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Wolfson leading the Pack

Our first match almost split the field in two with large victories for Gupta, Wolfson, Bertheau and Donner. The second match was more quiet with close matches meaning the field is still somewhat divided. Wolfson has claimed a narrow lead ahead of Bertheau, Gupta and Donner with a 12-VP gap to Palma.

And for the first time in the history of online bridge Zia is leading the butler after apparently striking Gold...



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Today's Schedule

Monday June 7

**10:30 Eastern Time / 16:30 CET – Round 3
(20 boards)**

**13:30 Eastern Time / 19:30 CET – Round 4
(20 boards)**
















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<u>1</u>	 <u>DONNER</u>	 <u>WOLFSON</u>
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rank	team	7	5	3	8	2	6	4	1	VP tot
1	 <u>WOLFSON</u>							<u>18.33</u>	<u>12.30</u>	30.63
2	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>			<u>10.82</u>			<u>19.09</u>			29.91
3	 <u>GUPTA</u>		<u>9.18</u>						<u>18.33</u>	27.51
4	 <u>DONNER</u>					<u>14.76</u>		<u>10.55</u>		25.31
5	 <u>PALMA</u>				<u>5.24</u>		<u>7.93</u>			13.17
6	 <u>IRELAND</u>		<u>0.91</u>			<u>12.07</u>				12.98
7	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>	<u>1.67</u>			<u>9.45</u>					11.12
8	 <u>MOSS</u>	<u>7.70</u>		<u>1.67</u>						9.37

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Victim of the Day

Dennis Bilde

by Christina Lund Madsen



(This interview is from December 2020, but worth republishing. We all need some more Dennis in our lives.)

How old are you, where did you grow up, where do you live now?

- I'm 31 years old. I grew up in Ballebo – a small “village” consisting of four farms in the middle of nowhere. I'm currently living in Aarhus, Denmark.

Have you had corona and how have you passed time during corona?

- I haven't had it yet. Both of my parents have, but I escaped it. Luckily they are both back to normal strength again. During spring and summer, I spend a lot of time on different sports and physical activities. As daylight began to disappear in Denmark and Corona has put an end to all sport, I have now become extremely lazy. That means I mostly eat and drink while thinking about going for a run or a workout.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- I took a course for juniors when I was 11 and I never looked back.

Tell us the best non-bridge related story from your junior years.

- It's a well-known story, but here goes: When I arrived in Beijing for the Junior World Championships in 2008 my teammates and I decided that the best way to avoid jetlag was a good night out.



We went to a Chinese nightclub and emptied the bar. The club unfortunately closed before we felt we were ready for bed. We decided to play the noble game of strip poker in our apartment. 5 guys – the loser had to run around the hotel naked. I was off to a great start, but a victim of several bad beats in the end, so I had to strip down and run. I still feel for the poor young receptionist who got scars for life that night.

Well, I completed my run and we went to bed. Unfortunately, my marathon attempt was caught on security cameras and the next morning I was woken up by our captain who didn't really get the joke.

Apparently it's against the law to be naked in public in China and the WBF-president needed to save my ass to avoid police involvement. My captain then had to defend my actions to the president and that wasn't how he had dreamed about starting the championship!

What has been the best moment of your bridge career?

- Winning the Junior World Championships in Beijing after almost being sent home!

What has been the best part about playing on the Lavazza team?

- Learning to express myself in Italian finger-language!

What has been the worst part about playing on the Lavazza team?

- Partnering Madala.

Name three things you are good at besides bridge.

- Snowboarding, badminton and cooking.

Name three things you are bad at besides bridge.

- Singing, cleaning and going to bed.

Both your younger siblings play bridge. How would they describe you in three words?

- Annoying, lucky and an average bridge-player.

How many flights have you missed during the past 10 years?

- A flight a year or so. Some years less!



In 2017 Dennis received a scholarship from HRH Prince Henrik of Denmark for being a great representative for bridge and Denmark. He was also the Prince's favourite bridge partner.

Zach Grossack's questions for you: How has corona affected your time spent on Tinder?

- Actually, I deleted Tinder just before Corona locked Denmark down in March. I never re-installed it and I've been rewarded with an amazing girl who is putting up with me on a daily basis!

Zach's second question: You always seem very happy. What is your secret?

- Bobby McFerrin says it well. Don't worry, be happy. That's a general philosophy of life for me.

Which period has been the most challenging of your life so far?

- Every time I've gone from being single to being in a relationship. I hope I'm done with that now!

You were a co-mentor for 19-year old Danish junior Søren Bune, who tragically decided to leave this world in November. How has it been for you?

- Shocking is the word that comes to mind. But most of all it's been an eyeopener to the fact that things aren't always as perfect as they look from the outside. It's important to talk to your loved ones about feelings and about what problems or worries you or they might carry. We all have a responsibility to be a good and supportive friend/sibling/parent/spouse to the people around us. I'm going to miss Søren, but his tragic death shouldn't be for nothing.

If you could give teenage-Dennis an advice, what would it be?

- You can have all the fun you want, but don't be careless. Be responsible and remember to make all your flights!

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Vincent Demuy, Peter Fredin and Marion Michielsen?

- I would obviously partner Marion. Then I would kiss her when she makes some brilliant play no one else would think of. And all there's left to do is let Peter and Vince play a tournament together, and I wouldn't have to do any killing, because I doubt any of them would survive it!



