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Back in the Alt Routine

This headline I have shamelessly stolen from Martin Cantor, BBO-commentator and writer in this bulletin. Because he is so right. Everything is running smoothly, results are up as soon as last table has finished, players are all at their best behaviour and top bridge capacity.

Last Major Alt-winner, Gupta, has taken the lead after three solid wins, among them beating his wife in the opening match. Rumours say she will not file a police report, but he will be sleeping on the couch throughout the event.

In second we find TBD, a young, talented team, and in third Lombard, winners of the MontreAlt Qualification. In fact none of the qualifiers are to be found among the bottom six teams. Let us see if they can keep it up. We wish all of you a great fight today.

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Today's Schedule

 Tuesday
 August 4

 10:00 EDT/16:00 CET
 Match 4 (14 boards)

 12:30 EDT/18:30 CET
 Match 5 (14 boards)

 15:00 EDT/21:00 CET
 Match 6 (14 boards)





Leaderboard

Ranking after round 3			
rk	team	VPs	
1	GUPTA	49.58	
2		48.42	
3		44.77	
4	POTTER	42.24	
5		37.44	
6		37.04	
7		36.03	
8		33.94	
9		33.91	
10	DONNER	33.89	
11		33.16	
12	BARNSLEY	33.11	
13		32.95	
14	MACAVITY	32.85	
15	BLACK	32.09	
16		31.13	

All results on **Bridgeresults.org**

17	ZHAO	30.96
18	GRAND SUD	30.00
19	EDMONDS	29.86
20	FEARLESS	29.03
21	HUNGARY - GALIM	28.76
22	BRIDGE TOO FAR	25.96
23		25.34
24	SELIGMAN	23.25
25	KOEPPEL	21.86
26		21.59
27		20.15
28		19.52
29	BYRNES	19.37
30		18.56
31		17.45
32		5.79

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Draw Round 4

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	GUPTA	TBD
2		
3		
4		
5		
6	DONNER	
7		
8	BLACK	
9	ZHAO	GRAND SUD
10	EDMONDS	FEARLESS
11	HUNGARY - GALIM	BRIDGE TOO FAR
12		SELIGMAN
13		
14		
15	BYRNES	
16		

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Victim of the Day Mustafa Cem Tokay



Where do you come from, where do you live, what is your job, do you have any education, boy/girlfriend, children (that you know about)?

- I was born in Turkey, Istanbul. Now I live in New York. Because of the pandemic I am in my summer house in Bodrum on the west coast of Turkey. I play full time bridge, that's my job. Waiting for the right time to go back to New York. I studied chemical engineering. I don't have any children.

Give us the highlights of your bridge life. How did you begin to play, how did you progress, where are you now?

- Bridge is my passion. I started to play when I was 9 and until today I only played bridge all my life. I remember many good results. Many good tournaments. Now we all miss the Nationals and other strong events in Europe.

I began when I was 9 years old cause my father was playing and my mum forced me to take bridge lessons. But I think I was pretty young to understand the game that age. When I became 18 I started again. And it became everything. I studied a lot, read a lot, played a lot.

Then I met Alfredo Versace and my other Italian friends. This was a new challenge for me and gave me a chance to improve my game. Now I know I play good. ©

How has your life been during corona?

- My life is ok during corona. I moved to Bodrum, I have a huge garden here, I have my excercise stuff, small basketball court and a pool, I try to keep myself fit and play a lot of online bridge.

What interests/hobbies do you have outside of bridge?

Not much. I am a boring person besides bridge. I love music, I like to go to concerts, I like to travel all around the world. My new hobbie during the pandemic is excercising.

I love to go to soccer games but not possible anymore, and I am a big shopper.

Which country is closest to your heart and why?

- Always Italy. All my friends are there and it is the most beautiful country ever with the best food, best climate. And my second favorite is Manhattan, New York, where I now live.

What is your worst habit?

- Shopping. 😊

How would your ex-girlfriends describe you in three words?

- Charming , aloof and generous. Maybe not all of them. ©

Do you have anywhere without tattoos that you would like to tell us about?

- No, all my tattoos are visible. [©] Maybe the next one will be in some different part of my body.

Max Rotaru's question for you: Does Besiktas still have a soccer team and if not, what happens to all those supporters who tattooed the eagle on their arm?

- Hello Max, yes, we still exist. We communicate online with each other. We are waiting for chaos days to come back in soccer. ©

From which tournament do you have the best memories?

