with 'six-five, come alive' ringing in their ears, bid 3♠. From here on the sequences varied, but all the Wests were heading for at least a small slam. They would like to set hearts, and then check on aces, ideally all aces if opener has all three, but exclusion if s/he has ♥&♦ aces plus ♦K. Not so easy, and made all the harder where the pesky Norths raised spades to the five level. So a fair number of EWs stopped in 6♥ (seven of them), or doubled the 6♠ save (four of these). Eleven pairs were allowed to play 7♥ and three doubled the 7♠ save. Just two pairs reached the top spot of 7NT, having been pushed there, and these were their auctions.

West	North	East	South
Moss	Hoftaniska	Grue	Charlsen
-	-	1NT*	2♠*
4♦*	4♠	5♥	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	7♠
Dbl	Pass	7NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1NT 15-17; 2♠ intermediate; 4♦ hearts

I think if Grue had bid 7NT one round earlier this would have qualified for a Best Bid Hand nomination.

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

1NT 14-16; 2♠ spades and a minor; 3♦ hearts;
5♣ good hand with ♥ support, cue;
5NT ace asking for ♥; 6♦ 0/3

Trendafilova knew of the three missing aces and the club king in partner's hand, so I think if she had bid 7NT one round earlier this too would have qualified for a Best Bid Hand nomination.

If you have been counting carefully you will have noticed that I have told you about just 27 of 28 contracts. The outlier was 7♣ by East, admittedly a bit unlucky not to make, but also a little precipitate; after all, if 7♣ is making so is 7♥.

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Punch	Hult	Peterkin
-	-	1NT	3♠
4♠	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Before we leave this deal we have a little anecdote. As so often in these events, an amusing aspect to an auction or play leads to some droll table chat. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Edmonds	Z Grossack	Wooldridge	Lebowitz
-	-	1NT	2♠*
3♠	4♠	5♣	Pass
6♥	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♠ spades and a minor

So, as we see, a stripe-tailed ape double by Zach, perhaps intentional, but perhaps not. And this was the chat (with thanks to Toine van Hoof for relaying it):



germs345 (Grossack):
Strong double
firechief (Wooldridge): ?
germs345: Mine
firechief: is that a system?
germs345: We play strong
doubles
firechief: what's it mean?
germs345: No weak doub-
les
pinoy12 (Lebowitz): Did I
miss something?
firechief: i see
germs345: No

Day 2 kicked off with a possible diamond slam for the EW pairs. Was it biddable? Was it a good slam? Was it makeable single dummy?

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♠ K 6
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ 9 3
♣ J 9 8 7 3

♠ 8 7
♥ A 10 7 5 4
♦ K J 7
♣ 6 5 4

♠ Q 5 4 3 2
♥ K 9 3
♦ 10 4 2
♣ 10 2

♠ A J 10 9
♥ 6
♦ A Q 8 6 5
♣ A K Q

♠ A 4 3
♥ -
♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5 3
♣ A 10

♠ 5 2
♥ J 9 8 5 3 2
♦ 9
♣ K 9 8 3

♠ K 9 8 7 6
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5 4

♠ Q J 10
♥ A K Q 6
♦ K 6
♣ J 7 6 2

Biddable? Good controls yes, but just 28 combined high card points, and no outstanding distribution or double fits. Nonetheless it proved to be very biddable; eleven of twenty-eight pairs seem to have had strong meat or strong coffee for breakfast - or both in the case of the pair that bid the grand slam (actually that looks like it was a bidding misunderstanding).

Good? It wasn't great, but we've all been in worse ones and made them. If we ignore very wild adverse breaks, success hinges on the spade suit. You need North to hold a top honor singleton, doubleton, or tripleton, or both top honors. There are some other small chances. The spades can sometimes sit less well if the short trumps are with the short spades. ♦109 stiff in either hand and hearts 4-3 also works on a dummy reversal, but you can't combine this with the much better odds spade play. I've said many times before that I'm no odds expert, but this one feels to me around 50%, in which case it's basically a matter of do you feel lucky? Or perhaps, what did you have for breakfast?

Making? Yes, thanks to all the friendly Norths holding ♠Kx, it did (though not the grand of course).

Two boards later we had another possible diamond slam for NS.

Slam is below 50%, but not much. If the ♣K is with East, you need to play by North, which seems likely to happen. If it's with West and the jack with East, you will need to guess correctly if a club is led. If a club isn't led - East will surely lead a heart - you need the spades 3-2. Plus, of course, in all cases, you need the ♦K onside. As I say, we've all made worse (or, if you haven't, you are not bidding enough slams, or maybe you are just a terrible player - which I'm sure you're not)*.

As it turned out, the only pair to bid 6♦ was Adam Grossack & Larry Lebowitz, who can consider themselves a tad (but only a tad) unfortunate. One other pair (names omitted to protect the guilty) bid a slam - in spades - which got doubled and redoubled. The auction looks like 'a failure to communicate', the result a not really unfortunate -1600. Not quite in the same league, score-wise, but also a nice number was the 800 for 5♦XX. Or the 800 for 4♥X. As for the rest, there were a lot in 5♦, a fair few of them doubled. Most made it, some didn't. There were half a dozen in 4♠; two made it, two made it doubled, two went off.

* Please do not take this seriously - most players lose more points by bidding bad slams than by missing good ones.

LEADING A KINGLETON

Toine van Hoof

One of the well-known tips from the great Benito Garozzo is to always lead a side suit singleton against a suit contract. The Italian maestro did not say whether this advice should also be followed if the singleton happens to be a king. Larry Cohen thinks it should not, because it's 'too dangerous'. Round 4 saw two consecutive boards where the opening leader faced the choice of leading his kingleton clubs or not. What would you do?

1. Dealer North. EW Vul.

West	North	East	You
-	Pass	1♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

♠ 10 3 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ K J 10 9 7 6 5 ♣ K

2. Dealer You. Both Vul.

LHO	CHO	RHO	You
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Or, if you prefer:

LHO	CHO	RHO	You
-	-	-	2♦*
Dbl	3♥*	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

2♦ Multi
3♥ pass or correct

♠ 8 7 3 ♥ K 8 6 5 4 2 ♦ K J 2 ♣ K

Solutions on page 27.

Doubling Stayman

(RE)DOUBLING STAYMAN

by Toine van Hoof

It's always a bit scary to make a lead directing double of a Stayman bid. Every once in a while the 1NT opener on your left holds five or four good clubs and hangs you from the highest tree. It happened to Gabriele Zanasi (team Fredin), Georgi Matushko (Bridgescanner) and Dror Padon (Altshuler) in Round 8.

Round 8. Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zanasi	V Vainikonis	Verhaegen	Olanski
Matushko	Fredin	Krasnosselski	Apteker
Padon	Plackett	Birman	Erichsen
-	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Double dummy there are always ten tricks in a club contract. Declarer can limit his losers to two spades and one club. In the match between Fredin and Bridgescanner this proved to be not that easy. Gabriele Zanasi made the desperate lead of the ♠K. He continued with a spade to the jack and ace. Marcel

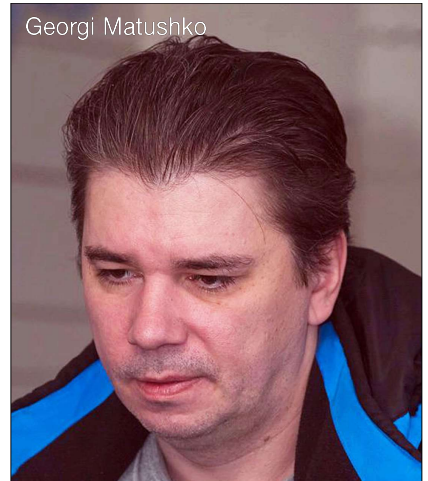
Verhaegen shifted to the ♦J, won by Wojtek Olanski with the king. He

advanced the ♣J, covered by the king and ace, and reentered his hand with a heart to the king. A club to the 7 was followed by the ♥Q, overtaken with the ace, and a club to the 9.

