

## **ALT-OCBL GRAND FINAL BULLETIN**

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# AND NOW THE KNOCKOUTS

#### **Ranking after Round 8**

#### **Group OCBL**

1	#	ECF Holding	97.53
2		Netbridge	95.92
3		Seligman	93.29
4	*}	Friends	85.72
5	+-	Yellow Cap	74.44
6	X	Scorway	68.56
7		Harris	67.49
8		Jupiter	66.05

#### **Group ALT**

1		Uli	115.98
2	絘	Crocodile	97.95
3		New Amateurs	94.82
4		Rippey	89.99
5		Cantor	80.10
6	+-	Fredin	71.45
7		Peanuts	61.04
8		Reynolds	37.67

It's time for Knockouts for the four Semifinalists of the ALT-OCBL Grand Final. The Semifinalists are:

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Primavera F. (Fulldire), Schuster U. (chrispe1), Schuster W. (Schustmozz), Olivieri G. (ollina), Arrigoni G. (Gorilla3), Zanasi G. (Zanna9), Margiotta S. (saverio), Carletti A. (ale1304)

#### **CROCODILE**

Barel M. (mich-b), Katz P. (paz\_k), Liran I. (inonli), Perlmutter A. (arikp111), Bareket I. (bareket), Lengy A. (lengy), Saada N. (natsa), Marina B. (dromikete), Coldea I. (ionutcld), Zack Y. (yanivz), Pachtmann R. (ronpa), Moraru D. (danmo), Teodorescu C. (leroumain)

#### **ECF HOLDING**

Lie T. (Terjel), Fasting E. (mehe), Ovesen J. (jo-arne), Høyland S. (sioslo), Thoresen S. (sivt), Evenstad N. (NicolaiHE), Eide E. (bloodaxe), Farstad A. (Kha66), Evenstad S. (StianAS), Bogen H. (haakonbog)

#### **NETBRIDGE**

Van Den Hoek J. (janonline), Bouwen K. (kebosporto), Bremer A. (arisbreem), Verhoef N. (nicotest), Huber M. (marijnhu), Van der Starre M. (martin001), la Haye M. (martenha), Verhoeve N. (slin55), Zomer M. (mczo), Gaillard V. (Vincent80), Been M. (bendezz), de Haas O. (olliebol), Gast H. (hester02), van Roosmalen B. (basvanr)

Today the Semifinals and the Final will be played.

We wish to thank all the teams who did not qualify for being part of this event.

We wish you Happy New Year's Eve and a great 2023!

#### **SCHEDULE TODAY**

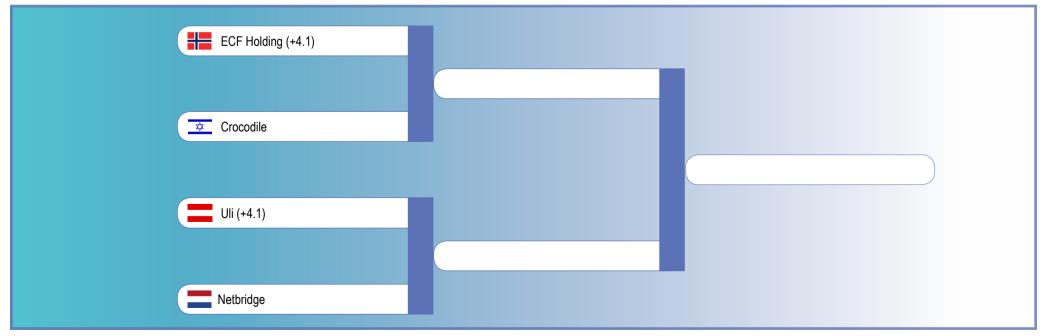
All the tables will be closed to kibitzers, but the matches will be broacast on Vugraph.
The show will be delayed by 30 minutes.

Semifinal 1/2. 16:00 CET / 10:00 am EST

Semifinal 2/2. 17:30 CET / 11:30 am EST

Final 1/2. 19:00 CET / 1:00 pm EST

Final 2/2. 20.30 CET / 2.30 p.m. EST

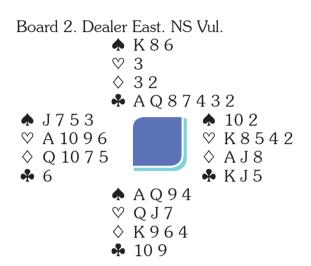






For the teams contesting the ALT-OCBL Grand Final day 2 would see 12 teams leave the competition. In the ALT Group Uli had a fantastic opening day, winning all their matches to establish a commanding lead, making them heavy favourites to advance to the semifinal. In the OCBL Group things were much tighter. Table topping Friends were unbeaten, but the pack was close behind with all to play for.

