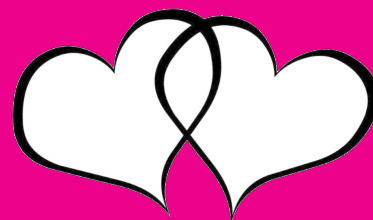


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Leaderswitchboard

The leaders of this event from day to day are as unpredictable as the weather.

Medium Rare dropped from first to 5th and Netteale saw their chance to steal the lead with BAMSA behind. The Patients and Mixing It Up are fighting their own battle, while the Pula Reunion are having a party with Cocktails & Bridge and Medium Rare.

We apologize for the delayed bulletin, but sometimes life gets in the way of bridge.

Victim of the Day is Diego Brenner, and Mark Horton and Toine van Hoof as always have their eyes on our disasters and proud moments.

Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 NETTEALE	79.05
2	 BAMSA	71.95
3	 TURNIPS	67.88
4	 PULA REUNION	59.79
5	 MEDIUM RARE	58.78
6	 COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	58.74
7	 PATIENTS	44.60
8	 MIXING IT UP	39.21

All players should enter BBO 5 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

September 30

10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET – RR 7 (16 boards)

12:15 EDT / 18:15 CET – Danish (16 boards)

Results & Schedule

























Round 1

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	 NETTEALE
2	 PATIENTS	 BAMSA
3	 MEDIUM RARE	 TURNIPS
4	 MIXING IT UP	 PULA REUNION

Round 8 (Danish)

The last round (8) is a Danish, meaning 1 will play 2, 3 will play 4, 5 will play 6 and 7 will play 8. All results are calculated in VPs and added to the score from the Round Robin, meaning that a team can overtake several teams, not just the opponent in the Danish.

Cross table by Rank

rank	team	#	 NETTEALE	 BAMSA	 TURNIPS	 PULA REUNION	 MEDIUM RARE	 COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	 PATIENTS	 MIXING IT UP	VP tot
1	 NETTEALE	7		7.20	16.58	11.20	15.00		17.59	11.48	79.05
2	 BAMSA	1	12.80		16.58	6.03	6.96	15.19		14.39	71.95
3	 TURNIPS	2	3.42	3.42		18.33		12.29	11.76	18.66	67.88
4	 PULA REUNION	4	8.80	13.97	1.67		5.82	15.56	13.97		59.79
5	 MEDIUM RARE	5	5.00	13.04		14.18		0.00	13.04	13.52	58.78
6	 COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	8		4.81	7.71	4.44	20.00		3.12	18.66	58.74
7	 PATIENTS	6	2.41		8.24	6.03	6.96	16.88		4.08	44.60
8	 MIXING IT UP	3	8.52	5.61	1.34		6.48	1.34	15.92		39.21

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The Swingometer



Round 5

By Mark Horton

For as long as I can remember the UK has used a 'swingometer' to predict the results for general elections. Currently it suggests that in the next election the Conservative party will win, but fail to obtain an overall majority. It could easily be used in bridge matches, the reporter predicting how many IMPs were likely to change hands after seeing the result in one room. Whatever you think of that there were plenty of IMPs changing hands in Round 5:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Dble 7+
 3♣ 4+♦, 6-9
 Dble 'Info'
 3♠ 'Natural'

I think East's 'info' translates into 'takeout' but perhaps there was some confusion about the strength.

South led the ♣7 and declarer took North's nine with the queen and played a heart to the king and ace, North switching to the ♦6, South winning with the queen and returning the four, declarer ruffing, playing a club to the jack and a heart for the jack and queen.

Declarer tried a spade and South took the king and played another diamond, declarer ruffing with the king and playing the ♠J. South won and cashed the ♥10, North pitching his remaining spade. When South exited with the ♥8 declarer ruffed in dummy and North overruffed and played the ♦7 forcing out declarer's last trump and scoring the ♣10 at the end for five down, -1100.

Cocktails & Bridge v Medium Rare

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Barel	Benzaquen	Katz
—	—	1♣	1♦
Dble*	3♣*	Dble*	3♦
3♠*	Pass	Pass	4♦
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Salhon	v. Roosmalen	Tunçok
—	—	1♣*	Dble
1♥*	1NT	Dble*	Pass
Pass	2♦	All Pass	
	1+♣, non-forcing		
	1♥ 4♠		
	Dble 3♠		

2♦ was a comfortable spot and when East cashed the ♣A and switched to a heart for the king and ace eleven tricks were not out of the question, although in practice declarer scored +130 and found 14 IMPs had vanished.