Olanski cashed the ♣Q and prematurely played the ♠Q (cashing the ♥10 and the ♦A secures a second overtrick). Zanasi ruffed and exited with the ♦Q. Because East had lost count declarer made ten tricks anyway: NS +1560.

Georgi Matushko led an indistinct ♥6. Alon Apteker won with the king and played the ♠5. West rose with the king and returned the ♥7 to the jack. The ♠9 went to the queen and the ace. Mikhail Krasnosselski returned ♠10, which was ruffed with the ♣5 while South discarded a diamond. Matushko played a third heart and his partner scored an unexpected trump trick. Back came another spade. Apteker could have saved 5 IMPs by ruffing with the ♣J but discarded the ♦6. West ruffed with the ♣5 and carefully exited with a diamond. He covered the ♣J with the king and his ♣10 was the setting trick: EW plus 400 and 18 IMPs. In the match Orca vs. Altshuler Dror Padon also led a heart. The declarer, Espen Erichsen, won in hand to play a spade up. West won and continued with the ♥5. Erichsen overtook dummy's 10 with the king and advanced the ♣J, covered by the king and the ace. He gave up a spade to East and later on ruffed the ♠8 in hand to safely take nine tricks. Plus 1160 won 11 IMPs against 600 for 3NT just made at the other table.

Georgi Matushko



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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

Anyone?

Something went terrible wrong here.

Who is to blame?

ICY NOMINATION FOR BEST DEFENSE

by Martin Cantor

Jón Baldursson from Iceland nominated himself and his partner, Einar Gudjohnsen - another Iceman -, for the *Alt Master Point Press Best Defended Hand Award*. It came on the first board of the match between Baldursson and Donner in the Mini Alt Swiss Teams, where they faced the top American pair Joe Grue and Brad Moss.

Round 11. Board 1. N/None

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

West	North	East	South
Grue	Baldursson	Moss	Gudjohn.
-	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

- 1♦ 2+
 2♣ inv+, 3+ ♣
 2♥ artificial 9-13 balanced
 3♣ 6+♣ invitational 12-14

On best defense there are just seven tricks for EW in notrump, but four of eight Easts made 3NT, one of them with two overtricks. The auction having precluded any mention of North's fine spade suit, South led the ♦10. Now, if declarer ducks this, as all the other declarers in this situation did, the defeat is easy: North wins the ♦Q and returns the suit for South to clear while s/he still has the ♥A entry, making four diamond tricks and two major suit aces for the defense.

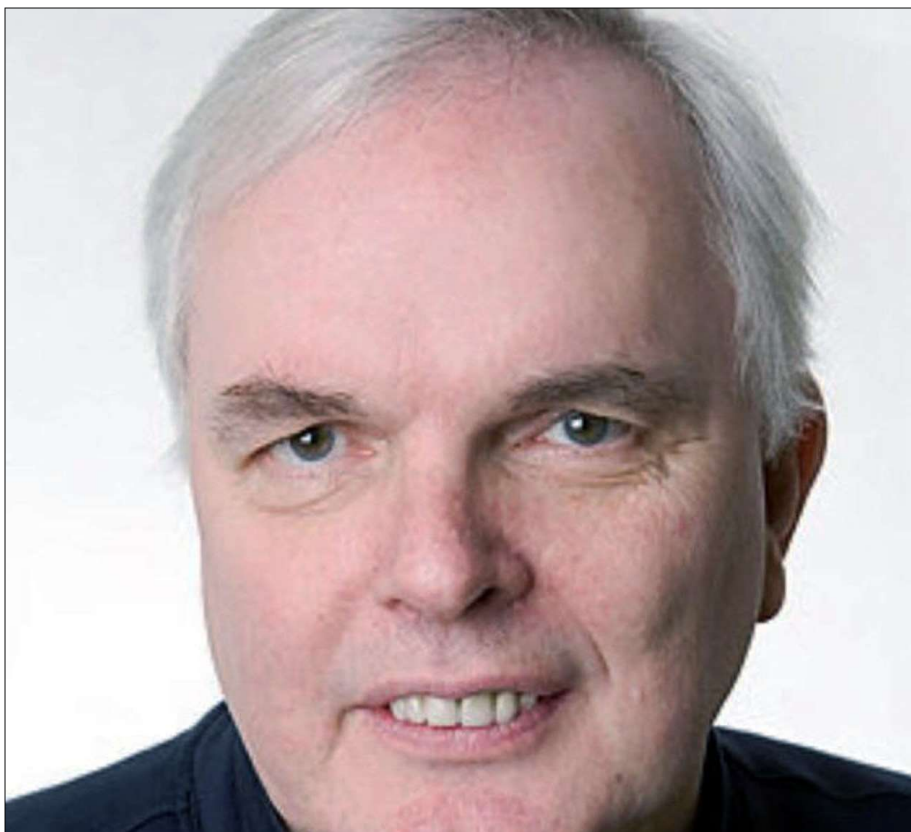
Brad Moss made the defense much tougher by rising with the ♦A at trick one. This gives up on South having led from ♦109(x), but has the potential to block the suit where North, as here, has Kx or Qx. Had it succeeded Moss might have been nominated for the Alt Best Played

Hand Award. Sadly for him, Baldursson was immediately alive to the situation and dropped the ♦Q under the ace. He told me afterwards that "the Q was played without thinking, so no illegal information here", but, as I told him back, "I suspect 'without thinking' is an underbid, I'll accept 'without hesitation'." He also confirmed to me that they don't play any form of Strong Ten, so he had no way of knowing that partner had the king.

The fine defense continued; when Moss now played the ♥K from dummy, Gudjohnsen ducked, but took the ♥Q on the next trick, allowing Baldursson to show where his entry lay by following with a suit preference 8 then 6. And then, just to avoid any possible misunderstanding, Gudjohnsen chose the ♠9 as a signal of no interest in the suit, for Jón to take the ace and play his diamond through.

An excellent display of good analysis, good technique, and careful (and of course legitimate) partnership communication.