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Slam Hunters

By Mark Horton



With more than 100 IMPs being exchanged in every match the opening round of the June Invitational was not short on deals with slam potential. For some reason that I have never quite fathomed, they tend to be the boards that are reported, as opposed to some of the intricate 1NT contracts that are usually overlooked.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Lee	Muller	Moss
—	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

2♣ 2+♣ 3♠ Cue
4♣ Cue 4♠ RKCB
5♦ 2 key cards

East led the ♦2 and when dummy's queen held declarer cashed the ♥K and seeing East's jack continued with a heart to the ten. He went back to dummy with the ♠K, drew trumps via the marked finesse and cashed the top spades, claiming when the suit divided, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Gold	Nowosadski	Zia
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



Here East led the ♣K and declarer won and played a heart to the ace, continuing with a heart to the king followed by three rounds of spades. When West was able to ruff declarer claimed ten tricks, a loss of 11 IMPs.

Cecilia Rimstedt and Kevin Dwyer were the only other pair to bid 6♥, East leading the ♣K. Rimstedt won, cashed the ♥K and ran the eight. After drawing trumps a club towards the jack established a twelfth trick.

As an aside, exchange the location of the ♣J and ♣2. Even if East leads the ♣K the contract can still be made - I'm sure you can work out how.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Lee	Muller	Moss
Pass	1♥	3♠	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

5NT Pick a slam



David Gold

East led the ♦6 and declarer won with dummy's king and played the ♣J for the five, three and ace. He won the diamond return and cashed the ♣K, conceding one down when East discarded, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Gold	Nowosadski	Zia
Pass	1♥	3♠	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

East led the ♦2 and declarer won with dummy's king and ran the ♣7, which in isolation offers a 93.78% chance of securing three club tricks. When East won with the ace Gold claimed 11 tricks, +600 and 11 IMPs.

6♣ was bid once in every match - the most dramatic being in Bertheau vs. Ireland:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Moran	Zagorin	Garvey	Bertheau
Pass	1♥	4♠	Dble
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

East led the ♠J and declarer won in dummy and played a club to the king, taking the 26.56% chance there would be only one trump loser. That meant two down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	FitzGibbon	Hult	Mesbur
Pass	1♥	4♠	Dble
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

4NT 'Describe hand'

West led the ♠7 and declarer won pitching a club from dummy, drew trumps ending in hand and played the ♣J ducking when West covered with the queen.



East took the ace and exited with a spade and declarer won and advanced the ♣8, claiming when West covered with the ten, +1370 and 17 IMPs.

If West had not covered the ♣J East wins and exits with a spade. Declarer wins, and to get home must cash a third spade and then play his remaining trumps. When the last one is cashed, West, down to ♥KJ9 ♣Q10 will have no good discard in front of dummy's ♥AQ5 ♣K9.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 9 6 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 9 6
♣ J 10

♠ 10 8 7 5
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ 8 7 5
♣ K 9

♠ —
♥ 8 7 5 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

♠ Q J 4 3
♥ A 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A Q 7 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
de Wijs	Lee	Muller	Moss
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	6♥*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

2♥	Spades	2NT	Max with 4♠
3♥	Retransfer	4NT	RKCB
5♠	2 KC + ♠Q	5NT	All key cards
6♦	♦K	6♥	'Anything else?'

West led the ♥J and in due course declarer ran dummy's ♣J, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Gold	Nowosadski	Zia
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	6♥*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

2NT Maximum with 4♠
 3♥ Retransfer
 4NT RKCB
 5♠ 2 key cards +♠Q
 5NT 'Looking for seven'
 6♦ ♦K

Before I reveal West's lead, let's see what he knows. Declarer has a maximum with four spades, plus 2 key cards and the ♠Q.



North knows that, along with the fact that South does not have the ♣K. If North has something like ♠AK962 ♥KQ4 ♦96 ♣AQ7 and declarer ♠QJ43 ♥A6 ♦AKJ3 ♣JT5 then on a passive lead declarer will probably get home via the club finesse. But if West leads a club declarer might play to squeeze East in the minors, imagining East has the ♣K and hoping to find something like ♠- ♥8753 ♦Q1042 ♣K8643.

Now you know why West led the ♣9, handing declarer his contract on a plate, along with 20 IMPs.

Four pairs tried 7♠ - this was the only time West led a club.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Korbel	Lee	Gupta	Moss
—	—	—	1♠
3♥	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣8 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played two rounds of diamonds.

West won and exited with a spade, but declarer won, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club high, drew the outstanding trump and claimed, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Gold	Nowosadski	Zia
—	—	—	1♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

4NT 'RKCB I hope'
 5♠ 2 key cards +♠Q
 5NT 'Looking for seven'



Juan Carlos Ventin

West led the ♠6 and declarer won, cashed the ♠A and played a heart to the queen. At the end he lost a trick to West's ♦K, +980 and 11 IMPs.

You may have noticed that declarer could have taken all the tricks by playing to squeeze West in the red suits - which is the way Peter Bertheau played in 6♠ against Ireland. +1010 was flat, as in the other room Gunnar Hallberg tried leading the ♦9 at trick one.

In the match between Donner and Palma Juan Carlos Ventin was in 6NT, East leading the ♣K. He won with the ace and took 8 rounds of spades, reaching this position:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ A J	♥ —
♦ Q	♦ J 10
♣ 10	♣ Q 9
♠ —	♠ —
♥ K 10 6	♥ —
♦ K	♦ A 8 7
♣ —	♣ —

A heart to the jack was followed by the ♥A, squeezing East for a delightful IMP.

I should mention that on Board 14 EW were dealt ♠ - ♥K842 ♦J109652 ♣AK3 opposite ♠J6 ♥Q765 ♦AKQ7 ♣QJ2. Five pairs reached a slam, but North's assets included ♥A1093 so it was one down - one lucky pair seeing EW go on to 6♠ - a great save against the diamond game that this time cost 8 IMPs. In Bertheau-Ireland, the men from the Emerald isle played in 4♠ doubled, which along with 5♦ in the other room gave them 14 IMPs.



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