In the three remaining matches there were no adventures and Patients were the only team to record an IMP.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Cocktails & Bridge v Medium Rare

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Barel	Benzaquen	Katz
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♥3 and North won with the king and returned the two, South ruffing and switching to the ♦J. Declarer went up with dummy's ace, cashed the ♣A and continued with the ♥A, South ruffing and continuing with the ♠7.

Declarer ruffed in dummy and played the ♦2 and was allowed to win with the ten. She ruffed a spade and played a diamond, ruffing North's king (discarding saves a trick) and South overruffed, cashed the ♣K and the defenders still had two spades to come, five down in 5♣ for the second time, this one costing -1400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Salhon	v. Roosmalen	Tunçok
1♦*	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble*	4♠	All Pass	

1♦ 5♦
Dble 'Extras'

West led the ♦A and continued with the queen, declarer winning with dummy's king, crossing to hand with a spade and playing a heart, West taking the ace and exiting with the ♦9. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥K and cross-ruffed hearts and clubs, finishing with ten tricks, +620 but a 13 IMP loss.

Pula Reunion v Patients

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	A Grossack	Lahrman	Combesure
2♣*	2♥	Pass*	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

2♣ Strong
Pass 'Just a Pass'

North led the ♦5 and declarer won with the queen and played two more rounds of diamonds, easily securing the nine tricks she required, +110.



Gerald Sokol

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	L. Madsen	Bussink	Sokol
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦A and followed it with the queen, declarer winning with dummy's king and playing the ♦8 on which he pitched the ♥3. West won and exited with the ♣Q and declarer ruffed in dummy and cross-ruffed his way to ten tricks, +620 and 12 IMPs.

Mixing it Up v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Bauer	Gold	Jacobs
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♥A and switched to the ♦A followed by the queen, declarer winning with dummy's king, ruffing a heart with the ♠Q, playing a spade to dummy's eight, cashing the ♥K ruffing a diamond with the ♠A and claiming 11 tricks, +990.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Taylor	Paske	Boyd-Bowman	Nettleton
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦A and continued with the six and declarer took dummy's king, ruffed a diamond and played a heart. When West followed with the five declarer played dummy's king, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and played a winning heart. When East pitched a club so did declarer and she now had a high-cross ruff for the rest, +680, but a 7 IMP loss.

BAMSA v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Peterkin	Tartarin	Punch
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♠8 and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A and followed it with the two, North taking the king and switching to the ♠J, declarer ruffing and pitching a spade on the ♦A as South ruffed and returned the ♥3. Declarer put in the queen and North won with the king and returned the ten, South ruffing and playing the ♠Q. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♣A and conceded four down, -1100.

When South exited with the ♥3 declarer must take the ace and pitch a spade on a diamond. South can ruff, but declarer is sure to take nine tricks.



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ 7 5 4 2 ♣ Q 9 6 4</p>	<p>♠ A K 7 ♥ K 8 6 5 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ K 10 8</p> <p>♠ Q J 9 8 6 5 2 ♥ 9 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 5 3</p> <p>♠ 10 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ K J 10 9 8 ♣ A J 7 2</p>
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Cocktails & Bridge v Medium Rare

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Barel	Benzaquen	Katz
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

- 2♦ Game forcing
- 3♠ Cue
- 3NT Non-serious
- 4♣ Cue
- 4♠ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 1430
- 5♠ ♦Q?

East led the ♥9 for the queen and king and declarer continued with a heart to dummy's ace, the ♦J to the ace and a second diamond, claiming when the queen appeared, +980.

To avoid this South should exit with a spade and can then ruff the next diamond and only then play the ♥3 to ensure three down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brock	Franceschetti	Myers	Setton
1♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦A and followed it with the queen, but declarer took dummy's king, ruffed a diamond and played a heart, West taking the ace and switching to the ♣Q. Declarer pitched a heart from dummy and won with the king. She was on course for 11 tricks, but having ruffed a club, cashed the ♥K, ruffed a heart and cashed the ♠A she perhaps failed to notice that West discarded and when she continued with two more trumps she had only nine tricks, -100 and a 15 IMP loss.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Salhon	v. Roosmalen	Tunçok
Pass	1NT*	2♥*	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1NT 15-17

2♥ Either ♠ or minors

3♦ Natural, game forcing

East led the ♠J and when it held he continued with the eight, declarer winning and playing two rounds of diamonds. Declarer had more than one way to take the rest, but he failed to divine the location of the ♣Q finishing with 11 tricks, +460 and 11 IMPs changed hands.

