

The minor ALT INVITATIONAL III

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WORLD CLASS ONLINE BRIDGE EVENTS

Harris in the Lead

Harris has taken a solid lead ahead of Swissarabian UAE and De Botton and Gupta and Donner are trying out a new position in the borrom of the table.

The entertainment was high yesterday, and we hope for more redoubles today.

Good luck to all!



Jonathan Harris
Photo: Peter Hasenson

All players should enter BBO 10 minutes before the beginning of a match. TD Denis Dobrin will instruct you where to sit. All players must have their name in their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed for the sake of opponents and kibitzers.

Today's Schedule

Wednesday October 14

10:00 EDT/16:00 CET RR 7 (16 boards)



12:30 EDT/18:30 CET RR 8 (16 boards)

15:00 EDT/21:00 CET RR 9 (16 boards)











Today's Draw

RR 7













Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 HARRIS	86.16
2	 SWISSARABIAN UAE	72.17
3	 DE BOTTON	69.61
4	 BLACK	64.77
5	 FREDIN	63.84
6	 VINITA	61.03
7	 IRELAND	60.26
8	 GILLIS	59.21
9	 POTTER	58.05
10	 KORCZYN	46.78
11	 GUPTA	43.46
12	 DONNER	34.66

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 IRELAND	 POTTER
2	 BLACK	 DE BOTTON
3	 GUPTA	 FREDIN
4	 HARRIS	 SWISSARABIAN UAE
5	 VINITA	 DONNER
6	 KORCZYN	 GILLIS

RR 8

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 DE BOTTON	 IRELAND
2	 POTTER	 GUPTA
3	 SWISSARABIAN UAE	 BLACK
4	 FREDIN	 DONNER
5	 HARRIS	 GILLIS
6	 VINITA	 KORCZYN

RR 9

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 IRELAND	 GUPTA
2	 DE BOTTON	 SWISSARABIAN UAE
3	 DONNER	 POTTER
4	 BLACK	 GILLIS
5	 FREDIN	 KORCZYN
6	 HARRIS	 VINITA

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Results

RR 4

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
<u>1</u>	HARRIS	IRELAND	16	<u>46</u>	<u>28</u>			14.60	5.40
<u>2</u>	VINITA	FREDIN	16	<u>34</u>	<u>51</u>			5.61	14.39
<u>3</u>	BLACK	KORCZYN	16	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>			9.69	10.31
<u>4</u>	GILLIS	POTTER	16	<u>12</u>	<u>58</u>			1.23	18.77
<u>5</u>	DONNER	DE BOTTON	16	<u>28</u>	<u>83</u>			0.39	19.61
<u>6</u>	SWISSARABIAN UAE	GUPTA	16	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>			9.69	10.31

RR 5

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
<u>1</u>	IRELAND	FREDIN	16	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>			16.26	3.74
<u>2</u>	HARRIS	BLACK	16	<u>62</u>	<u>47</u>			13.97	6.03
<u>3</u>	POTTER	VINITA	16	<u>7</u>	<u>27</u>			5.00	15.00
<u>4</u>	KORCZYN	DE BOTTON	16	<u>37</u>	<u>21</u>			14.18	5.82
<u>5</u>	GILLIS	GUPTA	16	<u>40</u>	<u>46</u>			8.24	11.76
<u>6</u>	DONNER	SWISSARABIAN UAE	16	<u>33</u>	<u>43</u>			7.20	12.80

RR 6

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
<u>1</u>	BLACK	IRELAND	16	<u>35</u>	<u>19</u>			14.18	5.82
<u>2</u>	FREDIN	POTTER	16	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>			10.00	10.00
<u>3</u>	DE BOTTON	HARRIS	16	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>			9.39	10.61
<u>4</u>	VINITA	GUPTA	16	<u>43</u>	<u>33</u>			12.80	7.20
<u>5</u>	KORCZYN	SWISSARABIAN UAE	16	<u>31</u>	<u>46</u>			6.03	13.97
<u>6</u>	GILLIS	DONNER	16	<u>51</u>	<u>46</u>			11.48	8.52

