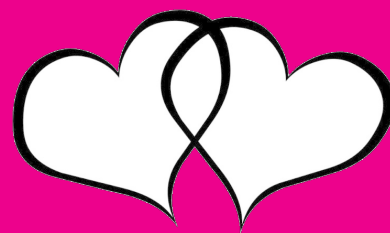


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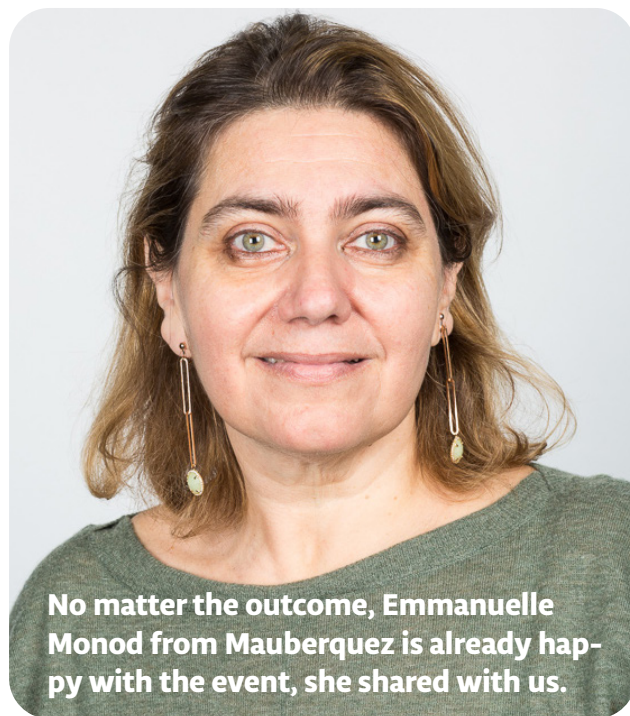
Mauberquez did not give Alpert the birthday gift she wished for, and so the French had won the Round Robin before the last match.

To play for the 3rd and 4th spot were Strawberries, Potter, Parker and Tulips++.

Parker cut off the Tulips in the last round, while the Strawberries were consumed by Ale. Potter scored a narrow win, which proved more than enough as the other results materialized.

Mauberquez chose Parker as their semifinal-opponent and are currently trailing by 6 IMPs, while Alpert has a lead over Potter by 14 IMPs.

Thank you for playing and better luck next time to the 8 teams we parted with yesterday.



No matter the outcome, Emmanuelle Monod from Mauberquez is already happy with the event, she shared with us.

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Today's Schedule

Friday April 16










10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – Semifinal. Segment 2/2 (16 boards)

12:30 EST / 18:30 CET – Final. Segment 1 / 2 (16 boards)



After 10 minutes break – Final. Segment 2/2



Results

Ranking after round 11

rk	team	VPs
1	 MAUBERQUEZ Daniele Avon, Pascal Gombert, Donatella Halfon, David Harari, Babeth Hugon, Erick Mauberquez, Dominique Maurin, Emmanuelle Monod, Jean-Michel Voldoire, Sylvie Willard	152.78
2	 ALPERT Claire Alpert, Leo Fruscoloni, Charlie Hoyos, Janice Seamon, Alfredo Versace	127.47
3	 POTTER Per-Ola Cullin, Kevin Dwyer, Shan Huang, Marion Michielsen, Cookie Potter, Cecilia Rimstedt, Ida Gronkvist, Mikael Gronkvist	125.05
4	 PARKER Irene Baroni, Giovanni Donati, Adam Grossack, Chris Parker, Stewart Rubenstein, Anam Tebha	120.64
5	 STRAWBERRIES Thomas Bessis, Veronique Bessis, Pierre Franceschetti, Hilda Setton	114.91
6	 TULIPS++ Peter Both, Aida Jansma, Jan Jansma, Betty Levin	114.02
7	 ALE Roberto Barbosa, Paula David, Sandra Garafulic, Graca Ponzoni, Alejandro Quiroga, Pablo Ravenna, Marco Thoma	111.20
8	 ULI Gianna Arrigoni, Caterina Burgio, Francesco Mazzadi, Gabriella Olivieri, Federico Primavera, Ulrike Schuster, Walter Schuster	108.93
9	 GERRY'S JUNIORS Jasmine Bakhshi, Christina Lund Madsen, Lia Petelko, Koren Retter, Andreas Rolf-Larsen, Henry Rose, Ella Rosthoj, Gerald Sokol	99.39
10	 ALLSORTS Louis Beauchet, Arti Bhargava, Fredrik Helness, Bjorgvin Kristinsson, Jo Arne Ovesen, Yoko Sobel, Ingunn Uran	95.21
11	 BELHARA Micheline Appertet, Thierry De Luna, Philippe Kasler, Jerzy Romanowski, Martine Rossard, Catherine Sarian, Anne-Laure Tartarin, Jean-Jacques Tartarin	89.70
12	 MIXED PLAY Joan Brody, Brian Dicker, Jodi Edmonds, Gonzalo Herrera, Patricia Herrera, Miriam Rosenberg, Misha Tomic, Joel Wooldridge	60.70

