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## Gupta Getting Away

We are little more than halfway through the Swiss, and the undefeated team Gupta has taken a lead of almost a full match ahead of another team from the MontreAlt Qualification, the Dutch Macavity. In third we find British Barnsley, and the following nationalities are as evenly distributed as the victory points with different flags all over the scoreboard.

The draw for today is not posted in this bulletin due to a pending ruling, but will be ready in time.

Don't forget to submit your line-ups, give your partner a virtual smile and suggest your opponents to use Zoom while playing - not only does it make it easier to ask questions and get full explanations, it is also as close to the social aspect of real bridge as we can get, and we all miss that part of the game dearly.

**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 August 5

**10:00 EDT/16:00 CET Match 7 (14 boards)**

**12:30 EDT/18:30 CET Match 8 (14 boards)**

**15:00 EDT/21:00 CET Match 9 (14 boards)**



# Heard at the Table

by Christina Lund Madsen



The Alt allows kibitzers which means we are blessed to witness interactions as the following between Dennis Bilde and the Grossack brothers, who met at table 14 last night.

nevereast (Adam G.)→ leads and carding?  
 ballebo-jr→ (Dennis B.) 4th from interest  
 ballebo-jr→ std in first trick then udca  
 nevereast→ from xxx middle?  
 nevereast→ ♥x?  
 ballebo-jr→ middle from 3 low  
 ballebo-jr→ low from H  
 nevereast→ ok  
 ballebo-jr→ hi from 2  
 nevereast→ ok  
 germs345 (Zach G.)→ Continu   please  
 germs345→ What about from 1  
 nevereast→ lol  
 nevereast→ yes do u lead top or bottom  
 from singletons?  
 ballebo-jr→ Lavinthal from 1

Shortly after this board comes up:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
D. Bilde	A. Grossack	Jepsen	Z. Grossack
		2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Zach Grossack led the ♣4, queen from dummy, ♣7 from North. East cashed two rounds of trumps and played clubs, claiming the same ten tricks as without Zach's underlead of the ace and Adam's duck of the king.

germs345→ Another win for underleading  
 ballebo-jr→ Adam should know by now  
 nevereast→ haha almost played K  
 nevereast→ probably should  
 germs345→ He knew  
 germs345→ Wanted to spite me

At the other table the auction went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nistor	M. Bilde	Paske	Vinita Gupta
		2♠	Pass
		4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		





After a spade lead and a club shift the contract went two off for -500 and two IMPs for Byrnes, winning the match 43-20.

That must have suited the Grossack brothers well playing former co-junior Dennis Bilde, though the brothers would hardly fall victims to gloating...

## Leaderboard

Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <a href="#">GUPTA</a>	98.75
2	 <a href="#">MACAVITY</a>	79.54
3	 <a href="#">BARNSELY</a>	76.58
4	 <a href="#">BRIDGE TOO FAR</a>	72.79
5	 <a href="#">POTTER</a>	72.57
6	 <a href="#">ZHAO</a>	71.38
7	 <a href="#">TBD</a>	71.29
8	 <a href="#">RED DEVILS</a>	69.26
9	 <a href="#">ISRAEL</a>	68.61
10	 <a href="#">BLACK</a>	68.20
11	 <a href="#">RIPPEY</a>	66.08
12	 <a href="#">DONNER</a>	65.31
13	 <a href="#">GILLIS</a>	64.71
14	 <a href="#">SWEICE</a>	63.46
15	 <a href="#">KOEPPPEL</a>	62.79
16	 <a href="#">SWEDEN MIXED</a>	62.01

All results on [Bridgeresults.org](https://bridgeresults.org)

17	 <a href="#">AMATEURS</a>	61.50
18	 <a href="#">HUNGARY - GALIM</a>	60.26
19	 <a href="#">FEARLESS</a>	60.00
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21	 <a href="#">BRIDGESCANER</a>	56.54
22	 <a href="#">LOMBARD</a>	56.39
23	 <a href="#">GRAND SUD</a>	55.96
24	 <a href="#">BYRNES</a>	55.50
25	 <a href="#">ISRAEL OPEN</a>	54.84
26	 <a href="#">VENTIN</a>	50.46
27	 <a href="#">FREDIN</a>	47.01
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29	 <a href="#">SELIGMAN</a>	35.96
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31	 <a href="#">VINITA</a>	29.94
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# Action Stations

By Mark Horton



On a cold day in Shrewsbury, made even more miserable by the thought that we should have been basking in some Italian sunshine at the World Championships, the consolation was that the opening round of day 2 of the Montreal Alt featured some exciting deals.

Only the necessity of watching England play cricket against Ireland prevented me from covering even more of the deals.

Enjoy!

## Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Zia	Baroni	Gupta
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

East's decision to pass initially left her with an awkward decision on the next round. Would you have bid 2NT?

North led the ♠Q and when South decided to duck, he switched to the ♣4. When South followed with the king North could see two more trump tricks coming his way, so the contract was one down, -100.

If South overtook the queen of spades, cashed the king and played a third spade, he would have ensured two down.

## Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Grosset	Muller	Freeman
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 1NT Game forcing relay
- 2♣ Natural, three-suited or short hearts
- 2♦ Relay
- 2♥ Three-suited or short hearts
- 2♠ Relay
- 2NT Three-suited
- 3♣ Relay
- 3♥ 5-4-0-4

Here East did open and that allowed for a inquisitorial auction.

North led the ♦8 and declarer won with the king, pitching a spade from dummy and cashed the ♣A. When the king fell he could see a route to nine tricks and cashed out for +400 and 11 IMPs.



Anam Tebha



South started with two rounds of diamonds and North won the second and continued with the  $\diamond 4$ . Declarer ruffed with the  $\spadesuit A$ , cashed the king and played another spade, putting in dummy's ten. When it lost she could not avoid a club loser, -100.

### Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Grosset	Muller	Freeman
1 $\diamond^*$	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass
2 $\spadesuit$	Pass	4 $\spadesuit$	All Pass

### Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

$\spadesuit$ J 9		
$\heartsuit$ K J 6 5		
$\diamond$ K 5 4 3 2		
$\clubsuit$ 8 5		
$\spadesuit$ Q 10 7 4		$\spadesuit$ A K 8 6 2
$\heartsuit$ A 2		$\heartsuit$ 7 4
$\diamond$ Q J 9 6		$\diamond$ 10 8
$\clubsuit$ A 6 2		$\clubsuit$ K J 7 4
	$\spadesuit$ 5 3	
	$\heartsuit$ Q 10 9 8 3	
	$\diamond$ A 7	
	$\clubsuit$ Q 10 9 3	

1  $\diamond$  4(3)  $\diamond$ , 11-15, 2245 possible

South led the  $\heartsuit 10$  and declarer won in dummy, drew trumps and played on diamonds for an effortless +620 and another 12 IMPs.

### Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

		$\spadesuit$ J 10 9 8 5 3	
		$\heartsuit$ Q J	
		$\diamond$ 9 4	
		$\clubsuit$ Q 7 5	
$\spadesuit$ Q 7 6 4			$\spadesuit$ K 2
$\heartsuit$ 10 2			$\heartsuit$ A 7 6 4
$\diamond$ A Q 8 3			$\diamond$ J 2
$\clubsuit$ J 4 3			$\clubsuit$ A K 8 6 2
		$\spadesuit$ A	
		$\heartsuit$ K 9 8 5 3	
		$\diamond$ K 10 7 6 5	
		$\clubsuit$ 10 9	

### Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Zia	Baroni	Gupta
1 $\clubsuit^*$	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass
2 $\spadesuit$	Pass	4 $\spadesuit$	All Pass

1  $\clubsuit$  2+ $\clubsuit$ , could have 5  $\diamond$  if balanced

### Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Zia	Baroni	Gupta
—	—	1NT	Dble*
Rdbl*	2♣*	Dble	2♦
Dble	2♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Dble Major and a longer minor