Pula Reunion v Patients

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	A Grossack	Lahrman	Combesure
Pass	1♥	3♠	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

East led the ♠Q and declarer won, took two rounds of trumps ending in hand and played two rounds of diamonds, claiming, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	L. Madsen	Bussink	Sokol
Pass	1NT	2♠	Dble*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Dble '8+ points and no conventional bid'

Missing the slam meant the loss of 11 IMPs.



Mixing it Up v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Bauer	Gold	Jacobs
Pass	1♥	2♠	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♣5, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Taylor	Paske	Boyd-Bowman	Nettleton
Pass	1♥	2♠	3♠*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

3♠ 'Good hand with ♥ support'

4♣ Cue

4♦ Cue

4NT RKCB

5♥ 2 key cards

A spade lead, two rounds of trumps and two diamonds meant 11 IMPs.



Anne-Laure Tartarin

BAMSA v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Peterkin	Tartarin	Punch
Pass	1♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

The three-level preempt made life awkward, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brock	Franceschetti	Myers	Setton
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3♠ Short

Declarer won the spade lead and cashed the ♦A, West dropping the queen. Declarer ducked a heart and was soon claiming the rest, +490 but no swing. No doubt you can see at least one way in which declarer might have taken all the tricks for an IMP.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Cocktails & Bridge v Medium Rare

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Barel	Benzaquen	Katz
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- 2♦ Waiting
- 3♦ Transfer
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 1 key card

North led the ♥8 and declarer had little choice but to finesse and South won and returned the ♥7, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Salhon	v. Roosmalen	Tunçok
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♦*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

- 2♦ Multi
- 2♠ 'Hearts are better than spades'
- 3NT 25-26
- 4♣ 'I hope he bids 4♥'
- 6♦ 'Choice of slams'

South led the ♠J and declarer won with the ace and continued with the ♥A followed by the queen, South winning the third round of the suit as North pitched the six and three of clubs. Declarer took the club switch with the ace, cashed the ♠KQ and the ♣K and then played a heart to the jack. When North discarded the ♦5 the diamonds provided declarer with the extra trick he needed, +1440 and 17 IMPs.

Pula Reunion v Patients

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	A Grossack	Lahrmann	Combesure
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6NT	Pass
7♦	Pass	7NT	All Pass

4♦ 'Slam explore, natural'

Declarer won the spade lead, cashed the ♦K and then tried the ♥A, two down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	L. Madsen	Bussink	Sokol
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦	3♣	Dble*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Dble 'Undiscussed in this situation'



South led the ♣8 and declarer won, crossed to the ♦K and ran the ♥J, South winning with the king and exiting with the ♣Q, declarer taking ten tricks, -200 and a flat board!

Mixing it Up v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Bauer	Gold	Jacobs
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 2♣ 'Big'
- 2♦ 'Weak/relay'
- 2NT 'Game forcing about good 24+'
- 3♦ Transfer
- 4♠ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ I key card

South led the ♥7 and declarer won with the queen, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, played a heart to the ace and claimed, +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Taylor	Paske	Boyd-Bowman	Nettleton
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦*	Pass	7♥	All Pass

- 2♥ 'Forces a 2♠ bid (to further describe)'
- 2♠ 'Required'
- 2NT 'Balanced, 25+'
- 3♦ Transfer
- 3♠ 'Good heart bid'
- 4♠ Keycard for ♥'
- 5♦ 'Natural'

That was one down, -100 and 17 IMPs.

BAMSA v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Peterkin	Tartarin	Punch
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 2♣ Any game force
- 2♦ Wait
- 2NT 24+ balanced
- 3♦ ♥
- 4♠ RKCB
- 5♦ 0/3 keycards

An efficient +1430.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brock	Franceschetti	Myers	Setton
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 2♣ Strong or weak 2♦
- 2♦ To play facing weak 2♦
- 2NT Game forcing 25+
- 3♦ Transfer
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 0/3 key cards

Right on the money to flatten the board.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Cocktails & Bridge v Medium Rare

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Barel	Benzaquen	Katz
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♦ 3+
3♥ Transfer

West led the ♦4 and with little at stake declarer won with dummy's ace and drew trumps, taking 12 tricks, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Salhon	v. Roosmalen	Tunçok
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♣ 'Strong, artificial, forcing'
2♦ 'Relay, no meaning'
2NT 22-23 balanced
3♥ Transfer
4NT 'Quantitative'

West led the ♥9 for the jack, queen and ace and declarer cashed the ♠A and then ducked a diamond, eventually ruffing a diamond and ruffing a heart in dummy to draw the last trump, +980 and 11 IMPs.



