

The minor ALT INVITATIONAL IV & TampAlt Qualification

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In a League of their own

Eastwest and Red Devils continue to lead Group A with one match to go, yet qualification is not yet guaranteed as number 1 and 2 play Fredin in 4th and Gary Donner in 5th respectively. Group B is a different story. Moss has a lead of 30 VPs and leave the rest to fight for the leftovers.

Just because you are leading by 30 VPs does not automatically mean your opponents are intimidated by you, as demonstrated by Erikas Vainikonis in this table chat, overheard yesterday. Erikas had alerted his 1D, but not explained it and Sjoert Brink enquired after the meaning:

SjoertBr→Bord: why you just don't explain...?

bookie_It→Bord: I'm expecting you to remember things like 1C-1D

SjoertBr→Bord: aha, like what i played with you in Brazil

bookie_It→Bord: the fact that you remember that we were in Brazil is good...

Today is the last day of the TampAlt Qualification. Read more in today's featured article and good luck to all players.

Today's Schedule TampAlt Q

Thursday November 19

10:15 EST / 16:15 CET – Round 10 (14 boards)

12:45 EST / 18:45 CET – Round 11 (14 boards)

15:15 EST / 21:15 CET – Round 12 (14 boards)

Today's Schedule Minor Alt

Thursday November 19

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 5 (24 boards)

14:00 EST / 20:00 CET – ¼-final (24 boards)

Results Minor Alt Invitational IV

RR 5

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	nBrd	IMPs		VPs	
				H	V	H	V
1	GUPTA	EASTWEST	24	55	37	13.90	6.10
2	RED DEVILS	HARRIS	24	56	49	11.68	8.32
3	DONNER	DE BOTTON	24	74	41	16.25	3.75
4	VENTIN	FREDIN	24	31	72	2.75	17.25
5	MOSS	BRIDGESCANNER	24	80	9	19.85	0.15
6	FRIENDLY ISRAELIS	POTTER	24	33	42	7.88	12.12
7	WILSON	GILLIS	24	61	33	15.54	4.46
8	DE MICHELIS	BLACK	24	12	89	0.00	20.00

RR 6

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	nBrd	IMPs		VPs	
				H	V	H	V
1	GUPTA	HARRIS	24	128	40	20.00	0.00
2	EASTWEST	DE BOTTON	24	43	39	10.99	9.01
3	RED DEVILS	VENTIN	24	49	45	10.99	9.01
4	FREDIN	DONNER	24	37	64	4.61	15.39
5	MOSS	POTTER	24	88	60	15.54	4.46
6	BRIDGESCANNER	GILLIS	24	66	47	14.08	5.92
7	FRIENDLY ISRAELIS	DE MICHELIS	24	32	50	6.10	13.90
8	BLACK	WILSON	24	20	41	5.57	14.43

All Results

Ranking after round 6			Ranking after round 6		
rk	Group A	VPs	rk	Group B	VPs
1	EASTWEST	75.65	1	MOSS	106.55
2	RED DEVILS	75.13	2	BLACK	76.03
3	GUPTA	66.59	3	WILSON	67.34
4	FREDIN	65.46	4	POTTER	59.72
5	DONNER	59.95	5	DE MICHELIS	51.49
6	VENTIN	54.35	6	FRIENDLY ISRAELIS	48.92
7	DE BOTTON	52.88	7	GILLIS	37.78
8	HARRIS	29.99	8	BRIDGESCANNER	32.17

Results TampAlt Qualification

Leaderboard after 9 rounds

All Results

Important Notice

All players should enter BBO 10 minutes before their match starts at the latest. Tournament director Denis Dobrin is waiting for you and will instruct you where to sit.



