

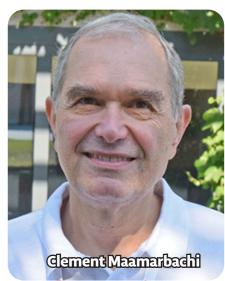
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# Unbeatable

Team Clement (Reda Amiry, Nikos Delimpaltadakis, Michel Eidi, Clement Maamarbachi, Yankos Papakyriakopoulos, Ahmed Samir, Vassilis Vroustis) has been dominating the TampAlt from beginning to end. They beat the Red Devils in the final 92.1-56 after having defeated Sweice in the semifinal 67.1-52. A stunning performance.

In the semifinal between Red Devils and Bernal, TD Denis Dobrin got a message from a kibitzer saying a profile with Francisco Bernal's name was kibitzing Francisco Bernal's table. It seemed unlikely he would watch his own table so indiscretely, yet we followed the play, but the results did not indicate anything suspicious was going on - rather the contrary. It turns out the kibitzer was Bernal's girlfriend. © Sadly her presence did not help as Bernal succumbed to the Red Devils.

Today a new event begins; Felines to the Rescue, an initiative to support the CAT Legal Defense Fund founded by Gary Donner. All entry fees go directly to the Legal Defense Fund, and we are happy to have such an exciting field.



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**

 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET
 RR 1 (7 boards)

 11:15 EST / 17:15 CET
 RR 2 (7 boards)

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 RR 5 (7 boards)

 16:15 EST / 22:15 CET
 RR 6 (7 boards)

## **TampAlt Knock-Outs**

### **FINAL**

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
<u>CLEMENT</u>	0.1	43	43.1	<u>49</u>	92.1
RED DEVILS		7	7	49	56

### **SEMIFINAL**

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
<b>EXECUTION</b>	0.1	<u>44</u>	44.1	<u>23</u>	67.1
SWEICE		<u>25</u>	25	27	52

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
RED DEVILS	0.1	<u>48</u>	48.1	<u>38</u>	86.1
BERNAL		<u>40</u>	40	33	73

## **Upcoiming Events**

See and apply for future events at alt.bridgeresults.org.

Next event is ALT BAM January 11-15.





## **Draw ALT supports CAT**

### **Format**

The qualifying stage will be played as a Round Robin.

11 matches of 7 boards each played during Saturday-Sunday.

The top 4 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the knockout stage on Monday.

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	YOSHKA	REMEMBERING ROLAND
2	<u>GUPTA</u>	DONNER
<u>3</u>	CANADIAN & FRIENDS	NETBRIDGE
4	HARRIS	WILKINS
<u>5</u>	SUZANNE & HUGO	HINZE
<u>6</u>	ABDAF	BLITZEN

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# Results

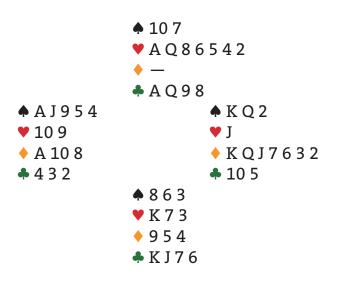
# **The Final Review**



By Mark Horton

Knowing that I had to spend Friday travelling around the UK the Editor suggested that I might write up a few deals from the final. This one is from the first session:

#### Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Caputo	Maamarbachi	Vandervorst	Vroustis
_	1♥	2♦	2♥
2NT*	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

2NT Take out with 5♠ and 2/3♦

Facing a simple raise to 2♥ North had no slam ambitions, but there is something to be said for introducing the clubs, which may help partner to judge the situation if the bidding escalates, which is not unlikely given the possibility that EW have a double fit.

South led the ♥K and North followed with the eight. I have always advocated that when signalling you should do so with the clearest card possible, so I would play the ♥Q, but all was well when South continued with the ♦4. North ruffed, cashed the ♣A and continued with the eight, a second diamond ruff producing -800.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amiry	De Donder	Samir	Bahbout
_	1♥	3♦	Pass
4.	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

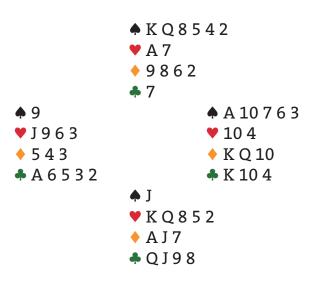
Amiry found 4♠ in his bidding box at just the right time, and when Bahbout correctly supported his partner at the 5-level, Samir took his chances with the 5-3 save. Neither North nor South knew who was saving against who and both passed.

