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## One match, do not miss you chance to Q...

Despite two losses yesterday, Gupta is clinging on to the lead, but the Brits Barnsley and Black are in attack position. Macavity (a Q-team) is still battling the big boys and have almost 9 VPs down to the ninth nightmare spot. I secretly root for them to hold on to the top-8.

As so often in a Swiss, the field is so close that almost half the field has a chance to Q, if they blitz in the last match today.

We receive many comments from kibitzers about how happy they are to be able to watch the show, so let's give them some action and fight for your chance in the last match today.

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### Today's Schedule


Thursday August 6

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

**14:00 EDT/20:00 CET QF (28 boards)**



## Leaderboard

Ranking after round 9		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <a href="#">GUPTA</a>	122.73
2	 <a href="#">BARNSELY</a>	120.52
3	 <a href="#">BLACK</a>	114.58
4	 <a href="#">MACAVITY</a>	109.87
5	 <a href="#">RED DEVILS</a>	106.91
6	 <a href="#">ZHAO</a>	105.60
7	 <a href="#">KOEPPPEL</a>	102.58
8	 <a href="#">HUNGARY - GALIM</a>	101.70
9	 <a href="#">SWEICE</a>	101.10
10	 <a href="#">BRIDGE TOO FAR</a>	99.14
11	 <a href="#">DONNER</a>	97.86
12	 <a href="#">GRAND SUD</a>	95.30
13	 <a href="#">RIPPEY</a>	94.98
14	 <a href="#">TBD</a>	94.78
15	 <a href="#">ISRAEL</a>	90.97
16	 <a href="#">FEARLESS</a>	90.86

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17	 <a href="#">AMATEURS</a>	90.27
18	 <a href="#">ISRAEL OPEN</a>	89.38
19	 <a href="#">GILLIS</a>	88.63
20	 <a href="#">EDMONDS</a>	86.70
21	 <a href="#">FREDIN</a>	86.08
22	 <a href="#">LESLIE</a>	85.52
23	 <a href="#">POTTER</a>	84.73
24	 <a href="#">SWEDEN MIXED</a>	83.85
25	 <a href="#">BYRNES</a>	80.23
26	 <a href="#">VENTIN</a>	78.59
27	 <a href="#">MAUBERQUEZ</a>	78.39
28	 <a href="#">LOMBARD</a>	74.04
29	 <a href="#">BRIDGESCANER</a>	73.65
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31	 <a href="#">VINITA</a>	56.72
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## Draw Round 10

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>GUPTA</u>	 <u>RED DEVILS</u>
2	 <u>BARNSELY</u>	 <u>ZHAO</u>
3	 <u>BLACK</u>	 <u>MACAVITY</u>
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# The Barnsley Chop

By Mark Horton



You might be forgiven for thinking that my title reflects the use of a cunning technique in some Japanese martial art, but in fact it refers to a particular type of lamb chop, favoured by serious trenchermen. The word chop has other connotations - I'll leave you to judge which might be most appropriate as I reveal what happened when A Bridge Too Far faced Barnsley in Round 4.

## Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

## Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gulyas	Hydes	Barczy	Plackett
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♠	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Followers of Meckstroth's Law would have bid 4♠ with the West hand. With an array of defensive cards North might double that, but it's a close call.

West led the ♠A and declarer ruffed and played a club for the queen and king. He ruffed the spade return, cashed the ♥A and the ♣A, ruffed a club, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a club and claimed, +420.

## Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cope	Kemeny	Crouch	Trenka
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	3♥	3♠	4♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

Here West did bid 4♠ and naturally South went on to 5♥, which West saw fit to double.

He led the ♠K and declarer ruffed and played a club for the ten and jack. Back came a spade and declarer could not avoid the loss of a heart and a diamond for -100 and the loss of 11 IMPs.

West's double strongly suggested that he held the ♥K and after ruffing the spade declarer could have played two rounds of hearts, putting West on lead. In trouble, West can't play a spade, might try a desperate diamond, hoping for a losing guess, but will probably fall back on a club. Now declarer will have time to establish the clubs for three diamond discards and be able to ruff his losing diamond in dummy.



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

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

#### Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gulyas	Hydes	Barczy	Plackett
Pass	1♦	1♠	3♣*
4♠	5♦	All Pass	

3♣ Fit jump

East led the ♠A and followed it with the ace and queen of hearts. Declarer won with the king, ruffed a spade and advanced the ♦Q. When West followed with the two, declarer took the rabbinical route by rising with the ace. As Edgar Kaplan might have remarked, 'Up went the ace and down went the contract'. Declarer did get the clubs right but was -100.

#### Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cope	Kemeny	Crouch	Trenka
Pass	1♦	Dble	4♦
4♥	All Pass		

North cashed his aces and declarer took the heart finesse for +650 and another 11 IMPs.



Peter Crouch and Simon Cope (Barnsley)

For what it's worth, if you don't play fit jumps then I would be tempted to try responding 2♣ with the South hand.

#### Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

#### Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gulyas	Hydes	Barczy	Plackett
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Peter Trenka (Bridge too Far)

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gulyas	Hydes	Barczy	Plackett
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣J and scored a ruff. Subsequently declarer refused the spade finesse so +420.

West led the ♠K and declarer cashed his tricks, +400.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cope	Kemeny	Crouch	Trenka
Pass	Pass	1♥	3♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♥ Looking for a stopper

East led the ♦A and the defenders took the first six tricks for +100 and a third 11 IMP swing to Barnsley.

When Bridge Too Far tried 6♥ with ♠A96 ♥AKQ9743 ♦A32 ♣- opposite ♠T42 ♥T2 ♦98 ♣AT7643 they found it was a trick too far and +450 in the other room was yet another 11 IMPs.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cope	Kemeny	Crouch	Trenka
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble*	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Dble I want to bid 5♥

West led the ♣J and East won with the ace and returned the six for West to ruff, one down. That broke the spell, as this time the swing was 12 IMPs.

It was only on Board 13 that BTF broke their duck, scoring a single IMP, only to see another 10 disappear on the last deal of the session to make the score 75-1.

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# Victim of the Day

## Anam Tebha

by Christina Lund Madsen



*How old are you, where do you come from, where do you live, what do you do?*

- How old am I?

I think I'll stop answering this question once I'm 30... 2 years of honesty left!

Where do I come from?

Geographically, Las Vegas, NV. My ancestry is a mixed bag. My father is Indian while my mother is Pakistani. I have no clue why they thought Las Vegas was a good middle ground.

What do I do?

Before COVID, I occasionally managed to follow suit at bridge tournaments. Now, thanks to BBO, at least I can't literally revoke.

*Do you have any education or any past career outside of bridge?*

- I'm a UNLV graduate with a bachelor's in psychology, chemistry, and microbiology... not that I use any of those degrees. Maybe, one day!

*Irene Baroni's questions for you:*

*How did you begin playing professionally and what are your ambitions?*

- Playing professional bridge was an accident. A happy one so far.

My ambitions in bridge? To become better. My ambitions in life? To be healthy and always have the ability to do what makes me, and those around me, happy and content with the life we live.

*What would you like to do for a living if not playing bridge?*

- I would go into academia — still might!

*What is the best bridge has given you?*

- Bridge has given me the best and worst experiences of my life. It is a formidable adversary and loving companion.

*- What are the downsides to the life as a bridge professional?*

- It used to be the planes. Now, it's that all my friends aren't a car ride away.

*- What do you like to do when you do not play bridge?*

- I read a lot, try and cook new things at home, and walk the puppies. Well, actually, they walk me.

*How has corona affected your life?*

- Everything is different, yet everything is the same. I do the same things in different ways for the most part but I miss being around various friends and meeting new people. 2020 needs a new storyline.

*What three words would your sister use to describe you?*

- Witty, dependable, and direct. Just don't ask her about me if she's not in a good mood. ☺



Anam Tebha



*When in your life were you happiest?*

- My youngest sister's 21st birthday. We flew to Costa Rica—it was awesome!

*When in your life did you struggle the most?*

- You'll need to get your hands on some truth serum for an answer. Thank you. Come again!

*Who would you partner, kiss, kill between Joe Grue, Vincent Demuy and Adam Grossack?*

- Hard to go wrong with all these choices. I guess I'll pick a partner first. Priorities, right? While I've had the pleasure to play with all of these fine players (and they're all great!), I'd partner with VD.

A peck on the cheek never hurt anyone, right, Joe?

I guess Adam bites the dust... he'll probably want to kill me after we play this weekend anyway. I'll beat him to the punch. ☺

*Who should be the next victim in the bulletin?*

*Tell us something you would like to know about this person.*

- Vinita Gupta. I would like to know about her next blog entry.