Ranking after round 9		
rk	team	VPs
1	THE MUGS	121.88
2	BELGIUM 2	109.54
3	COPPENS	109.10
4	VINITA	106.15
5	IMP	99.50
6	TRANSNATIONALS	97.20
7	NEW ENGLANDERS	95.67
8	NORFOLK AND CHANCE	90.32
9	PELKA	89.77
10	FLEMISH FEAST	85.42
11	JEDI KNIGHTS	84.87
12	HERRES!	81.15
13	DE ZEEROB	79.60
14	REMEMBERING ROLAND	70.31
15	SWEETWOOD VILLAGE	68.65
16	HONEY BADGERS	50.87

Draw R10

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1	THE MUGS	DE ZEEROB
2	BELGIUM 2	NEW ENGLANDERS
3	COPPENS	TRANSNATIONALS
4	VINITA	NORFOLK AND CHANCE
5	IMP	FLEMISH FEAST
6	PELKA	REMEMBERING ROLAND
7	JEDI KNIGHTS	HONEY BADGERS
8	HERRES!	SWEETWOOD VILLAGE

Time Pressure

By Mark Horton



Sometimes external affairs can influence one's match selection. On this occasion prior engagements meant that a visit to the TampAlt Qualification was the order of the day.

While I was waiting for play to begin I glanced at the opening deal from R5 of the ALT Minor.

East held ♠K108 ♥KJ843 ♦Q1053 ♣9 and thought it was a good idea to overcall 2♥ after North's 1♠-opening.

I am in a generous mood, so I will allow you your own choice of adjective to describe it - I fear mine would be too uncharitable.

After two passes North doubled and South was happy to let it go looking at ♠J4 ♥AQ1065 ♦KJ4 ♣AKJ. That cost 800 (it should have been 1100) and cost 8 IMPs against +460 at the other table.

On the deal that followed West held ♠J843 ♥106 ♦973 ♣K843 and saw his partner open 1♣ which South overcalled 3♠ which his partner doubled. Your bid?

West decided to let that go and that resulted in -730 when partner held ♠♥AK98 ♦A108 ♣AQJ952.

In the other room EW stopped in 3♣ and must have been surprised to discover that missing game (and absent a diamond lead there is a way to make 6♣ which I'll leave you to figure out) was worth 13 IMPs.

'It's bridge Jim, but not as we know it'.

Board 4. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sprinkhuizen	Small	Eskes	Cooke
Pass	Pass	2♣*	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥

- 2♣ Weak in ♦ or various strong types
- 2♦ Majors

North opted to give preference with 2♠ (perhaps 2NT is the alternative, not offering partner any encouragement) and with no obvious way to investigate anything South jumped to game. North ducked the opening lead of the ♣K in dummy, ruffed and played the ♥A followed by the jack. With the ♠K inside it looked like 11 tricks were possible (declarer can unblock the ♦A and then put West on play with a trump) but the result was +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	Hoogenkamp	Selway	Helle
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2NT Minors

Here declarer won the ♣K lead with dummy's ace and finished with 10 tricks for a flat board.

Three pairs reached the dizzy height of 6♠! They overcalled 4♦ to show the majors and then raised partner's 4♠ to slam. Unlucky.

On Board 6 East held ♠J7643 ♥J4 ♦83 ♣A732 and after passing saw South open 1♦ and partner overcall 1♥. Do you bid 1♠ or let matters rest?

East went quietly (and they only got to 2♥ in the other room) but partner held ♠A ♥AQ1082 ♦764 ♣Q1054 and after the likely diamond lead 11 tricks were possible, although in one room declarer lost an IMP - the first of the match - by only scoring +170.

Alas, it transpired that I had selected a match where swings were non-existent. On Board 10 NS attempted 3NT with a diamond stop of ♦9643 opposite ♦J82. East was on lead with five diamonds, but West held the singleton ace.

On Board 11 East held ♠K76 ♥A842 ♦84 ♣Q642 and saw the opponents bid 1♦-1♠-2♣-2♦, South having show 54 either way in the minors. Do you fancy a double?

