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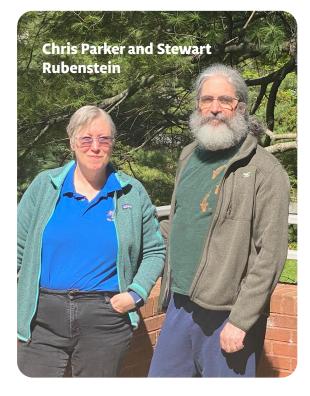
Summer and live bridge is not quite here yet, so we continue to indulge in the challenges of online bridge.

In April both finalitsts had better plans for their Friday night than to play the final, which means we had to wait till Sunday to find our winner.

Parker defeated multiple MMT-champion Alpert to win their first MMT-title. Congratulations to Irene Baroni, Giovanni Donati, Adam Grossack, Chris Parker, Stewart Rubenstein and Anam Tebha.

Both Alpert and Parker are back this week along with other challengers for the MMT-title.

We wish you all a week of challenges and entertainment.

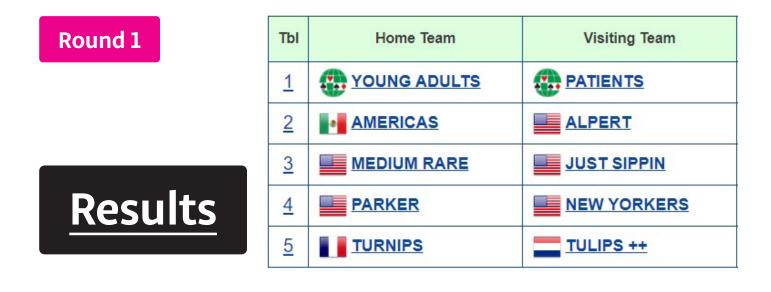


All players should enter BBO 10 minutes before the beginning of a match. TD Denis Dobrin will instruct you where to sit. All players must have their name in their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed for the sake of opponents and kibitzers.

Today's Schedule

Monday May 10 10:30 EST / 16:30 CET - Round 1 (16 boards) 12:50 EST / 18:50 CET - Round 2 (16 boards) 15:10 EST / 21:10 CET - Round 3 (16 boards)

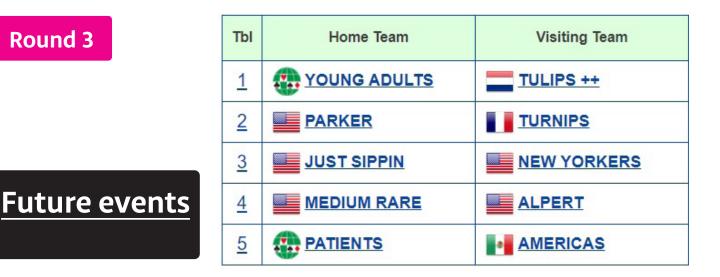
Today's Schedule



Round 2

Round 3

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1	OUNG ADULTS	
2		
<u>3</u>		TULIPS ++
4		
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Teams / Players / Nicknames

ALPERT

Claire Alpert Leo Fruscoloni Charlie Hoyos Janice Seamon Alfredo Versace

JUST SIPPIN

Allie Cappelletti Mike Cappelletti Kay Enfield Greg Hinze Patty Hinze

MEDIUM RARE

Ebru Balci Burak Baskan Shelley Fehrenbach Riva Salhon Sinan Tatlicioglu Cenk Tuncok İrfan Doğan Stephannie Culbertson

NEW YORKERS

Giorgia Botta Mustafa Cem Tokay Raluca Dobrescu Jodi Edmonds Ted Greenberg Zach Grossack Lynne Koeppel Dave Marker

PANAMERICANA

Gonzalo Herrera Patricia Herrera Alex Hudson Ruben Darío Cabrera Nina Benzaquen Peter Boyd-Bowman Diego Brenner Alix Taylor clairee2 frusco charlie111 janicem nevaio

Sinica23 Cappjr cx107 ghinze vincent

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gio 89 tokay1975 ralooka jodi e tedgreenb germs345 Igkoeppel marker544

gonzalo h bulock bballrace rdca11 ninabenz pjbb dbrenner alixtay

PARKER

Irene Baroni Giovanni Donati Adam Grossack Chris Parker Stewart Rubenstein Anam Tebha