Results

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Playing the cards online

Lockdown Monopoly

By Mark Horton



I was deciding on an introduction to today's article when, while watching the games in the Altibox Norway Chess 2020 event, I saw the kibitzers chatting about a new board game. Apparently in this new version you can't move, collect money or buy anything and Quarantine replaces Jail. Various versions of classic Monopoly are being created all over the place, especially in the UK. Maybe someone will develop a version especially for bridge players. You can imagine the Chance cards - 'You go down in a cold 4♠....' or 'Partner leads out of turn....'

Let's see if my featured match was a matter of luck or skill:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 2 ♥ 9 7 6 4 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ A 7 6 5 ♠ 10 5 4 ♥ A 8 ♦ A J 10 9 7 3 ♣ 8 3 ♠ Q 9 ♥ K Q J 5 3 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ K J 4	♠ K J 8 7 6 3 ♥ 10 2 ♦ Q ♣ Q 10 9 2
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amoils	Tiholov	Hanlon	M. Gold
—	1♦*	2♠	3♦*
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

1♦ 10-15, 0+♦ 3♦ 5+♥, invitational +

South led the ♥K and when declarer ducked she accurately switched to the ♣4, North winning with the ace and returning the ♥6 (continuing clubs is best and should result in two down). Declarer won in dummy, played a club to the ten and jack, ruffed the ♣K and played a spade. It looked obvious for North to step up with the ace and play a club, promoting South's ♠Q, but when he played the ♠2 declarer went up with the king and was only one down, -100.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	FitzGibbon	Isporski	Mesbur
—	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2NT Relay

3♦ 6♠, maximum

South led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♦A and ran the ♦J, discarding the ♥10 when North erred by failing to cover. Declarer ruffed a diamond and exited with a club, North winning with the ace and exiting with a heart. Declarer ruffed and played a club and South won with the jack and continued with the king, declarer ruffing and playing a spade. Here North needed to recover by rising with the ace to play a club, but when he followed with the two declarer, no doubt assuming he could not have the ace, put in the jack and was one down, giving Harris 2 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amoils	Tiholov	Hanlon	M. Gold
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I'm not sure East had enough to bid over 3♣, but perhaps he was expecting/hoping for a better hand from partner? Hands up if you would have overcalled 2♣?

When South led the ♦2 3NT was defeated in double quick time, and declarer finished two down, -100.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	FitzGibbon	Isporski	Mesbur
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	All Pass		
1♣ 2♣+	1♥ Spades	2♠	5-7



Rumen Trendafilov

3♣ made in comfort with an overtrick, so another 6 IMPs for Harris. Notice that 4♥ makes if North starts with a spade, but founders on repeated diamond leads.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

2♠ Range ask or ♣
2NT Minimum



Les Amoils
Photo: Jonathan Steinberg

Once again a spade was led and a club pitched from dummy as declarer won the third round. A diamond to the K and A was followed by a diamond return and declarer won with the 8 and cashed his top hearts. When the jack fell he was assured of eight tricks and crossed to dummy with a heart and played a club to the queen, settling for eight tricks for a 6 IMP swing.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ Q 6 4 2
♥ K 10 7 2
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 7 6

♠ K 10 8 5
♥ 3
♦ K Q 10 9 2
♣ K 4 3

♠ 9 7
♥ A 8 6 4
♦ A J 7
♣ A Q 10 2

♠ A J 3
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ 6 4 3
♣ J 9 5

East led the ♠J and declarer won the third round of the suit, discarding a club from dummy.