It would catch partner with ♠A543 ♥963 ♦AQ52 ♣A10 and -300 is more than likely. However, there was no double and



Rob Helle

with a little help declarer escaped for -50 and picked up the biggest swing of the match, a whole 3 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sprinkhuizen	Small	Eskes	Cooke
—	Pass	1♣*	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	All Pass

- 1♣ Natural or balanced
- 2♦ 6♥/♠
- 2♥ Pass or correct
- Dble Take out

South led the $\diamond J$ and declarer won in hand and played a club, for the ten, jack and king, North switching to the $\spadesuit Q$. South overtook that and played the $\spadesuit Q$ followed by the $\diamond 10$. Declarer won in dummy, played a heart to the ace, ruffed a spade with the $\clubsuit 7$, North pitching a diamond and played the $\clubsuit 3$. When North followed with the six, declarer suffered a loss of concentration and played the eight, so now instead of making he wastwo down, -200.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	Hoogenkamp	Selway	Helle
—	Pass	$1\clubsuit^*$	$1\spadesuit$
Dble*	Rdbl*	Pass	$2\spadesuit$
All Pass			

$1\clubsuit$ $1+\clubsuit$
Rdbl A/K \spadesuit doubleton

West led the $\diamond K$ and declarer had seven tricks, -100 and 7 IMP swing.

The final deal offered both teams a chance:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	\spadesuit 10 4	
	\heartsuit Q J 3	
	\diamond A 6 4	
	\clubsuit Q J 9 8 2	
\spadesuit Q 5 3		\spadesuit A K J 6
\heartsuit 8 6 2		\heartsuit A 9 7 4
\diamond Q J 9 7		\diamond K 8 5 3
\clubsuit 10 4 3		\clubsuit A
	\spadesuit 9 8 7 2	
	\heartsuit K 10 5	
	\diamond 10 2	
	\clubsuit K 7 6 5	

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sprinkhuizen	Small	Eskes	Cooke
—	—	$1\diamond^*$	Pass
$3\diamond^*$	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- $1\diamond$ Natural or balanced
- $3\diamond$ 6-9 with diamond support

South led the $\spadesuit 9$ and declarer won and quickly established the diamonds for +400.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	Hoogenkamp	Selway	Helle
—	—	$1\diamond$	Pass
$3\clubsuit^*$	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- $3\clubsuit$ 6-9, diamond support

South led the $\spadesuit 8$ and declarer won and played on diamonds, +400.

3NT was only defeated once - but West was declarer and North led the $\clubsuit Q$. The au pair thought that you had to go for an attacking lead, the choice being between a heart and a club. For no better reason than the fact that North would have found it marginally easier to bid a good heart suit she opted for a club.

That left The Mugs ahead, 11-2, 12.71-7.29 VP.

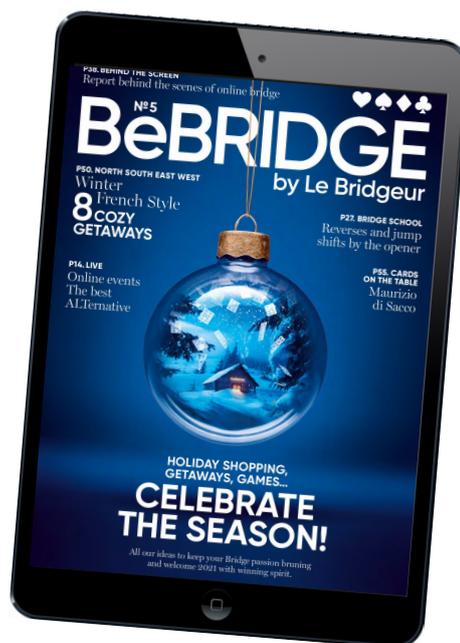
At the end of the day The Mugs hold a lead of more than 10 VPs, while IMP has dropped to 5th, a good 20 VPs behind.

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THE NOVEMBER ISSUE HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED!