Pula Reunion v Patients

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	A Grossack	Lahrman	Combesure
—	—	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2NT 22-23
3♥ Spades
3♠ 3+♠
4♥ Shortage

Declarer won the spade lead with the ten and played two rounds of diamonds, a diamond ruff producing 12 tricks, +480.



Sarah Combesure

Mixing it Up v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Bauer	Gold	Jacobs
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2NT 22-24 balanced

4NT 'Should be keycard now that he has supported'

West led the ♥10 for the jack, queen and ace and declarer ruffed a heart, played a club to the ace, ruffed a heart, drew trumps, cashed the ♥K and the top clubs and claimed, +1010 and 11 IMPs.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	L. Madsen	Bussink	Sokol
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♦ Waiting, positive

4NT 1430

5♦ 1430

East led the ♦Q and declarer won, played the ♥J to the ace, ruffed a heart, crossed to the ♠A, cashed the ♠Q, drew the outstanding trump, cashed the ♣AK ruffed a heart and had enough winners for +980 and 11 IMPs.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Taylor	Paske	Boyd-Bowman	Nettleton
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ 'Big hand'

2♦ Waiting

2♥ 'Hearts or relay to 2NT'

2♠ 'Basically forced'

2NT 22-23 balanced

3♥ 5+♠

East led the ♦Q and declarer took 12 tricks but lost 11 IMPs.

BAMSA v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Peterkin	Tartarin	Punch
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 2♣ 'Big'
- 2♦ 'Mostly waiting'
- 2NT 22-23
- 3♥ Spades
- 4♣ Cue for spades
- 4♦ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 key cards

West led the ♥10 and declarer won, ducked a diamond and finished with 12 tricks, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brock	Franceschetti	Myers	Setton
—	—	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♠
All Pass			



Hilda Setton

- 3♥ Transfer
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 key cards

West led the ♠2 and declarer won with the ten and drew trumps, after which she needs to establish a long heart, trusting the clubs will provide an extra trick. Unfortunately she cashed the clubs first and was a trick short, -100 and 14 IMPs. The play in 7♠ is much tougher if West leads a diamond. Declarer must win in dummy and play to establish an extra heart trick, taking one round of trumps along the way. Then declarer must cash the ♣AKQ, cross to dummy with the ♠K and play the ♣10 when East has no defence.

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Complete Count



Toine van Hoof

Pierre Franceschetti (Turnips) showed good technique on this hand from round 2.

He exited with the spade 9, won by East who continued with the ♠K. Franceschetti ruffed and had reached this ending:

Round 2. Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Franceschetti	v. Roosmalen	Setton
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

By now he had a complete count of the hand. He knew West had started with a 3=2=6=2 so he played the ♣Q from hand, guaranteeing the contract. East won with the king and continued with the ♣2. Franceschetti played low from dummy and claimed when West produced the ace. Putting up the jack would have made no difference as West was endplayed. Plus 420 gained 7 IMPs as at the other table NS rested in 3♥, which was just made.

Unsurprisingly none of the NS pairs ventured 3NT and none of the East players found the killing club lead against 4♥. Most of them led the ♠K, setting up the ♠J as declarer's tenth trick. Franceschetti received the lead of the ♥6. Now the only chance of making 4♥ seems to find the ♣10 with West. Not wanting to rely on that, the Frenchman embarked on an elimination play. He took two rounds of trumps, cashed the ♠A, cashed the ace and king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond.



Pierre Franceschetti

Victim of the Day

Diego Brenner



Christina Lund Madsen

Where are you from, where do you live, what is your age and relationship status?

- Hi, Christina ☺. I'm from Brazil, living in Barcelona for more or less 15 years. I'm married to my love, Alana Neri.

Give us the highlights of your background.

- I changed schools a lot when I was young because my father was a journalist and we kept on moving from São Paulo - where I was born - to Rio and the other way around. We also lived twice in Brasília, which is Brazil's capital.

Later I started to study law at the University, but after a year I noticed it was not what I expected and started working in the commodities market, especially with electrical energy brokerage.

After I moved to Spain I decided to be a full-time time Bridge Pro and musician. I played poker for a while, but it's a game too passive for me; having to fold many hands can be pretty boring...

I also have a band called The Madalyns and we've been playing in Rio de Janeiro and Barcelona. If you know of some serious rock gig in Denmark, we're ready to go!