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 MAUBERQUEZ	10.1	<u>33</u>	43.1		43.1
 PARKER		<u>49</u>	49		49

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 ALPERT	6.1	<u>36</u>	42.1		42.1
 POTTER		<u>28</u>	28		28

A Reverse Fredin Double



By Toine van Hoof

Picking up the crumbs that Mark Horton left on the table after his daily report can be very rewarding.

Look at this board from Round 1:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ J 9 8 4 3 ♦ 10 6 5 4 ♣ J 5</p>	<p>♠ 8 2 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ A K Q J 7 ♣ A Q 6</p>	<p>♠ K Q J 10 9 7 6 ♥ K ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ 4 3</p>	<p>♠ A 4 ♥ Q 10 7 2 ♦ 8 ♣ K 10 9 8 7 2</p>
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NS have a grand slam in clubs, diamonds and NT. Once North has discovered that South has the ♠A and six clubs headed by the king, (s)he can practically be sure of 13 tricks.

In the match Potter-Alpert both Per-Ola Cullin and Janice Molson made life easy for their partners by opening their 9-count.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Michielsen	Versace	Cullin
–	–	–	2♣*
Pass	2NT*	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6NT
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

- 2♣ 5+♣, 10-15
- 2NT invite+ with club support
- 4♦ cue
- 4♠ cue
- 4NT RKCB 1430
- 5♥ 2KC, no ♣Q

After two more tries over 5♥ Marion Michielsen guessed that her partner, who evidently had opened on minimal values, had a six card club suit and bid 7♣:

“Yes, he could be void in diamonds. Well, in that case they need to split four-four.”



Marion Michielsen



Charlie Hoyos

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	David	Donati	Thoma
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♦	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

The BBO-records show no explanation of the bids, but one must assume that 4♠ asked for aces and 5♣ showed one or that 4♠ asked for a spade control and 5♣ confirmed it. Otherwise North's jump to 6NT cannot be explained.

Paula David easily took all the tricks for a gain of 2 IMPs against 940 (6♣+1) for team Parker in the other room.

I was more charmed by the sequence of Lia Petelko and Koren Retter, two of Gerry's Juniors:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Potter	Hoyos	Dwyer	Molson
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1#♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Carlos Hoyos had to establish the club suit by cuebidding 3♠ first and following it up with 4♣.

His partner was not interested at all in slam but when she showed the ♠A, Hoyos confidently jumped to the grand for a push board.

The only other player to open the South hand was Marco Thoma (team Ale). This led to a remarkable auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Petelko	Levin	Retter
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

2NT 20-22

3♣ puppet Stayman

3NT no major

4♦ cue for clubs

4NT RKCB

They won 14 IMPs as at the other table NS for Tulips++ stranded in 5♣.



Lia Petelko - 14 years old but bids like a 44-year-old

The players for Mauberquez and Uli took quite a different view. In the open room East overcalled 2NT with 3♠. South doubled, showing points, and collected 800. With 1520 available this seemed to be a poor result but look what happened in the closed room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harari	W Schuster	Halfon	U Schuster
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♦*	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

2♦ Multi

After the Multi 2♦ opening by North and the 2♠ overcall South bid 3♥, probably meant as support for partner's alleged six card heart suit. Lacking a spade stopper, North decided to bid 4♥. This should show a strong variant, but perhaps a 3♠ bid would have been more appropriate.

South passed and now David Harari as West came to the rescue. He made a reverse Fredin double. Reverse because: A) the game contract doubled was cold and B) the opponents could not possibly imagine that they had a grand slam in three other denominations so they stayed put.

West led a spade to dummy's ace. Declarer pitched a spade on the ♦K and cashed the ♥A, felling the king. She was on her way to taking ten tricks (even 11 were possible) and limiting the loss to 7 IMPs. However in the middle of the play she made an unfortunate misclick to go one off and lose 14 IMPs.

Equally impressive was the bidding by Fredrik Helness and Ingunn Uran (Allsorts):

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Helness	Tomic	Uran
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2NT*	3♠	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

2NT 20-21 4♦ cue

At the other table NS for Mixed Play had an uncontested auction towards 3NT, scoring plus 520 but losing 14 IMPs.

