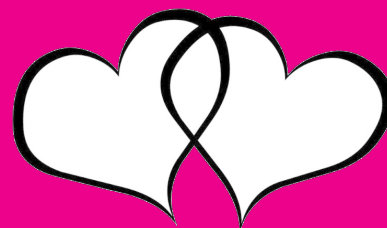


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Kibitzers Come Back

We had many reactions to yesterday's decision to close all tables for kibitzers. Most were understanding, yet disappointed. We will elaborate on our decision inside this bulletin.

As we are now down to four teams entering the semifinals, we have decided to once again allow kibitzers, so we can all follow the exciting finish.

The last round in the Swiss shuffled the top-8 significantly. Team Koda, who looked comfortable, landed on the ungrateful 9th place after a big loss to Mauberquez, propelling the French to 7th place. Abisco, Parker and Minitier all delivered the necessary big wins to join them, and in the top Santa-Tomte Alliance held on to their first place ahead of Grant Thornton Iceland. They were victim's to the Winner's Curse as they lost to their first choice Mauberquez by 0.9 IMPs!

Yesterday we said goodbye to 16 teams. We hope you all enjoyed the event. We have been happily surprised with the interest and enthusiasm for this event and hope to see most of you back January 11-15 for our next edition.

We received an email from Kim Gilman from the Bulldogs yesterday that made us very happy:

"Although we are in last place, it has been my great pleasure to participate in this event. Our team has taken full advantage of all the data on your website to see how others have bid and played each hand. It is an amazing learning experience!"

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

Friday December 11



10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Semis (28 boards)



14:30 EST / 20:30 CET – Final (28 boards)



NB: Start is half an hour earlier today.



Results Knock-Outs

QUARTERFINAL



team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 SANTA-TOMTE ALLIANCE	10.1	<u>17</u>	27.1	<u>30</u>	57.1
 MAUBERQUEZ		<u>37</u>	37	<u>21</u>	58



team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 ULI	1.1	<u>19</u>	20.1	<u>33</u>	53.1
 MINITER		<u>18</u>	18	<u>46</u>	64

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 ISRASWE	3.1	<u>23</u>	26.1	<u>38</u>	64.1
 PARKER		<u>31</u>	31	<u>20</u>	51

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 GRANT THORNTON ICELAND	6.1	<u>20</u>	26.1	<u>15</u>	41.1
 ABISCO		<u>51</u>	51	<u>38</u>	89

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 MINITER	0.1	<u>0</u>	0.1		0.1
 MAUBERQUEZ		<u>0</u>	0		0

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 ISRASWE	0.1	<u>0</u>	0.1		0.1
 ABISCO		<u>0</u>	0		0

Final Ranking Swiss

Use of Zoom

Using Zoom with one of your opponents is not mandatory in this event. Yet we encourage it for social reasons. It is much more like live bridge and makes it easier to ask questions to your screenmate about system and carding.

At the start of a round, North can send a zoom link to East and West a zoom link to South or the other way around. As with screens, it is always North-East and South-West interacting.


Email addresses aren't needed - you can simply send a private message via BBO to your screenmate with a link. It's very easy and enjoyable.

Nothing can replace live bridge, but let's strive for the best bridge we can until we are back at the tables.

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Ranking after round 10		
rk	team	VPs
1	 SANTA-TOMTE ALLIANCE	127.64
2	 GRANT THORNTON ICELAND	119.24
3	 ISRASWE	117.17
4	 ULI	113.29
5	 MINITER	112.60
6	 ABISCO	107.49
7	 MAUBERQUEZ	107.06
8	 PARKER	106.68
9	 KODA	104.92
10	 EPSILON	103.09
11	 KOEPEL	99.47
12	 PENFOLD	98.46
13	 AUSTERLITZ	94.90
14	 SWEDEN MIXED	93.43
15	 KLEOPATRA	92.56
16	 ISRAEL	92.02
17	 FLYING BURROS	87.27
18	 MEDIUM RARE	84.67
19	 ALPERT	69.57
20	 BULLDOGS	68.47

Kibitzing Policy of the MMT

by Christina Lund Madsen



We received lots of feedback on yesterday's decision to close for kibitzers during the last round of the Swiss and again during the quarterfinals.

The disappointment was clear, yet many applauded our decision but hoped we might allow kibitzers again at a later stage. We listen to our players and followers and we try our best to make the tournament as enjoyable for players as well as their fans.

