

the MAJOR ALT



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A Goldberg to Climb

Connie Goldberg's team continue to tower over the field and is the only team safely in the quarterfinals with 126.14 VPs with one match to go.

7 VP's after we find Bianchi, followed narrowly by Gupta, and then we have an 8 VP gap to Street, followed by Ireland, Swiss Team, Nickell and Seligman and Lavazza in 8th and 9th with 101.30 and 101.08 VPs.

But the next teams are not far behind, so the top 8 is unpredictable as ever. All we know is all the teams need victories, so prepare for bloody battles.

Enjoy the fight.

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Today's Schedule

Thursday June 25

10:00 EDT/16:00 CET Match 10 (14 boards)

14:00 EDT / 20:00 CET – Quarterfinal

(28 boards, 2 x 14)



Table Chats

by Christina Lund Madsen



The best thing about these online events is that we can "hear" the players' conversations with each other at the table. I have stumbled across a few exchanges:

David Gold:

- Sorry, that was a horror show (referring to his defense in a partscore). Then added:
- Mind u I did the right thing in the bidding by not doubling 1S.

Ola Rimstedt:

- You picked the less expensive mistake.

Erik Hansson, Swedish junior, had the $\diamond 87$ left and chose to play the eight to the nine first, so he scored the last trick on the $\diamond 7$ to go down 3 in 4 \diamond .

Opponent:

- LOL. Beercard. Why did you save that? (Bonus info: If you don't make your contract, your partner gets the beer, not yourself)

Hansson:

- As a consolation for my terrible declaring this session.

My favourite exchange took place after an interesting board (EW vul):

<p>\spadesuit T 2</p> <p>\heartsuit K Q T 2</p> <p>\diamond J 7 4 2</p> <p>\clubsuit Q 8 5</p>	<p>\spadesuit A J 9 8 6</p> <p>\heartsuit J 9 3</p> <p>\diamond A Q</p> <p>\clubsuit T 4 3</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; text-align: center; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>\spadesuit K Q 7 3</p> <p>\heartsuit 7 5 4</p> <p>\diamond K T</p> <p>\clubsuit K J 7 2</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Grue	Nowosadzki	Moss
—	—	1 \clubsuit	Pass
1 \heartsuit	1 \spadesuit	Dble	RD
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	







Moss led the $\spadesuit 5$, which ran East's queen. $\heartsuit 5$ to the queen followed, now $\clubsuit 8$ to East's king, won by South. Moss returned another spade to let East win, and now Michal Nowosadzki had 7 tricks if he guessed the hearts. He did not, so NS scored 200 and 8 IMPs.

Joe: make sure you don't step out of line again
Brad: we showed him!

Shortly after Jacek Kalita asked them:
- How did u do in your last match?
Joe: badly
Joe: 1.5 vp. lost to sjoerty
Jacek: I know...
Brad: lol
Joe: haah
Jacek: Not just you trying to have a friendly chat.

A little later Brad asks Nowosadzki, who just became a father for the first time:
Brad: How old is your baby girl?
Nowosadzki: 6,5 months
Nowosadzki: was crying badly during 1N, now fell asleep, so we likely crush you
Joe: excuses excuses...
Joe: oh your baby?
Joe: thought u meant Jacek. ☺

Draw Round 10

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 GOLDBERG	 BIANCHI
2	 GUPTA	 STREET
3	 IRELAND	 NICKELL
4	 SWISS TEAM	 SELIGMAN
5	 LAVAZZA	 ROLL
6	 NETHERLANDS	 SOULET
7	 ROMBAUT	 CHOCOLATA
8	 TULIN	 DALTONS
9	 DE BOTTON	 LEBOWITZ
10	 DENMARK	 DONNER
11	 BLASS	 BRIDGESCANNER
12	 VINITA	 LESLIE
13	 BID72	 EDMONDS
14	 GILLIS	 OLCZYK
15	 BLACK	 RUSSIA
16	 MELTZER	 HUNGARY
17	 JUNIORS	 ALT STARS
18	 NORWAY WOMEN	 NETBRIDGE

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The matches on BBO
VuGraph in Round 7:

