The TampALT Invitational

DECEMBER 14-18 2020



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A Palette of Players Ready to Give

We are approaching the end of the year, and I doubt any of us will miss 2020 as we enter the New Year.

While we wait for this wonderful event to occur, we are happy to welcome an exciting and diverse field for the last major ALT event this year.

We have the best of the best mixed with participants from the TampAlt Qualification, and as so often before, we are probably in for a surprise or two.

So join us and see which presents await our players in this time of giving.



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 TampAlt

Monday December 14 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Swiss R1 (14 boards) 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET – Swiss R2 (14 boards) 15:00 EST / 21:00 CET – Swiss R3 (14 boards)

Draw Round 1

Format

10 rounds of Swiss (14 boards pr. match) followed by quarterfinals for the top 8 teams.

<u>Results</u>

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4		HARRIS
<u>5</u>	BLACK	
<u>6</u>	FRANCE SUD	
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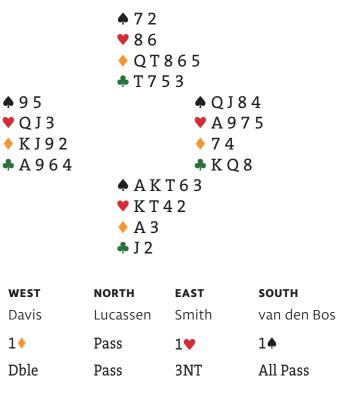
To do the Impossible From the TampAlt Q By Nice

I had the pleasure of playing in Martin Cantor's Remembering Roland squad in the TampAlt Qualification, and although we were never quite in a position to qualify, the event produced some memorable deals.

In Match 9, Jonathan Davis and I were up against a talented Dutch pair, Tim van den Bos and Adriaan Lucassen. Five times in 14 boards, I was declarer in a sensible, freely-bid game. Three times I had zero chance as the cards lay and the other two were also unmakeable, double dummy, but what lovely deals they were!

This was the first.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.





By Nick Smith

My partner's double of 1♠ showed 3-card heart support and I decided to cut to the chase with 3NT.

Tim led the A and switched to J which ran to my king. I played a heart to the queen and, for want of anything better to do, tried a spade to the queen and king. After some thought, Tim returned a cunning >3...

The winning line is to rise with the DK, finesse the \clubsuit 8 and cash the \clubsuit Q. If South does not discard the \diamondsuit A, he is squeezed out of a major card and thrown in with the DA to concede the 9th trick in his choice of major exit. So let's say he discards the \diamondsuit A on the \clubsuit Q. Declarer simply cashes the \clubsuit Q and exits with his last spade. South takes his two spade winners but must then concede the last three to the \blacktriangledown Q, the \clubsuit A and the \clubsuit A.

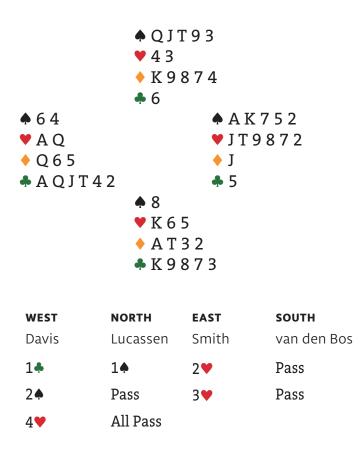
Needless to say, I fell at the first hurdle, playing the \Rightarrow J from dummy on the \Rightarrow 3 switch – now there was no play. Perhaps I should have done better?

Can South avoid this fate after winning the **A**K by playing ace and another diamond?

Not if I read the cards right. After rising with the ♦K, the key move is again to finesse the ♣8 and cash the ♣Q. South must reduce his spades to 106 or his hearts to K10. If the former, I can play the ♠Q and exit with a spade to his ten, to claim two hearts and the ♣A at the end. If a heart, I must play the ♥A and, unless he jettisons that card, a second heart to his king for an enforced spade return and the long heart. If he does ditch the heart king under the ace, I have the A, the Q, the Q and the A on top.

My fifth and final chance to make a game was even more byzantine:

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.



South led his singleton spade. Even looking at all four hands, it is not easy to spot a line to make 4♥ as the cards lie. But see if you can spot it!

The winning line is to take the ♠A, finesse the ♣Q and then to lead the ♣J off table! Amazingly, I was not up to this.

North ruffs the *I* (best), you overruff and exit with the *I*. South gains nothing by winning it so let's assume North takes

this trick with the \blacklozenge K and returns the \blacklozenge Q (best). Declarer must duck this trick and South is squeezed in the other three suits including trumps.

Say he discards a diamond. North can do no better than persevere with the ♠J. This time declarer covers, South ruffs and we overruff in dummy. A diamond is ruffed in hand, we go back to the ♥A and ruff a further diamond to strip South of his ace. Now we can exit with a trump to South's king. South must lead from ♣K98, so we make the last three tricks with the ♣10, the ♣A and our remaining trump in hand.