PATIENTS

Lia Petelko Koren Retter Andreas Rolf-Larsen Ella Rosthøj Christina Lund Madsen Gerald Sokol Gergana Teneva Nikolay Yaninski Andreas Plejdrup Julie Sigsgaard

TULIPS ++

Peter Both Betty Levin Aida Jansma Jan Jansma Mark Thiele Renee Verdegaal

TURNIPS

Pierre Franceschetti Hilda Setton Cédric Lorenzini Anne-Laure Tartarin

YOUNG ADULTS

Marie Eggeling Paul Grunke Louise Selway Florian Weiss Erleta Plana Sjur Nedrebø princi giova007 nevereast cmp56 stewr anamtebha

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Meet your Opponent Cedric Lorenzini by Christina Lund Madsen



Some of you maybe have noticed Cedric Lorenzini is playing this event. He is one of the many who sadly did not take online bridge seriously at the beginning of the pandemic and peeked places he should not. Unlike most he admitted to it last year and took a voluntary absence from bridge since. As the few others who stepped forward he got his round of bashing on Bridge Winners for a not very remorsefulsounding statement, and he received some resentful texts from people and friends disappointed in him.

"I don't think I was really ready when I wrote it. From now on I search for no excuses. Just took a break and try to help the game the best I can. I helped some juniors and offered to help with cheating investigations. So if somebody sees a possibility I am happy to help. I am hopeful that it will make me grow and that in time I can rebuild my reputation."

For Cedric his confession ended the constant pain in his stomach and sleepless nights. For a time.

Because on March 1st he became a father for the first time. And as all parents know, children change your perspective on so many issues in life.

Cedric sent me a private message some months back that I share with his blessing:

"Now I feel for me it was a lesson. I learnt to never try to bend the rules even lightly (at least not in bridge ©). I also learnt that if you make a mistake, say sorry as soon as possible. That is what I will teach my son." From our perspective as organizers it is clear; We believe that all players who have voluntarily brought their name out in the open and had a voluntary or forced absence can play in the Monthly Mixed Teams again. We believe the risk that these players - who have willingly revealed their own name - will cheat again is negligible.

Endless hours are being spent by bridge federations and private organizers investigating potential cheats, and confessions serve us all time. We believe that the shockingly high percentage of players - at all levels - who have been selfkibitzing or chatting to their partner about the meaning of a bid while playing is not representative for the ethical standard of bridge players in general, and that many had to adjust their moral compass to the transition to online bridge.

Violations committed after it became clear that online bridge should be played as seriously as live bridge, we look upon with harsher eyes.

We hope you will accept Cedric Lorenzini back in our events. He is a bit anxious...



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In this issue

The March 2021 issue of **BeBRIDGE** is a veritable cornucopia. Discover the **Secrets of winning pairs** and read all about the **Transatlantic Seniors Cup**. Find out what it's like to be a **Director** and take our quiz about the **History of bridge**. **David Bird**'s Abbot is back with the latest instalment of the adventures of his bridge playing monks and **Frankly Speaking** meets **Fernando Lema**. Along with the regular articles that stimulate your 'little grey cells' it's an issue you can't afford to miss.

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Sunshine Bridge Final of the April MMT

Fort the first time in the Monthly Mixed Teams the two finalists agreed to postpone the final to Sunday. Naturally it was a gloriously sunny day outside and the Editor was expecting me to deliver something. Here is a report on the final of the April Mixed between Alpert and Parker.

On the opening deal South held ♠96 ♥AQJ10973 ♦2 ♣J97 and responded 1NT when partner opened 1♠. When partner rebid 2♦ Parker bid 2♥ and played there, while Seamon Molson preferred 3♥ and was raised to game. North held ♠AK873 ♥6 ♦A654 ♣A53 and ten tricks were easy, a 6 IMP start for Alpert.

On the deal that followed West played in clubs with ♠2 ♥AJ2 ♦K94 ♣AQ10873 opposite ♠9654 ♥K643 ♦J2 ♣KJ6. West had opened 1♣ third in hand, North had overcalled 1♠ and South had shown a constructive raise.