Lavazza - Roll
Ireland - Nickell

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Bid hard and high

By Martin Cantor



Going into round 8 the newcomers Goldberg led the field, 6 VPs clear of Gupta. The action started straightaway:

Board 1. N / None

<p>♠ 7</p> <p>♥ Q97532</p> <p>♦ 74</p> <p>♣ AT65</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ T52</p> <p>♥ AT</p> <p>♦ KT3</p> <p>♣ Q9832</p>	<p>♠ A9</p> <p>♥ KJ6</p> <p>♦ AQJ865</p> <p>♣ K7</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Karhulahti	de Wijs	Nyberg	Muller
—	Pass	1♣*	3♠
Pass	4♠	Dbl	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

1♣ Polish

In the other room Gupta's Dutch pair, holding the other cards, also bid aggressively, making EW guess the final level. This time they guessed unluckily, and lost 11 IMPs.

Board 2. E / NS

<p>♠ T74</p> <p>♥ K643</p> <p>♦ AKQJT2</p> <p>♣ —</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ J3</p> <p>♥ Q7</p> <p>♦ 93</p> <p>♣ AKT9874</p>	<p>♠ AK6</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ 8764</p> <p>♣ J6532</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Koistinen	T. Bessis	Fagerlund
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	2♦	Dbl
4♦	Pass	5♦	Dbl
All Pass			

- 3♥ 3+♥
- 3♠ Puppet to 3NT
- 4♥ short ♠ non-forcing
- 6♦ suggestion to play

Aggressive bidding by Gupta's French pair saw them reach a slightly below the odds slam - but with the diamonds so nicely placed, a making one.

It isn't clear whether South's second double was takeout, penalty, or cards; whichever it was, North had no winning options. Declarer ruffed the club lead, crossed to a spade and led a heart up, setting up the king for a spade discard, and losing only the ♥A and the ♦9 which ruffed a heart ahead of dummy.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Karhulahti	de Wijs	Nyberg	Muller
—	—	Pass	1♥
2♦	3♣	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

As we saw yesterday, opening light shapely hands might be very much the modern aggressive style, but it doesn't always work for you. When the Finns were equally aggressive, protected by the vulnerability, North, looking at two likely tricks, must have felt fairly confident with his double. The play followed similar lines, so a flat board at 550.

Board 3. S / EW

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

♠ 5	
♥ K Q J T 9 4	
♦ A 9 8 2	
♣ K 7	

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Cedric Lorenzini

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Koistinen	T.Bessis	Fagerlund
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 2NT FG 4 card support
- 3♦ 4+♦ or 6+♥, extras
- 3♥ asks
- 3♠ 4+♦
- 3NT asks for shortness
- 4♦ short ♠
- 4♠ slam try
- 5♥ 2 keycards no ♥Q

Where the French on board 1 had bid 6♥ on a diamond finesse, this time the Finns returned the favour. And again fortune favoured the brave when the diamond king was where they wanted it.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Karhulahti	de Wijs	Nyberg	Muller
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Koistinen led two top spades, Lorenzini ruffing. He crossed to a diamond to lead the ♥T to the king and ace. Now ♣A, club ruff, draw trumps and claim 12 tricks, 680.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Karhulahti	de Wijs	Nyberg	Muller
—	Pass	Pass	1NT*
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl*
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Dbl	All Pass	

1♠ was a game forcing relay, and 2♦ was natural. De Wijs kept relaying and Muller showed short spades, then 1=6=4=2, then 4 controls (A=2, K=1).

De Wijs now knew that slam could be no better than a finesse, so signed off in game. Yet again the aggressive bidding in the open room paid off, once more to the tune of 11 IMPs, levelling the match.

Board 9. N / EW

♠ 5	♠ A K 3 2	♠ T 9 8 7									
♥ A Q J 9 4	♥ 7 5 3	♥ T 6 2									
♦ A 8 4	♦ 6 2	♦ K Q J 7 3									
♣ A Q 7 4	♣ J 8 3 2	♣ 9									
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1NT 9-14
Rdbl 2 places to play

Again we saw ♠A, ♠K, diamond to the board and ♥T covered. Now the play diverged, as Karhulahti ran all his trumps then all his diamonds, show-up squeezing South in the black suits, also making 12 tricks, but scoring 1190 and 11 IMPs.

