

THE ALT MIXED TEAMS IV

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The Revenge of Zorlu

Last Alt Mixed Teams Zorlu lost to Donner in the final. This time the two teams met in the semi-final, and it became the revenge of Zorlu.

Meanwhile France Sud knocked out Koda in our other semifinal to make the final a European encounter.

Two became one when Zorlu defeated France Sud to finally claim the title of the Alt Mixed teams IV.

Thank you to all participants for contributing to a nice atmosphere, thank you to the kibitzers for following and thank you to the bridge writers without whom this bulletin would be published a lot earlier...

See you back Monday for the Minor Alt Invitational and in little more than a week for our Alt Mixed teams V.



Half of team Zorlu right after they were awarded the trophy for winning the 4th Alt Mixed Teams.

Next Alt Mixed Teams



The next edition of the Alt Mixed Teams begins on Monday October 19th and is still open to new participants. This Monday you can follow the Minor Alt III. A Bientôt!



Final

	1	2	Tot
France Sud	11	11	22.1
Zorlu	45	28	73



Knock-Outs

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 ZORLU	0.1	<u>31</u>	31.1	<u>40</u>	71.1
 DONNER		<u>21</u>	21	<u>25</u>	46

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 FRANCE SUD	0.1	<u>39</u>	39.1	<u>36</u>	75.1
 KODA		<u>34</u>	34	<u>1</u>	35

FINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 FRANCE SUD	0.1	<u>11</u>	11.1	<u>11</u>	22.1
 ZORLU		<u>45</u>	45	<u>28</u>	73

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Playing the cards online

Thoughtless



By Mark Horton

I usually have little trouble coming up with an introduction to an article, but I am pre-occupied the completion of the first in a series of deals for the new Baron Barclay App, Bridgebee, finishing the latest edition of BeBridge, editing terrific new books by Knut and Lars Blakset and Tommy Sandsmark, to name but a few. I opted to watch Donner v Zorlu and the first deal suggested that I might have elected to cover the wrong match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In my match North opened 1♥ and East overcalled 1♠. At this point the au pair suggested 3NT, pointing out the old Reese mantra that Qx can be a useful holding in no trumps. However, both pairs reached the apparently hopeless 4♥.

East led a club and declarer won with the ace and played the ♠5. Joe Grue was wide awake and went up with the ace, after which declarer had no real chance, even though only two trump tricks were lost. In the other room East failed to take the ♠A and now declarer could win with

dummy's queen and play three rounds of diamonds, pitching a spade. Then came the ♣Q and West won and switched to a trump (as good as anything) for the ten and ace. Declarer ruffed a spade and played a club and East was helpless, +420 and 12 IMPs.

The contracts in the other match were 4♠ and 4♥, both doubled. If you are lucky Martin Cantor will be reporting.

3NT would have been interesting, especially if played by South. If West leads the ♠2 and East puts in the jack declarer must win with the queen and cash five rounds of diamonds, discarding hearts from dummy. Working on the assumption that the spade suit is blocked, declarer must then exit with a spade (unless East has thrown two hearts). East wins and has no winning option. Exiting with the ♥K gives declarer more than one route to victory - the pretty one is to win and play back a heart. East can cash two hearts but must then play a spade and West wins but must then lead into the split club tenace.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Michielsen	Aluf	Cullin
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

2NT Unbalanced hand possible

3♣ Asking

4NT RKCB

5♦ 3 key cards

Although this flattened the board, you could argue that the wrong hand was asking the questions, unless it was impossible for EW to be missing the ♦AK.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rimstedt	Zorlu	Grue	Acar
—	—	—	4♠
All Pass			

There were three aces to lose, +620.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Michielsen	Aluf	Cullin
—	—	—	4♠
5♥	5♠	6♥	All Pass

North led the ♠K and South overtook it and returned the queen, declarer ruffing high, drawing trumps and playing the ♣A and a club, North splitting his honours, so two down, -200. That gave Zorlu 9 IMPs and the lead, 24.1-18.

This deal was instructive for both declarer play and defence:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rimstedt	Zorlu	Grue	Acar
1NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

2NT Diamonds or weak 5♣+5♦

North led the ♥4 and declarer won with the ace, unblocked the ♥K, crossed to the



Namik Kokten and Tuna Aluf

Declarer must cover, but North wins and returns a diamond and declarer is left with two losing hearts.

Here's a play problem that proved to be too difficult in both rooms:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♣A, ruffed a heart, played the ♣Q, covered and ruffed, ruffed a heart and then pitched a spade on the ♣J. South could overruff (having pitched a club on the fourth heart) but the contract was safe, +110.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Michielsen	Aluf	Cullin
1NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

2NT Diamonds

Here too a heart was led and declarer won, crossed to the ♣A, came to hand with a heart and played the ♣J covered by the king. When declarer discarded a spade from dummy North switched to that suit and South won with the king. Now the winning defence is to switch to the ♦Q!