Here the contract was played by West, leaving North on lead. He did well to lead the ♥6 and South won with the king and switched to the ♦4 (at this table East had bid 3 ♦ and not 2 ♦ at the other table) for the same three down, but no double meant no trouble and an 11 IMP swing.

The score at half time was 43.1-7 for Clement and the Devils had some work to do

The second session of the final was full of deals with swing potential, just what you want if you are behind.

#### Board 22. Dealer East. All Vul.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Maamarbachi	De Donder	Vroustis
_	_	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♣	3♥	All Pass	

Overcalling at the two-level with ♥KQ852 is not ideal, you would like to have a sixth heart. As the bidding went North felt entitled to support hearts, but it was a losing option.

West led the ♠9 and East won with the ace and switched to the ♥10, declarer winning with dummy's ace and playing the ♣7 for the ten, jack and ace. West continued with the heart jack and declarer won with the king, cashed the ♥Q and exited with the ♣Q, East taking the king and returning the ♣4. Eventually declarer had to lose a trump and two diamonds, -100.

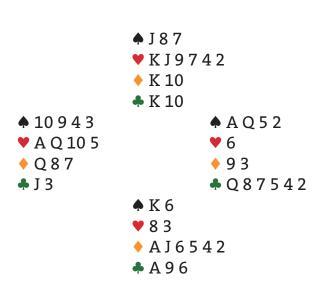
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Papakyriakop.	De Donder	Delimpalta.	Bahbout
_	_	14	Dble

All Pass



South led the ♠J and switched to the ♣Q, declarer winning with the king and exiting with the ♥4. South won and exited with a heart, North switching to a diamond for the king and ace. He ruffed the club return and played a second diamond for the ten and jack. In all declarer could muster only two spades, a diamond and a club, three down, -800 and 14 IMPs.

#### Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.





WESTNORTHEASTSOUTHArtsMaamarbachiDe DonderVroustis—1♥Pass2♦Pass2♥Pass3NTAll Pass

West led the ♠10 for the jack, queen and king. Clearly you need to locate the ♠Q. There is not much to go on, but if we take the suit in isolation, the best chance it to play low to the king, at 39.56%. If you think West's spade lead is from length, then it slightly increases the chance of East having three diamonds.

When declarer went against odds and played a diamond to dummy's ten at trick two he was home,+400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Papakyriakop.	De Donder	Delimpalta.	Bahbout
_	1♥	Pass	2 <b>♦</b> * GF
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Here the \$10 was accompanied by the seven, two and king. Declarer played a diamond to the king and 10 IMPs changed hands.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

- A Q 8 7 4✓ A 7 3AK 10 8 7
- ♠ 6
  ♠ K 9 3
  ♥ Q 10 9 5 2
  ♠ K 9 8 5
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  ♠ K 9 8 6 4
  ♠ J 7 6 4 2
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  - ♠ J 10 5 2
  - ★ K Q 10 3♣ A Q 6 5 4

#### Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Maamarbachi	De Donder	Vroustis
_	_	_	14
Pass	1♠	2NT*	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4 🄷
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2NT 5♦+5♥, not too strong 4NT RKCB 5NT 1/3 key cards and a void

East led the ♦2 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart and ran the ♠J, +980.

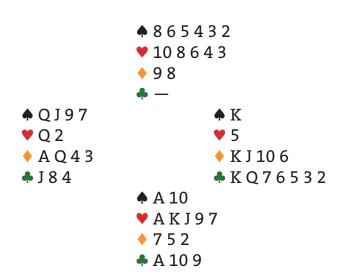
<b>WEST</b> Papakyriakop.	<b>NORTH</b> De Donder	<b>EAST</b> Delimpalta.	<b>south</b> Bahbout
_	_	_	1.
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2 ♦ *	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	All Pass	

1♥	4+♠
<b>1</b>	3/4♠ unbalanced
2 🔷	Game forcing
3♠	4♠, short ♥, 11-14
4♣	Cue bid
4	Cue bid
4NT	RKCB
<b>5</b> ♣	1/4 key cards

West led the ♥9, which given the explanation of 3♠ is a strange choice. The au pair thought a club was obvious - South is known to have length in the suit and North has implied a high card. She pointed out it could also be right if East had ♣AQ and dummy the king.