Jón Baldursson



SMELLING A RAT

by Toine van Hoof

Never underlead an ace against a trump contract. Bridge rules are there to be broken and in round 7 we saw a striking example in the match between Edmonds and the Red Devils:

Round 7. Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<div> <div> ♠ K Q 9 3 ♥ J 9 8 4 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ 7 6 </div> <div> ♠ 8 5 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ Q 9 7 5 ♣ K Q 5 2 </div> <div> <div> N W E S </div> <div> ♠ A J 10 4 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ A J ♣ A J 9 4 </div> </div> </div>			
<div> <div> ♠ 7 6 ♥ A 7 5 3 ♦ 8 4 3 2 ♣ 10 8 3 </div> </div>			
West	North	East	South
<i>Edmonds</i>	<i>Caputo</i>	<i>Wooldridge</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ 2+
3♣ relay
3♠ 4♠



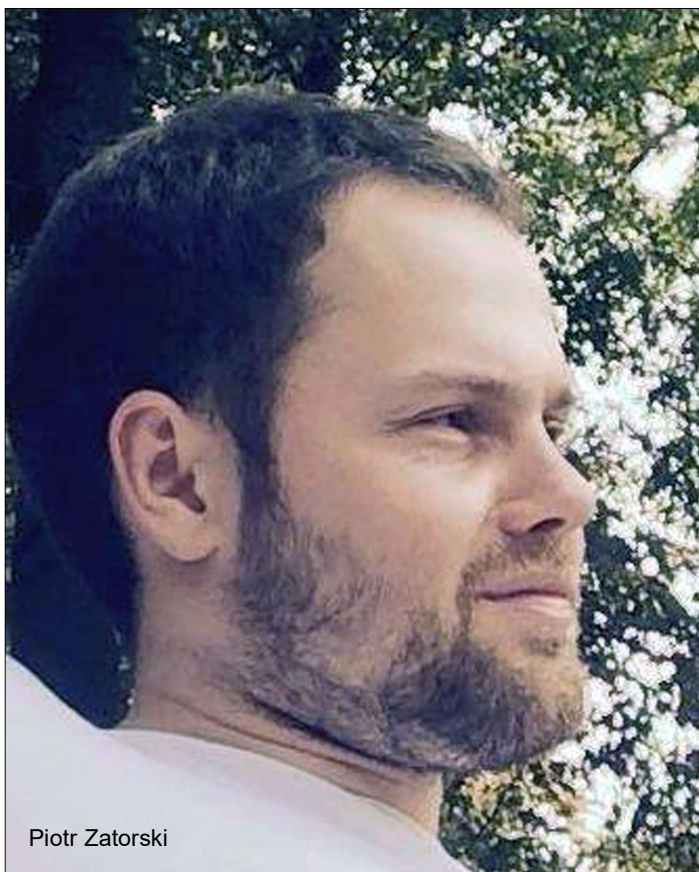
What better opportunity to underlead an ace than on this hand? LHO is marked with a strong hand and partner is sure to have a doubleton heart. So Joel Wooldridge led the ♥5. Unsuspecting Philippe Caputo played small. Jodi Edmonds produced the ♥Q, returned a heart to the ace and got a ruff. Declarer still had to lose a club: NS minus 50.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Bahbout</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ Polish: weak notrump or various strong hands
2♦ 18+, 3+♥
2♠ 7-10, 4♥
3♥ 4♠

Great minds think alike. At the other table Sam Bahbout also led the ♥5. Here, however, Piotr Zatorski smelled a rat. Why would someone lead declarer's supported side suit? So he called for the ♥K. When it held he drew the trumps and drove out the queen and ace of hearts. NS plus 420 and 10 IMPs.

His play makes Piotr Zatorski een strong candidate for the ALT BeBridge Best Played Hand Award'.





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5	LEBOWITZ	1000	500	400	100
=	RED DEVILS	1000	500	200	300
7	SALVO	650	50	200	400
8	ALTSHULER	625	125	300	200
=	ORCA	625	200	75	350
10	AMATEURS	600	200	300	100
=	BLACK	600	200	100	300
12	FREDIN	550	100	150	300
13	SKEIDAR	525	175	350	--
14	CANTOR	425	150	200	75
15	GUPTA	400	300	100	--
=	NICKELL	400	400	--	--
17	HOK	355	30	125	200
=	VINITA	355	30	175	150
19	BRIDGE-SCANNER	350	100	--	250
=	GILLIS	350	100	250	--
21	OBJECTIVITY (IMP)	265	40	50	175
22	RIPPEY	250	75	75	100
23	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	240	30	60	150
24	ULI	230	30	--	200
25	ZHAO	200	--	200	--
26	NETBRIDGE	185	30	30	125
27	FOLLOW SUIT (ISRAEL)	180	30	150	--
28	JEDI KNIGHTS	170	30	40	100
29	QUARANTEAM	160	60	100	--
30	HARRIS	135	30	30	75
31	MIXED NUTS	110	30	30	50
32	WILSON	105	30	75	--
33	GREECE	100	--	100	--
34	APPLE	75	--	--	75
35	RED TURTLE	70	30	--	40
36	RUSSIA JR	60	--	--	60
37	HERRES!	30	--	--	30
=	KOEPPPEL	30	30	--	--
=	SMALL IN NAME ONLY	30	30	--	--

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

Group A (in first session valid for A Red and A Blue)		Group B		Group C		Group D (Swiss)		Stand alone tournaments			
		1	400	1	300	1	200	1	400	10	50
		2	350	2	250	2	175	2	350	11	45
		3	300	3	200	3	150	3	300	12	40
1	500	4	200	4	150	4	125	4	250	13	35
2	450	5	100	5	100	5	100	5	200	14	30
3	400	6	75	6	75	6	75	6	150	15	29
4	300					7	60	7	125	16+	28
5	200					8	50	8	100		
6	100					9	40	9	75		
						10+	30				