You might wonder why I have included this deal. It isn't for another North doubling in the hope that his AK would score 2 tricks together with 2 from partner's opening bid. It was for Thomas Bessis' comment in the open room at the end of the hand:

"Damn, so many slams making on finesses or worse". Too true. But there are other ways to lose a double digit swing.

When the dust settled Goldberg had won again, 30-17 or 13.72-6.28, to stretch their lead at the top of the table.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Koistinen	T.Bessis	Fagerlund
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Leaderboard

Ranking after round 9		
rk	team	VPs
1	 GOLDBERG	126.14
2	 BIANCHI	119.03
3	 GUPTA	118.05
4	 STREET	110.69
5	 IRELAND	108.08
6	 SWISS TEAM	105.41
7	 NICKELL	104.80
8	 SELIGMAN	101.30
9	 LAVAZZA	101.08
10	 ROLL	98.61
11	 NETHERLANDS	97.98
12	 SOULET	96.57
13	 ROMBAUT	95.69
14	 CHOCOLATA	92.87
15	 TULIN	92.34
16	 DE BOTTON	91.21
17	 DALTONS	88.57
18	 LEBOWITZ	87.83

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19	 DENMARK	87.35
20	 BLASS	86.88
21	 BRIDGESCANNER	86.47
22	 DONNER	84.90
23	 VINITA	84.76
24	 LESLIE	83.20
25	 BID72	83.00
26	 EDMONDS	81.48
27	 GILLIS	81.11
28	 BLACK	78.38
29	 RUSSIA	75.93
30	 MELTZER	73.69
31	 JUNIORS	72.58
32	 OLCZYK	71.59
33	 HUNGARY	68.31
34	 NORWAY WOMEN	65.25
35	 ALT STARS	40.23
36	 NETBRIDGE	34.94

Overruling Kaplan



By Mark Horton

Edgar Kaplan was an immense presence in the history of bridge. A brilliant player, he also excelled in numerous other areas, including writing (he was Editor of The Bridge World for around 30 years). He was a fabled VuGraph commentator and you will find hundreds of his comments online. One of his most famous was made at the 1980 Olympiad in Valkenberg: "We lost the club suit in the 1950's. Now diamonds are gone and hearts are sinking fast."

I was lucky enough to meet him a few times. Playing against him in the Albuquerque Rosenblum in 1994 I allowed a contract of 2♥ to make when it might have been defeated. Observing my annoyance Edgar commented 'if that's the worst thing you ever do you'll win a lot of tournaments'. Very astute.

In the first match of the day between the leaders, Goldberg and Nickell, it transpired that the club suit was well in evidence:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rodwell	Koistinen	Meckstroth	Fagerlund
—	1♣	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Dble 4/5♠

2♥ Game forcing

West led the ♥4 and declarer ducked East's ten, which allowed a switch to the ♦J, covered by the king and ace. West returned the ♦2 and declarer took East's ten with the queen and tested the clubs. When East discarded the ♥8 on the second round declarer tried a low spade and was allowed to win with the queen. He then tried exiting with the ♦8 and West won, cashed a diamond and exited with a heart. Declarer had to lose another trick, one down, -50.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hua	Nickell	Goldberg	Katz
—	1♣	1♥	1♠*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

1♠ 5+♠

4♥ Cue bid

3♣ was a little light, but the ♠A was potentially a big card. Declarer managed 8 tricks, -200 and a 5 IMP loss.

Katz mentioned he might have passed 4♠, but Nickell pointed out that he might not make it and that 3NT was also problematical. (There are double dummy ways to make the latter.)

