

# The minor ALT INVITATIONAL III

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## New Day, New Leader

With two matches left of the Round Robin, Ireland has dethroned the English to take the lead.

Harris and Black are but a mere 3 and 5 VPs away with Swissarabian UAE trying to keep up. Yet none of the top 4 teams can yet claim their semi-final spot.

There is no victim today as the editor needed a minor surgery after the latest interview. We hope to be back with more victims tomorrow.



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### Today's Schedule

Thursday October 15

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













12:30 EDT/18:30 CET RR 11 (16 boards)

15:30 EDT / 21:30 CET – Semifinal  
Segment 1 of 2 (16 boards)







# Today's Draw

## RR 10

Ranking after round 9		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <a href="#">IRELAND</a>	110.11
2	 <a href="#">HARRIS</a>	107.77
3	 <a href="#">BLACK</a>	105.57
4	 <a href="#">SWISSARABIAN UAE</a>	97.85
5	 <a href="#">GILLIS</a>	95.63
6	 <a href="#">KORCZYN</a>	94.19
7	 <a href="#">VINITA</a>	92.72
8	 <a href="#">GUPTA</a>	80.64
9	 <a href="#">DE BOTTON</a>	76.77
10	 <a href="#">FREDIN</a>	74.91
11	 <a href="#">POTTER</a>	72.99
12	 <a href="#">DONNER</a>	70.85

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <a href="#">SWISSARABIAN UAE</a>	 <a href="#">IRELAND</a>
2	 <a href="#">GUPTA</a>	 <a href="#">DONNER</a>
3	 <a href="#">GILLIS</a>	 <a href="#">DE BOTTON</a>
4	 <a href="#">POTTER</a>	 <a href="#">KORCZYN</a>
5	 <a href="#">BLACK</a>	 <a href="#">VINITA</a>
6	 <a href="#">FREDIN</a>	 <a href="#">HARRIS</a>

## RR 11

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <a href="#">IRELAND</a>	 <a href="#">DONNER</a>
2	 <a href="#">SWISSARABIAN UAE</a>	 <a href="#">GILLIS</a>
3	 <a href="#">KORCZYN</a>	 <a href="#">GUPTA</a>
4	 <a href="#">DE BOTTON</a>	 <a href="#">VINITA</a>
5	 <a href="#">POTTER</a>	 <a href="#">HARRIS</a>
6	 <a href="#">BLACK</a>	 <a href="#">FREDIN</a>

The team placed 1st in the Round Robin gets to choose the opponent for the semifinal from the teams placed 3th – 4th in the Round Robin. They must send their choice to [info@netbridge.online](mailto:info@netbridge.online) as soon as possible after the final results have been posted.

In the semifinal no. 1 and 2 get a carry over of 10.1 and 6.1 IMP respectively.

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# Results

RR 7

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	IRELAND	POTTER	16	54	3			19.25	0.75
2	BLACK	DE BOTTON	16	57	22			17.45	2.55
3	GUPTA	FREDIN	16	55	6			19.07	0.93
4	HARRIS	SWISSARABIAN UAE	16	50	37			13.52	6.48
5	VINITA	DONNER	16	28	26			10.61	9.39
6	KORCZYN	GILLIS	16	41	7			17.31	2.69

RR 8

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	DE BOTTON	IRELAND	16	15	43			3.58	16.42
2	POTTER	GUPTA	16	19	27			7.71	12.29
3	SWISSARABIAN UAE	BLACK	16	13	70			0.23	19.77
4	FREDIN	DONNER	16	33	45			6.72	13.28
5	HARRIS	GILLIS	16	26	60			2.69	17.31
6	VINITA	KORCZYN	16	23	36			6.48	13.52

RR 9

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	IRELAND	GUPTA	16	35	19			14.18	5.82
2	DE BOTTON	SWISSARABIAN UAE	16	12	60			1.03	18.97
3	DONNER	POTTER	16	34	21			13.52	6.48
4	BLACK	GILLIS	16	13	41			3.58	16.42
5	FREDIN	KORCZYN	16	27	56			3.42	16.58
6	HARRIS	VINITA	16	11	29			5.40	14.60

**Results**

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# Artists at Work



By Mark Horton

The morning's endless series of tasks included preparing an article on many of the brilliant art exhibitions that are being staged in famous locations around the world. The items on display included works by Matisse, Chagall, Van Gogh, Turner and Vermeer.