1	Jacek Kalita (paulinka18)	1800	42	Larry Lebowitz (pinoy12)	1000	83	Simon Hult (hultahult)	645
2	Michal Nowosadzki (kot_korba)	1800	43	Agustin Madala (septiembre)	1000	84	Andrew McIntosh (mcintosh)	645
3	Gary Donner (gdonnersc1)	1425	44	Antonio Palma (apalma)	1000	85	Thomas Paske (thomas1000)	645
4	Cecilia Rimstedt (cillar)	1425	45	Frederic Wrang (fly21)	1000	86	Alexander Allfrey (allfrey)	625
5	Per-Ola Cullin (pocken)	1390	46	Geert Arts (stratreeg1)	1000	87	Espen Erichsen (espene)	625
6	Joe Grue (joegrue)	1390	47	Sam Bahbout (sambah)	1000	88	Richard Plackett (hoofie)	625
7	Marion Michielsen (lady007)	1390	48	Philippe Caputo (caputo)	1000	89	Christian Lahrmann (christianl)	600
8	Brad Moss (brad)	1390	49	Valerie Carcassonne (etpuiszut)	1000	90	Katherine Todd (kmtnyc)	600
9	Roger Lee (rogerclee)	1300	50	Steven de Donder (pikarek)	1000	91	Erke Suiçmez (grundar)	600
10	Sylvia Moss (sylvie)	1300	51	Alain Labaere (kortrijk)	1000	92	Jacob Freeman (jacob04)	560
11	Sjoert Brink (sjoertbr)	1300	52	Steve de Roos (stevedr)	1000	93	Asaf Yekutieli (tol23)	560
12	Bas Drijver (basdr)	1300	53	Mike van der Vorst (ratabar)	1000	94	Ami Zamir (zamir1)	560
13	David Bakhshi (bakhshi)	1235	54	Kevin Bathurst (kmb24)	1000	95	David Burn (dburn)	556
14	Janet de Botton (capt lulu)	1235	55	John Hurd (johnhurd)	1000	96	Mike Graham (mdgraham)	556
15	Thomas Charlsen (tcharlsen)	1235	56	David Gold (dagold)	995	97	Fredrik Jarlvik (freddy6)	556
16	Thor Erik Hoftaniska (kasper20)	1235	57	David Chechelashvili (dato)	953	98	Peter Lund (pelu)	556
17	Artur Malinowski (malisuper)	1235	58	Ahmed Soliman (rabie3)	953	99	Tatyana Trendafilova (tuti)	556
18	Tom Townsend (mug)	1235	59	Marcel Verhaegen (marcel_ve)	950	100	Alon Apteker (alonap)	550
19	Tor Helness (helstokk)	1235	60	Gabriele Zanasi (zanna9)	950	101	Johan Sylvan (joppesyl)	550
20	Piotr Zatorski (dzeronimo)	1225	61	Franco Baseggio (baseggio)	925	102	Ricco van Prooijen (Riccovp)	530
21	Naren Gupta (nareng)	1200	62	Aitai Lo (aitail)	925	103	Louk Verhees (Loukie)	530
22	Zia Mahmood (zia)	1200	63	Bill Pettis (buffalo6)	925	104	Leif Nygaard (nyg)	528
23	Jodi Edmonds (jodi e)	1129	64	Andrew Robson (arobson)	875	105	Henrik Petersen (longrow)	528
24	Joel Wooldridge (firechief)	1129	65	Gilad Altshuler (giladalt)	850	106	Lasse Aaseng (lasseaa)	525
25	Sandra Rimstedt (sandra)	1125	66	Alon Birman (hatol)	850	107	Martin Andresen (mime477)	525
26	Bauke Muller (beukertje)	1100	67	Dani Cohen (cohen99)	850	108	Geir Helgemo (micelle45)	525
27	Simon De Wijs (sm1)	1100	68	Amir Levin (amiri)	850	109	Tom Johansen (brulle)	525
28	Michal Klukowski (skrzat96)	1100	69	Dror Padon (drorp)	850	110	Andy Stark (astark)	525
29	Mikael Rimstedt (mikaelrim)	1100	70	Yossi Roll (sroch)	850	111	Kees Bakker (keesbak)	505
30	Ola Rimstedt (olarim)	1100	71	Thomas Bessis (malpaluche)	775	112	John Lesmeister (jlesme)	505
31	Peter Crouch (pitiful)	1075	72	Frederic Volcker (fred92130)	675	113	Gert-Jan Ros (rosgjw)	505
32	Adam Grossack (nevereast)	1057	73	Peter Fredin (p_fredin)	675	114	Alex Kolesnik (Kolesnik)	500
33	Kevin Dwyer (kdwyer)	1050	74	John Diamond (dimebags)	650	115	Chen Zhao (zhaochen)	500
34	Bülent Aslan (baylind)	1050	75	Geoff Hampson (ghampson)	650	116	Jing Liu (liujing)	500
35	Enver Köksoy (koksoy)	1050	76	Ralph Katz (ralphk)	650	117	Kjeld Hansen (dkkello)	481
36	Nezih Kubaç (nezihk)	1050	77	Bobby Levin (levin)	650	118	Sedat Aluf (monk99)	450
37	Ali Uçar (noweak)	1050	78	Nick Nickell (fnickell)	650	119	Bob Drijver (bobdrijver)	450
38	Ömer Umur (ttlfb)	1050	79	Brian Platnick (bplatnick)	650	120	Bart Nab (bnab)	450
39	Nafiz Zorlu (begse)	1050	80	Steve Weinstein (stevo)	650	121	Anders Morath (andersm)	450
40	Zachary Grossack (germs345)	1029	81	Andrew Black (boggis)	645	122	Stephen Peterkin (spill)	425
41	Dennis Bilde (ballebo-jr)	1000	82	Gunnar Hallberg (rerack)	645	123	Sam Punch (puncher)	425