After the lead of the \bigstar K and a spade to the jack declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy with a club and played a diamond to the king and a diamond. South won that with the ace and exited with a club and declarer won, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade (South following with the ace) and played the remaining trumps.

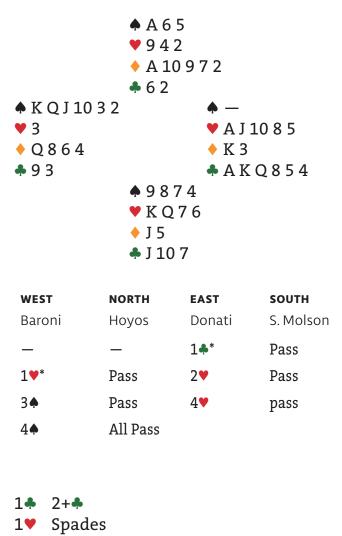
In 5⁺ the question was how to play the hearts? From the play so far it looked as if North was 5-2-5-1, so declarer took the finesse and was two down when it lost, which cost 6 IMPs against the +130 recorded at the other table.



By Mark Horton

The only straw in the wind was that South had shown the ♠AJ and the ♠A. With the ♥Q might South have opened the bidding?

Board 6 Dealer East. EW Vul.



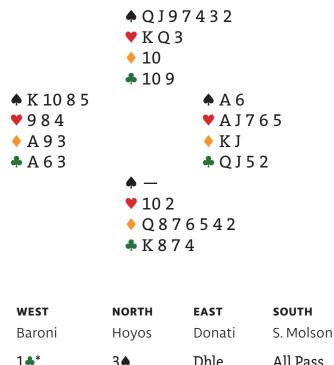
With EW having made no move towards notrumps North led the ♦A and continued with the seven to dummy's king. Declarer cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart and played the ♠Q. North took the ace and exited with the ♦10 but South's ruff was the last trick for the defence, +620.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	A Grossack	Versace	Parker
_	_	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

When North found a 'tiger double' of 3NT West retreated to $4 \spadesuit$. 3NT is unlikely to make although North must discard carefully - after a diamond lead to the king and six rounds of clubs he must come down to $\blacklozenge A \heartsuit 94 \diamondsuit A109$.

Here too North led a diamond, but went with the two. As the cards lie the winning move for declarer is to win with dummy's king, but that is a tough play to find unless you are convinced that North has doubled on the strength of his diamonds. Declarer won with the queen and played three rounds of clubs, pitching a diamond. North ruffed, cashed the \diamond A10 and waited for the \clubsuit A, -200 and 13 IMPs. Board 8. Dealer East. None Vul.



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East led the ♣Q for the king and ace and the return of the ♥4 was won by East's jack. he cashed the ♣J and then played two rounds of hearts, declarer winning with king and playing the ♠J (a low spade gives you a 3.2% chance of scoring five tricks, but more importantly it offers a 64.59% chance of four tricks - and it would have worked here if declarer's next play in the suit is another low spade). East won with the ace and played two rounds of diamonds and declarer had to lose three more trump tricks, five down

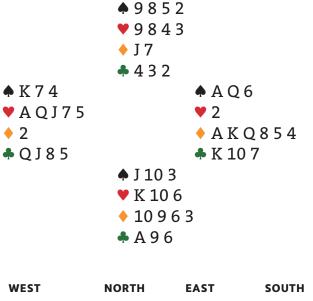
and -1100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	A Grossack	Versace	Parker
Pass	Pass	1NT	3♦
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣4 and declarer won with the queen and played the ♥5. South won with the ten and tried exiting with the ♣K, so declarer had eleven tricks, +460, but lost 12 IMPs.

At the mid-way point of the first segment Parker led 40-25, and they picked up more points over the remaining deals to lead 77-36.1.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Hoyos	Donati	S. Molson
_	Pass	1 • *	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2 ♦ *	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 1 Unbalanced
- 1NT 15+
- 2***** 'Ask 8+'
- 2 6+
- 2♥ Ask
- 3♥ 18+singleton♥



South led the **A**J and declarer won with the queen, forced out the **A**K and settled for 11 tricks, +460.