He then ran the ♦7 and when it held declarer continued with the ♦Q, West taking the ace and switching to the ♥5. When declarer put in the ten East covered and declarer won with dummy's queen, came to hand with a heart and played a diamond, putting up the king when East pitched a spade. Now a club to the queen followed by ducking a club is the way to get home, but declarer continued with a heart and had too many losers, -100.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	FitzGibbon	Isporski	Mesbur
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT*
All Pass			

2NT Could be invitational without four ♠

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amoils	Tiholov	Hanlon	M. Gold
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Declarer recorded ten tricks after South led the ♥Q, +630.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	FitzGibbon	Isporski	Mesbur
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♦	All Pass

3♣ Diamonds 3♦ Forced 3♥ Short

Here too South led the ♥Q and declarer won and played a spade to the king. When it held he played to ruff two spades and was home, +1370 and 12 IMPs. Brad Moss & Joe Grue also reached 6♦.

A couple of deals later a dreadful defensive error let home an apparently hopeless 3NT which cost another 7 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amoils	Tiholov	Hanlon	M. Gold
Pass	1♣*	3♠	Dble*
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

1♣ 16+
Dble Game forcing
4NT 2 places to play

A heart lead would have dispatched 5♣ in short order, but East went with the ♠Q. Declarer won, cashed the ♣A, went to dummy with the ♠K and took the club finesse, claiming when it held, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendaflov	FitzGibbon	Isporski	Mesbur
Pass	1♣*	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ Precision

West led the ♠3 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♣A and then played the ♥Q, West winning and returning the ♠8. Declarer won, cashed three hearts and then elected to take the ♣K, which ended his interest in the hand. No doubt he placed East with seven spades and thought he was safe. It cost another 12 IMPs, Harris well ahead at 40-7.

Kevin Bathurst was the only one to make 3NT, scoring +660 by getting the clubs right after the 3♠ overcall.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amoils	Tiholov	Hanlon	M. Gold
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	Dble*	3♣	4♠
All Pass			

Dble 3 spades

West led the ♦Q and declarer won with dummy's king as East followed with the ten and ran the ♠8 (a subtle mistake), continuing with a second spade for the queen, king and ace.

West cashed the ♣A and continued with the ♣5 (better to play a trump), declarer discarding a diamond from hand. Declarer drew the outstanding trump and played the ♥J.

At this point, declarer could have made East pay for following with the ♦10 at trick one! If she overtakes the heart East must duck, but declarer then plays a diamond, forcing East to put in the 8 or 9. After winning declarer cashes two spades, the second forcing East to blank the ace of hearts after which a heart exit forces a lead into the diamond tenace.

When declarer played low from dummy the chance was gone.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	FitzGibbon	Isporski	Mesbur
—	1♥	Pass	1♠*
2♣	Dble*	3♣	4♠
All Pass			

1♠ 5+♠ Dble 3♠

As before the ♦Q was led and taken by dummy's ace, East playing the ♦4. Here declarer played the ♠2 from dummy, retaining the eight as a possible entry. When declarer's jack held he played the ♣J and West won and failed to find the killing defence of playing two rounds of spades, exiting with a diamond for the eight and jack. Declarer might have ruffed a diamond at this point, or played the ♥J, but he went with a low heart to the king, and all East had to do was win and play back a



spade. No, he ducked and declarer's second heart went on the ♣K. Declarer was happy to settle for ten tricks and a dozen IMPs.

Declarer should have played the ♥J at trick three. If East ducks, declarer plays a second heart and the defenders are helpless. They can't play two rounds of trumps because dummy's ♠8 will be an entry but if they don't, declarer will be able to ruff a diamond.

10 pairs made game on the NS cards, but 6 of them were in 4♥.

On the next deal North held ♠AK10943 ♥- ♦A962 ♣AK8 and saw the bidding go 3♥ - (Pass) - 4♥. FitzGibbon bid 4♠ and played there, while Tiholov doubled and was left to defend. Partner held ♠J72 ♥1094 ♦KQ75 ♣QJ5 and with spades 2-2 twelve tricks were easy (and 13 possible).

It was a good win for Harris, 46-28, 14.60-5.40 VP that left them well ahead of the field.

Gupta Highlights



by Christina Lund Madsen

The Gupta team has been keeping a low profile resultwise in this event so far; yet the entertainment is intact.

