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Qualification for the Future

Congratulations to the Dutch team Lombard, who won the MontreAlt Qualification.

Judging from your immediate feedback, the first qualification for a Major Alt event has been popular among the participants. We hope you all enjoyed the tournament.

During the following months, the Alt Organisation will host some Minor Alts (typically 8 invited top teams) and some mixed events (open to more teams, though still aimed at top level mixed teams).

In December the Major Alts return with TampAlt, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and alt.bridgeresults.org for info about dates. We have already decided to have qualification events as an element for future Major Alts as well as long as we sense an interest from the bridge population for this format.

Thank you all for playing and best of luck to our 8 teams in the MontreAlt!

All teams within the top 8 are invited to the MontreAlt.

Just before deadline for this bulletin the last team confirmed its participation, which means there will be no extra spots for teams outside the top 8. Better luck next time.

Dates for MontreAlt:

August 3-7 2020

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Lombard's Lambada

by Christina Lund Madsen



Team Lombard (Bert Geens, Rens Philipsen, Jamilla Spangenberg, Dennis Stuurman, Wouter van den Hove, Ruud Von Seida, Chris Westerbeek, Dafydd Williams, Jasper Williams) danced through the MontreAlt Qualification to win by more than 10 VPs ahead of Sweden Mixed (Nils Ahlen, Tommy Bergdahl, Anders Eriksson, Daniel Eriksson, Eva Gunnarsson, Malin Helin, Fredrik Jarlvik, Emma Ovelius, Ylva Pyykko, Tatyana Trendafilova).

Lombard took the lead in round 7 and kept it throughout the second half of the event despite a heavy beating by the Amateurs (Hailong Ao, Franco Baseggio, Ira Chorush, Jiang Gu, Alex Kolesnik, Ai-Tai Lo, Harrison Luba) in the last round. That propelled the Amateurs to the bronze spot and the right to enter the MontreAlt, but not with free entry fee as the top 2 places.

Lombard prevailed since Sweden Mixed suffered a similar defeat to the Transnationals (Martins Balodis, Kevin Gotink, Ilze Mikelsons, Maria Myllari, Selena Pepic, Louise Selway, Florian Weiss, Jovana Zoranovic), securing their team a fifth place with 5 VPs down to Fruitvliegjes (Vincent de Pagter, Aarnout Helmich, Oscar Nijssen, Tim van de Pavverd, Peter van Montfoort, Frank Van Wezel, Rob Vd Bergh, Roefi Vilier, Kevin Vreeswijk, Ricardo Westerbeek) in the less coveted 9th place.

In round 10 Lombard faced another Dutch team, Bid72, and Lombard won the right to gloat with a victory of 46-22. These 17 IMPs came in handy:

Board 13. N / All

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











WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
v. de Hoek	C. Westerbeek	Witvliet	D. Williams
—	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

2NT was 8+ points and 4+ hearts. 3NT showed void in spades and 11-13. 5♣ was exclusion, and 5NT showed two aces with the ♥Q. Good agreements are worth many IMPs and the contract was cold on any lead.

East found the xd2, and now declarer did not have to worry about finding the xdQ.

The world junior champion from 2012 played ruffed a club at trick 2, played a heart to the ace seeing the 4-0 split, ruffed another

Final Ranking

Ranking after round 12		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>LOMBARD</u>	158.28
2	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>	147.93
3	 <u>AMATEURS</u>	146.66
4	 <u>ISRAEL</u>	144.20
5	 <u>TRANSNATIONALS</u>	138.29
6	 <u>MACAVITY</u>	137.10
7	 <u>BRIDGE TOO FAR</u>	136.71
8	 <u>HUNGARY - GALIM</u>	136.11
9	 <u>FRUITVLIEGJES</u>	133.78
10	 <u>THE DALTONS</u>	127.64
11	 <u>BID72</u>	124.77
12	 <u>REMEMBERING ROLAND</u>	121.90
13	 <u>MG</u>	121.04
14	 <u>NEW ENGLAND</u>	116.28
15	 <u>REYNOLDS</u>	109.90
16	 <u>CHOSEN</u>	109.27
17	 <u>NETBRIDGE</u>	107.19
18	 <u>NEW ENGLANDERS</u>	106.48
19	 <u>HERRES!</u>	104.96
20	 <u>ENGLAND U16</u>	104.80
21	 <u>PHOENIX</u>	100.04
22	 <u>DUTCH JUNIORS</u>	92.17
23	 <u>NORWAY U21/U16</u>	80.13
24	 <u>BISHEL</u>	74.37

The top 2 teams will be invited to participate in the MontreAlt without entry fee. The teams 3-8 will be invited to play, but paying entry fee as all other participating teams in the event.

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Chris Westerbeek

to ask for keycards outside the spade suit after partner showed short clubs) decided to jump to 6♥.

East led the ♣A, ruffed. Now declarer played the ♠A and ruffed a spade. Another club followed, ruffed, and now a heart to the ace revealed the 4-0 trump break.

Declarer played the ♦K and a diamond to dummy's jack, ruffed by West. She returned a brave spade from her king (a heart would have worked as well), and when North ruffed, he had no way to recover. He pulled trumps and ended up losing a diamond and a club trick at the end for down 2 (he could have secured down 1 by ruffing his last club first).

club, cashed the ♠A pitching a club, ruffed a spade in hand and ruffed his last club with dummy's last trump. To avoid tapping himself, he carefully played a diamond, and for West one trump trick was as good as the other, so he ruffed in and played the ♣K, but declarer ruffed, pulled the last two trumps and claimed. +1430.

At the other table 6♥ was also reached:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Spangenberg	Steenbakkens	J. Williams	Ijsselmuiden
—	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

2NT was again 8+ with 4+ hearts, 3♣ a conservative unbalanced invite in my opinion, but after 4♣ showing short clubs and 11+, North (perhaps lacking methods



Jamilla Spangenberg

That was 17 IMPs for Lombard on their way to victory.

The number 1 and 2 met early in the event in round 4. The match was close and ended with a small victory for Sweden Mixed 38-35 (10.97-9.03 in VPs).

This board helped the Swedes to their victory:

Board 6. E / EW

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	C. Westerbeek	Trendafilova	D. Williams
		1♣	2♦
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ was 16+. Double showed 5+ and 2NT 17-19.

The contract is very hard to defeat, and South tried to find partner by leading the ♠6. That gave declarer her ninth trick for +600.



Tatyana Trendafilova

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Spangenberg	Erikson	J. Williams	Pyykkö
—		1NT	Pass
2♣	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

East opened 1NT with 18 and a 5-card suit. Not many's choice even if the range is 15-18. After North's double, West opted to play in one of the majors, game seeming far fetched. The contract made +110, but 10 IMPs for Sweden Mixed.



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