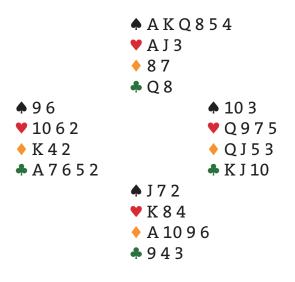
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tebha	Versace	Rubenstein
_	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 • *	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass

3♦ Game forcing check back 3NT Not 3♥, not 4♠

South led the \$10, but there was no way to avoid the loss of a club and a diamond, -50 and an 11 IMP loss.

I was watching this deal 'live' and it struck me that you might well make 6NT. If South leads a spade declarer wins in hand and knocks out the A. Then whatever South returns there will be a red suit squeeze.

I'll leave you to work out how at double dummy 6NT can be defeated.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Hoyos	Donati	S. Molson
_	_	_	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the diamond queen and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed his spades. When East pitched hearts there were ten tricks, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tebha	Versace	Rubenstein
_	_	_	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3 • *	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3 Game try

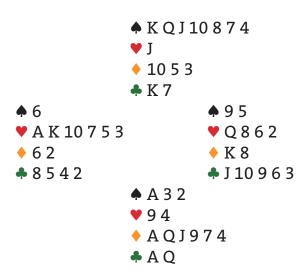
East led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ace and ran the ♠7, West winning with the king and switching to the ♣2. East won and played two more rounds of the suit, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♠K, playing



a diamond to the jack and ace and ruffing a diamond. She then cashed two more spades which forced East to pitch a heart.

It was Belladonna who said 'you set up the squeeze - and then you take the finesse, and that is what declarer did here, a most unlucky two down, returning the 11 IMPs that had changed hands on the opening deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.





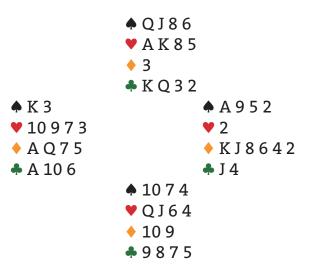
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Hoyos	Donati	S. Molson
_	3♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

East led the $\mathbf{\bullet}6$ but with the $\mathbf{\bullet}K$ onside that was +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tebha	Versace	Rubenstein
_	4♠	All Pass	

East led the \blacklozenge K so declarer took all the tricks, but lost 12 IMPs.

Hoyos and Molson continued to be aggressive - on the next board they bid 6♣ with ♠AJ8764 ♥A963 ♠K3 ♣A opposite ♠-♥J4 ♠Q92 ♣KQ1097642 but declarer had to lose two diamonds and that cost 10 IMPs against the 5♣ reached in the other room. Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Hoyos	Donati	S. Molson
_	_	_	Pass
1 ♣ *	1NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3 🔶	All Pass		

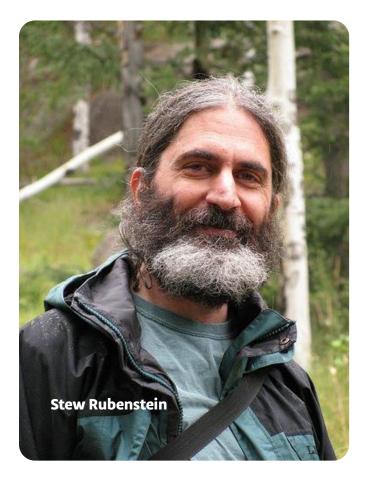
1♣ 2+♣

South led the <10 and declarer claimed 11tricks, +150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tebha	Versace	Rubenstein
_	_	_	Pass
1 • *	Dble	Rdbl	1♥
Pass	2♥	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

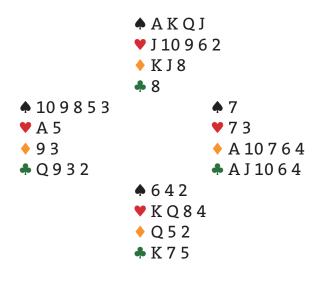
1♦ 4+♦

North led the ♥A but there were only four tricks to take, +600 and 10 IMPs.