We have decided to reopen for kibitzers today. There are only four teams left in the event, so we believe it much safer and we can allow everybody to follow the final stages. Yet we are not shy of revoking the decision, should we find reason to.

We would like to explain our point of view; we are hosting an event with two purposes: Good bridge and enjoyment. Not only for the players, but also friends of the players and bridge players isolated at home, who appreciate the entertainment. Yet if we sense that some players are taking advantage of the open tables, we take action. We have unbiased experts not

participating in this event ready to take a look at actions too good to be true, and we consult statisticians. If we find strong evidence of cheating, we will file a report to a player's NBO, and if they do not have jurisdiction, the WBF Investigation Committee who now have assumed responsibility.

If we do not have enough grounds to ask a player to leave our event, we close the tables for kibitzing.

With one round left in the Swiss yesterday and so many teams within reach of the top 8, we decided to eliminate the risk of self-kibitzing. Though our events aim at enjoyment, we will not risk the results being tainted by potentially unethical players.

We are considered and testing options for future events. We are always grateful for your inputs, so please send us feedback.

We believe we made the right decision to close tables yesterday. Yet today we can again watch the action, because we will not let a few ruin the fun for the majority.

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Spoilt for Choice

By Mark Horton



Which would you prefer - making a slam on a deal where your opponents stop in a part-score, or a making a grand slam where they play in game? Both put in an appearance in Round 10:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

In the other room South opened 1♦ and West overcalled 1♠. North doubled and when East raised to 3♠ South mysteriously decided to rebid 4♦, which ended matters. (They were not the only ones to play in a part score - and another pair allowed EW to play in 3♠.)

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
L Selway	Sawires	N Selway	Niv
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	Dble	3♠*	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Declarer played to ruff three spades in hand, so a trump trick was lost. It was strange line of play, but it delivered 12 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Anam Tebha



Gudrun Strandberg

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Lemborn	A. Grossack	S Lemborn	Parker
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

- 2♦ Drury with 4+♥, 8+
- 5♦ Exclusion Blackwood
- 5♠ I key card outside diamonds

If North had diamond length, then it increased the chance that dummy might be short in clubs. There was also the possibility that North's values might include the ♣Q.

The 78% chance that declarer would not have a trump loser came home, and when West led the ♥J declarer could claim at trick one and collect 14 IMPs.

They were the only one of the 20 pairs to bid the grand slam. Parker defeated Swedish Mixed by 40 IMPs and were ready for the quarterfinals.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Strandberg	Rubenstein	Andersson
2♦	Pass	4♦	4♥
All Pass			

In the Closed Room West opened 2♦ and when East raised to 4♦ South's 4♥ ended proceedings. Bridge is about making life hard on the opponents.

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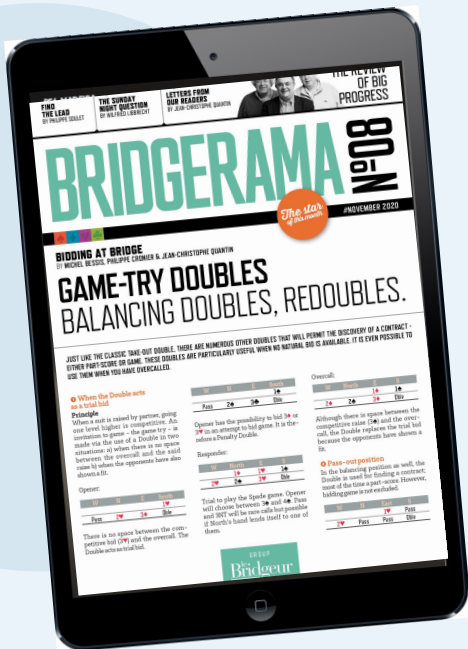
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Lessons from Yesterday

Quarterfinal report

by Christina Lund Madsen



Even though we as players don't notice the kibitzers while we play, it was a lonely feeling yesterday to play knowing it was just the four players at the tables. And the kibitzers missed some action-packed quarterfinals.

High-level decisions are usually the hands where we see the biggest IMP-exchanges, and this board was no different.