#### Round 5



#### Seligman v ECF Holding

Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Ovesen	Pszczola	Thoresen	Seligman
_		$1  \heartsuit$	Dble
3♣*	5 <b>%</b>	Pass	Pass
5♡	Dble	All Pass	

South led the \$10 and North took the ace and switched to the  $\clubsuit 6$ . South took the gueen and ace but then went back to clubs and declarer finished three down, -500.

He could have saved a trick by ruffing the second club and ruffing a spade, setting up the jack – not an easy play to find.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Starkowski	Heiberg-E	Kwiecien	S Evenstad
		$1  \heartsuit$	Dble
3◊*	5 <b>%</b>	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♥4 and West won with the nine and returned the ten. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦ A, went to dummy with a spade and played a club, claiming nine tricks, two down, -500 and a 14 IMP loss.

#### New Amateurs v Uli

Open Room

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West	North	<b>East</b>	South		
Carletti	Falk	Zanasi	Chechelash.		
		1 %	Pass		
3◊*	4 <b>♣</b>	4 %	Dble		
All Pass					

 $3 \diamondsuit 4 \heartsuit +$ , 7-10 with singleton

South led the  $\clubsuit 10$  and North took the ace and switched to the  $\Diamond 3$ , declarer going up with the ace and playing two rounds of hearts. When North discarded declarer played a diamond to the gueen and South won, cashed the  $\nabla Q$  and then

played two rounds of spades for two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mak	Schuster	Wang	Primavera
_		$1  \heartsuit$	Pass
4 %	All Pass		

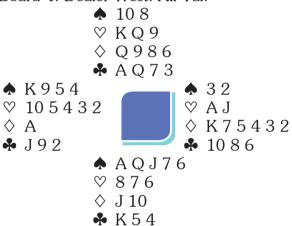
South led a club as before but here North switched to a spade at trick two and the defenders played three rounds of the suit, establishing dummy's jack. Declarer ruffed, went to dummy with the  $\heartsuit A$  to pitch a diamond on the  $\clubsuit J$ , took the  $\heartsuit K$ , eliminated the clubs and threw South in with a heart, forcing a lead into the diamond tenace, one down, -50 and 6 IMPs.

In the OCBL Group the contract ranged from 3NT (down 2) to 5 % doubled.

Everyone in the ALT Group played in hearts, the range being between  $2\heartsuit$  and  $4\heartsuit$  doubled.

Kamil Nowak made 3♥ doubled when the defenders played three rounds of spades after taking the A.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



#### Friends v Harris

Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Root	Fang	Gross	Yang
Pass	$1 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	1 <b>^</b>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2 \& *	Pass	2♠*
All Pass			

 $1 \diamondsuit 4$  + diamonds, could be balanced

2♣ XYZ, >2♦ or invitational

2♠ 5+♠ invitational

West led the  $\heartsuit 2$  for the queen and ace and East returned the jack to dummy's king. Declarer ran the  $\spadesuit 10$  to West's king and after cashing the  $\Diamond A$  West switched to the  $\heartsuit 10$ , East ruffing, cashing the  $\Diamond K$  and following it with the  $\Diamond 4$ promoting a trump for West, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Sheng	Isporski	Wang	Trendafilov
	$1 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	1 🛧
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

 $1 \diamondsuit 4 + \diamondsuit$ 

2♣ Checkback

2NT Maximum, not  $3\spadesuit$ , may have  $4\heartsuit$ 

East led the  $\clubsuit 3$  and when dummy's ten held declarer played a spade to the queen, West taking the king and switching to the  $\heartsuit 5$  for the king and ace. Declarer took the VJ with the gueen and with clubs 3-3 he had nine tricks, +600 and 12 IMPs.

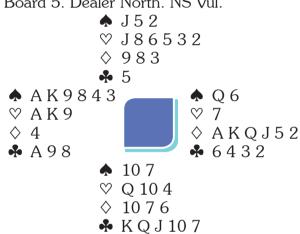
If East somehow finds a diamond lead West wins and switches to a heart putting the defenders one step ahead.

If South is the declarer a heart lead should be fatal.

5 pairs tried 3NT in the OCBL Group, only one of them was defeated (North had opened 1 and East overcalled  $1 \diamondsuit$  and led the suit, West – Starkowski - switching to a heart.)