- Christina, you know the answer, I think. Copenhagen 2015 we had a great time. Great food and we won, what can be better?

When in your life were you most happy?

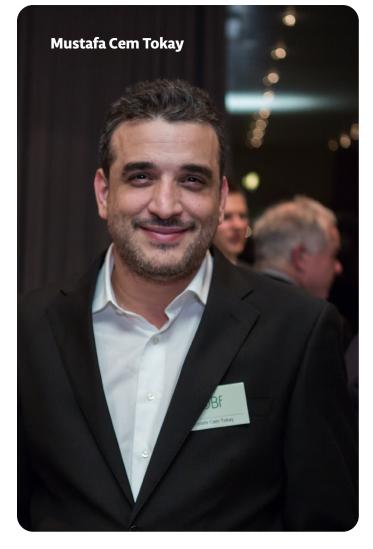
- I am happy when I play bridge, so let's say all my life. If I come back to this world, I will play bridge again.

Which time of your life did you struggle the most?

- Well, it's something continuous, once you play bridge you should struggle to improve. Now it is better for me, let's say easier, but in previous years I struggled to learn this game.

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

I had a beautiful life and still have. Really can't remember anything in my past that I would like to change specifically. Now we know we should be more careful about our health and maybe I should be more careful in the past about my health.



Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between your teammates Alfredo Versace, Antonio Sementa and Agustin Madala?

- I partner Alfredo cause he knows how to make the best out of his partners. I kill Sementa cause he is too hard and mad at the table.

I kiss Agustin because of his magically made contracts.

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

- Alfredo can be a good victim. My question for him is which game he thinks he is better at, Barbu or Bridge.

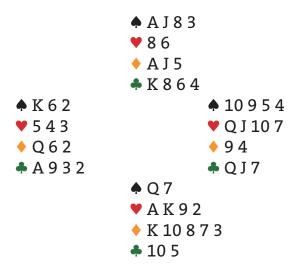
Nine Men's Morris



By Mark Horton

Nine Men's Morris is one of the games which the computer has 'solved' in that with best play on both sides it must end in a draw. That is never going to be the situation in bridge, as these two deals from the first round of the MontreALT aptly illustrate:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.



Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Fredin	Ventin	Gottlieb	Pacareu
_	_	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

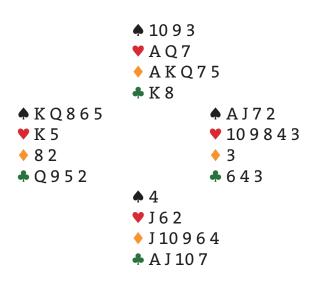
West led the ♥5 and declarer took East's ten with the king, played a diamond to the ace and ran the jack to West's queen. He won the heart continuation, played the ♠Q, covered by the king and ace and cashed three diamonds. East pitched the ♥Q on the fourth round, so declarer took four tricks in the heart suit! With the ♣A onside he recorded +460. Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Gower	Villas Boas	Apteker
_	_	_	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣3 and East won with the jack and switched to the ♥Q. Declarer won with the ace and went after the diamonds, losing the second round to West's queen. When West returned the ♣2 declarer again played low from dummy (no doubt thinking that no-one leads from ace to four against 3NT) and East won with the queen and played the ♥J. Declarer ducked that, but East switched to a club West's ace representing the setting trick and a gain of 11 IMPs.



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Fredin	Ventin	Gottlieb	Pacareu
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Dble*	2♠*	Dble	3♣
Pass	3 🔶	Pass	3♠
Pass	4	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

- 1♣ 2+♣, can have 5♦
- 1 Transfer to 1NT
- Dble Spades
- 2 Strong with clubs or 18-19 with a \blacklozenge stopper

No genius is required to appreciate that someone forgot something. Most likely it was the 2 bid that was the culprit, but this was not the moment to enquire!

Closed Room:



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Gower	Villas Boas	Apteker
Pass	1♦	Pass	3 🔶
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

What do you think West's double was asking for? Absent any agreement the answer is somewhere between a spade and your shortest suit/major. It might make a good question on the bridge edition of Pointless.

When East went with the ♥T declarer won with the queen and cashed the diamonds. East pitched three hearts, so declarer took the three tricks in the suit that were always there for +950 and a 16 IMP swing.