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rimstedt	Zorlu	Grue	Acar
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ 2+♣ game forcing

North led the ♠J and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠KQ, unblocked the ♣K, crossed to hand with a heart and played a top club - a very unlucky one down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Michielsen	Aluf	Cullin
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♠10 and declarer won, unblocked the ♣K, cashed two more spades and went down in an identical fashion.

The chance of scoring 6 tricks with this club combination is 83.97% but there is no rush. Suppose declarer takes only two spade tricks, pitching a heart and then plays a diamond. The defenders can't afford to duck as otherwise declarer can go back to clubs, but suppose they win and play a spade. Declarer wins in dummy and can afford to play a second diamond.

If the defenders return a heart instead declarer wins with dummy's ace and can still play a second diamond. If North happens to be able to win the first diamond and the second diamond is ducked you will then have to fall back on the clubs - and even when the suit does not break you may still get home when the hearts are favourably distributed as here.

At half-time Zorlu led 32.1-20 as both teams made changes.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Zorlu	Rimstedt	Acar
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♦Q and declarer won and played the ♠K, West winning and continuing with the ♦J. When declarer ducked West played a third diamond and declarer won, East having discarded the ♠4 and the ♥5. Declarer cashed three spade ending in dummy and played a club to the king, but West could win the diamond exit and play a club and East had two tricks to come in the suit for one down.

Declarer does best to win the second diamond immediately. He then cashes a top spade, crosses to dummy with a spade and plays a club to the king. After cashing the ♠J he exits with a low club and East is helpless. A heart allows declarer to win in dummy and exit with a diamond, while playing two rounds of clubs does not help as West will have to give dummy a heart at the end.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sanus	Michielsen	Aluf	Cullin
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

- 1♣ 16+
- 1♠ Artificial, 4-5 points where A3K2 Q1 any shortage
- 1NT Asking
- 2♣ 4+♦
- 2♦ Asking
- 2♥ Various possibilities
- 2♠ Asking
- 2NT 4♦(441)
- 3♣ Asking
- 3NT 4441, 4AKQ points
- 4♦ Puppet
- 4♥ Forced

East led the ♦5 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♣K, East winning and switching to a spade. West took the ace and continued with the nine, declarer winning in hand, pitching a diamond on the ♣Q, ruffing a club and playing a diamond. East ruffed but that was the last trick for the defence, +420 that brought Donner closer.

On Board 20 North held ♠KJ ♥AJ109542 ♦J108 ♣6. Zorlu opened a second in hand 3♥ while Michielsen went with 4♥. Partner tabled ♠A875 ♥7 ♦A965 ♣8432 and with the diamond honours split and ♥Q6 onside ten tricks were there, 10 IMPs that gave Donner the lead for the first time since Board 3.

However, back came Zorlu, first collecting 6 IMPs by avoiding a game that needed some finesses to work and then holding these NS cards - ♠A962 ♥5432 ♦Q1074 ♣8 ♠K7 ♥KQ96 ♦AK986 ♣63 they saw East open 1NT. South doubled and when North bid 2♦ the response of 2♥ was raised to 3♥ and South went on to game - an easy +450 and 7 IMPs.



Cecilia Rimstedt and Gary Donner

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ J 9 5 3 ♥ Q 9 7 3 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ K 10 ♠ A 10 7 4 2 ♥ — ♦ J 10 7 2 ♣ A J 9 6	♠ Q 8 ♥ K J 10 8 5 4 ♦ 8 ♣ 8 7 5 3 ♠ K 6 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ A K Q 6 5 ♣ Q 4 2
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Zorlu	Rimstedt	Acar
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Dble
2♣	Pass	2♥	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1NT Semi-forcing

3NT would have little chance after a spade or club lead, but West went with the unlucky choice of the ♦2. Declarer was alert enough to put up dummy's nine

and when it held a diamond to hand was followed by a club to the ten. When that held declarer played the ♣K and West won and exited with a diamond. Declarer won, cashed the diamonds and the ♣Q and exited with the ♠K. One way or another two more tricks were assured, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sanus	Michielsen	Aluf	Cullin
2♠*	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT Denies 3♠
2♣ Can be 3♣

He was looking at
♠985 ♥J105 ♦AJ108 ♣953.
He went with the ♦J which ran round to declarer's K2 and resulted in ten tricks. Had he chosen a spade the defenders would probably have taken the first seven tricks. They were in 4♥ in the other room which was beaten on the go as the defenders took the first four tricks - a dozen IMPs that sealed the win, 71.1-46.

2♠ Spades and a minor

Here West led a club and declarer had no chance of nine tricks, 10 IMPs that saw Zorlu ahead once more, 55.1-46.