When Parker bid 6♠ with ♠J752 ♥985 ♦AKJ95 ♣10 opposite ♠AKQ3 ♥A7 ♦Q10842 ♣62 Alpert moved ahead in the set 43-21.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Hoyos	Donati	S. Molson
_	_	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♠7 and declarer won with the queen and played a heart for the king and ace. East ruffed the return of the ♠5 and cashed his aces, -100.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tebha	Versace	Rubenstein
_	_	1♦	Pass
1♠	1NT	2♣	Dble*
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Dble Penalties

East led the A and continued with the four, declarer winning with the king and playing a heart for the king and ace. Hoping partner might be void in spades, West switched to the 10 and now declarer had ten tricks and 13 IMPs.

Although Alpert picked up 15 IMPs over the remaining deals Parker had plenty in hand at the end, winning 118-102.1. 1. The 2021 May Mixed Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 10th to 14th of May, 2021

2. All participants are bound by the regulations within this document.

All players are welcome to register, yet some can be refused at the discretion of the organizer.

Teams can consist of 4 – 10 players. If necessary, more players can be added during the event.

At the moment teams and/or players are registered, they automatically agree to play according to the conditions in this document.

Should a team be disqualified and/or withdraw by their own choice (before or during the event), there will be no refund of entry fees.

3. Schedule of play:

Monday May 10 - Wednesday May 12:

10:30 EDT/16:30 CET - Round 1 (16 boards) 12:50 EDT/18:50 CET - Round 2 (16 boards) 15:10 EDT/21:10 CET - Round 3 (16 boards)

Thursday, 13 May 2021 10:30 EDT / 16:30 CET – Semifinal 1/3 (16 boards) 12:50 EDT / 18:50 CET – Semifinal 2/3 (16 boards) 15:10 EDT / 21:10 CET – Semifinal 3/3 (16 boards) Friday, 14 May 2021 10:30 EDT / 16:30 CET – Final 1/3 (16 boards) After 10 minutes break – Final 2/3 (16 boards) After 10 minutes break – Final 3/3 (16 boards)

4. Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage will be played in the form of a Round Robin and will consist of 144 boards played in 9 matches of 16 boards each.

The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales (see p. 10 below).

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.

5. Knockout Stage

The team placed 1st in the Round Robin gets to choose the opponent for the semifinal from the teams placed 3th – 4th in the Round Robin. Both semifinal and final will be played over 48 boards, 3 separate segments of 16 boards each.

There will be the following carry over:
In the semifinal no. 1 – 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 and Seating Rights

All matches of the Round Robin qualifying stage will be played without change of the line-up; unless there is a valid reason for a change, to be decided by the TD.

In semifinal and final change of the line-up is possible after each 16 boards with no restriction (separate segments).

Captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents ("blind line-up").

In the Round Robin qualifying stage the teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical and no 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.

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 must have their official name on their BBO profile. Private isn't allowed. 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 for each match for each player without official name on BBO profile.

The Tournament Director will create 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.

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.

The table settings will allow kibitzers but forbid communication between players and kibitzers.

Undo and claiming:

MMT encourages players to accept an opponent's request for undo in 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 must be shut down till the TD arrives. The TD will 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. Bids must be alerted before entering the bids. If you don't alert before making your bid, your opponent may think that your bid is natural, make his/her bid, then see the Alert and legitimately ask for an undo in case the information changes his/her perspectives.

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 or calculation or technique between the commencement of the auction and the end of play.

The gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through non-public communication or (individual) players self-kibitzing.

If players experience highly suspicious plays, we encourage you to send a report to the organizers at mmt@bridgeresults.org. We will not reveal your name as source. Players are expected to finish 16 boards within 2 hours. 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 Mixed 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 other directors and/or world class players); no further appeal will be possible after the TD's decision.

To submit protests, you should send email to: mmt@bridgeresults.org

9.

These Regulations may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the organizing committee if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the smooth, efficient and enjoyable execution of the events.

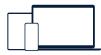
Although the MMT are not aligned with any bridge organization, we take ethical violations seriously and report to Eric Laurant from the WBF Investigation committee if our experts and statisticians find ground to suspect a pair/player is violating the rules of bridge through self-kibitzing or illegal communication with partner or teammates.



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