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124	Guy Mendes de Leon (Guymdl)	405	186	Yan Wang (wy7199)	240	248	Allan Graves (algraves)	100
125	Thibo Sprinkhuizen (Thibos)	405	187	Edward Xu (edward3048)	240	249	Martin Kirr (kirp)	100
126	Kamil Nowak (kamiln)	403	188	Bartosz Chmurski (chmurka)	228	250	Jill Meyers (jillm)	100
127	Mike Rippey (radiators)	403	189	Piotr Tuczynski (miszczu)	228	251	George Mittelman (mittmouse)	100
128	Sylvia Shi (sylviash)	400	190	Castor Mann (castor01)	228	252	Kerri Sanborn (kerri)	100
129	Janice Seamon-Molson (janicem)	400	191	Patryk Patreuha (patrys2)	225	253	Odin Svendsen (pirrum)	100
130	Finn Kolesnik (fkolesnik)	400	192	Kees Bouwen (kebosporto)	215	254	Jan Lagerman (jan_l)	100
131	Jon Cooke (mugsmate)	380	193	Jan de Winter (winjan)	215	255	Mårten Gustawsson (lagom)	100
132	Morten Bilde (ballebo)	355	194	Onno Eskes (onno)	215	256	Cezary Serek (cezar1966)	100
133	Søren Bilde (sbilde)	355	195	Ge Sprinkhuizen (sprinksoet)	215	257	Chris Parker (cmp56)	100
134	Vinita Gupta (vinita)	355	196	Andreas Plejdrup (andreasw)	205	258	Anam Tebha (anamtebha)	100
135	Hemant Lall (hemantlall)	355	197	Mass. Di Franco (m_difranco)	200	259	Stewart Rubenstein (stewr)	100
136	Bob Hamman (tgbh3)	355	198	Andrea Manno (maqeda)	200	260	Alain Levy (evil)	100
137	Martin Seligman (mseligman)	350	199	Ashwini Gupta (axpt11)	200	261	Matthias Thorvaldsson (icecat)	100
138	Marcin Lesniewski (lesniak)	350	200	Marusa Gold (marusab)	193	262	Jón Baldursson (icebaldi)	100
139	Boye Brogeland (boye)	350	201	Jonathan Harris (jdache)	193	263	Einar Gudjohnsen (einarusa)	100
140	Simon Gillis (rayas78)	350	202	Eddie Malhasyan (master dj)	193	264	Bjarni Einarsson (einarsson)	100
141	Espen Lindqvist (stevieg)	350	203	Todor Tiholov (polborta)	193	265	Sverrir Armannsson (gauksi)	100
142	Erik Saelensminde (skaal1)	350	204	Phil King (phillking)	178	266	Adalsteinn Jorgensen (jorgi)	100
143	Frank Bakkeren (fbak1)	350	205	Kevin Castner (jafra)	178	267	Rosen Gunev (8888)	100
144	Ton Bakkeren (tbak)	350	206	Kåre Bogø (osvaill83)	175	268	Ivan Naney (inaney)	100
145	Andrei Arlovich (goblin2000)	350	207	Jakub Patreuha (patrys1)	175	269	Wojciech Strzemecki (ojtan)	100
146	Boguslaw Gierulski (bogier)	350	208	David Jones (uncle mort)	170	270	Trevor Matthews (skelcot)	100
147	Wojciech Olanski (olanski)	350	209	Patrick Shields (patr1cks)	170	271	David Muller (toukie)	100
148	Jerzy Skrzypczak (txt)	350	210	Marc Smith (marcsmitch)	170	272	Rob Cliffe (simbiari)	100
149	Erikas Vainikonis (bookie_lt)	350	211	Steve Root (asnuttias)	165	273	Alan Mayo (alanmayo)	100
150	Vytautas Vainikonis (vainikonis)	350	212	Niall Igoe (ibraves)	165	274	Marco Zomer (mczo)	88
151	Walter Schuster (schustmozz)	348	213	Vladi Isporski (smileyv)	165	275	Steve Green (bashgrove)	85
152	Yaniv Zack (yanivz)	330	214	Rumen Trendafilov (rumen)	165	276	Antonio Sementa (llaria75)	80
153	Pim Coppens (PimCop)	325	215	Ophir Reshef (oreshef)	150	277	Ulrike Schuster (chrispe1)	78
154	Cathy Baldysz (cathmark)	310	216	Assaf Lengy (lengy)	150	278	Martin Cantor (cantorm)	75
155	Sophie Baldysz (zofiumb)	310	217	Shahar Zack (shaharz)	150	279	Jonathan Davis (davisbiz)	75
156	Gabriella Olivieri (ollina)	308	218	Eldad Ginossar (eldad)	150	280	Rene Stienen (baaxpee)	75
157	Federico Primavera (fuldiRe)	308	219	Dana Tal (danat85)	150	281	Elly Schippers (eltje)	75
158	Nathalie Saada (natsa)	300	220	Ariel Braunstein (rel49)	150	282	Marina Witvliet (donkeym)	75
159	Piotr Nawrocki (nawrot)	300	221	Noga Tal (nogatal)	150	283	Jan van Cleeff (imp_jan)	75
160	Piotr Wiankoski (vino_e)	300	222	Ilan Bareket (bareket)	150	284	John Kranyak (jkrans)	75
161	Aris Bremer (arishbroom)	286	223	Nikos Delimpaltadakis (nickd)	140	285	Vince Demuy (okvince)	75
162	Jan van den Hoek (janonline)	286	224	Dinos Doxiadis (rigas_karo)	140	286	Mikael Gronkvist (mike_g)	75
163	Giovanni Donati (giova007)	280	225	Yan. Papakyriakopoulos (yankos)	140	287	Ida Gronkvist (halko)	75
164	Giacomo Percario (giacomopr)	280	226	Manolis Protonotarios (emprot)	140	288	Kees Rentes (7slaper)	73
165	Simon Cope (copeyj)	275	227	Petros Roussos (peter1961)	140	289	Richard Chamberlain (rmchamb)	70
166	Huub van der Wouden (kinkofklab)	275	228	Aristidis Sapounakis (asapou)	140	290	Tony Disley (ryegc)	70
167	Quentin Robert (ptit)	275	229	Hester Gast (hester02)	131	291	Adrian Thomas (sadnorth)	70
168	Pierre Franceschetti (gewd)	275	230	Bas van Roosmalen (BasvRo)	131	292	Charlie Bucknell (shisai)	70
169	Hilda Setton (ldase)	275	231	Leonardo Cima (100dog)	125	293	Christopher Kemp (otemplar)	70
170	Rob Helle (rhelle)	260	232	Gary Gottlieb (garybrook)	125	294	Stephen Kennedy (gamertabby)	70
171	Ed Hoogenkamp (altocampo)	260	233	Jiang Gu (jiang_gu)	125	295	Oliver Powell (kenzo13)	70
172	Richie Coren (wambibird1)	250	234	Mustafa cem Tokay (tokay1975)	115	296	Raluca Dobrescu (ralooka)	65
173	Dan Korbel (dank)	250	235	Kay Enfield (cx107)	110	297	Ted Greenberg (ted greenb)	65
174	Peter Gal (galim)	250	236	Greg Hinze (ghinze)	110	298	Okay Gur (okay gur)	65
175	Gergely Domby (toki42)	250	237	Karin Kelsey (KarinKelse)	110	299	Lynne Koepfel (lgkoepfel)	65
176	Matushko Georgi (matushko)	250	238	Jacob Morgan (jpmnrb)	110	300	Gokhan Yilmaz (yilmaz_g)	65
177	Krasnoselski Mikhail (coreman)	250	239	Veri Kilian (Vkill)	105	301	Egor Stolyarov (stolyarov)	60
178	Krsysztof Kotorowicz (przedpelk)	250	240	Luc Tjissen (Luctijs)	105	302	Irina Yun (irina yun)	60
179	Konrad Araszkiwicz (konrad80)	250	241	Alison Wilson (Flyfalcon)	105	303	Anastasia Makarova (nastyamak)	60
180	Victor Oranje (victornl)	245	242	Nick Smith (rogerhunt)	103	304	Vsevolod Zubov (sevkaz)	60
181	Arjan Roelofs (arjannl)	245	243	Pierre Bedouet (pi420)	103	305	Ivan Tatarkin (ivankrut)	60
182	Alex Hong (fhong)	240	244	Esteban Valet (rasko179)	103	306	Elizaveta Vakhrameva (lizaveta 2)	60
183	Winston Huang (wshuang)	240	245	John Carruthers (jgc)	100	307	Thijs Hoebe (hoethi)	58
184	Jiangfeng Luo (mossby3)	240	246	Mitch Dunitz (dunitz)	100	308	Stefano Tommasini (stefanot)	58
185	Ming Sheng (kainsheng)	240	247	Ross Grabel (rossg)	100	309	Marijn Huber (marijnhu)	58

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310 Martin van der Starre (martin001)	58	332 Nico Klaver (tttiger)	30	354 Eric Schwartz (waldorf1)	28
311 Karen Arens (karenar)	58	333 Elizabeth Gahan (lizgahan)	30	355 Vincent Gaillard (vincentg)	28
312 Erwin Witteveen (erwinw)	58	334 Ewa Wieczorek (ew19)	30	356 Jason Feldman (jfeld)	28
313 Linda Robinson (saba)	57	335 Ankush Khandelwal (fide51)	30	357 Jerry Stamatov (jerry72)	28
314 Ruth Fleischmann (ruthiesrun)	50	336 Cameron Small (cameron_1)	30	358 Les Amoils (amoils)	28
315 Krzysztof Cichy (megafoncub)	50	337 Michael Barel (mich-b)	30	359 Tom Hanlon (kinder1)	28
316 Tomasz Kielbasa (domestos70)	50	338 Ronnie Barr (ronniebarr)	30	360 Paul Barden (aardv)	28
317 Stanislaw Golebiowski (stasgol)	50	339 Ilan Cohen (ilan13)	30	361 Claire Robinson (geordiec)	28
318 Oscar Nijssen (oscar2000)	50	340 Ilan Herbst (ilanh)	30	362 Ira Chorush (chorush)	28
319 Tim van de Paverd (tim_p)	50	341 Tom Reynolds (tomreynold)	30	363 Timo Erkoc (mrace)	28
320 Yael Topiol (top_33)	50	342 Lance Kerr (lkerr)	30	364 Will Watson (willwats)	28
321 Hans Vergoed (mrverygood)	50	343 Ira Hessel (lesinge)	30	365 Geeske Joel (yoshka)	28
322 Willem Alink (willemfbf)	45	344 Ellen Hessel (chongo)	30	366 Luuk Hoogeveen (luukh)	28
323 Filippas Karamanlis (fifos7)	40	345 Andrew Rosenthal (andrewr)	29	367 Emile Schols (mkgnao)	28
324 Kostantinos Kontomiros (zlatan)	40	346 Aaron Silverstein (aaron)	29	368 Eugene Hung (eyhung)	28
325 Tasos Koukouselis (lelos)	40	347 Migry Zur Campanile (migry)	29	369 Howard Liu (hackenbush)	28
326 Vasilis Vroustis (bill123)	40	348 Nancy Katz (heart27)	29	370 Marco Thoma (hawaii)	28
327 Filippas Kritsalis (stalac)	40	349 Kim Gilman (kim4930)	29	371 Max Schireson (mschireson)	28
328 Nickolas Karapanos (kara1223)	40	350 Ewan McNay (ewan)	29	372 Olivia Schireson (oschireson)	28
329 Christian Bakke (chrien)	35	351 Giorgia Botta (gio 89)	29	373 Dennis Dewit (hyperon)	28
330 Leo van den Brom (Lbrom)	30	352 Warner Solomon (warnie)	28	374 Emiel Vandewiele (blink128)	28
331 Rene Hermans (galileo60)	30	353 Tracy Capal (tra6y)	28	375 Alan Wilson (spyderw)	28