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rodwell	Koistinen	Meckstroth	Fagerlund
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- 2♣ Game forcing, could be short
- 2♠ 6+♠
- 4♣ RKCB for clubs
- 4♥ 1 key card



Connie Goldberg and Kauko Koistinen

If West had been able to show two key cards for clubs East could virtually underwrite the grand slam.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hua	Nickell	Goldberg	Katz
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- 2♣ 2+♣
- 2NT Game forcing
- 3♠ 6+♠ minimum

I don't know if East had any way of asking for key cards in clubs - for what it's worth you should perhaps be able to ask for them via 4♣ as Meckstroth did.

So, no swing, but Clubs are back to stay!

Blocking Clubs



By Toine van Hoof

This was an amusing hand from Round 4:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ 10 6 4 ♥ 10 9 8 6 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 5 4 3</p> <p>♠ K J 9 8 2 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ 6 5 ♣ J 8 7</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 3 ♥ A K 4 3 ♦ Q 10 9 8 7 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ A Q ♥ 7 2 ♦ A K J 4 3 ♣ K 10 9 6</p>
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It looks like an easy 3NT for NS but the club suit is blocking. South can prevail on any lead if he runs the ♣10 but not without attracting the attention of the anti-cheating committee.

First we take a look at the Blass-Nickell match.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nyström	Rodwell	Upmark	Meckstroth
–	–	Pass	1♣ ¹
1♠	Dbl ²	2♥ ³	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1. 16+ HCP; 2. 6-7 HCP; 3. good raise

Nyström led the ♠2 to the queen. After testing the clubs Meckstroth took the diamond finesse and had nine tricks.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Katz	Nowosadzki	Nickell	Kalita
–	–	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	2♥ ¹	3NT
All Pass			

1. good raise

Katz found an excellent lead in the ♥Q. He continued with the ♥J and ♥5 to his partner's ace. In this trick Kalita cleverly discarded a blocking club. Nickell cashed the ♥K and played a spade. Kalita rose with the ace, cashed five club tricks but then refrained from the diamond finesse: minus 50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lund Madsen	Koistinen	Bakkeren	Fagerlund
–	–	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	2♦ ¹	3NT
All Pass			

1. Transfer, hearts or lead directing with fit

Lund Madsen also led the ♥Q, followed by the ♥J and ♥5 to the ace. Not foreseeing the problem in the club suit Fagerlund discarded a diamond. However, he woke up when Bakkeren cashed the ♥K and unblocked the ♣6. Declarer rose with the ace when East shifted to a spade, ran five club tricks and finessed in diamonds for plus 400.

Zimmermann also made declarer's life easy. Against 3NT he led the ♣8. Madala

now had five club tricks, three diamonds and one spade. At the other table Brink in an uncontested auction bid 3NT but Drijver ran to 4♣. Brink raised to 5♣ and went two down: 11 IMPs to Lavazza.

Only two EW pairs found the killing defense against 3NT.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Helness	Muller	Helgemo
–	–	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	2♠ ¹	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1. No ♠A, K or Q

EW have the useful agreement that 2♠ denies a top honor in spades. So De Wijs was not tempted to lead a spade. He led the ♥Q followed by the ♥J. Muller overtook with the king and switched to a spade, leaving Helgemo without any chance.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Erichsen	Lengy	Crouch
–	–	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbl	2♥ ¹	2NT
Pass	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

1. Good raise

Probably East's double was asking for a non-spade lead. Bareket led the ♥Q and continued with the ♥J. Lengy overtook with the ♥K and shifted to a spade. Declarer played the queen, taken by West's king, and won the spade return. He now cashed three club tricks and for some reason exited with the ♠10: three off, minus 500.



In the replay Gillis as East also doubled 3NT. The defense started with three rounds of hearts, giving Kolata the opportunity to discard a club: plus 550 and 14 IMPs to team Chocolata.

The Rimstedt brothers also started with the ♥Q, ♥J to the king and a spade, but they defended 2NT. Black finessed in spades, took the spade return and advanced the ♣10. When Mikael covered with the ♣J (!) declarer did no longer need the diamond finesse for his eighth trick.

The top score in NS was for the juniors Erik Hansson and Castor Mann:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ros	Hansson	Coppens	Mann
–	–	Pass	2♣ ¹
Pass	2♦ ²	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Redbl ³	All Pass	

1. 18-21 bal or GF; 2. Waiting; 3. Obligatory

Without much effort declarer made eight tricks: plus 560.