# Swinging again



By Martin Cantor

I generously gave Mark Horton first pick of boards from Round 7, and he promptly grabbed four crackers. Luckily for me the computer was in a lively mood so it still left one for me. To add to the excitement, in this clash between Gupta in first and Macavity in second place, Macavity had recovered from 30-12 down to 30-19, with just this last board to come:

## Board 14. E / None

♠ 5 4 3	♠ Q 9 8	♠ A K J 7 6 2
♥ 9 7	♥ A J 8 5 4	♥ 3
♦ J 9 8 7 6 4	♦ K 5 3 2	♦ Q
♣ 8 5	♣ T	♣ A K Q 9 3
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
v. Bijsterveldt	Zia	Schols	N Gupta
—	—	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♥	4♣	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

On best play and defence there are 11 tricks in hearts and nine in spades, so the par contract is 5♠X for -300. But distributional hands like these don't lend

themselves to precise scientific bidding or judgment, which is why they are a source of so many big swings.

Schols ruffed the second heart, cashed two top trumps, then two top clubs. When he then played the ♣9 at trick 7, Gupta failed to cover, and that cost the second under-trick. Not that it made a big difference, undoubled, when this happened in the other room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Dewit	T Bessis	Vandewiele
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	3NT*	4♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dbl	All Pass

3NT 4♥ bid with some defense

The ♣8 lead was won by the king. Bessis cashed a top spade then played a trump, but Vandewiele could win in dummy and, judging from the auction that West held the remaining trump, he could take his top diamonds and cross ruff for eleven tricks and 12 IMPs, taking his team into a last gasp 31-30 lead, and inflicting the first defeat of the tournament on team Gupta. For the record 120 IMPs changed hands in 16 matches on this board.

On to Round 9. Gupta, still leading, faced Black who had climbed to fourth after a slow start.



## Board 3. S / EW

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Hallberg	Muller	Hult
—	—	—	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♦	4♠
All Pass			

A simple auction saw de Wijs leading his singleton in partner's suit. Hult won, cashed the ♠AK and led a heart. West went up with his ace, cashed his boss trump and exited with the ♣J, but now the heart finesse allowed declarer to pitch his losing diamond and claim his contract for the loss of a spade, a heart and a club.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
King	Bessis	McIntosh	Lorenzini
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3♠ “rather preemptive” (I love these self-alert explanations)



An even simpler auction at this table, with Tosh McIntosh ignoring the adage "Question: What do you call an eight card suit? Answer: Trumps." Presumably because of the vulnerability. King also ignored a bridge adage "If I don't lead a singleton I haven't got one", choosing instead the ♣J.

Lorenzini won this in hand and played a heart towards dummy. King smartly hopped up with the ace to play another one and now declarer erred by playing the king, ruffed by McIntosh for the defence's second trick. With a trump and a diamond still to come they had a one trick set and 10 IMPs.

Only one other NS pair went negative on the board, also in 4♠-1, while the plus scores ranged from 170 through 500 and 590 and 800 to 880 for 4♠XX=.

A few boards later the computer served East up with another eight card suit:

## Board 9. N / EW

♠ 4	♠ Q 3 2	♠ AKT98765
♥ 9 6 3	♥ A J 7	♥ 5 2
♦ K Q 9 5 3 2	♦ A 4	♦ T
♣ A 8 7	♣ K J 9 6 5	♣ T 3
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	♠ J	
	♥ K Q T 8 4	
	♦ J 8 7 6	
	♣ Q 4 2	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Hallberg	Muller	Hult
—	1NT	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

The contract should go two down fairly routinely, doubled and vulnerable against not, but Muller got lucky when the defence slipped a trick.

Hult led the ♥K for his partners 7, then spent a long time considering his next move. It looks obvious to switch to a club. Not only can you see the threat of dummy's diamonds, you can almost certainly place the ♣K in partner's hand for his 1NT-opening.

Continuing the ♥Q would not be terrible, but Hult played the ambiguous ♥T, forcing Hallberg to win. It was harder for him to find the club switch, since there might be another heart to cash and declarer could hold the club queen.

A third heart was ruffed, then ♠A, ♠K and the diamond meant just one off.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
King	Bessis	McIntosh	Lorenzini
—	1NT	Pass!	2♦
Dbl	Rdbl*	4♠	5♥
All Pass			

Rdbl ♥ fit, want to play from his side

McIntosh found a tactical/sneaky/pick-an-adjective pass at his first turn, allowing South to show his hearts at a comfortable level. I guess pass to 4♠ would not be forcing since the 2♦ transfer could be a weak hand, but a double, showing your competitive values, looks better to me than 5♥ with all those slow values.

King led his singleton in partner's spade suit, and McIntosh returned the compliment with his singleton in partner's diamond suit, ensuring three tricks for the defence and 6 IMPs to Black, who went on to win 35-6 or 16.88-3.22.

And yes, this was another swing board around the tournament, with 95 IMPs changing hands on it.





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