Then Donner found himself on lead after this auction:

Future Alt Tournaments

5 - 9 October	2020	Alt Mixed IV
12 - 16 October	2020	Minor Alt Invitational III (now up to 16 top teams)
19 - 23 October	2020	Alt Mixed V (Still spots left)
16 - 20 November	2020	Minor Alt Invitational IV (now up to 16 top teams)
16 - 19 November	2020	TampAlt Qualification (Not for world class teams)
7 - 11 December	2020	Alt Mixed VI
14 - 18 December	2020	TampAlt – Main event (32 world class teams)

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A Bang, a Whimper and some Fireworks



By Martin Cantor

Mark Horton emailed that he was going to watch the Zorlu v Donner semi-final, so of course I settled down to watch France Sud v Koda. It started with a bang:

Board 1. N / None

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henner	Cabanes	Ivatury	Payan
—	1♥	1♠	2♦
2♠	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dbl	All Pass

Ivatury led the ♠A and switched to his singleton club to the queen, king and ace. When declarer now played another club he sealed his fate, since two trump losers were inevitable. It may look right to as play trumps immediately, since there is no entry to the cashing club in the West hand; but as long as East plays diamonds it kills that suit before the trumps are drawn.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zuccarelli	Moss	Palau	Lee
—	1♥	1♠	2♠*
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

2♠ invitational raise, usually exactly 3♥

The defence took the maximum. Three rounds of diamonds were followed by a club to the ace, and a club to the queen and king. South took the next trick with the ♥A and played the suit back. Declarer ruffed this in dummy to play on spades, but here too there were two unavoidable trump losers.

Four off was 800, and with 100 from the other room Koda was off to a 14 IMP flying start.

Board 2. E / NS

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henner	Cabanes	Ivatury	Payan
—	—	1NT*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

1NT 14-16

3♦ 4♥ 4♦ with some ♦ honours

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zuccarelli	Moss	Palau	Lee
—	—	1NT	3♣
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This was the whimper. 6♥ is an easy make, but it is not obvious that, even with a double fit, Henner should want to show the club shortage with an aceless hand facing 14-16; especially if, after the transfer break, 4♣ might show a suit rather than shortage.

Zuccarelli might have better reason to bid 4♣, facing a stronger opening and unmistakably a control due to the overcall; but it still aceless and minimum for a slam try. No swing.

Board 7. S / All

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henner	Cabanes	Ivatury	Payan
—	—	—	4♠
			All Pass

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zuccarelli	Moss	Palau	Lee
—	—	—	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Not for the first time in these bulletins I remind you that pre-empts work. 4♠ lost a trick in each side suit, to make. 6♥ lost a trick in each side suit, to go two down. 9 IMPs to France Sud, now trailing 18-10.



Sheri Winestock and Roger Lee
Photo: USBF

And sure enough Cabanes led the $\diamond 5$. Payan cashed both top honours, North following with the six, possibly suit preference for hearts? Declarer was likely relieved to see that 6, indicating an odd number, the relief confirmed when he followed to the third round. Sadly for her, the relief evaporated as soon as she played a second round of trumps. One off.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zuccarelli	Moss	Palau	Lee
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Board 10. East / All

♠ 5	♠ J 4 3	♠ AKQ6									
♥ A 6	♥ K 4	♥ JT972									
♦ QJT8	♦ 9 6 5	♦ 743									
♣ AQJ872	♣ T 6 5 4 3	♣ K									
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	♦ A K 2										
	♣ 9										

Lee led his two top diamonds, the second being fatal to the defence as there is now always an entry to the clubs in one of the red suits. At trick 2 South has to play a small heart, killing an entry and setting up a trick. 12 IMPs to France Sud, now leading by 6. Koda pulled 4 back on Board 11, but France Sud got another 12 on 12 when they made a 3NT that can be beaten, while Koda played in 1NT up two.

Board 13. N / All

	♠ K 9 7	♠ AJT4									
	♥ J	♥ Q7642									
	♦ AJ654	♦ T92									
	♣ 9764	♣ 2									
♠ Q5	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: 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		
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♣ QJ53											
	♠ 8632										
	♥ AK5										
	♦ Q7										
	♣ AKT8										

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henner	Cabanes	Ivatury	Payan
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

2♠ does not show extra points

5♣ is a pretty good spot; on the surface your only worry is a diamond ruff.

Koda

Finding pictures of the players can be quite a challenge. However team Koda was kind enough to send me a team photo.



This beauty is Sheri Winestock's dog Koda. But she did not pick the team name, teammate Roger Lee did.