If instead South discards a club on his partner's winning $\mathbf{A}Q$, declarer overruffs the next spade with the $\mathbf{\nabla}Q$, as before, cashes the $\mathbf{A}A$ and ruffs out the $\mathbf{A}K$. Now he can discard his spade loser on the $\mathbf{A}10$ and South just takes the $\mathbf{\nabla}K$ at his leisure.

Not being gifted with second sight, I crossed to the A at trick 2 and tried to take a ruffing club finesse. When North put a small trump on this, there was no way back for me. I was pleased to go just one off and gain 3 IMPs when 5A was down three in the other room.

Double dummy, there is one lead to beat 4♥ – a small trump. If declarer wins the queen and (in a moment of inspiration) calls for the ♣Q from dummy, South must duck the trick! Say declarer perseveres with the ♣J, North ruffs with his remaining trump. Perhaps declarer overruffs and gets off play with the ♣J. South must take this and, as long he exits with the ♥6 or a diamond, the defence is now in control.

Award for Alt-Jan



by Christina Lund Madsen

The IBPA (American Bridge Press Association) has awarded Jan van den Hoek and Tom Reynolds the Alan Truscott Memorial Award 2020 for their efforts organizing online bridge events.

The award is given to initiatives Alan Truscott would have appreciated. The IBPA said the following about the award:

"For your work on setting up the online bridge tournaments that have kept bridge going through the pandemic."

Jan van den Hoek shares the award with Tom Reynolds, who has also organized team matches since the beginning of the pandemic - and is participating in the TampAlt this week.

Both Jan and Tom have previously been interviewed in this bulletin.



You can (re)read both interviews here:

Jan van den Hoek Tom Reynolds

Online Events for Charity - Christmas is the season of giving

December 19-21 ALT supports the CAT Legal Defense Fund <u>alt.bridgeresults.org</u> All entry fees go to the CAT Legal Defense Fund, so register your team now.

Two pro/am events take place during Christmas and New Year. This is a chance to play with a bridge champion while supporting either Norwegian Juniors or homeless in California.

December 27th at 1:00 PST / 22:00 CET: <u>Marin Unit Auction for Homeward Bound</u> Bid and play with a US pro to help homeless families.

January 2nd at 12:00 EST/18:00 CET: <u>Drømmemakker Cup - support Juniors in Norway</u> Play with your favourite World Star and support a Norwegian Junior Camp

Teams / Players / Nicknames TampALT

AGRIPORT

Anton Hiemstra **Bauke Muller** Oscar Nijssen Tim van de Paverd Yke Smit Simon de Wijs

AMATEURS

Franco Baseggio Bill Cole Jiang Gu Alex Kolesnik Aitai Lo Harrison Luba Ming Sheng Andy Stark

BELGIUM 2

Faramarz Bigdeli Valerie Carcassonne-Labaere etpuiszut Philippe Coenraets Bernard Dehaye Clovis Dehave Isabelle Dewasme Alain Labaere Jean-Pierre Lafourcade Alain Moulart

BERNAL

Francisco Bernal **Diego Brenner** Juan Carlos Castillo Carlos Hoyos Agustin Madala Alfredo Versace **Miguel Villasboas**

BLACK

Andrew Black David Gold Gunnar Hallberg Simon Hult Andrew Mcintosh Thomas Paske

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franco64 dbrenner juanka charlie111 septiembre nevaio

boggis dagold rerack hultahult mcintosh thomas1000

BRIDGESCANNER

Konrad Araszkiewicz Andrei Arlovich Boguslaw Gierulski Jerzy Skrzypczak Krsysztof Kotorowicz Wojciech Olanski Erikas Vainikonis Vytautas Vainikonis

CLEMENT

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Teams / Players / Nicknames Minor Alt

DONNER

Brad Moss Joe Grue Sandra Rimstedt Cecilia Rimstedt Marion Michielsen Per-Ola Cullin Gary Donner

EASTWEST

Niels van Bijsterveld Jan Willem Boiten Ruben Buijs Simon ter Elst Ruurd Riewald Emile Schols Yael Topiol Hans Vergoed Roefi Vilier Kevin Vreeswijk

FLEMISH FURY

Tim van den Bos Dennis Dewit Ronald Goor Sander Goor Xavier Friesen Noa Kant Adriaan Lucassen Emiel Vandewiele Reinder van der Weide Tobias Westerveld

FRANCE SUD

Marc Bompis Bernard Cabanes Pierre Yves Guillaumin Lasserre Guy Jean-Marc Hui Ban Jean-Jacques Palau Philippe Poizat Brad Joegrue Sandria Cillar Lady007 pocken Gdonnersc1