Victim of the Day

Cecilia Rimstedt

by Christina Lund Madsen



Tell us your background, age, family, education, former occupations.

- I always played a lot of cards as a kid and started playing bridge when I was 6 with my sister Sandra and Jenny Ryman (now Wolpert) and her sister Sofia. Have been hooked with the game since then. At home Sandra and I wanted to play bridge, but our parents didn't have a lot of time to do that, so we more or less forced our brothers to start playing when they were 4 years old. Our grandparents also play, so it really runs in the family.

I've always known I wanted to work with bridge, but decided to study to be a math and science teacher to have a backup plan. I worked a little as a substitute teacher during my studies, but after graduating I've been playing and teaching bridge full time. I met my ex-husband through bridge and have two boys with him. They are now 4 and 6 years old, and of course I hope to get them to play also one day.

You live in Sweden. How have you experienced corona?

- My life at home hasn't been much different, the difference is the fact that I actually am at home. I'm used to travel a lot and that's where I also meet all my friends, so it's a little strange to be home so much. I get more time with my kids which is nice, but I really miss all my friends.

What do you do when you do not play bridge?

- I stay at home. See above.

You come from a bridge family of young superstars. What has it been like having two brothers and a sister to compete/play with since you began till now?

- That's a question all of us get quite frequently. There seems to be a general idea that there's rivalry between us, but I think it's not like that at all. We are all happy when the other ones are doing well and I rather see us as a team than rivals. However, if we play other games, that's where our competitive side really shows...

How would your siblings describe you in 3 words?

- Stubborn, terrible loser, and someone who likes to have control (yes, that's more than 3 words, but it's 3 characteristics).

Which has been the best memory of your bridge life so far?

- There are a lot of amazing memories, especially from the junior times. But the winner is still the win in Venice Cup in Wuhan last year. The bridge achievement itself is already enough to place that high on the list, but also playing with this team where I consider all of the players good friends of mine and having a lot of support around me, was important for the total experience.

It's a really hard pressure to play in these long important KO matches, and feeling I'm playing well and be confident enough to do whatever I think is right on a board (even if I might look stupid if it's wrong)



Cecilia Rimstedt first caught the attention of the bridge world when she won the World Junior Pairs with Sara Sivelind as the first girls ever. You might recognise another now multiple world champion plus the girl pulling up her blue dress...

is an amazing feeling. I've been struggling with my self confidence most of my life, so that confident feeling that I had in the KO phase is what I wish to take with me for future bridge events.

Tell us a funny experience you had in relation to a bridge event.

- Funny you'd ask. I have a crazy friend in Denmark who once asked me to fill in for her partner in the Danish league over a weekend a couple of years ago. I had nothing better to do that weekend and thought it would be fun, so I accepted. My friend, who would like to stay anonymous since she's a little shy and likes to stay in the background, suggested I'd go there a day before to go over our system, and so I did. When I showed up it turned out that she had other plans for us that night.

Who needs to go over the system when you can attend a sex convention? Someone who doesn't know you... uh... I mean my anonymous friend, might have been surprised by the whole thing, but this is about what I expect happens when I visit her. As soon as the Corona situation is over I hope I'll get to visit her again. *(She really got hooked on that sex convention/ed.)*

What is your greatest strength?

- I'm pretty good at keeping focus and not let other things around the table or in life disturb my game (in real bridge that is, online not as much)

What is your greatest weakness?

- Lack of confidence.

*Jerome's question for you:
You're traveling so much, which place you're
dreaming of living in?*

One important thing is that I want to be around people that I like. That's what I'm missing the most where I live right now. I have most friends in Stockholm, so that would be a possible choice. The winner however, I think is NY, which is a city I've fallen in love with and I would be close to my sister who lives there and other friends.

If you could change something about your life, what would it be?

I would want to be able to go to more bridge tournaments (=play bridge and be around my friends) without being away more from my kids.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Ola, Mikael and Sandra Rimstedt?