UPCOMING ALT EVENTS IN 2021

12 - 16 April 2021	Alt Board a Match Invitational II
26 - 30 April 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 4
10 - 14 May 2021	Alt - to be announced...
24 - 28 May 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 5
7 - 11 June 2021	Alt - to be announced...
21 - 25 June 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 6
5 - 9 July 2021	Alt - to be announced...
9 - 13 August 2021	Alt - to be announced...
23 - 27 August 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 7
6 - 10 September 2021	Alt - to be announced...
20 - 24 September 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 8
11 - 15 October 2021	Alt - to be announced...
25 - 29 October 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 9
8 - 12 November 2021	New Alt Competition - Event 10
15 - 19 November 2021	Alt - to be announced...
13 - 17 December 2021	New Alt Competition - Event X



One of the things you learn quite quickly as the editor of a French owned bridge magazine is that the language of bridge is interesting, especially the *version française*. I suspect most people know that in French diamonds is carreaux, but it can mean other things, the most popular being tiles! As Lockdown slowly starts to recede in England I suspect that there may be those who plan a celebratory 'night on the tiles', which can be interpreted as a long night of merry making (amongst other things!). Naturally no self-respecting bridge player would contemplate engaging in such behavior, so I cannot regale you with any salacious stories. However, I can show you this deal from round 3, where the diamond suit had a significant role to play:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Six diamonds looks playable, with or without a club lead. Declarer should be able to establish the extra tricks required by playing on spades. However, the first task awaiting NS is to bid the slam. I'm going to concentrate on the matches where that happened.

De Botton v Moss

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- 2♦ Game forcing
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ '2 key cards +Q'

West led the ♥10 and declarer won with dummy's king and took a losing spade finesse, West returning the ♣2. Declarer took dummy's ace, unblocked the spades and cashed dummy's ♦AK. When West pitched the ♣4 he ruffed a spade with the ♦9 and claimed, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	7♦	Pass	Pass

2♣ 2+♣; 4NT RKCB; 5♠ 2 key cards +Q, no K

East led the ♣J and declarer won, unblocked the ♥K and took the spade finesse, two down and a loss of 17 IMPs.

Lebowitz v Red Devils

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Donder</i>	<i>A. Grossack</i>	<i>Bahbout</i>	<i>Lebowitz</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass

1♠ 'Not balanced'; 3♦ 'Natural, invitational'; 4♥ 'BW'

East led the ♦8 and declarer won and took the spade finesse, eventually setting up the suit with a ruff, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>Caputo</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♣ 4-8 fit or game forcing, 3+♣

With spades 3-3 declarer had no difficulty in recording 11 tricks, +650, but lost 12 IMPs.

Edmonds v Donner

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grue</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♣	'Clubs or (semi) balanced game forcing'
2♥	4+♦ or balanced
2♠	Relay
3♣	5-5 or 6-4 with ♦
3♦	Relay
3NT	5-5, 15-17
4♦	Sets diamonds
4♥	Cue
4♠	Cue
4NT	RKCB
5♠	2 keys + ♦Q
5NT	'Everything'

Dummy won the heart lead, and when the spade finesse lost declarer was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edmonds</i>	<i>C Rimstedt</i>	<i>Woolridge</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass

2♣	2+♣, game forcing
4♣	Cue bid
4NT	RKCB
5♦	0/3 keycards

I suspect was 5♠ was a grand slam try, which North would have accepted had he held the ♠K. East led the ♥5 and declarer won and took the spade finesse, finishing with 12 tricks, +1370 and 16 IMPs.

Altshuler v Orca

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Cooke</i>	<i>Levin</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass

2♣	'Artificial game force, nothing about clubs'
2♥	Diamonds
2♠	Relay
3♦	5-5 or 6-4
3♥	Relay
3♠	5-5, 11-14
4♦	Sets diamonds
4♥	Cue
4♠	Cue

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David Burn



East led the ♣K and declarer won with the ace, unblocked the ♥K, crossed to the ♦Q and pitched the ♣9 on the ♥A. he came to hand with the ♦A and took the spade finesse. West won and exited with the ♣Q, declarer ruffing, unblocking dummy's ♠A, drawing the last trump, ruffing a spade and claiming when they divided.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Padon</i>	<i>Plackett</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Erichsen</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

- 2♣ 'Invitational with 3♠ or game forcing, balanced/clubs'
- 3♦ 'Non-minimum, 5/5+'
- 4♥ Cue; 4♠ Cue; 5♣ Cue

East led the ♣8 and declarer won, unblocked the ♥K, crossed to the ♠A, pitched a club on the ♥A and exited with the ♠Q. West won and returned the ♣2 but declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A and then ruffed a spade with the ♦9, +1370 and a flat board.

Cantor v Salvo

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Uçar</i>	<i>Petersen</i>	<i>Suiçmez</i>	<i>Nygaard</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	4♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- 3♦ Game forcing; 4♣ Cue; Rdbl First round control; 4NT RKCB; 5♠ 2 key cards +♦Q

West led the ♣2 and declarer won in dummy, unblocked the ♥K, cashed the ♦A, crossed to the ♦Q and ditched the ♣9 on the ♥A. He ruffed a club (so far so good) but then played a spade to the queen and West took the king and forced dummy with a club which left the contract in tatters, two down, -200. Declarer's sequence of plays was possibly not the most accurate, but had he rejected the spade finesse, simply playing the ace followed by the queen, he would have survived.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Graham</i>	<i>Kubaç</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Umur</i>
-	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

- 2♣ '2/1, may be short'

East led the ♥5 and declarer won and played a spade to the queen, West winning and switching to the ♣2, +600 and a 13 IMP swing that might have gone the other way.

Apple v Rippey

Open Room

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

The mixture of fourth suit forcing, cue bidding and RKCB saw NS to the slam. Declarer won the trump lead and took the spade finesse, the 3-3 break being enough for 12 tricks, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Setton</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Rippey</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

East led the ♠J and declarer took dummy's ace, unblocked the ♥K, drew trumps and gave up a spade, +620 but a loss of 13 IMPs.