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iglou tonel34 Pyg eagle 64 marquy grozny06 taziop

FREDIN

Peter Fredin Jan Clemmensson Gary Gottlieb Jan Lagerman P-O Sundelin Johan Sylvan

GILLIS

Christian Bakke Boye Brogeland Espen Lindqvist Simon Gillis Erik Saelensminde Odin Svendsen

GUPTA

Thomas Bessis Simon de Wijs Naren Gupta Zia Mahmood Bauke Muller Frederic Volcker

HARRIS

Marusa Gold Jonathan Harris Niall Igoe Vladi Isporski Eddie Malhasyan Steve Root Todor Tiholov Rumen Trendafilov

IMP

Cathy Baldysz Sophie Baldysz Onno Eskes Steve Green Rob Helle Ed Hoogenkamp Gerard Sprinkhuizen P_Fredin jannec garybrook jan_l 1swepo joppesyl

chrien boye stevieg rayas78 skaal1 pirrum

malpaluche sm1 nareng zia beukertje fred92130

marusab Jdache ibraves smileyv Master DJ AsNuttyAs polborta rumen

Cathmark Zofiumb Onno Bashgrove Rhelle Altocampo Sprinksoet

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ISRAEL AND FRIENDS

Sam Amer Kevin Castner Erez Hendelman Dan Israeli Phil King Peter Trenka Aran Warszawski Asaf Yekutieli

JEDI KNIGHTS

David Burn Richard Chamberlain David Jones Mike Graham Patrick Shields Marc Smith

LA SOCIÉTÉ

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LEBOWITZ

David Grainger Adam Grossack Zachary Grossack Daniel Korbel Larry Lebowitz Joel Wooldridge

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NEW ENGLANDERS

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POTTER

Kevin Bathurst Vince Demuy Kevin Dwyer Shan Huang John Hurd Cookie Potter

RED DEVILS

Geert Arts Sam Bahbout Philippe Caputo Steven de Donder Zvi Engel Danny de Roos Steve de Roos Mike van der Vorst

RIPPEY

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SELIGMAN

David Bakhshi Mark Lair Artur Malinowski Martin Seligman

SKEIDAR

Lasse Aaseng Martin Andresen Tom Andresen Arve Farstad Geir Helgemo Christer kristoffersen

SWEICE

Jón Baldursson Olof Bergstrom Bjorn Fallenius Birkir Jonsson Adalsteinn Jorgensen Mats Nilsland

THE RON & THE KIDS

Jacob Freeman Finn Kolesnik Christian Lahrmann Daniel Lavee Owen Lien Ron Smith Anam Tebha

THE MUGS

Jon Cooke Kay Preddy Norman Selway Cameron Small

ULI

Giovanni Donati Gabriella Olivieri Giacomo Percario Federico Primavera Ulrike Schuster Walter Schuster Antonio Sementa bakhshi mslair malisuper mseligman

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icebaldi zangman bf birkirjon jorgi nilsland

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TRANSNATIONALS

Martins Balodis Kevin Gotink Ilze Mikelsone Maria Mylläri Selena Pepic Louise Selway Florian Weiss Jovana Zoranovic

VENTIN

Carlos Fernandez Joaquin Pacareu Antonio Palma Juan Carlos Ventin Frederic Wrang Dennis Bilde Fredrik Nystrom

VINITA

Morten Bilde Søren Bilde Vinita Gupta Bob Hamman Hemant Lall MartinsLAT Kefman23 Mikjelsone lucky 7 Selena96 joloiyse Floon jovana_jjz

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2. All participants are bound by the regulations contained within this document. The Alt Organization emphasizes that all their events are on invitation. Teams who are interested in getting such an invitation and have the idea they meet the standard of Alt's various events, can apply for that.

Invitations for this event will be issued to teams of 4 - 10 players. Alt reserves the right not to invite any team/player without giving a reason.

At the moment teams and/or players (also who have played in the Alt before) are applying, they agree on the reserved rights as mentioned.

Should a team be disqualified and/or withdrawn by themselves (before or during the event), no refund of the entry fees will be made.

3. Schedule of play:

Monday to Wednesday 14-16 December: 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – R1 (14 boards) 12:30 EST / 18:30 CET – R2 (14 boards) 15:00 EST / 21:00 CET – R3 (14 boards)

Thursday, 17 December 2020 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – R10 (14 boards) 14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – Q-final (28 boards)

Friday, 18 December 2020 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Semis (28 boards) 14:30 EST / 20:30 CET – Final (32 boards)

4. Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a "Swiss" and will consist of 140 boards played in 10 matches of 14 boards each. The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales (see p. 10 below).

In the Swiss stage, any errors in assigning opponents shall not invalidate the result of that, or any other, match.

In case of an odd number of teams the bye team will receive 12 VPs.