Sheri tells:

"Yesterday, after winning our quarterfinal, I texted Roger that should we make it to the final, I would send you a picture of Koda for the bulletin. Roger replied that I should send it right away. This is what I texted him back:

"For the transnationals in Lyon in 2017 we named our team Magicdogs after our previous dog. We were rocking the Swiss so I sent a pic of Magic to the bulletin. We immediately slid from first to 4th and lost in the quarterfinals, so I thought I should wait sending you this. I decided to compromise and I am sending you this pic in the morning as I sit out the first half of the semis. Tempting fate..."

Of course the team suffered their fatalistic loss. Best of luck to Koda next time!

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henner	Cabanes	Ivatury	Payan
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3♥ short in ♥ 5-4 minors

The cards lie badly, and 3NT only has 8 tricks, as Payan found when EW defended accurately. The ♥T was covered by dummy and East but ducked by declarer. South took the second heart perforce to play the D!Q, covered and ducked. Hearts were cleared, the diamonds were run, the top clubs were cashed, but when nothing good happened here or in spades, Payan conceded one off.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zuccarelli	Moss	Palau	Lee
—	Pass	Pass	1NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT 14-17 3♥ Splinter

The lead here was the ♠Q to the king and ace. Palau now cashed two more spades, setting one up for declarer. He took the club switch, played ♦Q, covered and ducked, so now he had 1 spade, two hearts, four diamonds, two clubs, and 12 IMPs.

Which brought the scores level, apart from France Sud's 0.1 carryover. The French added 5 on the final board of the half, but then really stepped on the gas in the second half, which they took 36-1, to head into the final against Zorlu.

The Match of Zorlu



by Christina Lund Madsen

Zorlu took the lead 45-11 after the first segment of the final mainly due to the following two boards:

Board 8. West / None

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ali Ucar	Cabanes	S. Buke	Payan
3♦	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

In equal vulnerability it looks normal to pass the double not to risk going minus.

North led the ♣2 and EW lost the five obvious tricks for -500. It was a potential win one IMP or lose 10 if a slam was bid at the other table.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zuccarelli	Sanus	Palau	S. Aluf
3♦	Pass	5♦	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	



Jean Jacques Palau

Despite the same heroic effort by East-West as at the other table, Sedat Aluf went all in with his 6♦-bid and was rewarded by 10 IMPs.

The players did not have time to rest before another slam hit the screen.

Board 9. North / EW

	♠ J 8 7											
	♥ T 6											
	♦ J 7 2											
	♣ K J T 7 4											
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ali Ucar	Cabanes	S. Buke	Payan
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Dble
6xs	All Pass		

No bids were alerted, so it is unclear whether East's 4♠ showed a minimum with 4 spades or whether Selin Buke decided her doubleton heart and 4-card spade was sufficient for game. (She is a junior, so I'm guessing the optimism of youth).

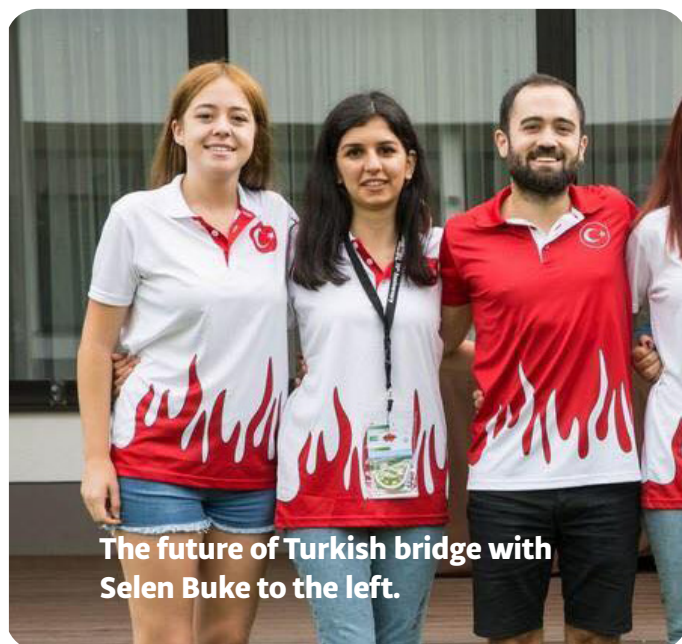
Regardless it was plenty to get her partner to keycard, and where he would probably have bid a slam regardless, the double of 5♥ did not exactly terrify him.

After the lead of the ♥T Ucar took 13 tricks, +1460.

At the other table

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zuccarelli	Sanus	Palau	S. Aluf
	Pass	1♦	2♥
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass

Again, there are no alerts, so it is unclear if 2♠ was gameforcing and East's jump showed minimum or whether West took a pessimistic view along the lines of people who think we will have to wear masks for the rest of our lives.



After the naughty 2♥-overcall the West hand looks slammy to me, however French will be French.

France Sud never got close enough to threaten Zorlu, who won the second set of the final by 28-11 and totally by 73-22.1.



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