Hok v Vinita

Open Room

West	North	East	South
V. Gupta	Lesmeister	M. Bilde	Ros
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣*	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass

4♣ Cue
Rdbl 'First round'
4♥ Cue
4NT RKCB

West led the ♣Q and declarer took dummy's ace, unblocked the ♥K, crossed to the ♦Q, pitched a club on the ♥A, ruffed a club and played a spade to the queen. West won and played a club, but with three trumps still in dummy declarer could ruff, unblock the ♠A, cross to dummy with a trump, ruff a spade and draw the last trump, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
F. Bakkeren	Hamman	T. Bakkeren	Lall
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

2♣ Game forcing, 2+♣

Declarer won the heart lead with dummy's king and took the spade finesse, West continuing hearts, +600 and 13 IMPs away.

Uli v Jedi Knights

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shields	Primavera	Chamberlain	Mann
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♣ Game forcing relay; 2♦ Any minimum without 4♥;
2♥ Relay; 2♠ 4+♦, 11-15; 2NT Relay; 3♦ 5-5;
3♥ Relay; 3♠ Singleton ♥

Had South run out of meaningful relays? In this type of situation it might be possible to use 4♦ as asking for keycards, which would be useful.

East led the ♣8 and declarer took dummy's ace, unblocked the ♥K, crossed to the ♦Q, pitched a club on the ♥A, ruffed a club and played a spade to the queen. West won and played a club, but with three trumps still in dummy declarer could ruff, unblock the ♠A, cross to dummy with a trump, ruff a spade and draw the last trump - a line we have seen before, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schuster	Muller	Olivieri	Matthews
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥*
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

3♥ Splinter; 4♣ 'Cue, 1st or 2nd'; 4♥ Cue

Declarer won the trump lead in dummy and took the spade finesse, soon claiming when the spades divided, +1370 and 13 IMPs.

HOW SJOERT BRINK RAPED SMOLEN AND BART NAB FELL FOR IT

First known use of Smolen as a psych, creative and successful.

Mini-Alt, mid March 2021. Round 12. Board 4. W/All

♠ 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
Pass			

1NT 15-17; 3♠ Smolen: 4♠+5♥

Though the 3♠ bid came slowly, Nab fell for it and abandoned the spade lead. He led a club: NS +630. At the other table Chen Zhao as South bid 3NT at his second turn. Jacek Kalita led the ♠10: 12 IMPs to Moss.

This hand was spotted by Jerzy Misiak from Poland. Jerzy nominated Brink's bid for the *bid72 Best Bid Hand Award*. It was described by Toine van Hoof in his series on Bassie and Bobbie Drijver (part 2).

by Toine van Hoof

♠ 9
 ♥ K 8 6
 ♦ A Q 4 2
 ♣ J 9 8 3 2

♠ K Q 6
 ♥ A J 9 7
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ 7 6 5 4

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

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

N
 W E
 S

Seven times a heart was led and twice a diamond. All declarers went down after losing a trick to the bare king of clubs.

♠ K J 9 5 4 2
 ♥ 9
 ♦ 6
 ♣ Q J 9 5 3

♠ A 6
 ♥ Q 3
 ♦ A 9 7 5 4 3
 ♣ 8 6 4

N
 W E
 S

♠ 8 7 3
 ♥ K 8 6 5 4 2
 ♦ K J 2
 ♣ K

♠ Q 10
 ♥ A J 10 7
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ A 10 7 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>C Rimstedt</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
-	-	2♥	Pass
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
Db	Pass	Pass	Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Robert</i>	<i>V Gupta</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>M Bilde</i>
-	-	2♦*	Dbl
3♥*	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2♦	Multi		
3♥	pass or correct		

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Apteker</i>	<i>Rippey</i>
-	-	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Malhasyan</i>	<i>Kelsey</i>
-	-	1♥	Pass
1NT	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Enfield</i>	<i>Tiholov</i>	<i>Hinze</i>	<i>M Gold</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

So what did we learn? Leading a kingleton is wrong if the ace of the suit is in declarer's hand and is not a guaranteed success if it is behind you. So I have to go with Cohen; don't.

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Round 1. 16 boards. Monday, 29 March 2021, 10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE.BOTTON	DONNER	16	35	27			12.55	7.45
2	EDMONDS	LEBOWITZ	16	53	51			2.15	15.55
3	MOSS	RED DEVILS	16	32	33			9.69	10.31

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	ALTSCHULER	AMATEURS	16	29	22			12.03	7.97
5	BLACK	CANTOR	16	30	37			7.97	12.03
6	ORCA	SALVO	16	48	17			16.88	3.12

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	APPLE	BRIDGESCANNER	16	51	45			2.69	17.31
8	FREDIN	HOK	16	22	21			9.39	10.61
9	RIPPEY	VINITA	16	20	40			5.00	15.00

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	HARRIS	16	49	11			16.58	3.42
11	JEDI KNIGHTS	RED TURTLE	16	38	32			11.76	8.24
12	RUSSIA JR	NETBRIDGE	16	22	37			6.93	13.07
13	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	MIXED NUTS	16	36	9			10.97	1.03
14	ULJ	HERRES!	16	34	17			14.39	5.61

Round 4. 16 boards. Tuesday, 30 March 2021, 12:30 EDT / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	RED DEVILS	DE.BOTTON	16	33	31			10.61	9.39
2	MOSS	EDMONDS	16	29	37			13.36	6.72
3	DONNER	LEBOWITZ	16	38	39			15.00	5.00

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	SALVO	ALTSCHULER	16	36	18			14.60	5.40
5	BLACK	CANTOR	16	32	37			8.52	11.48
6	AMATEURS	CANTOR	16	57	8			19.07	0.93

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	VINITA	APPLE	16	6	44			2.15	17.85
8	RIPPEY	FREDIN	16	24	45			4.81	15.19
9	BRIDGESCANNER	HOK	16	12	41			3.42	16.58

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	46	36			13.94	6.06
11	NETBRIDGE	HERRES!	16	37	23			13.75	6.25
12	RED TURTLE	ULJ	16	33	63			0.64	19.36
13	MIXED NUTS	HARRIS	16	39	25			8.24	11.76
14	JEDI KNIGHTS	RUSSIA JR	16	43	14			16.58	3.42

Round 2. 16 boards. Monday, 29 March 2021, 12:30 EDT / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	LEBOWITZ	DE.BOTTON	16	53	56			1.56	18.44
2	DONNER	MOSS	16	52	66			0.48	19.52
3	RED DEVILS	EDMONDS	16	32	11			15.19	4.81

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	CANTOR	ALTSCHULER	16	28	62			2.89	17.11
5	AMATEURS	ORCA	16	7	75			0.90	20.00
6	SALVO	BLACK	16	48	67			5.20	14.80

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	HOK	APPLE	16	62	33			16.58	3.42
8	BRIDGESCANNER	RIPPEY	16	56	35			15.19	4.81
9	VINITA	FREDIN	16	35	71			2.41	17.59

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	RED TURTLE	16	54	36			14.60	5.40
11	HARRIS	NETBRIDGE	16	49	43			9.09	10.91
12	JEDI KNIGHTS	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	38	55			5.61	14.39
13	HERRES!	RUSSIA JR	16	28	27			10.31	9.69
14	MIXED NUTS	ULJ	16	53	74			0.00	20.00

Round 5. 16 boards. Wednesday, 31 March 2021, 10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE.BOTTON	EDMONDS	16	58	24			7.71	12.29
2	RED DEVILS	DONNER	16	24	37			6.48	13.52
3	LEBOWITZ	MOSS	16	33	45			6.72	13.28