In this issue

The latest, **festive edition of BeBRIDGE** is full of tremendous articles. **Alain Levy** shows you how to handle **strong two-suited hands**, emphasising the use of reverses and jump shifts. He also highlights **the use of Splinter bids by the opener**. **Wilfred Libbrecht** shows you how to be innovative in the **'sandwich' seat** and the Editor reports on the **Online ALT events**. Our Experts offer their opinions on **some tricky bidding problems** and Cinema Club looks at **the work of the master of Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock**.

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Quiz of the Day



by Christina Lund Madsen

This morning I got a message from Sjoert Brink, our favourite victim in the bulletin:

"I had one Christina bid and not in bulletin..."

For those who do not know, a Christina-bid is a redouble. I get about as excited about redoubles as when I see a bottle of champagne in the hands of Chris Hemsworth.

So here it is (and a good one, I might add):

Board 13. North / All

<p>♠ Q 6 5 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 3 ♣ J T 4 3 2</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 7 ♥ T 7 3 ♦ AKQT9872 ♣ 5</p>	<p>♠ K T 9 4 3 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ J 4 ♣ A K 8</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ A J 8 ♥ A K 5 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ Q 9 7 6</p>											

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Yekutieli	Bas Drijver	Trenka	Brink
	5♦	Dble	RDble

All Pass

With ♣AK third, Drijver soon claimed an overtrick.

Question 1: What is the score for 5♦XX with 12 tricks vulnerable?

The answer will be given at the end of this article.

Not surprisingly this was not the only big swing on this board.

Twice North's 3NT-opening was doubled, making 12 tricks as both Easts tried desperately to limit the amount of overtricks by clinging to their spade and playing their partner to hold the Txx of hearts.

Question 2: What is the score for 3NTX making 3 overtricks vulnerable?

Question 3: Who were the two Easts who doubled 3NT? You get some hints: One player's BBO-nickname is an anagram for Paul Chemla, the other is a secret agent.

Three pairs bid and made 6♦. Andrei Arlovich-Erikas Vainikonis, Gunnar Hallberg-Simon Hult and Massimiliano Di Franco-Andrea Manno.



Question 4: What was the opening bid on the three hands?

Hint: The opening bid was the same at all three tables.

We switch to the TampAlt Q, where we find the young superstars Dennis Bilde-Alon Birman and Bob Drijver-Bart Nab.