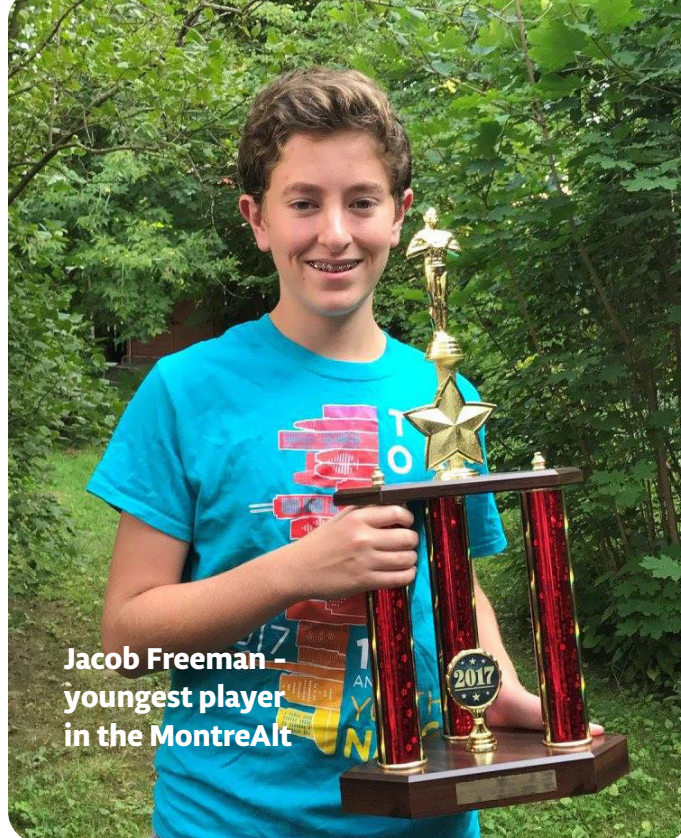
Rdbl Good hand 2♣ Pass or correct

East led the ♦J for the king and ace and West switched to a trump to dummy's ace. Declarer played a heart to the queen and when it held he tried a diamond, West winning with the queen and switching to the ♣J. Declarer could manage only five tricks, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Grosset	Muller	Freeman
—	—	1NT	2♥*
Dble*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♥ Hearts and a minor Dble Take out

South led the ♦6 and declarer won with the jack, cashed the ♣A and when South followed with the ten he continued with a club for the jack and queen. North switched to the ♥Q and the defenders played three rounds of the suit, declarer winning with the ace and cashing three clubs. The last of these saw South, down to ♠A ♥8, ♦K107, squeezed in three suits. When he pitched the ♥8 declarer cashed the seven and that repeated the squeeze for an overtrick and a hard earned 4 IMPs. I recall reading somewhere that the best you can do against a repeating squeeze



Jacob Freeman -  
youngest player  
in the MontreAlt

is to pitch from the long suit threat - that would have saved a trick here.

A heart lead looks threatening, but declarer can prevail - for example he wins the third round, cashes a top club, takes a diamond finesse and advances the ♣J, picking up the suit. Then the run of the clubs will squeeze South.

TBD finally got on the scoreboard when with ♠T976 ♥AQ643 ♦52 ♣AQ opposite ♠AKQ2 ♥K2 ♦AKJT6 ♣97 they reached 7♠, a contract missed by the Tarzan relay system in the Closed Room. With trumps 3-2 and hearts 3-3 there was nothing to the play.

Those 13 IMPs looked like they would be the only ones for TBD, but on the final deal South was on lead after 1NT-3NT with ♠A753 ♥J875 ♦Q43 ♣92. Partner held ♠K10984 and with spades 2-2 leading that suit gave the defenders the first five tricks.

Gupta led a heart, but Freeman selected a spade and the 10 IMPs gained made the final score 23-47 or 3.97-16.03.



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# It don't mean a thing if it ain't got swing

By Martin Cantor



I had an interpreting job that meant I missed most of Round 4, but I was lucky enough to get back just as this popped up on my screen, with swing written all over it:

## Board 13. N / All

♠ 7 6	♠ A 5 3	♠ K Q J T 9 4 2
♥ A J	♥ T 8 4	♥ K Q
♦ T 7	♦ A K Q 5 3	♦ 4
♣ K Q 8 7 4 3 2	♣ A T	♣ 9 6 5
	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W      E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	
	♠ 8	
	♥ 9 7 6 5 3 2	
	♦ J 9 8 6 2	
	♣ J	

In the room I chanced upon Israel had already piled up a 74-7 lead against Seligman.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hamman	Korczyn	H Lall	Yekultieli
—	1♦	1♠	5♦
All Pass			

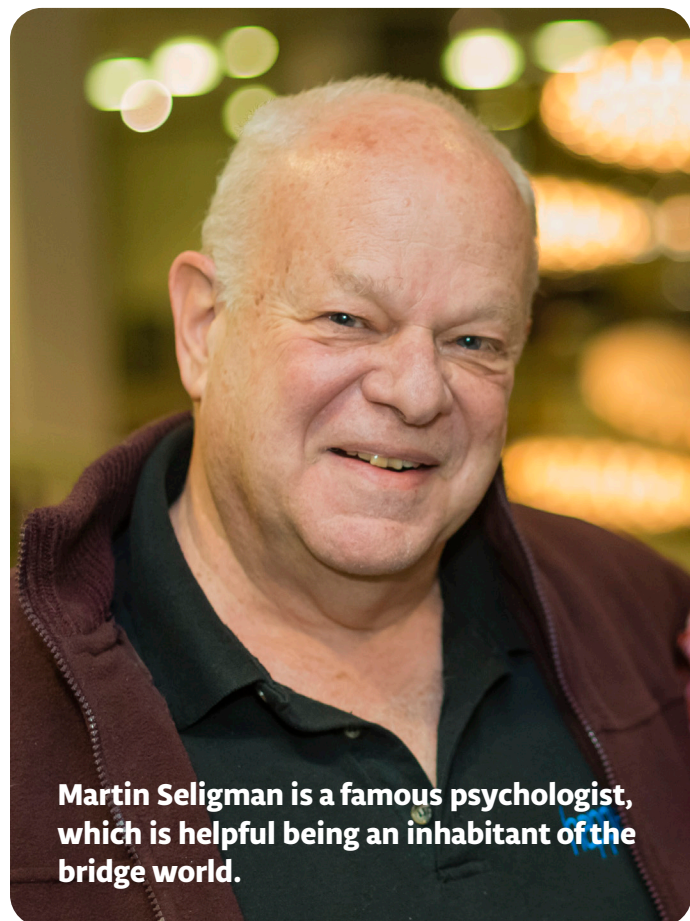
North opened 1♦, presumably too strong for 1NT, and East overcalled 1♠, presumably too strong for 2♠ or 3♠. South disappeared into the tank with his two count which might be a working one count.

