

The TampALT Invitational

DECEMBER 14-18 2020



WORLD CLASS ONLINE BRIDGE EVENTS

To Open or not to Open

Yesterday we decided to close for kibitzers for the last two matches of the day. We observed the results and found them to be more balanced in the last two rounds.

Because of Alt's philosophy to entertain bridge players all over the world, we have decided to play with tables open for kibitzers from the first match today; however we will continue to observe and should we find it necessary, we will close again.

We fight to balance our desire to entertain bridge fans and at the same time protect the integrity of the event.

We hope and trust that players and fans will support this approach and recognise we try our best to make online bridge an asset for players as well as kibitzers.



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 December 16

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Swiss R7 (14 boards)

12:30 EST / 18:30 CET – Swiss R8 (14 boards)

15:00 EST / 21:00 CET – Swiss R9 (14 boards)

Draw

Format

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

Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 CLEMENT	 SWEICE
2	 BERNAL	 RED DEVILS
3	 LEBOWITZ	 SELIGMAN
4	 SKEIDAR	 FREDIN
5	 AMATEURS	 ULI
6	 FRANCE SUD	 BRIDGESCANNER
7	 DONNER	 GILLIS
8	 COPPENS	 POTTER
9	 BLACK	 VENTIN
10	 IMP	 DE MICHELIS
11	 BELGIUM 2	 ORCA
12	 HARRIS	 AGRIPORT
13	 LA SOCIÉTÉ	 ISRAEL AND FRIENDS
14	 THE RON & THE KIDS	 VINITA
15	 THE MUGS	 PELKA
16	 RIPPEY	 NEW ENGLANDERS
17	 JEDI KNIGHTS	 EASTWEST
18	 DE BOTTON	 FLEMISH FURY
19	 TRANSNATIONALS	 NETBRIDGE


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Results

Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 CLEMENT	93.72
2	 SWEICE	88.30
3	 BERNAL	85.07
4	 RED DEVILS	82.47
5	 LEBOWITZ	77.39
6	 SELIGMAN	75.11
7	 SKEIDAR	73.52
8	 FREDIN	73.05
9	 AMATEURS	70.28
10	 ULI	69.49
11	 FRANCE SUD	68.78
12	 BRIDGESCANER	67.95
13	 DONNER	65.31
14	 GILLIS	63.89
15	 COPPENS	63.56
16	 POTTER	63.07
17	 BLACK	62.67
18	 IMP	59.93
19	 VENTIN	59.44

20	 DE MICHELIS	58.92
21	 BELGIUM 2	58.90
22	 ORCA	56.86
23	 HARRIS	56.70
24	 AGRIPORT	55.42
25	 LA SOCIÉTÉ	54.82
26	 ISRAEL AND FRIENDS	54.77
27	 THE RON & THE KIDS	54.49
28	 VINITA	54.10
29	 THE MUGS	49.89
30	 PELKA	49.77
31	 RIPPEY	49.01
32	 NEW ENGLANDERS	48.84
33	 JEDI KNIGHTS	48.18
34	 EASTWEST	43.86
35	 DE BOTTON	41.68
36	 FLEMISH FURY	33.59
37	 TRANSNATIONALS	28.38
38	 NETBRIDGE	18.82

Headliners

By Mark Horton



In round 4 I watched the top-table clash between Black and Clement. My three-year old grandson Laurie preferred to watch Dinosaur Battles on Youtube - and in all honesty he got a better contest, especially the match between Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops.

On the opening deal West held ♠AQJT ♥Q7 ♦Q9542 ♣T5 and responded 1♠ to East's opening bid of 1♦. When East rebid 1NT Amiry continued with 3♦, Hallberg with 3NT.

East's hand was ♠97 ♥KJ83 ♦KJ76 3 ♣A3 and while 3♦ made in comfort, 3NT was two down when South led a club from ♠832 ♥A1092 ♦108 ♣KJ64.