That meant +1620 and 12 IMPs.

#### Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.





WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Arts	Maamarbachi	De Donder	Vroustis
_	_	2♣*	2♥
Dble*	4♥	5♣	Dble
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♣ 10-15, 5+♣ 4♠/♥ possible Dble Take out

To defeat 5♥ the defenders need to cash two diamonds. East could have put that suit into the picture by bidding 4NT rather than 5♣, since he showed 5+ clubs.
West led the ♣4 and a diamond went from dummy, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Papakyriakop.	De Donder	Delimpalta.	Bahbout
_	_	1.	1♥
14	4♥	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

Not so easy to bid 4NT here - might it not be RKCB? South led the ♥K and cashed the ♠A, +100 and 11 IMPs.

The teams shared 98 IMPs (49-49) leaving Clement clear at the end.





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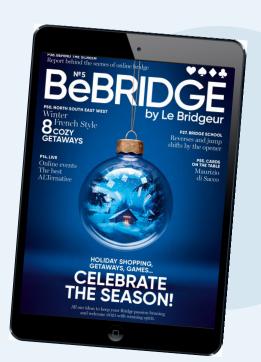


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# **Semifinal Highlights**

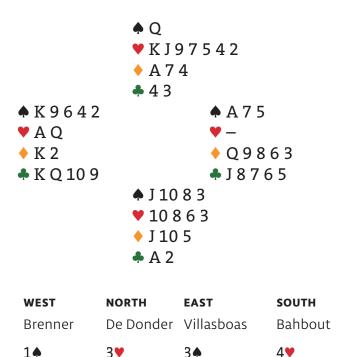


By Toine van Hoof

In the semifinal against the Red Devils, Diego Brenner (team Bernal) found himself in what turned out to be a complicated 4♠ contract.

#### Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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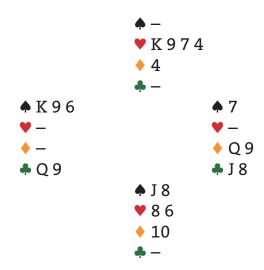


North led a heart to declarer's queen. Brenner played a spade to the queen and the ace and a spade back, ducking when South inserted the jack. A heart came back to the ace and now, according to my double dummy solver, the ◆2 is the only card to win the contract against any defense.

All Pass

Brenner played the ♣10 instead, which was correctly ducked by Sam Bahbout, and then advanced the ♦K, which was wrongly ducked by Steven De Donder.

South showed count by throwing the jack. Declarer continued with the ◆2. North took the ace and played a club to his partner's ace. This was the ending with South on lead:



South did the best he could by playing a heart and now Brenner fell from grace. Instead of ruffing in hand and overruffing in dummy he pitched the \$9 and went one off.

The same ending would have been reached if declarer had played the ♦2 in trick

North would have secured the demise of the contract by taking the •K with the ace at trick 6 and continuing hearts (South plays the fourth heart when in with the •A and West is short).

At the other table Geert Arts (Red Devils) was allowed to make 4. After a heart to the queen, a spade to the ace and a spade to the 10 and the king he first drove out the .A.



That should have led to defeat but when North played low on the ◆2 in trick 7 Arts had his entry to play the ♠7 from dummy: plus 620 and 12 IMPs.

In Clement vs. Sweice Björn Fallenius (Sweice) went one off in 4♠. After the same beginning he cashed the ♥A in trick 4 and could no longer make his contract.

At the other table Reda Amiry (Clement) ended up in 5♣ doubled after he had opened with 1NT:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amiry	Baldursson	Samir	Jörgensen
1NT	2♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♥	4NT*	Dble
5♣	Dbl	All Pass	

2♦ Multi 3♥ Pass or correct 4NT Minors

Jon Baldursson led the ♠Q. He got his spade ruff and cashed the ♠A for one down and a gain of 3 IMPs.

On a club lead 4♥ by South would have been one off.