I thought he might be choosing between 2♦ or 3♦ or perhaps a tactical pass, but in due course he emerged with a no-holds-barred 5♦, and that ended the auction.

With hearts 2-2 and partner's perfect black aces the play was easy.

In the other room the auction was even shorter, but not necessarily sweeter:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zamir	Seligman	Toledano	Sauvola
—	1♦	3♠	All Pass



Martin Seligman is a famous psychologist, which is helpful being an inhabitant of the bridge world.



600 in one room plus 140 in the other for 12 IMPs to Israel, stretching their lead from 67 to 79 or from 20-0 to 20-0.

128 IMPs changed hands on this board in 16 matches, an average of exactly eight per match. The largest swing of 16 IMPs came in the match between Koepfel and Transnationals when the former made 5♥ at one table, and were allowed to make 4♠X at the other.

Moving on to Round 5, I was watching with just half an eye, until this potential swing monster grabbed my attention in the match between Gupta and Lombard:

Board 5. N / NS

♠ —

♥ A Q T 6 5 3

♦ Q T 3

♣ K J T 5

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ —

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ —

♥ —

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ Q J 8 7 3 2

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ J

♣ Q 9

♠ T

♥ J 7 2

♦ A K 9 8 5 2

♣ 6 3 2

♠ —

♥ A Q T 6 5 3

♦ Q T 3

♣ K J T 5

♠ A K 9 6 5 4

♥ —

♦ 7 6 4

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ Q J 8 7 3 2

♥ K 9 8 4

♦ J

♣ Q 9

♠ T

♥ J 7 2

♦ A K 9 8 5 2

♣ 6 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Philipsen	T Bessis	Stuurman
—	1♥	1♠	2♠*
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass*
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
2♠ Invite+	3♥Pass	not forcing	



Lorenzini chose to ‘walk the dog’ with his massive spade fit, and it worked when they were doubled in their cold contract.

The other room arrived at the same contract by a slightly different route.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Williams	de Wijs	Spangenberg	Muller
—	1♥	2♠*	2NT*
4♠	5♣	Pass	5♥
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			
2♠ weak	2NT invite+ hearts		

So no swing in this match but 116 IMPs across the field, including a 15 IMP swing when the Macavity team made 5♥ in one room and 5♠ in the other.

In passing I simply note that neither South chose to show their diamond values, especially Muller who could have done so over his partner's 5♣.

And finally, because everyone loves a grand slam, from Round 6 this hand which I kibitzed in the match between Israel and Red Devils:

#### Board 8. W / None

♠ K 7 3	♠ Q T 9 8 6 5 4 2	♠ A
♥ A 8 7 4 3	♥ 6	♥ K Q T 9 5 4
♦ K	♦ Q J 8	♦ A T 7 6 5
♣ Q 8 4 2	♣ 5	♣ A J
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>W</span><span>E</span> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ J	
	♥ J 2	
	♦ 9 4 3 2	
	♣ K T 9 7 6 3	



Steve de Roos  
(many years ago...)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Korczyn	de donder	Porat	Bahbout
1♥	3♠	4NT	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

5♣ 1 or 4      6♦ ♦K

A comfortable auction to a comfortable spot, making an overtrick. At the other table a higher level pre-empt helped to push them higher:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Warszawski	de Roos	Israeli
1♥	4♠	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦*	Pass
7♣	Pass	7♥	All Pass

4NT RKCB  
 5♣ 1 or 4  
 5NT Grand Slam try  
 6♦ If he has the other 2 I want 7

From the failure to alert 6♣ and East's explanations I'm not sure they were on the same page, but whether or not it got them to a good place, with the ♠K taking care of a club discard, and 2-1 trumps making it safe even if diamonds were 5-2 or 6-1.

All 32 Wests played a heart slam, 21 of them the small, 11 the grand.

With two of the grands coming in the same match there were 'only' 99 IMPs on the scoreboard.





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