12 pairs discovered that 3NT was not the ideal spot.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amiry	McIntosh	Samir	Paske
—	—	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♣3 and West took the ace and returned the two, East ruffing with the ♠8, cashing the ♦A and playing the ♦4 for West to ruff. East ruffed the ♣9 with the ♠6 and played the ♦Q, West pitching the ♣10. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A and exited with the ♠9, East winning with the ten, cashing the ♥J and then playing the ♦J. Declarer ruffed and played a club, West's ruff taking the penalty to -1100.



Thomas Paske

8th European Open Championships - Montecatini, Italy 2017

3NT is an alternative with the North hand, but the diamond stopper is not ideal - ♦Ax or ♦Axx is much better. North tried that 9 times and was frequently doubled, when EW should collect 800.

The strangest result came when East opened 4♦ and North bid 4♠ - a bargain at -500 when West omitted to double.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Clement	Hult	Vroustis
—	—	2♦	Pass
2♥	Dble	Rdbl	3♣
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♣K followed by the ♥6. East won with the jack and played the ♦A followed by the four.

If West ruffs that and plays two rounds of clubs the best declarer can achieve is eight tricks, but West pitched a heart and declarer won with the ♦K and proceed to cross-ruff the majors for nine tricks, +670 and a massive 18 IMPs.

On Board 6 NS held

♠A7 ♥K842 ♦A5 ♣AK1062 facing
♠J543 ♥- ♦KQ109872 ♣Q5.

After two passes West opened 3♥ and North bid 3NT. Vroustis settled for 5♦ while Paske tried 4♣ followed by 5♦. Diamonds were 1-3 while clubs were 3-3, so you could take all the tricks. 4 pairs reached 6♦ - the simplest route being via the 4♦-6♦ employed by David Grainger and Joel Wooldridge.



Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ A K J 10 5 4 2
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ 4
♣ J

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

♠ 9 7 3
♥ A J
♦ K Q 10 6
♣ 10 9 7 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amiry	McIntosh	Samir	Paske
—	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps and played a diamond.

East took the ace, cashed the ♥Q and the ♣K at which point declarer claimed, +420.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Clement	Hult	Vroustis
—	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♠A and switched to the ♦4, South winning with the ten and returning the ♣2. Declarer won with dummy's king and played the ♥K, South winning with the ace and exiting with the ♣9. Declarer took the queen, played a heart to the queen, ruffed a heart, crossed to dummy with the ♦A and played the ♥3, ruffing with the ♣5 when South pitched a spade. Declarer exited with a diamond and was sure of two more trump tricks, still three down, -800 and a 9 IMP loss.

With three deals remaining the score was 41-0 to Clement.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amiry	McIntosh	Samir	Paske
—	1♣*	1♥	1♠*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

1♣ 2♣+, 5♦ possible
1♠ 4+♠

West led the ♥4 and East played three rounds of the suit, West ruffing and exiting with the ♣J (he had pitched the ♣2). East won and West's ruff was the last trick for the defence, +110.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Clement	Hult	Vroustis
—	1♣	1♥	1♠*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

1♠ 4+♠

West led his heart, but after winning East cashed the ♣A before continuing hearts, so the defenders took only four tricks, still one down and finally a swing for Black, 7 IMPs that made the final score 41-7, 17.63-2.37 VP.

I should mention that Eastwest achieved the rare feat of pitching (apologies, wrong sport) a no-hitter, defeating Netbridge 59-0.

Victim of the Day

Agustin Madala

by Christina Lund Madsen



How old are you, where do you come from, where do you live now, how many children and wives do you have?

- I'm 34 years old, from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where I've been living all my life except three years in Italy, 10 years on a plane and some more on bars, I guess. I have a wife, Barbara, three children. Juana, Sofi and Tomy. Juana is an authentic Madala, while Sofi and Tomy are not mine, but been living with me since 2007, so I consider them my kids. ♥

Tell us about your life in Argentina during Covid.