I would kiss Sandra, she's the prettiest one. I would kill Mikael, he's the one who is easiest to get into a fight with. I would partner Ola, he's the most relaxed, and playing with a sibling is already intense enough as it is.

Who from the Major Alt do you think should be the next victim in the bulletin? Tell us something you would like to know about this person.

In one of the previous ALTs I was lucky to get to play some matches with Eric Rodwell. Unfortunately that wasn't one of my better played events, and as if that wasn't a punishment enough for him, I'll make him the next victim.

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Bianchi

Reno Bianchi	inter2018
Alfredo Versace	nevaio
Leonardo Cima	100dog
Giovanni Donati	giova007
Alessandro Gandoglia	gandalf15
Valerio Giubilo	giammi

Bid 72

Jan van Cleeff	IMP_Jan
Marina Witvliet	DonkeyM
Gert Jan Paulissen	gjp1965
Xavier Dupuis	XX man
Onno Eskes	onno
Ge Sprinkhuizen	Sprinksoet
Niels van Beijsterveldt	Nielsvbij
Youp Caris	youpmaster
Hervé Fleury	Juransson
Marc Girollet	maxile

Black

Andrew Black	boggis
David Gold	dagold
Phil King	philking
Andrew McIntosh	mcintosh
Derek Patterson	delberto24
Gunnar Hallberg	rerack
Simon Hult	hultahult
Christian Lahrman	christianl

Blass

Jacek Pszczola	pikolo
Josef Blass	bljosef
Jacek Kalita	bridge24jk
Michal Nowosadzki	bridge24mn
Johan Upmark	Mostovoi
Fredrik Nyström	F_Nystrom

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Andrei Arlovich	goblin2000
Boguslaw Gierulski	bogier
Krzysztof Kotorowicz	przedpelk
Mikhail Krasnoselskii	coreman
Georgi Matushko	matushko
Wojciech Olanski	olanski
Jerzy Skrzypczak	TXT
Erikas Vainikonis	bookie_I
Vytautas Vainikonis	vainikonis

Chocolata

Ilan Bareket	bareket
Michael Barel	mich-b
Ilan Herbst	ilanh
Ophir Herbst	herbst
Ismail Kandemir	yakop
Suleyman Kolata	atalok
Asaf Lengy	lengy
Ophir Reshef	oreshef
Bar Tarnovski	bar_t213
Yaniv Zack	Yanivz

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See you on BBO!

Teams / Players / Nicknames

Daltons

Mark Thiele	mrxxx
Yael Topiol	top_33
Renee Verdegaal	mrs_m
Hans Vergoed	MrVeryGood

De Botton

Jason Hackett	mutton
Alexander Hydes	itsgrim
Janet de Botton	capt Lulu
Arthur Malinowski	malisuper
Thor Erik Hoftaniska	kasper20
Thomas Charlsen	charlsen
Tom Townsend	mug

Denmark

Michael Askgaard	askgaard
Lars Blakset	Lblakset
Henrik Caspersen	Hcasp
Soren Christiansen	Sac
HC Graversen	HCDK
Kasper Konow	konow
Jan Nielsen	Jni33
Peter Schaltz	reteos
Dorthe Schaltz	DS_DK



Sandra Rimstedt
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Donner

Per-Ola Cullin	pocken
Gary Donner	Gdonnersc1
Joe Grue	joegrue
Marion Michielsen	Lady007
Brad Moss	brad
Cecilia Rimstedt	cillar
Sandra Rimstedt	Sandria

Edmonds

Jodi Edmonds	jodewagon
Zach Grossack	germs345
Tom Paske	Thomas1000
Mikael Rimstedt	MikaelRim
Ola Rimstedt	olarim
Joel Wooldridge	firechief

Team Gillis

Simon Gillis	rayas78
Erik Saelensminde	skaal1
Boye Brogeland	boye
Espen Lindqvist	stevieg
Peter Crouch	pitiful
Espen Erichsen	espene

Goldberg

Vesa Fagerlund	muppe
Connie Goldberg	conniemc
Artu Karhulahti	arderi
Kauko Koistinen	koistinen
Clas Nyberg	clas72
Hua Poon	krobono