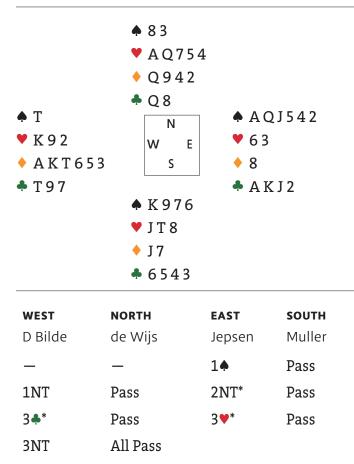
Back in the Alt Routine



By Martin Cantor

For the first match back after the short summer break my co-commentator Peter Lund wanted to kibitz his fellow countryman Dennis Bilde, which had the added spice of it being the match between the teams Vinita and Gupta, captained by wife and husband Vinita and Naren Gupta respectively. We didn't have to wait long for the action to start.

Board 2. E / NS



2NT 6♠ & 4 minor 16+ 3♣ ask 3♥ 16-18, 4♣

De Wijs led the ♥4 and everything depended on the spade finesse. Not today and a quick one down. In the other room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	V Gupta	T Bessis	M Bilde
_	_	1♠	Pass
3 ♦ *	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

3 limit in • 3 natural forcing

Morten Bilde attacked with the ♥J and Bessis ruffed the third round, then played a small trump towards dummy's ten, ducked by South. A club to the ace was followed by the ace and queen of trumps. South won, to switch to a diamond, a second diamond was cashed for a club discard, and declarer breathed in relief when the club queen popped up on the next round.

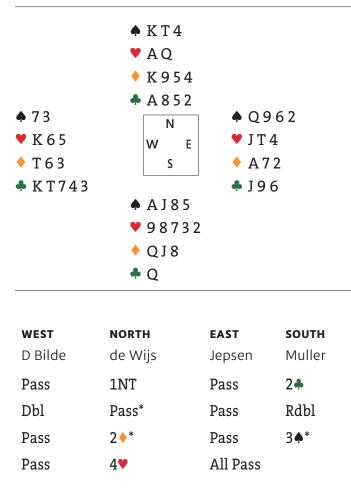
10 IMPs well deserved for getting to the better game.



Out of the thirty-two tables twenty played in 4♠, all except one making it, a couple even making an overtrick. Ten played in 3NT, just three making. The remaining two pairs stopped in 3♠.

Later in the match Gupta got another double digit gain for choosing a better game contract, helped in their choice by Dennis Bilde's double of a Stayman 24:

Board 12. W / NS



Pass shows a club stopper, nothing else.2♦ no major 3♠ Smolen

With the trumps behaving and diamonds 3-3 there was nothing to the play and 11 tricks resulted.

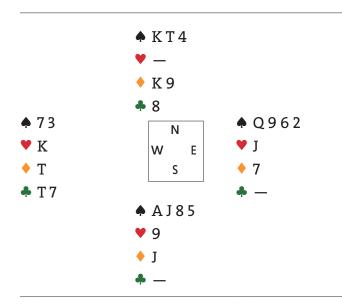
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	V Gupta	T Bessis	M Bilde
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With no double to guide him, Bessis had to choose a lead from two unattractive minor suits. He chose a diamond after which declarer can even make an overtrick if she gets everything right.

Winning the first trick in dummy North finessed in hearts, cashed the ace, and led a second diamond. Bessis took his ace and switched to the \$6.

You might think that declarer is in big trouble at this point, his weak point attacked, and the ♥K an entry to the hand with long clubs. Look more carefully, and you will see that the ♣8 in declarer's hand, together with the J9 in East, block the suit.

Not having second sight Vinita ducked two rounds of clubs and took the third, discarding hearts from dummy, and had now reached this position with the lead in North, needing five more tricks:



You have to find the queen of spades. A point count tells you nothing, but the distribution gives you some clues. When you cash the diamonds you find that they are 3-3, the opening lead thus from Axx. West has $\forall Kxx(x)$. West still has the club ten, and is favourite to hold the 13th club, because with JT9(x) Bessis would surely have led clubs, and even with J9xx he might have preferred that to a diamond.

All of which points to the spade length in East. However declarer chose to play for the queen in West, perhaps on the basis that with 5332-shape, East would have no way to partner's winners. So in the end two down and 13 IMPs for Mr. Gupta.

Three others went down in 3NT while 20 made it. All seven in 4♥ made, as did the one North who unadventurously played 2. Nobody contrived to play 3NT by South, where only the double dummy lead of the *****K would give you a headache.