- This year has been pretty boring so far, lots of time without seeing friends and family, not able to do sports or travelling. I guess we bridge players were not ready for something like this. So as everybody, I cooked and I had some drinks and I got fatter.

At what age and how did you begin to play bridge?

- I started at 8 years old to play bridge, first time at the table, 9.

I was playing chess since very little, getting boring, asked my dad to teach me, and so my brother did. So we started at home (My father is a bridge teacher). We played just cards for a loooooong time, didn't know about Ace 4 points, King 3...

How old were you when you first began to play professionally?

- I was playing pro in Argentina since I was pretty young but I guess it doesn't really count. I moved to Italy at 19 to join the Lavazza team.

What jobs have you had besides bridge and do you have any education?

- I haven't really had any jobs. I finished school at 18 and moved to Italy some months after this. So I didn't have any time to study at the time, and been lazy since.

Tell us your best memory from a bridge tournament (it does not have to be bridge-related).

- I was close to dying last year in Iceland when Dennis Bilde gave me precise explanation about how to come back to the Hotel from the Irish Pub. It was -20 and I spent around 2 hours walking with no phone, no money and obviously... I was coming from an Irish Pub... (never follow Dennis at the Irish pub).

What would you have become if not a bridge player?

- I would love to be a chef. I actually cook a lot and been thinking about studying some to have a chance in the future. Also I would love to be a musician, but not good enough.

What do you like to do and what are you good at besides bridge?

- I love to do sports, I am an ok tennis player, and pretty good soccer player. I am good at cooking and love to play the guitar whenever I can.

Tell us about a childhood memory that made an impression on you.

- There was a bomb at the Jewish Community Center on July 18th 1994 in Buenos Aires, we were at home about to go out and we felt the explosion and how all the glass moved from the power of it.

You became famous at a very young age. How do you think that affected you?

- I don't think I am famous. Never took it that way.

You joined the Lavazza team while you were still a junior. What are the most important lessons you have learned?

- I thought I knew how to play bridge when I moved to Italy. It turned out I didn't. ☺
I once opened 2NT with 17 and 7-2-2-2 while playing one of my first tournaments on the team. Scored +460 and opponents were cold for 6♠ vulnerable. Everybody told me I couldn't do that and that was a mistake (still trying to find out why) but I guess I got the lesson.

How would your daughter describe you in three words?

- Probably while studying together, she would use 4 words: Pain in the ...

How would Dennis describe you in three words?

- Skål, Nasdrovia, Salute.



You have a preference for women much older than yourself. What is wrong with women your own age?

- Never thought of that. I've been spending time with people much older than me since I was very little. I guess I got used to it.

Dennis Bilde's question for you: Which number is highest: The amount of beers you can drink (bottles) or the distance you can run in kilometers if you get an hour to do both. It doesn't have to be done in the same hour!

- Lol. I would say beers, but depending on my training, could be a close call!

What do you dream about at night?

- I go to sleep so late and wake up so early that I don't usually get to remember my dreams. I just pass out at some point and start over next morning.

Tell us something very few people know about you.

- I am very scared of open elevators (glass to see outside). Can probably go up but when coming down my legs just melt.