I wondered if any of the players in my featured match might match the brush strokes of those famous masters and offer us a masterpiece or two.

## Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bakhshi	McIntosh	Townsend	Paske
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠Q - an unlucky choice - and when South's king appeared declarer won with the ace and played a club for the queen and ace. Back came the ♥10 and declarer was allowed to win with dummy's queen. He cashed the ♦A pitching a spade and continued with the queen. South took the king and exited with a heart, but declarer could win with the ace and cross to dummy with the ♣10 to cash four diamonds, +400.

If North leads a low spade at trick one declarer must duck and South switch to a heart. North wins with the king, but must now go back to spades, which may not be easy to see.

## Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Hoftaniska	Hult	Bertheau
—	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

East kicked off with the ♥Q and declarer won with the king and played a spade to the king. When that held he tried the ♣2 and West went up with the king and tried the effect of returning the ♥6. Declarer won with dummy's ten, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club with the ♠9. East overruffed, cashed the ♦A and continued with the queen, covered by the king and ruffed by West who cashed the ♥A and continued with the ♥7, which allowed East to score his ♠7 for two down, -100 but a 7 IMP gain.

**Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.**

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bakhshi	McIntosh	Townsend	Paske
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
3♥	4♣	4♥	All Pass

This unhappy contract finished three down, -300.

**Closed Room**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Hoftaniska	Hult	Bertheau
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
3♥*	4♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

3♥ Weak, but not stupid

West led the ♥8 and declarer took East's queen with the ace and played the ♣J, West winning with the ace and trying the ♠Q for the king and ace. East played back a spade, but declarer claimed, +550 and another 6 IMPs for de Botton.



David Bakhshi

**Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.**

<p>♠ A ♥ K J 5 3 2 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ 7 6 5 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 5 3 2 ♥ Q 8 6 4 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ Q 3</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 6 ♥ — ♦ A Q 8 5 ♣ K J 10 8 4</p> <p>♠ Q J 7 4 ♥ A 10 9 7 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ A 9</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bakhshi	McIntosh	Townsend	Paske
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣*	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

According to Eric Crowhurst in the Acoll Index, 4♣ shows slam interest. With such poor clubs you can understand why West wasn't interested.



Simon Hult

**Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.**

♠ J 9 8 3 2  
♥ Q 10 5 3 2  
♦ J 5  
♣ 9

♠ A 6  
♥ K 9 8  
♦ 10 9 8 2  
♣ K 6 4 2

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

♠ K Q 10 4  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ 7 4  
♣ Q J 5 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Hoftaniska	Hult	Bertheau
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

**4♦ Cue bid**

South led the ♠J and declarer won performe with dummy's ace and played a club for the jack and ace. South exited with the ♣9, but declarer was soon claiming, +920 and 11 IMPs, putting Black ahead for the first time, 17-13.

On Board 12 South held a modest collection - ♠KQ104 ♥764 ♦74 ♣QJ53 and saw his opponents bid 1♦ - 1♥ - 2♣ - 2♠\* - 3♠\* - 5♣. Convinced the opponents had no spade stop, he doubled. However, despite the 4-1 trump break the contract was cold - until declarer miscounted her tricks and went one down to lose 11 IMPs against the 5♦ recorded at the other table. For the record this was the complete deal:

On Board 13 (why is it always this one?) North held ♠K ♥AQJ752 ♦K10986 ♣9 and opened 1♥. East came in with 2NT and South jumped to 4♦. North asked with 4NT and when South responded 5♥ he went on to 6♥. However, South's hand was ♠AJ1093 ♥K1043 ♦J ♣KQ5 and East cashed his aces for -100.

In the other room the bidding went 1♥ - (2NT\*) - 4♦\* - (5♣) - 5♥ - (6♣) - Dble and although East held ♠Q2 ♥♦A5432 ♣AJ10862 that adventure cost a cool 'millennium' -2000 and 19 IMPs.

I fear I am not brave enough to enquire as to why West felt obliged to bid 5♣ with his ♠87654 ♥986 ♦Q7 ♣743. This deal meant Black had scored 54 IMPs without reply.

I have to mention that on Board 15 South held ♠43 ♥96 ♦42 ♣AKQ10962 and opened 2♦ which was described as a Multi. When North responded with a 'Pass or correct 2♠' South rebid 3♣, which showed this type of hand - a new idea to me. North held ♠AQ7 ♥QJ54 ♦QJ87 ♣85 and you could not go down as the cards lay. They reached 3NT in the other room when South opened 1♣ and rebid 3♣ on the next round.