And so to the final board of the match. As dealer at love all, what would you open with this fine collection if not playing a strong club or the like?

♠KQJ ♥2 ♦AQ2 ♣AKQ843

WEST D Bilde	NORTH de Wijs	EAST Jepsen	south Muller
_	_	1•	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
5♣	Pass	?	

3 "shortness I think"

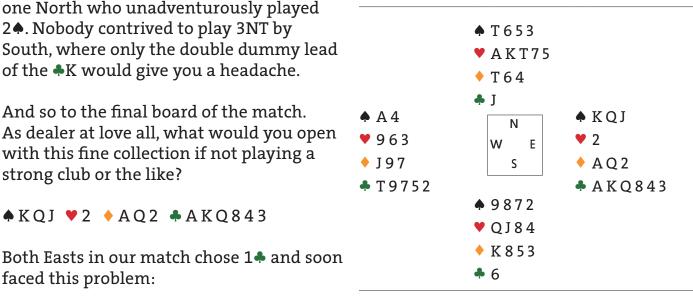
faced this problem:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	V Gupta	T Bessis	M Bilde
—	_	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	Dbl*	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
5♣	Pass	?	

Dbl 1) decent hand with 3♥ or 2) 18-19 bal

What now? Pass or bid 6? You have an awful lot to spare for your bidding to date. But you need partner to have an ace and a good card somewhere else. Neither of our Easts could resist and raised themselves to a slam that was just on a finesse. But a losing finesse, as you can see:

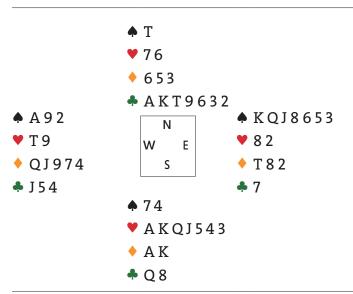
Board 14. E / None



Six other tables were in the slam, the rest stopped in 5. If you want to see what happened, you can do so via the bridgeresults.org website.

One more hand for you, this time a Zia hand from the top of the table clash in round 3, Gupta versus Potter.

Board 8. W / None

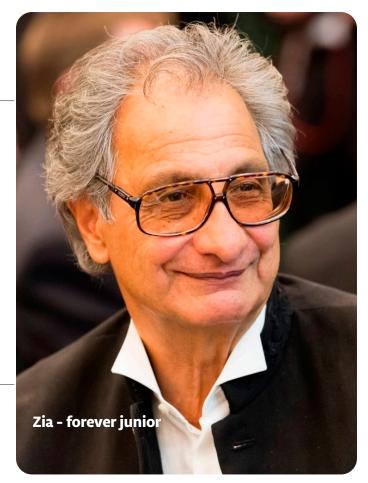


This was the auction in the closed room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Dwyer	T Bessis	Huang
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♥
All Pass			

As you can see, Bessis nearly perpetrated a slam Biltcliffe Coup (that is, reopening an auction to allow opponents to find their optimal, higher scoring spot). But he was lucky when NS didn't capitalise. Dwyer must have considered raising with the spade control and two quick tricks, but from where he sat there could easily be two losers. And so to Zia:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Demuy	Zia	Bathurst	N Gupta
Pass	1+	3♠	Dbl
4♠	5♣	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	



The one level opener on 7 HCP, combined with EW's pre-empt and raise, left Naren Gupta with a tough problem at his second turn. In the end he took the mild gamble that his partner had a spade control, while leaving the possibility of a grand open.

Of course Zia had nothing to add other than repeat his long suit, and there they played, making easily. In fact 13 tricks were made at both tables when spades weren't led at trick one.

In case you think bidding slam should be easy for these world class players, even facing aggressive intervention, I can tell you that only seven NS pairs did bid slam, and at two of those tables EW sacrificed in 6, which can go five off on best defence, making it a phantom save. However it was only three down at one table and two down at the other, despite the best opening lead of A.

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BLACK

Andrew Black David Gold Phil King Andrew McIntosh Gunnar Hallberg Simon Hult

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GRAND SUD

Bernard Cabanes Herve Fleury Marc Girollet Pierre-Yves Guillaumin Jean-Jacques Palau Gert-Jan Paulissen Philippe Poizat Pierre Saporta

GUPTA

Bauke Muller Simon de Wijs Cedric Lorenzini Zia Mahmood Thomas Bessis Naren Gupta

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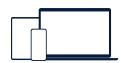


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