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	ALTSCHULER	BLACK	16	35	47			8.96	13.04
5	SALVO	AMATEURS	16	39	36			5.40	14.60
6	CANTOR	ORCA	16	21	41			5.00	15.00

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	APPLE	FREDIN	16	22	33			6.96	13.04
8	VINITA	BRIDGESCANNER	16	42	9			17.17	2.83
9	HOK	RIPPEY	16	22	36			6.25	13.75

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	HERRES!	16	44	19			16.58	3.42
11	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	ULJ	16	53	67			1.40	18.60
12	NETBRIDGE	MIXED NUTS	16	21	62			1.79	18.21
13	RUSSIA JR	RED TURTLE	16	39	33			11.76	8.24
14	HARRIS	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	54	24			16.73	3.27

Round 3. 16 boards. Tuesday, 30 March 2021, 10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE.BOTTON	MOSS	16	35	6			16.73	3.27
2	LEBOWITZ	RED DEVILS	16	25	33			7.71	12.29
3	EDMONDS	DONNER	16	24	33			7.45	12.55

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
4	ALTSCHULER	ORCA	16	9	31			4.82	15.18
5	CANTOR	SALVO	16	39	38			2.89	17.11
6	BLACK	AMATEURS	16	54	18			17.39	2.61

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
7	APPLE	RIPPEY	16	42	33			12.55	7.45
8	HOK	VINITA	16	37	21			14.18	5.82
9	FREDIN	BRIDGESCANNER	16	38	13			16.69	3.31

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	NETBRIDGE	16	48	23			15.92	4.08
11	RED TURTLE	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	28	25			10.31	9.69
12	HARRIS	HERRES!	16	32	7			15.92	4.08
13	ULJ	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	48	14			17.85	2.15
14	RUSSIA JR	MIXED NUTS	16	49	5			18.55	1.45

Round 6. 16 boards. Wednesday, 31 March 2021, 12:30 EDT / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DONNER	DE.BOTTON	16	28	35			7.45	12.55
2	LEBOWITZ	EDMONDS	16	2	72			0.00	20.00
3	RED DEVILS	MOSS	16	28	50			4.26	15.74

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	MPs		Adj		VPs</
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RESULTS (continued) and FINAL RANKINGS

Round 7. 16 boards. Thursday, 1 April 2021, 10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	LEBOWITZ	16	2	22		8.00	15.00
2	MOSS	DONNER	16	48	30		14.00	5.40
3	EDMONDS	RED DEVILS	16	20	27		7.97	12.03

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
4	ALTSHULER	CANTOR	16	40	6		17.31	2.69
5	ORCA	AMATEURS	16	52	42		12.00	7.20
6	BLACK	SALVO	16	38	40		4.62	15.38

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
7	APPLE	HOK	16	53	5		16.97	1.03
8	RIPPEY	BRIDGECANNER	16	59	28		16.89	3.11
9	FREDIN	YINITA	16	20	33		6.48	13.52

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	MIXED NUTS	16	36	35		10.31	9.69
11	ULI	RUSSIA JR	16	50	11		17.97	2.03
12	HERRES!	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	39	46		7.97	12.03
13	HARRIS	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	36	33		5.61	14.39
14	NETBRIDGE	RED TURTLE	16	34	26		12.29	7.71

Round 8. 16 boards. Friday, 2 April 2021, 10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	RED DEVILS	16	46	32		13.75	6.25
2	EDMONDS	MOSS	16	25	50		4.68	15.32
3	LEBOWITZ	DONNER	16	28	16		13.28	6.72

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
4	ALTSHULER	SALVO	16	33	31		2.15	17.85
5	BLACK	ORCA	16	26	25		12.50	7.50
6	CANTOR	AMATEURS	16	21	37		5.82	14.18

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
7	APPLE	YINITA	16	27	42		6.93	13.07
8	FREDIN	RIPPEY	16	40	26		13.38	6.72
9	HOK	BRIDGECANNER	16	36	60		1.46	18.54

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	33	32		10.31	9.69
11	RUSSIA JR	HARRIS	16	39	43		8.34	11.76
12	MIXED NUTS	RED TURTLE	16	27	25		10.91	9.09
13	NETBRIDGE	ULI	16	26	4		15.26	4.74
14	HERRES!	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	16	37	43		3.91	16.09

Round 8. 16 boards. Thursday, 1 April 2021, 12:30 EDT / 18:30 CET

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
1	MOSS	DE BOTTON	16	29	22		12.03	7.97
2	RED DEVILS	LEBOWITZ	16	38	34		11.20	8.80
3	DONNER	EDMONDS	16	38	50		2.97	17.03

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
4	ORCA	ALTSHULER	16	43	47		8.80	11.20
5	SALVO	CANTOR	16	43	25		14.60	5.40
6	AMATEURS	BLACK	16	42	37		11.48	8.52

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
7	RIPPEY	APPLE	16	47	17		16.73	3.27
8	YINITA	HOK	16	23	40		5.61	14.39
9	BRIDGECANNER	FREDIN	16	39	46		7.97	12.03

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
10	OBJECTIVITY	RUSSIA JR	16	61	39		15.38	4.62
11	MIXED NUTS	JEDI KNIGHTS	16	22	41		5.20	14.80
12	ULI	HARRIS	16	23	28		8.52	11.48
13	RED TURTLE	HERRES!	16	24	50		3.91	16.09
14	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	NETBRIDGE	16	9	58		0.93	19.07

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Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
1	EDMONDS	DE BOTTON	16	34	27		12.00	7.97
2	DONNER	RED DEVILS	16	57	19		17.40	2.60
3	MOSS	LEBOWITZ	16	44	20		15.74	4.26

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
4	BLACK	ALTSHULER	16	17	62		4.08	15.92
5	AMATEURS	SALVO	16	19	41		4.62	15.38
6	ORCA	CANTOR	16	29	24		11.48	8.52

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj	VPs	
				Home	Visit		Home	Visit
7	FREDIN	APPLE	16	59	25		18.44	1.56
8	BRIDGECANNER	YINITA	16	32	26		13.04	6.96
9	RIPPEY	HOK	16	29	41		8.82	14.18

SCORES of round 10

Ranking after round 10		
Group A		VPs
1	MOSS	133.07
2	DE BOTTON	112.06
3	EDMONDS	94.53
4	RED DEVILS	90.77
5	DONNER	89.39
6	LEBOWITZ	80.88

Ranking after round 10		
Group B		VPs
1	SALVO	124.88
2	ORCA	120.93
3	BLACK	104.34
4	ALTSHULER	98.10
5	AMATEURS	96.33
6	CANTOR	55.42

Ranking after round 10		
Group C		VPs
1	FREDIN	139.12
2	BRIDGECANNER	104.95
3	HOK	97.66
4	YINITA	93.52
5	RIPPEY	91.06
6	APPLE	73.69

Ranking after round 9		
Group D		VPs
1	ULI	134.21
2	OBJECTIVITY	120.83
3	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	96.15
4	NETBRIDGE	94.82
5	JEDI KNIGHTS	93.13
6	HARRIS	91.59
7	RUSSIA JR	71.06
8	MIXED NUTS	68.48
9	RED TURTLE	67.92
10	HERRES!	61.81

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