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of Victory Points, their rankings will be determined as follows:

The total Victory Points of each team's opponents ("Swiss Points") is calculated and the team with the largest number of "Swiss Points" is ranked first, and so on. If two or more teams have the same number of "Swiss Points", their rankings will be determined by their relative IMP quotients.

The top 8 teams from the Swiss qualifying stage will advance to the knockout stage.

5. Knockout Stage

Before the start of the knockout stage a fixed (standard) bracket will be created and the teams placed 1st - 4th in the Swiss will be seeded no. 1 - 4.

The teams placed 1st-3rd in the Swiss get to choose their opponents from the teams placed 5th-8th in the Swiss in that order. Those chosen teams are assigned seed no. 8 – 6 respectively. The teams placed 4th in the Swiss will play the quarterfinal against the remaining team which gets no. 5.

Quarterfinal and semifinal will be played over 1 segment of 28 boards each with possible change of the line-up after 14 boards (see p. 6 below).

Final will be played over 32 boards, 2 separate segments of 16 boards each.

There will be the following carry over: In the quarterfinal no. 1 - 4 get a carry over of 10.1 - 6.1 - 3.1 - 1.1 IMP respectively.

In the semifinal and the final the higher ranked teams in the Swiss get a carry over of 0.1 IMP as a tiebreaker.

6. Line-Up

All matches of the Round Robin qualifying stage will be played without change of the line-up; unless there is a serious reason for that, to be decided by the TD.

Semifinal and Final will consist of 2 separate segments, so there are no restrictions on the line-up.

The teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical but in any case not later than 30 minutes before the start of the round.

Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

1st occasion – warning; 2nd and any subsequent occasion – 0.5 VP penalty.

The line-up must be submitted through the line-up web utility. All captains will be provided with the respective link and the password.

It is possible to change the submitted line-up but not later than 30 minutes before the start of the round.

The line-up is completely blind and will not be published before the start of the round.

7. Running the matches

All players involved must be online and logged in to Bridge Base Online <u>10 minutes</u> before the start of the round at the latest.

Players should have their official name on their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed. Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to the following VP penalties: 1st occasion – warning; 2nd and any subsequent occasion – 0.5 VP penalty for each match for each player without official name on BBO profile.

The TD will start the tables and send invitations to the players in accordance with the submitted line-ups. Players are requested to accept the invitation immediately upon receipt.

All tables will play duplicated boards (same boards for every team).

The table settings will allow kibitzers but forbid communication between players and kibitzers.

Barometer scoring will be OFF. The scores are only visible (for the players) after the last board has been played. Kibitzers can see the scores during the match.

Undo and claim:

Alt encourages the players to accept the opponent's undo in the obvious misclick situations during the bidding as well as play. In case such undo is refused a player gets one "challenge" whereby the TD can be summoned to the table. Play at the moment of the refusal must be shut down till the TD arrives. The TD is the one who can assess the situation, and if he believes the undo is justified by an obvious misclick that no reasonable player should refuse, the undo has to be accepted by the opponents.

Players alert their own bids.

If players explain bids via chat they should set the recipients to Opponents, not Table, so that only opponents see the explanation not partner. The best way is to explain the bids via the BBO alert mechanism. Players may not consult their own system card or use any aids to their memory, calculation or technique between the commencement of the auction period and the end of play.

The gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through prearranged methods of communication other than those sanctioned by the Laws of Bridge or self-kibitzing. Players are expected to finish 24 boards within 3 hours 15 minutes. The Tournament Director may remove unplayed boards if in his opinion a delay in finishing the match in the allotted time would interfere with the smooth running of the competition.

8. Request of a TD ruling

The Alt team strongly encourages participants to play in the most respectful way. Any player can summon the director to the table in case of irregularities. The time for a request for a TD ruling expires 30 minutes after the end of the match. All requests will be decided by a qualified director (if appropriate - in consultation with another directors and/or world class players); no further appeal will be possible after his/her decision.

To submit protests, captains should send an email to: <u>info@netbridge.online</u>. 9. These Regulations may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the organizers if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure a smooth, efficient and enjoyable running of the tournament.

Although this tournament isn't aligenced with any bridge federation we will cooperate with and provide all information necessary to detect and prevent cheating.

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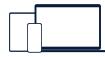
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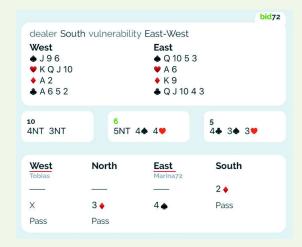
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6 🌰	Pass	Pass	Pass

6♠ = got it



'In stead of 4♠ East should double and bid 3NT over the expected 3♥.'

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1♥/1♠ - 2NT (fit); 9. 4♣: Fit and slamgoing

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