Bernal and Clement both won 11 IMPs on this board:

#### Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♦ 9 4 2♥ K 6 5♦ A Q 10 7 4♣ J 2

↓ J
↓ Q 10 9 4
↓ K 5
↓ J 9 8 6 3 2
♠ K Q 9 8 7 6
↓ A K Q 10 8 7 6
↓ J 8 7 2
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**1**03

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	De Donder	Villasboas	Bahbout
Arts	Bernal	De Roos	Versace
_	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Brenner led the \*K and seeing the diamond threat in dummy switched to the \*4.

Bahbout misguessed by putting up the king. Miguel Villasboas won with the ace, cashed the A and played a heart for down two.

Arts also led the ♣K. He cashed the ♣Q and then switched to the ♥9. Alfredo Versace played low seeing Steve De Roos producing the ♥A. A heart back went to the king. Versace made the fine play of ruffing a diamond before drawing trumps. He was rewarded when he entered dummy with the ♠9 and the ♦K fell under the ace.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Fallenius	Maamarbachi	Nilsland	Vroustis
_	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the other semifinal Fallenius led the ♣K and switched to the ♥9. Vassilis Vroustis played low and like Versace duly made his contract by ruffing a diamond when in dummy with ♥K.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Amiry	Baldursson	Samir	Jörgensen
_	1♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1 ◆ 10-15, 0+ ◆

Amiry gave Aðalsteinn Jörgensen no chance to shine. He kicked off with ♣KQ and then found the excellent shift to the ♠J.

In this lay-out the ♥Q and even the king or five of diamonds would also have done the trick.

After drawing trumps declarer played a heart to the king and went two off.



# ALT's first special in 2021

For the first time Alt will organise a Board-a-Match tournament. It's also the first Alt event of the new year. It will be held from January 11-15 and pre-registration is open now. Invited so far: teams Donner, Gillis and Koeppel.

**Apply through this link** 

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## **Conditions of Contest • ALT Supports CAT**

- 1. "Alt supports CAT Felines to the rescue" event will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 19th to 21st of December, 2020.
- 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:

Saturday, 19 December 2020

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10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - RR 1 (7 boards)

11:15 EST / 17:15 CET - RR 2 (7 boards)

12:30 EST / 18:30 CET - RR 3 (7 boards)

13:45 EST / 19:45 CET - RR 4 (7 boards)

15:00 EST / 21:00 CET - RR 5 (7 boards)

16:15 EST / 22:15 CET - RR 6 (7 boards)
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Sunday, 20 December 2020

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10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - RR 7 (7 boards)

11:15 EST / 17:15 CET - RR 8 (7 boards)

12:30 EST / 18:30 CET - RR 9 (7 boards)

13:45 EST / 19:45 CET - RR 10 (7 boards)

15:00 EST / 21:00 CET - RR 11 (7 boards)
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Monday, 21 December 2020

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10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Semifinal (28 boards)
14:30 EST / 20:30 CET – Final (28 boards)
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#### 4. Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a "Round Robin" and will consist of 77 boards played in 11 matches of 7 boards each. The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales.

A team will receive 12 VP for any match that is a BYE.

In order to determine the grouping for the knockout stage, a tie between two teams will be broken by the result of the match between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

The top 4 teams from the qualifying stage will advance to the knockout stage.

## **Conditions of Contest • ALT Supports CAT**

#### 5. Knockout Stage

The team placed 1st in the Round Robin gets to choose the opponent for the semi-final from the teams placed 3th – 4th in the Round Robin.

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 also will be played over 28 boards, 2 separate segments of 14 boards each.

There will be the following carry over: In the semifinal no. 1 and 2 get a carry over of 10.1 – 6.1 IMP respectively; in the final the higher ranked teams in the Round Robin 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 10 minutes 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.

## **Conditions of Contest • ALT Supports CAT**

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 7 boards within 55 min. 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: <a href="info@netbridge.online">info@netbridge.online</a>.

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.

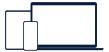


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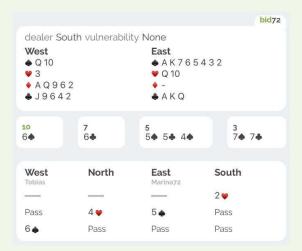
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