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# Girl Power



by Christina Lund Madsen

This week Gary Donner has had more success rescuing CATs than he did at the bridge table.

However the team's lack of VPs shall not rob you of this little gem performed in beautiful cooperation between two of his stars.

## Board 4. West / All

<p>♠ AT8754 ♥ J4 ♦ 72 ♣ 743</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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>♠ K6 ♥ 87632 ♦ K84 ♣ AT6</p>	<p>♠ J932 ♥ K ♦ A95 ♣ KQ985</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Donner	Huang	C. Rimstedt
2♠	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Dwyer led the ♠7 to East's king, and Huang returned the suit, South playing the jack and West winning the ace to cash the ten, while declarer pitched two hearts from dummy, East the ♥8.



**Part of Cecilia's strategy is to always look as if all hope is lost and then go for the kill when the opponents let down their guard.**



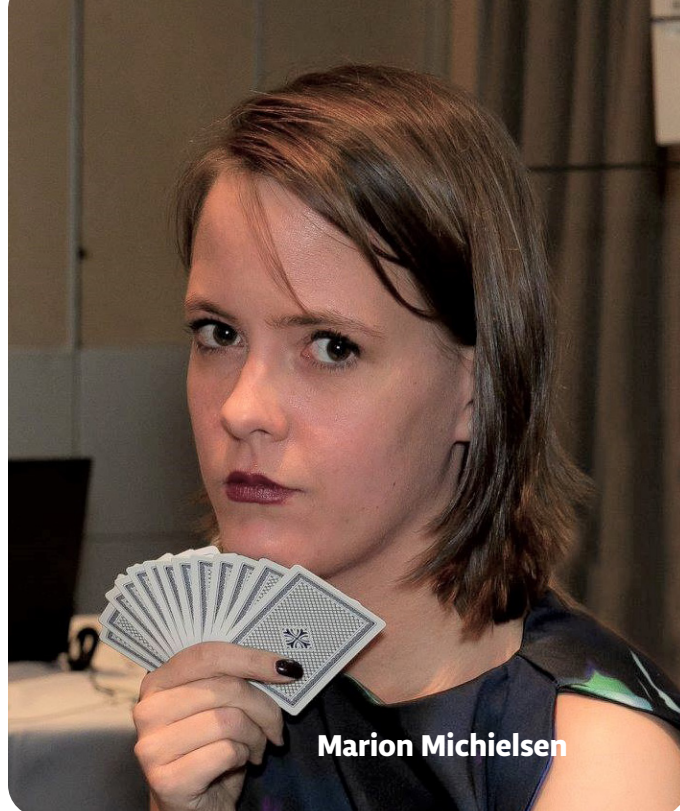
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West returned the ♥4 and Cecilia Rimstedt correctly played the ♥A from dummy to take the diamond finesse. West not returning a spade strongly indicates no quick entry.

South finessed twice in diamonds, East not covering, then played the ♣2 to her king, cashed the ♦A and exited with a club to the jack and East's ace. Shan Huang now had the privilege of deciding whether he wanted to have dummy or declarer have the rest of the tricks for +600.

Meanwhile at the other table Marion Michielsen was sitting in the East seat, and she had other plans for the defense.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cullin	Demuy	Michielsen	Bathurst
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Marion Michielsen

Cullin did not open his 6223 5-count first seat vulnerable and so declarer had no help from the auction.

The lead was the ♠7 to the queen and king, but now Michielsen paused. She brilliantly switched to a heart, the only play to beat the contract, not only severing declarer's communication but also tempting him not to end up playing for the chance of miracle in hearts (which would have occurred on this layout).

South won the king per force but did not overtake with dummy's ace. He played a club to the jack and East won the ace, now returning a spade to her partner.

Cullin cashed his two spade tricks and exited with a spade, locking declarer in hand with the stiff ♦K as his only hope. Not so and -100 meant 12 IMPs for Donner, beating Potter 34-21 or 13.52-6.48.

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dealer South vulnerability None

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ 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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<b>West</b> Tobias	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> Marina72	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	4♥	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

5♠ = asking for heart control

6♣ = got it

dealer South vulnerability East-West

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ 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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<b>West</b> Tobias	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> Marina72	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	2♦
X	3♦	4♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

'In stead of 4♣ East should double and bid 3NT over the expected 3♥.'

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