This is one of the funiest auctions I have seen for a long time:

Board 14. East / None

<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ Q 6 3 2 ♦ J ♣ T 9 7 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A K T 9 4 3 ♥ - ♦ A 9 6 2 ♣ A K 8</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ A K J 8 7 5 ♦ T 8 4 3 ♣ 4</p>
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	<p>♠ J 7 2 ♥ T 9 4 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ Q J 5</p>											

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Naqvi	N. Gupta	Ali
		2♥	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
4♥	4NT	Pass	5♦
Dble	ReDble	Pass	Pass
5♥	6♦	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

As Zia put down dummy, he commented: "I would have redoubled, but I didn't have enough."

After Nare Gupta raised Zia's bluff to 3♠, that suit was lost to North-South.

Zia's work wasn't done though, as he tried keeping his opps out of slam by doubling 5♦. However North's redouble made it bad for business (FYI 5♦X +1 is 650, but 5♦XX +1 is 1000).

Zia now ran to 5♥, and when North bid 6♦, Naren Gupta joined the party by correctly saving in 6♥.

Now the question was whether Gupta would win or lose IMPs on the board. The auction in the other room was not less entertaining:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schols	Bessis	v. Bijsterveldt	Volcker
		3♥	Pass
4♥	4NT*	Dble*	ReDble*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Dble	Pass	Pass	ReDble
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

4NT "Usually minors"

Dble "No agreements"

ReDble "Good hand"

5♠ "I hope I show a flexible hand (obv strong)"

5NT "I have no idea what he has"

After a waterslideride, North-South landed in a good spot, scoring +920 and team Gupta winning the board. If only all auctions were as actionpacked, bridge would have a much larger audience.

We are not done with Gupta, because in the last match yesterday, Vinita played Gupta. As if wife vs. husband is not entertainment enough in itself, we had three different Bilde family members plus Zia.

I logged in with 6 boards to go to see the score 32-0 to Vinita. Then I witnessed mr. Gupta as North making a macho jump to 4♠ with ♠ KQJ985 ♥ - ♦ KQ83 ♣ A76 vul. vs. not after West opened 1♥ in first seat in front of him.

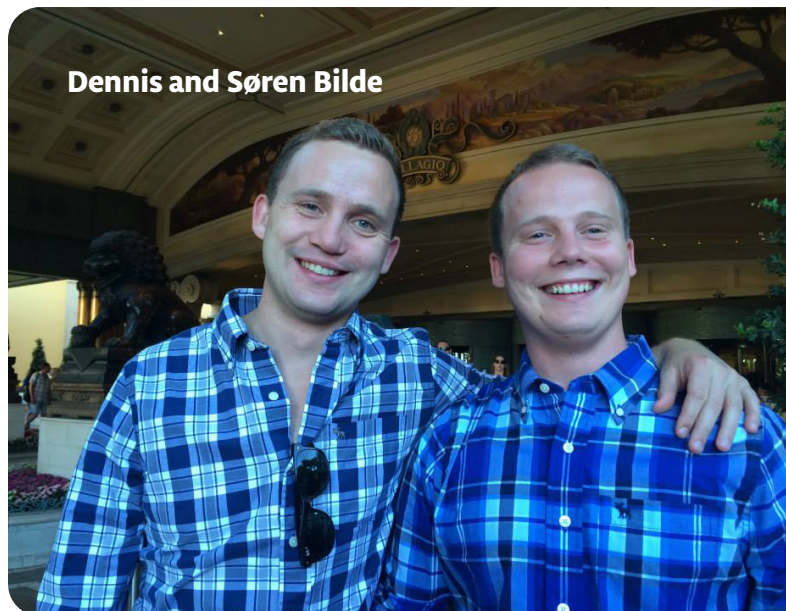
Having played multiple events with Zia by now, Naren Gupta knows to preempt his partner from stupidities. That earned his side their first 5 IMPs as EW had saved in 5♥ at the other table.

But Naren Gupta was not done. On the next board he was 3 tricks better than Dennis Bilde.