Gupta

Bauke Muller	beukertje
Simon de Wijs	sm1
Cedric Lorenzini	pierced
Huub Bertens	H Bertens
Thomas Bessis	malpaluche
Naren Gupta	nareng
Curtis Cheek	curtis

Teams / Players / Nicknames

Hungary

Miklos Dumbovich	dumbovich
Gal Hegedus	gal
Csaba Szabo	csaboka13
Balasz Szegedi	korszurku
Gabor Winkler	winkiboy

Ireland

Grainne Barton	bartong
John Caroll	coopers
Nick Fitzgibbon	nickfg1
Tom Hanlon	kinder1
Hugh McGann	hmg2
Adam Mesbur	Amesbur
Mark Moran	Markpm

Juniors

Florian Alter	Florian_a
Arthur Boulin	tutur300
Théo Guillemin	theoguille
Erik Hansson	Hanseri1
Castor Mann	Castor01
Alexander Sandin	stridsvagn
Lauritz Streck	Fluxo
Stefan Thorpe	Steffff
Sibrand van Oosten	sibrand
Leo Vornkahl	EdgarV



Dennis Bilde

Lavazza

Dennis Bilde	Ballebo-jr
Norberto Bocchi	Norby
Philippe Cronier	Phicro2
Massimiliano Di Franco	M_DiFranco
Giorgio Duboin	Giorginod
Agustin Madala	Septiembre
Andrea Manno	maqeda
Antonio Sementa	ilaria75

Team Lebowitz

Zia Mahmood	zia
Laurence Lebowitz	O lhl12
Adam Grossack	nevereast
Michael Rosenberg	Scotty
Vincent Demuy	okvince
John Kranyak	jkrans
Gavin Wolpert	Gavin

Leslie

Mike Bell	mickyb
Michael Byrne	mgb81
Kieran Dyke	woozle
Tim Leslie	culross66
Ben Norton	bechno

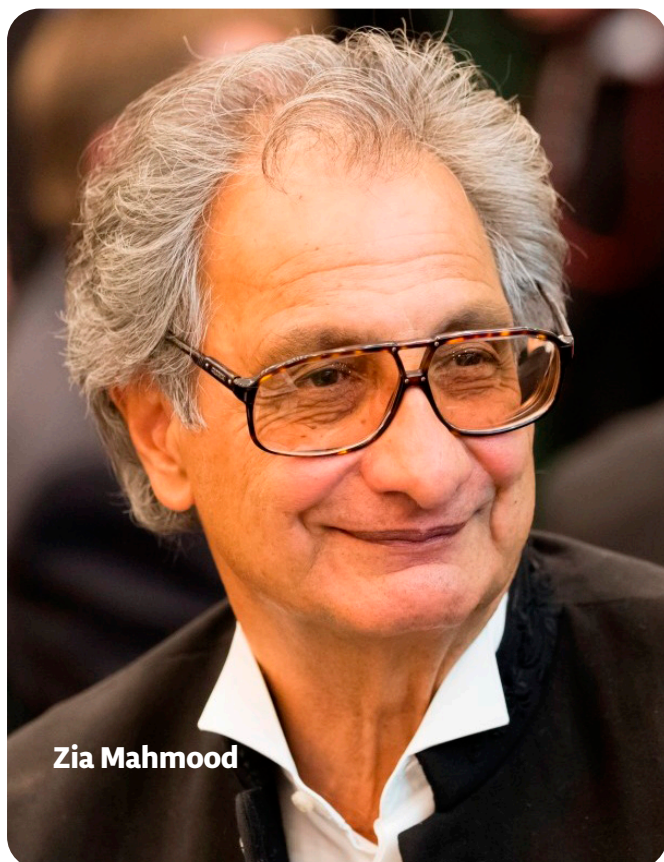
Meltzer

Ton Bakkeren	tbak
Nik Demirev	ndemirev
Veri Kiljan	Vkill
Christina Lund Madsen	christinas
Rose Meltzer	RCM
Wayne Stuart	wstuart
Luc Tijssen	Luctijs