What made you move from Brazil to Spain?

- I didn't see myself in as a broker or a trader forever, even though I was good at it. So, I had to make a decision of which way to take and since I was already a bridge expert with some important titles,

I figured out it was the moment to take it seriously. It was easier for me to move to Spain because my mother is from Barcelona and I have the Spanish nationality thanks to her.

What is the best and worst about the two countries?

- The best of Brazil is our people - they are friendly, caring and ready to help anyone in need. Also the great majority is honest and hard working.

The worst is that in Brazil things can get really absurd, like the political situation now. We have social injustice and violence, and the blame is on the few families that control the Brazilian financial entities and corrupted politicians.

Spain is a very nice place to live, the cultural and social aspects are great and most of the time people are educated and kind. The worst part is that we still have some Franco supporters, we call them "fachas", and we are better off without them for good.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- My father taught my sisters and myself how to play when we were very young, I was 13 years-old.

What has been the highlight of your bridge career?

- There are two important championships I won: World Transnational Teams and the Vanderbilt.

How has the time of Covid been for you?

- Hard at the beginning, but then I started to play on live streaming and work on songs, so it got better. We also had our almost sacred rehearsal day that kept boredom away from us. Of course spending time with my family whenever possible was also something very important for me.

What do you do when you don't play bridge?

- I cook every day and play music and sing most of the time. When I am very lucky, I get to surf. We don't have many waves here in Barcelona.

Tell us a story that illustrates who you are.

- I was walking down the street here in Barcelona and the bus driver accelerated while an old lady was getting out of the bus. She fell and could have got hurt badly, but luckily all she got was some scratches. She was upset and when she complained, the idiot almost insulted her. I took the guy out of the bus and threw him on the floor, got him immobilized and made him ask forgive to the "señora". But, if nothing ugly like that happens, I like to peacefully enjoy life among the ones I love.

What were you like as a child?

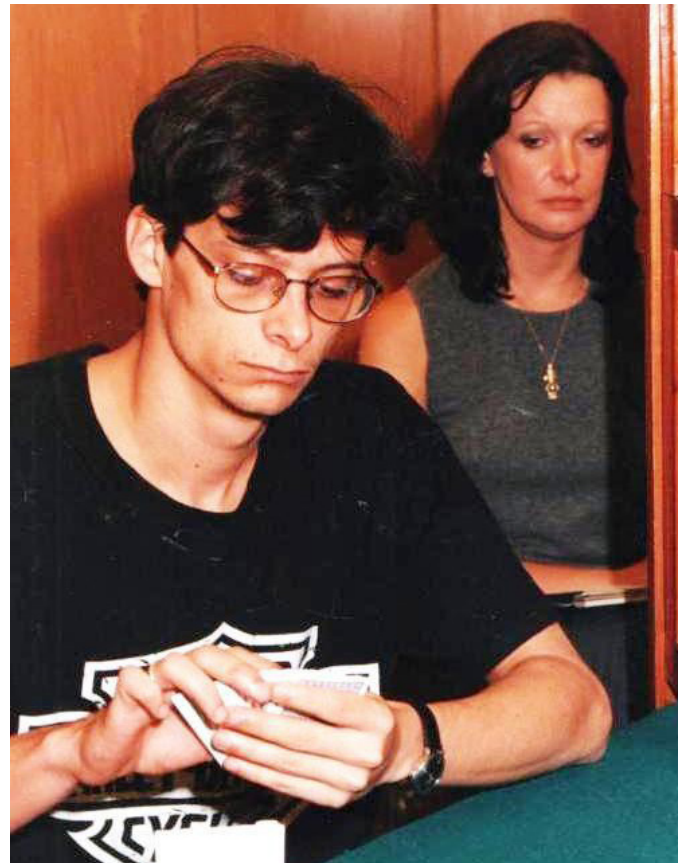
- A "Street Kid Named Desire" ☺

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

- Breathe before taking action.

How would your wife describe you in 3 words?

- You would have to ask her, but I think: stubborn, anxious, and lovely. ☺



What do you secretly dream of?

- I will tell you when we meet.

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

- Spending more time with the loved ones I lost.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Norberto Bocchi, Gabriel Chagas and Alejandro Bianchedi?

- Kiss Gabriel because he's a sweetheart, partner Norberto because we understand each other, and dance with Alejandro because he is a great dancer and I might learn. Sorry, but I can't kill nice people!

Who do you think should be a future victim in this bulletin?

- Sarah Combescure.

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