Board 13. North / All

♠ 9 7 5 4 3 2 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ A 9 6 3 ♣ -	♠ A K Q J T 6 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ T 4 ♣ 4 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ -- ♥ K T 5 3 ♦ K J 7 5 ♣ Q T 7 5 3
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	S								
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	D. Bilde	Muller	S. Bilde
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			



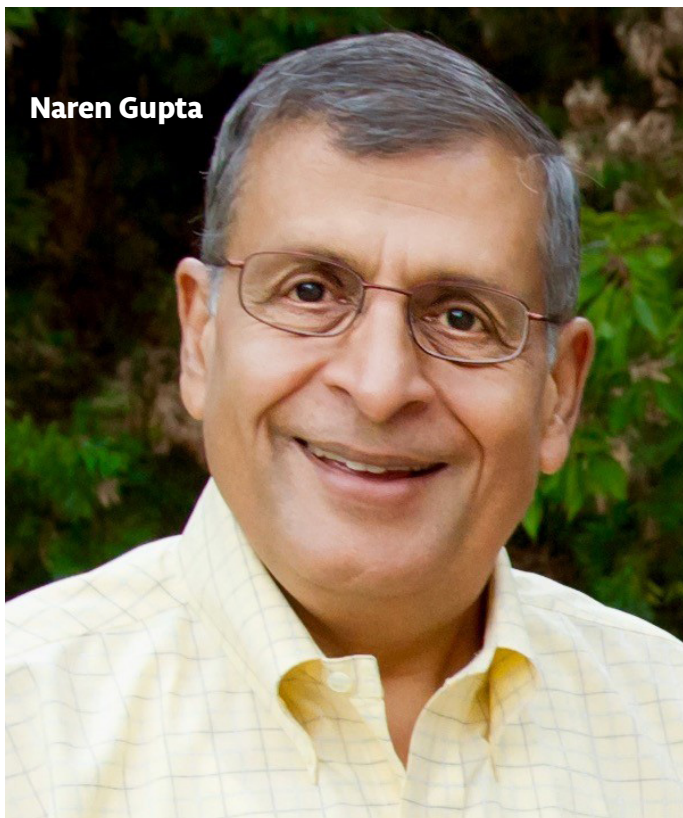
Dennis and Søren Bilde

Muller led the ♣3 to dummy's king, ruffed by West. Now de Wijs played the ♦A to get a signal of which suit to return. Bilde played the T from his hand, East the ♦4, but de Wijs missing only the ♦4 returned the suit. Another club followed, ruffed, and now a heart came through, Dennis Bilde claiming 7 tricks for -300 when that finesse was off. He then commented: "LOL, nice spades, Simon. ☺" de Wijs: "☺. I lightner passed."

Meanwhile at the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M. Bilde	N. Gupta	Vinita	Zia
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Knowing about dummy's clubs, Vinita Gupta made the excellent lead of the ♣T. Morten Bilde happily ruffed, but now the problem was he did not know if the club was suit preference or not. He did not cash the ♦A as de Wijs before playing a heart, so now North won with the ace, cashed all the trumps tormenting his wife, who tried her best by baring the



Naren Gupta

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	D. Bilde	Muller	S. Bilde
		1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Big brother led the ♣6 and in on the ♥A little brother returned the ♣4 for North to ruff. Dennis cashed the ♠A, got the ten and returned a diamond to the ace and another club ruff followed. The first five tricks for the defense and +100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M. Bilde	N. Gupta	Vinita	Zia
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Mr. Gupta made the same lead of the ♣6 to the nine and jack, but after a heart to the ace, Zia returned a spade to the ace. Naren Gupta did his best by returning the ♦9, but now Zia, still not on track, ducked to the stiff queen and Morten Bilde could give up a heart and claim his contract.

11 IMPs back to Vinita.

On the next board, which we don't have space to cover, Zia made 5♣X for +950 and won back 14 IMPs and then commented: "It has been a long day".

Vinita prevailed to win 43-33, 12.80-7.20, which means Naren does not have to sleep on the the floor.