Netbridge

Karen Arens	karenar
Kees Bakker	keesbak
Pim Coppens	pimcop
Marijn Huber	marijnhu
John Lesmeister	jlesme
Gert-Jan Ros	rosgjw
Martin van der Starre	martin001
Erwin Witteveen	erwinw

Teams / Players / Nicknames



Zia Mahmood

Netherlands

Bob Drijver	bobdrijver
Merijn Groenenboom	MerijnG
Guy Mendes de Leon	Guymdl
Danny Molenaar	dannymo
Bart Nab	bnab
Maarten Schollaardt	skollie
Thibo Sprinkhuizen	Thibos
Berend van den Bos	BerendBs
Joris van Lankveld	ennaji
Tim Verbeek	timve

Nickell

Eric Greco	greco
Geoff Hampson	ghampson
Ralph Katz	ralphk
Robert Levin	levin
Jeff Meckstroth	jjmeck
Nick Nickell	fnickell
Eric Rodwell	bumporant
Steve Weinstein	stevo

Norway Women

Ann-Karin Fuglestad	annkafu
Liv Marit Grude	kompis
Marianne Harding	rosenknopp
Torild Heskje	heskjet
Bodil Oeigarden	bodil1983
Gunn Tove Vist	Dronninga

Olczyk

Jaroslav Cieslak	palnik22
Dominik Filipowicz	consus88
Piotr Nawrocki	nawrot
Pawel Niedzielski	consus2
Jerzy Olczyk	jerzyo48
Piotr Wiankowski	vifon_e

Roll

Peter Bertheau	pbertheau
Amir Levin	amiri
Josef Roll	stroch
Oren Toledano	orentol
Dan Zagorin	pez007
Ami Zamir	zamir1

Rombaut

Michel Bessis	besbes
Bernard Cabanes	bernard34
Baptiste Combescure	batou
Francois Combescure	aphobiah
Leo Rombaut	leo1311
Jerome Rombaut	jerome
Lionel Sebbane	superyoyo
Paul Segueineau	seguinto

Russia

Alexander Dubinin	Willis_A
Andrey Gromov	agromov017
Anna Gulevich	katt
Yury Khokhlov	yukh
Vadim Kholomeev	hollyv
Yury Khuppenen	hupp
Tatiana Ponomareva	

Teams / Players / Nicknames

Seligman

Dennis Clerkin	tashakelly
Jerry Clerkin	jclerkin
Mark Lair	mslair
Mike Pasell	mnpassell
Seppo Sauvola	zebutin
Martin Seligman	mseligman

Soulet

Philippe Chottin	cholina
Donatella Halfon	attela
David Harari	sarroumane
Erick Mauberquez	mauber
Emmanuelle Monod	mafraise1
Dominique Pilon	cap51
Philippe Soulet	phisou9
Herve Vinciguerra	hvinci3141

Team Street

Nicolas L'Ecuyer	caucase
Paul Street	Boulevard1
Ron Pachtman	ronpa
Piotr Zatorski	dzeronimo
Fred Pollack	Fredp
Kamel Fergani	fergani

Swiss Team

Sjoert Brink	sjoertBr
Sebastian Drijver	BasDr
Piotr Gawrys	Badaud4
Michal Klukowski	Skrzat96
Krzysztof Martens	snetram
Fernando Piedra	Ferpiedra
Pierre Zimmermann	Pzimm55

Team Tulin

Stan Tulin	returned
David Bakhshi	Bakhshi
Louk Verhees	Loukie
Ricco van Prooijen	Riccovp
Dror Padon	Drorp
Alon Birman	Hatol

Vinita

Vinita Gupta	vinita
Bob Hamman	TGBH3
Geir Helgemo	Micelle45
Tor Helness	helstokk
Hemant Lall	hemantlall
Debbie Rosenberg	debrose

Alt Stars (replacing Marina)

Camilla Krefeld	Camse2
Johan Hammelev	Johse61
Helle Rasmussen	helle_r
Jan Pedersen	gobochamp
Aida Jansma	AIDA_MK_NL
Jan Jansma	Jan_Jansma
Niek Brink	
Peter Keller	
Erik Klepke	
Stan Schreuder	



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