In Strawberries vs. Belhara mother and son Bessis initially duplicated the Petelko-Retter sequence, but over 5♥ Thomas bid 5NT and when Véronique signed off in 6♣ he passed. Nevertheless they gained 9 IMPs as their countrymen at the other table rested in 3NT.

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Victim of the Day

Patricia Herrera

by Christina Lund Madsen



Where are you from, where do you live and are you single (asking for a friend...)?

- I am from Mexico City and I live here as well, but I lived in New York, Buenos Aires and Paris and I am currently single.

What is your educational background and what do you do for a living?

- I am an Industrial Engineer and I have a Masters in Nonprofit Management. I have a consulting where we work with nonprofits/social projects mostly in Mexico. My firm is called Pontis which means “bridge” in Latin and I choose it for obvious reasons. When my clients ask about the name, sometimes it is easier to tell them that we are building bridges for a better future than to actually explain the game.

How and when did you begin to play bridge?

- I was born and raised at the bridge club. I hated bridge. After spending most of my childhood playing with my dolls and doing homework while my mom and dad were either playing or teaching bridge, I promised myself I would never play bridge and be like them. Bingo! I began playing about 10 years ago, when I moved back from NYC out of boredom, I guess.

What is your funniest memory from a bridge tournament?



- So many! I was asked once to leave the playing area until I stopped laughing because I was distracting other players ... One of them was at the Puerto Vallarta Regional (which is so much fun, btw) and a known player just had an emergency heart surgery a month before. Everyone was playing and since I was dummy, I took a bathroom break. When I was walking back to the room, just outside of it, the same player was lying on the floor, pale as snow and he wouldn't respond. I called his name several times, slapped his face twice thinking he was dead and then boom! He was alive and now I was the one that almost passed away. We laughed so, so much! It was like a Tarantino movie scene.

What is your favorite place in the world?

- Hard to answer but Mexico. It is such a fun and beautiful place. Although I don't remember being to a place I didn't like.

How has life been for you during corona?

- Like a roller coaster, especially emotionally. These are difficult times, no doubt. But I consider myself very lucky. I am still working, my family and friends have been fine, I have been spending my time between Mexico City and Acapulco (which is a paradise!) and I have gotten the chance to play in so many fun tournaments like yours.

What were you like as a child?

- They say I was terrible, especially my uncles and aunts (I have so many). I don't think I was, though, I read a lot, loved music was very curious and hyperactive. I guess I haven't changed much.

Tell us about your most frightening experience.

- I was at a building three blocks away from the World Trade Center in NYC when the 9-11 attack happened. Watched the first plane crash and some other things that I wish I hadn't. Only time in my life I have been truly scared.

What is the first thing you will do when Covid lets go of its grip on the world?

- Travel and travel and travel. Fun related, bridge related, work related and whatever comes along the way.

If you were a drink, what kind of drink would you be?

- Margarita.

What do you secretly dream of?



Patricia as a child - she has the same haircut today

- Being a Rockstar. Like the Lady Gaga character on the A Star is Born Movie. This time with a happy ending, of course. ☺

What would you like to be different about your life?

- I am very happy and thankful with the life I got. I miss some people that are in unreachable places at the moment but I always trust the universe.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Per-Ola Cullin, Adam Grossack and Anam Tebha?

- I just can't think of myself killing anyone for any reason. I will happily play with any of them and I don't kiss and tell.

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

- I would like to read what Charlie Hoyos has to say.

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First among Equals



By Mark Horton

The tenth round was full of deals that might see swings - for once I was spoilt for choice. Eventually I went for a deal that appeared to offer points of interest in the bidding, play and defence:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

What should South open? Some number of hearts no doubt. After 3♥ West might bid 3NT, although the lack of sure tricks is of some concern. North might have something to say - perhaps raising 3♥ to 4♥ and East might also be called upon to make a decision at some point.

Time to go 'through the keyhole':

Parker v Belhara

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A L Tartarin	A Grossack	J J Tartarin	Parker
—	—	—	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♠K and then switched to the ♣Q, hoping to force the dummy. Declarer ruffed with the ♥9 and played the ♦K, West taking the ace and continuing with the ♣J. Declarer won with the ace, played a heart to the ace and cashed the top diamonds pitching clubs. A spade ruff was followed by the ♥Q and declarer was soon claiming, +420.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Romanowski	Rubenstein	Rossard
—	—	—	3♥
3NT	4♥	Dble	All Pass

I like East's double.