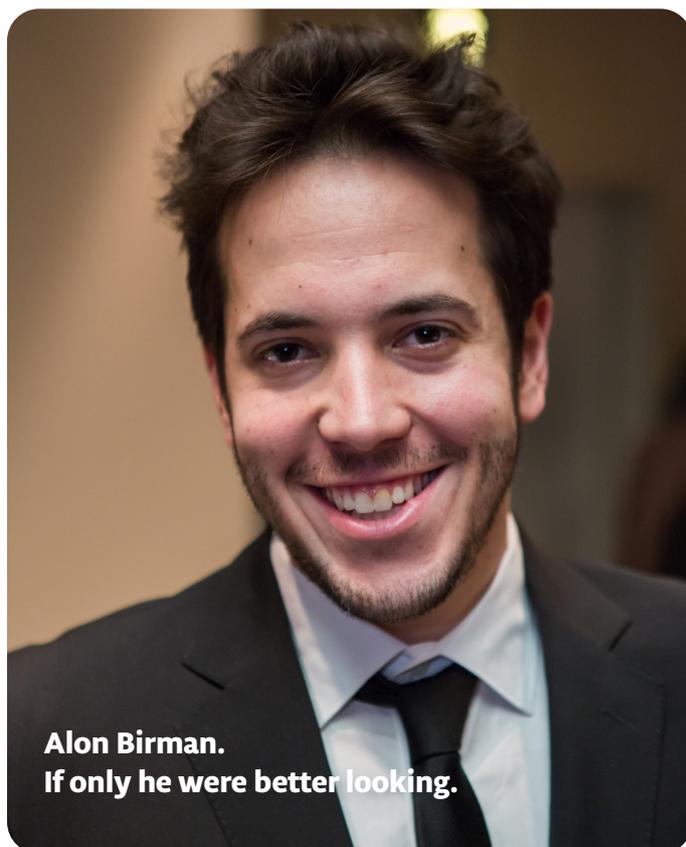
Board 8. West / None

<p>♠ 6</p> <p>♥ JT9865</p> <p>♦ Q53</p> <p>♣ AQ4</p>	<p>♠ A Q 5</p> <p>♥ A K Q 4 2</p> <p>♦ A 8</p> <p>♣ 7 6 3</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ J 9 8 7 4 3 2</p> <p>♥ 7</p> <p>♦ K</p> <p>♣ K T 8 5</p>	<p>♠ K T</p> <p>♥ 3</p> <p>♦ JT987642</p> <p>♣ J 9 2</p>
N						
W E						
S						

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Birman	Nab	Bilde	Bob Drijver
2♥	Dble	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Birman led the ♥J and Drijver played the ♦A and a diamond. On the second turn, Bilde discarded the ♠7.

Question 5:
Which card did Birman play when in with the ♦Q?



Now to the answers:

- 1: 1400 is the correct answer, and as you can see in the answer to question 2, it was also the top had this been a pair event.
2. 1350.
3. Malpaluche and Lady007. That is all we are at liberty to reveal.
4. They all three opened 1♦.
5. Birman found the switch to the ♣A.

I asked Dennis for a good board and of course he found one where he thought his partner did something well.

THE NEW ALT COMPETITION 2021

Preliminary information – all details will be in the Conditions of Contest

Dear Friends,

The Alt Team has the honor to introduce to you the **New Alt Competition** which starts in January 2021 and will consist of 10 independent team tournaments being played once a month.

Each tournament will be played during one week from Monday to Friday from 10:00 EDT (16:00 CET) till 15:00 EDT (21:00 CET); approximately 32 boards per day.

We anticipate our sessions to **not overlap** with other popular open category events.

Please kindly note the dates of all tournaments:

01 – January 25-29

05 – May 24-28

09* – October 25-29

02 – February 22-26

06* – June 21-25

10* – November 8-12

03 – March/April 29-2

07* – August 23-27

reserve – December 13-17

04 – April 26-30

08* – September 20-24

* *subject to confirmation*

The Format:

Each tournament will be played in several (most likely three) groups. In that case:

- Group A and Group B will consist of 6 teams which will play single stage Round Robin: 5 matches of 32 boards; 1 match per day.
- The last group will consist of an unlimited number of teams and the format will be either Round Robin or Swiss (with possible Danish in the last rounds).

The initial composition of the groups will be decided by the Alt Team. Starting from the second tournament the first 4 ranked teams from Group A and the winner of Group B of the previous tournament are **guaranteed** to play in Group A of the next tournament.

The same approach is applicable to the groups B and C.

The competition is **always open** to new teams.

After each tournament Alt will assign two types of Alt points: participating points (same for all teams participating in the particular tournament) and result points (in accordance with the ranking). The exact point scale will be published in the conditions of contest.

After all 10 tournaments the best 6 teams with maximum sum of the Alt points will be invited to play the Grand Final of the New Alt Competition 2021.

Few things that might be important:

- The matches of Group A will be open to the spectators; the matches of the other groups will be closed.
- Commentary during the VG matches (on BBO) will be assured by Alt's commentators.
- The entry fee will be flexible with a discount of 5% respectively 10% when registering in advance for 5 respectively 10 tournaments.
- There is **no** obligation to play every month; any team can join at **any** moment and play **any** tournaments. From the Competition global point of view the more sessions, the better chance to get to the Grand Final and ultimately win the whole event.
- Apart from the New Alt Competition we intend to organise various "standalone" Alt events; some of them will be completely new. Currently we are working on our calendar and as soon as we have news we will immediately inform you.

Thank you for participating in the Alt events!

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

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