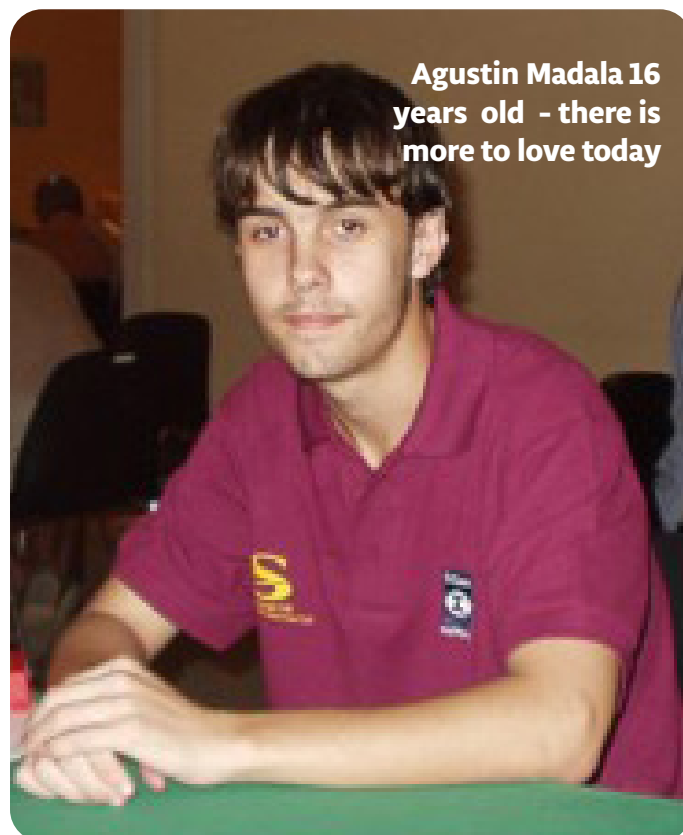
If you could change something in your past, what would it be?

- I would stay at home 15 years ago to spend the last 18 days with my mother instead of travelling to Italy and then to Japan. ❤️

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Cecilia Rimstedt, Norberto Bocchi and Steve Weinstein?

- I would say it's pretty obvious answer. I pick Cecilia for the kiss, nobody can argue with me. Weinstein as a partner as we hold 100 % effectivity together, and kill Norby as we already spent enough time around together, time for a change. ☺

Who do you think should be a future victim in the bulletin? Tell us something you would like to know about this person.



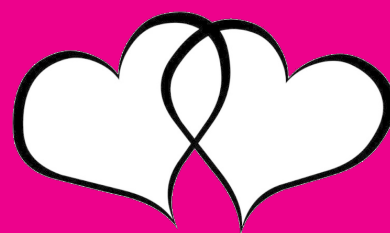
Agustin Madala 16 years old - there is more to love today

Alejandro Bianchedi.

I would really love him to tell the story about an old lady who hired him to play a pair event and made some miscalculation about his fee. ☺

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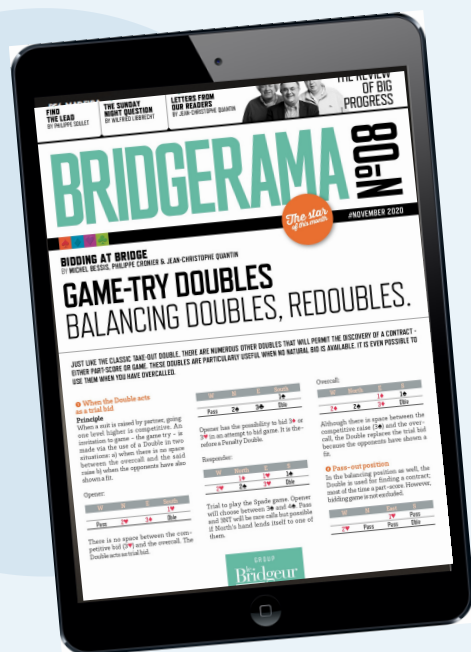
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dealer South vulnerability None

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

10 6♣	7 6♣	5 5♠ 5♣ 4♣	3 7♠ 7♣
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West Tobias	North	East Marina72	South
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	4♥	5♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

5♠ = asking for heart control

6♣ = got it

dealer South vulnerability East-West

West	East
♠ J 9 6	♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ K Q J 10	♥ A 6
♦ A 2	♦ K 9
♣ A 6 5 2	♣ Q J 10 4 3

10 4NT 3NT	6 5NT 4♠ 4♥	5 4♣ 3♠ 3♥
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West Tobias	North	East Marina72	South
—	—	—	2♦
X	3♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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

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