West led the ♠K and then switched to the ♥3. Declarer won with dummy's nine and played the ♦K which West took with the ace. Seeing the possibility of a trump promotion, West went back to spades, but declarer ruffed, ruffed a club, discarded two clubs on the top diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played the ♥Q, +590 and 5 IMPs.

Uli v Potter

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Michielsen	Primavera	Huang	Olivieri
—	—	—	3♥
3NT	4♥	4♠	All Pass

North must have been tempted to double 4♠ - I'm not sure I would have been able to resist.

South led the ♦2 and declarer took dummy's ace and cashed the top spades, South discarding the ♥6. When declarer continued with the ♣Q, South won with the ace and switched to the ♥Q, and when that held she continued with the eight for the ten, ace and a ruff. North ruffed the club exit and played top diamonds, holding declarer to six tricks, -200.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
W Schuster	Dwyer	U Schuster	C Rimstedt
—	—	—	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond, West taking the ace and playing two rounds of spades. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a club and cashed the ♦K pitching a club.

When she continued with the ♦Q East ruffed with the ♥5 and although declarer could overruff, cross to dummy with the ♥A and pitch another club she could not avoid the trump promotion I mentioned earlier, -50 and 6 IMP loss.

Alpert v Mauberquez

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Willard	Hoyos	Gombert	S. Molson
—	—	—	4♥
All Pass			



Babeth Hugon

Willard led the ♠K and then switched to the ♥K! Declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a spade and ruffed a club (playing a diamond would see West win and exit with the ♥10, killing the dummy) and ruffed a spade. West overruffed and returned the ♣Q, declarer winning, drawing the outstanding trump and playing a diamond. West won and the defenders cashed two clubs for -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Maurin	Versace	Hugon
—	—	—	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣Q and declarer won and played the ♦2. West took the ace and played two rounds of spades, but declarer ruffed, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥A and only then played winning diamonds to dispose of two clubs. A diamond ruff was followed by the ♥Q and that was +420 and 11 IMPs.



1NT 15-17

Dble 4-card major with longer minor
2♥ Spades

South's tactic of passing worked out well. She led the ♦2 and declarer took dummy's ace and cashed the top spades. It was all downhill from there, four downhill, -200 and an 11 IMP swing.

Mixed Play v Strawberries

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Wooldridge	Franceschetti	Edmonds
—	—	—	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♣Q and declarer ruffed in dummy and played the ♦K. West took the ace and switched to the ♥3, but it was too late. Declarer won perforce with dummy's ace and pitched a spade and a club on the top diamonds and then discarded a second club on the ♦7. West could win, but the ♥K was the last defensive trick, +590.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	T Bessis	Tomic	V Bessis
—	—	—	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond, West taking the ace and exiting with the ♦3. Declarer won in dummy pitching a spade and continued with the ♦Q, ruffed and overruffed.

Gerry's Juniors v Allsorts

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Uran	Rolf-Larsen	Ovesen	Rosthøj
—	—	—	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♠K and then switched to the ♥3, the only way to give the defenders any chance. (Naturally the Rueful Rabbit would accidentally lead the ♥K at trick one!)

Declarer won with dummy's ace, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and played the ♦K, but West won and switched to clubs, declarer taking the second round and exiting with the ♥Q. West won and played a club, East winning and returning the ♠A, promoting the ♥10 for -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bakhshi	Beauchet	Rose	Sobel
—	—	—	Pass
1NT*	Dble*	2♥*	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Double swingers Jan and Aida Jansma



A club ruff was followed by a spade ruff, a club ruff with the ♥A, a spade ruff and the ♥Q, +420, but a loss of 5 IMPs.

Tulips++ v Ale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Garafulic	Both	Ravenna	A Jansma
—	—	—	3♥
3NT	4♥	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♠K and continued with the queen, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond. West won and exited with a diamond and declarer won in dummy pitching a club, played another top diamond, ruffed and overruffed, ran the ♥Q, played a heart to the ace and then played winning diamonds, +590, West scoring only the ♥K.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	David	Levin	Thoma
—	—	—	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♦K and declarer won and played on clubs, South taking the fourth round of the suit and switching to the ♥J. When declarer followed with the three, North had to win with the ace, having pitched the ♥9 on the first round of clubs. When North cashed the top diamonds declarer could see nine tricks, +400 and a 14 IMP swing.

Having seen South discard on the second round of diamonds North must exit with a spade, leaving declarer a trick short.

Defending a heart contract, a spade lead is better than a club. If this holds the trick then there is time to switch to a heart.

If West does not find Sylvie Willard's brilliant king the three will also work. Declarer wins with dummy's nine and plays a diamond but West wins and exits with a heart. Declare must then lose a heart and a club for one down.



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