4 ALT pairs were in 3NT, Randy Howard and Bill Hall being the only pair to defeat it via a diamond lead and a heart switch.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.



#### Rippey v Fredin

Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Fredin	Marcinowski	Apteker	Rippey
	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass
1 <b>^</b>	Pass	$2\Diamond$	Pass
3♠*	Pass	$4 \heartsuit^*$	Pass
6♡	Pass	6 <b>♠</b>	All Pass

3♠ Forcing 4♥ Cue

Closed Room

Closed Room				
West	North	<b>East</b>	South	
Narkiewicz	Donde	Nowak	Stephens	
	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	
<b>1</b> ♠	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit$	Pass	
$2 \heartsuit^*$	Pass	2 <b>^</b>	Pass	
<b>3♠</b>	Pass	$4 \heartsuit^*$	Pass	
4NT*	Pass	5 <b>♣</b> *	Dble	
5◊*	Pass	6 <b>♣</b> *	Pass	
<b>7</b> ♠	Pass	7NT	All Pass	

2♥ Relay

4♡ Cue

4NT RKCB 5♣ 1/4 kev card

5♦ **♠**Q?

6♣ ♠Q+ ♦K or two others

That was worth 11 IMPs – the Polish pair were the only ones to bid a grand slam in the ALT

#### New Amateurs v Uli

Open Room

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West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Carletti	Falk	Zanasi	Chechelash.
_	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass
1 🛧	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit$	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
<b>3</b> ♠	Pass	4♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5 <b>%</b>	Dble
5♡*	Pass	6 <b>^</b>	All Pass

3♣ Game forcing

4% Cue

**4NT RKCB** 

5♣ 1 key card

5♥ **♠**Q?

#### Closed Room

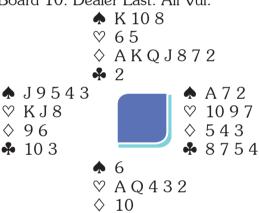
2♥ Forcing

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West	North	<b>East</b>	South		
Mak	Schuster	Wang	Primavera		
_	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass		
1 <b>^</b>	Pass	$2\diamondsuit$	Pass		
$2 \heartsuit^*$	Pass	2 <b>^</b>	Pass		
<b>3♠</b>	Pass	4 <b>^</b>	All Pass		
1\$ 2+	$\diamond$				

That was a surprise. It meant the loss of 11 IMPs.

3 pairs bid 7 in the OCBL Group while three stopped in game. Gustafsson found the threatening diamond lead, but with the suit 3-3 declarer could not be denied and 14 IMPs changed hands.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



#### Rippey v Fredin

Open Room

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West	North	<b>East</b>	South	
Fredin	Marcinowski	Apteker	Rippey	
		Pass	1 %	
1 <b>♠</b>	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	3♣	
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT	
Pass	6\$	All Pass		

♣ AKQJ96

East led the \$5 so that was +1390.

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Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
Narkiewicz	Donde	Nowak	Stephens	
		Pass	$1 \clubsuit^*$	
1 <b>^</b>	2 <b>♣</b> *	Pass	3♣*	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3 %	
Pass	$4\diamondsuit$	Pass	4 %	
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♡*	
Pass	6NT	All Pass		

**1♣** 11-13 balanced or 17+ any

2♣ Diamonds

3**♣** 17+, 5+**♣** 

East led the  $\heartsuit 9$  so declarer took all the tricks and a couple of IMPs.

3 pairs stopped in game in the OCBL Group, one in the ALT.

#### Round 6

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



#### Uli v Crocodile

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West	North	East	South
Moraru	Schuster	Teodorescu	Primavera
_	2♣*	Pass	2 \& *
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

2. Only forcing bid

2 \QQuad Waiting

2NT 23/24

3♣ Modified Puppet

 $3 \diamondsuit 1/2$  four-card majors

**4NT** Quantitative

When East led the  $\heartsuit 4$  declarer must have been optimistic, but when the diamonds did not behave there were only ten tricks, -100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Margiotta	Barel	Zanasi	Katz
_	2 <b>♣</b> *	Pass	2 \&\rightarrow\rightar
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2. Strong

2♦ K+

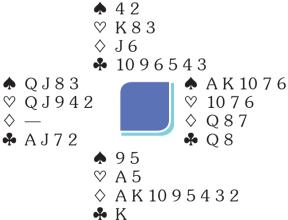
3♣ Puppet

 $3 \diamondsuit 1$  or 2 four-card majors

Here the opening lead was the  $\heartsuit 3$  and those same ten tricks added up to +630 and 11 IMPs.