Board 6. E / EW

<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ J 7 5 3 ♦ J 7 3 ♣ J 7 4 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ Q T 6 2 ♦ T 9 4 ♣ T 8 6 5</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>♠ K T 6 5 3 2 ♥ - ♦ A K Q 8 6 2 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ A J 7 ♥ A K 9 8 4 ♦ 5 ♣ K Q 9 3</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Monod	Sivelind	Mauberquez	Asplund
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

East had a difficult bid on his second turn, but opted for a double. It is hard to blame South for doubling on this auction with so little knowledge of the distribution.

South led the ♥A, ruffed by declarer, who played a low spade towards the nine, won by South's jack. Declarer ruffed the heart return and entered dummy with the ♦J to lead a spade towards his hand, and when the queen appeared, he could claim 11 tricks for +990.

At the other tables Taylor and Bowman were in 4♠ undoubled for the same amount of tricks after the same line of play. 8 IMPs for Mauberquez.

Irene Baroni also made 4♠X worth 14 IMPs, when Larsson-Molberg sold out to 5♥ after this auction:



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Larsson	Grossack	Molberg	Parker
—	—	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♥	5♦	5♥
All Pass			

East should probably double, and if so he would have scored +100 instead of +50 and received the same amount of IMPs.

Haldor Sunde from Abisco found himself in 5♠X and made after the same line of play.

That was "only" 850, but that was enough since the Icemachine at the other table bid all the way to 6♦ on his own.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Smederevac	Bogø	Eiriksson	Fossum
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♥	6♦	All Pass

With a partner not shy of bidding, 5♦ would probably have done the job.

In Uli vs. Minitier John Hurd uncharacteristically went down in 5♠X, when he did not lead a low spade towards dummy at trick 2.

5♠ is always down on a diamond lead of if South ducks the low spade, but all led the ♥A and went in with the sxJ.

However the bravest bid was made by Gabriella Olivieri in this auction:



Gillian Minitier

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Olivieri	Bathurst	Schuster	Wolpert
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	4♦	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

I am not sure what prompted West to bid 5♦ with a balanced hand with three jacks opposite a non-forcing 4♦-bid, but it got the pair to the optimal contract, though Jenny Ryman as the only player played the ♠7 on the low spade towards the nine.

Sadly for her, the contract was 5♦, not 5♠, so declarer could ruff out her ace with the ♦J to score +750.

At the half-time all matches were very close besides Abisco, who had a 25 IMP-lead over Grant Thornton Iceland.



Francesco Mazzadi

Mazzadi led a small heart at the speed of lightning, and East unsuspectingly played the jack. North won her queen, returned the suit and gratefully got her ruff.

No other player found that lead. Sometimes you simply bow to the opponents.

It is not often you go for 800 and hope to pick up IMPs.

Board 22. E / EW

<p>♠ K Q 7 6 4 2 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ J T</p>	<p>♠ A J T 9 8 ♥ A 2 ♦ T 8 ♣ Q 9 8 6</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>♠ 5 ♥ Q T 7 5 3 ♦ 6 5 3 2 ♣ 7 4 2</p>
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Three tables played in 1♠X, two going for 1100, one for only 800, but 1400 is available.

Two tried to run on East's cards, and that was not a success:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Voltaire	Sivelind	Avon	Asplund
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	RD	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The second half was action-packed, but before we get to that, enjoy this little gem:

Board 21. E / EW

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Madsen	Burgio	Rotaru	Mazzadi
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♠	3♦*
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the $\diamond T$. South took it with the king and played two more rounds of diamonds. West played the $\spadesuit K$, North won and switched to a club. South cashed the $\diamond J$ followed by the clubs and all East was left with was a spade at the end. -1700.

To make matters worse, Swedish junior Alexander Sandin was the only player not to overcall on the West-cards, and NS did not bid slam, so 1700 minus 460 was 15 IMPs for the Santas.

Paz Katz also tried to escape by bidding $2\heartsuit$ instead of redouble. 1700 is also available here, but she escaped for 1400.

In Abisco vs. GT Iceland, West had a gadget available allowing her to escape disaster:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Uran	Tharwat	Ovesen	Niv
—	—	Pass	$1\clubsuit$
$2\diamond^*$	$2\spadesuit$	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

$2\diamond$ showed one major, and North thought he knew which one...

Meanwhile at the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Smederevac	Bakke	Eiriksson	Vist
—	—	Pass	$1\clubsuit$
$2\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This is a good lesson in preempts for less experienced readers of this bulletin.