♥K in order to keep Qxx of clubs and ♦KJ of diamonds.

Mr. Gupta finessed in clubs, pitched a diamond and ducked a heart to the king. Viola! 10 tricks and +620 and 14 IMPs.

However on the next hand, Vinita truck back, when Søren Bilde was two tricks better than Zia:

Board 14. East / None

♠ KJ6	♠ A 9 5 4 3 2	♠ Q									
♥ Q 8 7 6	♥ J 3 2	♥ KT 9 5									
♦ Q	♦ 9 6 4	♦ K 5 3 2									
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	♣ Q 9 4										

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Victim of the Day

Frederic Volcker

by Christina Lund Madsen



WhatsApp correspondance with Frederic yesterday:

12:46

CLM: Bonjour. You are my Victim of the day. I will send you some questions that I need you to answer before 10 tomorrow morning. I will of course correct your English unless you write something really funny.

20:53

FV: I'm in a dilemma (don't know if the right word...), make it now, or drink another beer and make it after...

CLM: I suggest make it while you drink a beer and have one more beer after.

FV: OK

20:56

FV: Too many questions...

CLM: Yes I know... if you have made good answers you can skip two. ☺

FV: Partner, kiss, kill. What do you mean?

CLM: You pick one you want to kiss and say why. One you want to kill and say why. One you want to partner and say why.

Did you never read my bulletin?

FV: Never

Where are you from, where do you live and with whom?

- I'm from France, living in the center of Paris with my wife and my daughter.

Do you have any education and did you ever have a real job besides bridge?



Frederic Volcker
Photo: AGBL

- 1st: I take my job as a real job, whatever you suggest in your question... ♥

2nd: I have a "license" in math and informatique.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- When I was 13, I take with a friend 5 lessons for beginners during a summer. Then 2 years later, I take some lesson in Paris and begin to play in a regular tournament.

How has your life been during Corona?

- It could be better obviously, but everything fine for us.

Who is the funniest partner you ever had and why?



Frederic at the prizegiving ceremony after losing the BB-final in Lyon 2017. Photo: WBF

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- This is probably a French guy, call Gilles Pere, it's one of my first partnerships when I was 22 or something like that. Hard to explain in few words here, but he is a really funny guy.

What interests do you have besides bridge?

When do you consider yourself funnier: when you speak English or French?

Tell us about an experience that made a deep impression on you.

How many beers do you need before you start dancing?

- Probably more than you can drink.

How many of my questions did you understand so far?

- So far, I bet on 1. The last one about the beer.

Tell us a funny story from a bridge tournament.

- No.

My personal question for you: What do we do with our wedding plans now Corona has arrived?

encrypted message :

Begin.

("We said a few months ago that we have to be very discreet about it... Maybe we can cancel the question? What do you think?")

End.

Name three things that are important in your life.

- Bridge obviously, my family and all my friends.

How would your daughter describe you in three words?

- She sleeps already... So I think, tall, bearded and kind.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Vincent Demuy, Tom Hanlon and Irene Baroni?

encrypted message :

Begin.

("Irene, I probably choose you to kiss, but I am wondering if Thomas is gonna take that badly. So I am gonna kill you. Sorry.")

End.

So, I kiss Tom obviously, and kill Irene. Don't ask why...

I partner Vince because he can speak French and give standard count.

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

Mr Les Amoils: Whenever do you want to invite me into the bush...?



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

10 6♣	7 6♣	5 5♠ 5♣ 4♣	3 7♠ 7♣
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West Tobias	North	East Marina72	South
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	4♥	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

5♠ = asking for heart control

6♣ = got it

dealer South vulnerability East-West

West	East
♠ J 9 6	♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ K Q J 10	♥ A 6
♦ A 2	♦ K 9
♣ A 6 5 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3

10 4NT 3NT	6 5NT 4♠ 4♥	5 4♣ 3♠ 3♥
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West Tobias	North	East Marina72	South
—	—	—	2♦
X	3♦	4♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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