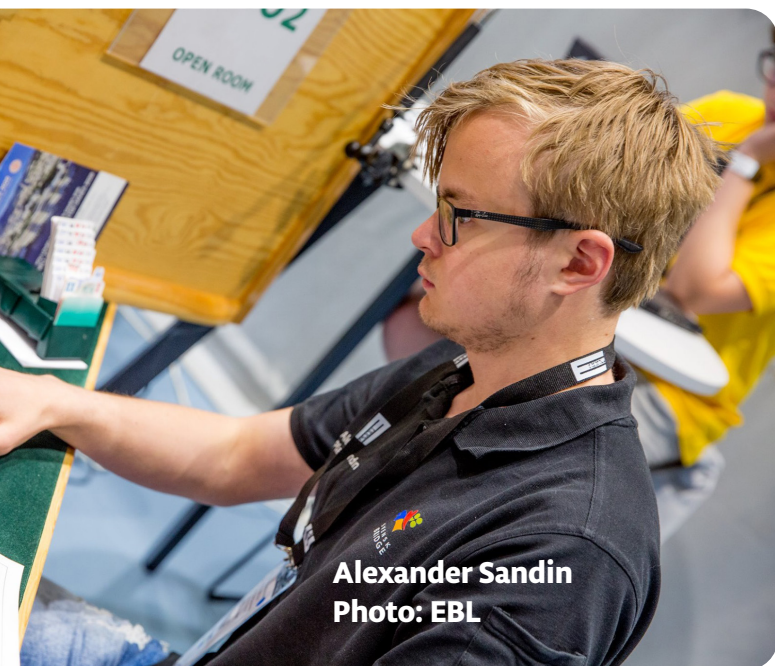
Christian Bakke

The first thing you look at when preempting is the vulnerability, the second is the suit quality.

This time the defense was perfect. North led the $\clubsuit 8$ to Souths king. She continued with the $\clubsuit A$, North playing the $\clubsuit Q$ as suit preference, and now South obligingly switched to the $\heartsuit 4$ to the ace and a heart return to the jack.

South had plenty of top cards left, so she continued with the $\heartsuit K$, West and North both pitching diamonds. Next Gunn Tove Vist cashed the $\diamond AK$, North pitching a club.

Now it is a battle to avoid the endplay. South played the $\diamond J$, ruffed and overruffed. North exited a low spade (well, not that low...) won by West, who had no other option than playing a spade out of her hand. North won and could now exit his last club to score the last two tricks on the $\spadesuit AJ$. 1700 and 15 IMPs for Abisco.



Alexander Sandin
Photo: EBL

You gotta love juniors. Alexander Sandin was the only player not to overcall at the 1-level with a 6-card suit, and now he enters the 2-level with a 4-card suit with five trumps against NS's 2♥-contract.

Second lesson of the day: Redoubles of partscores should generally be played as SOS, if making the doubled partscore already delivers a game bonus (which means that redoubles of 1NT and 2 of a minor and lower can still be for the money).

Clementsson indeed meant it as SOS, and had West ran to 2NT or 3♣, he would have been more than 1100 points richer. If you think I am a bit hard on the young man, let me just tell you he is a World and European Youngster champion and for entertainment purposes we very much hope to see him in this event again.

After careful play he went the doomed down two for -1000 and 15 IMPs for Mauberquez, as Avon and Voldoire bid and made 4♣ at the other table.

Brutally this meant the Santa-Tomte Alliance lost to Mauberquez by the smallest possible margin 57.1-58, 0.9 IMPs due to the carry-over.

Second-pickers Grant Thornton Iceland lost to Abisco 41.1-89 in our only not close match.

Minter defeated Uli on the last board, when Mazzadi-Burgio landed in 6♥ off three aces but with only one void. That 13-IMP swing meant the final score was 64-53.1 for Minter.

Israswe defeated Parker 64.1-51 and was the only team among the top four in the Swiss to survive their quarterfinal.

For regular readers of bulletins by this editor, it is no secret that the best way to be mentioned in the bulletin is to play a redoubled contract (I also have a weakness for successful underleads of aces).

Board 25. N / EW

<p>♠ J972 ♥ KQ832 ♦ 6 ♣ AK3</p>	<p>♠ AKT6 ♥ T94 ♦ T75 ♣ T82</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>♠ 53 ♥ 7 ♦ AJ94 ♣ J97654</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sandin	Fauconnier	Clementsson	Halfon
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble	RD*	All Pass



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