Only one other pair bid a slam, Levinson and Shenkin trying 60 which finished four down and cost 12 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.



#### Netbridge v Seligman

Open Roo	OIII		
West	North	East	South
Seligman	La Haye	Pszczola	Verhoeve
	Pass	Pass	$5\Diamond$
All Pass			

West led the  $\triangle A$  and switched to the  $\heartsuit Q$ . Declare had to lose two spades, and also lost a diamond when he took the second trick with dummy's king, two down, -200.

#### Closed Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Been	Starkowski	de Haas	Kwiecien
_	Pass	1 <b>^</b>	3 <b>♠</b> *
4♣*	Pass	4 <b>♠</b>	All Pass

3♠ Looking for a spade stopper

4♣ Spade fit

South led the  $\Diamond A$  and declarer was soon claiming 10 tricks, having allowed the defenders to score a heart ruff, +420 being worth 6 IMPs.

#### Uli v Crocodile

Open Room

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West	North	East	South	
Moraru	Schuster	Teodorescu	Primavera	
_	Pass	1 <b>^</b>	$2 \diamondsuit$	
2NT*	Pass	4 🖍	5♦	
5 <b>^</b>	All Pass			

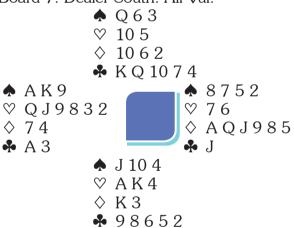
When South led the  $\Diamond A$  an opportunity had been missed. However, having ruffed in dummy and cashed the  $\mathbf{AQ}$  declarer played the  $\mathbf{Q2}$  for the ten and ace. South played back the ♥5 for the jack, king and seven but North misread the situation and returned the  $\clubsuit$ 6, +450.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Margiotta	Barel	Zanasi	Katz
_	Pass	1 <b>^</b>	$4 \diamondsuit$
Dble*	Pass	4	All Pass

South led the  $\Diamond K$  and declarer ruffed, cashed the  $\triangle Q$  and then played the  $\nabla Q$ . Here the defenders took their heart ruff to gain an IMP.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



#### Netbridge v Seligman

Open Room

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West	North	<b>East</b>	South	
Seligman	La Haye	Pszczola	Verhoeve	
	_		Pass	
$1  \heartsuit$	Pass	1 <b>♠</b>	Pass	
2 %	All Pass			

North led the ♣K and declarer won, ruffed a club and played a heart, finishing with 10 tricks, +170.

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West	North	East	South
Been	Starkowski	de Haas	Kwiecien
_	_		1♣*
1 %	2♣*	$2\diamondsuit$	3♣
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

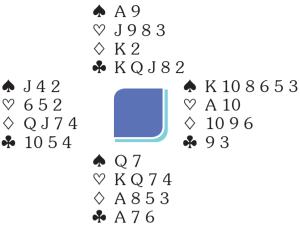
1 **2**+

2. Non-forcing

When North led the **A**K declarer won, ruffed a club and played a heart. South won and switched to the  $\Delta J$ , but declarer could organise the drawing of trumps and played for spades to be 3-3, dummy's eight taking care of a diamond.

Two pairs bid 4% in the OCBL Group, four in the ALT. Needless to say, no-one found a one of the leads that would have defeated 4 %.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.



#### Netbridge v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Seligman	La Haye	Pszczola	Verhoeve
	1	1 <b>♠</b>	Dble*
Pass	2 %	Pass	2♠*
Dble	3♣	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

East led the  $\clubsuit 8$  and when dummy's queen held declarer was soon claiming +480.

#### Closed Room

2♥ Without 4♠

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Been	Starkowski	de Haas	Kwiecien
_	1NT*	Pass	2 <b>♣</b> *
Pass	$2 \heartsuit^*$	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4 %	All Pass	
1NT (14)15-17			

 $3 \diamondsuit$  Agrees hearts

East led the \$9 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart for the jack and ace, +480.

#### Jupiter v Yellow Cap

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ovesen	Gustafsson	Thoresen	Nilsland
	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2 %	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

3♠ Slam try for hearts 3NT Non-serious

East led the  $\Diamond 10$  and declarer was soon inscribing +980 onto the digital scorecard.

#### Closed Room

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West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Evenstad	Abragi	A Evenstad
	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2 %	Pass	3♡*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♡*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5◊*
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

3♥ Slam invite

3♠ Asks shortness

4♥ No shortage, no extras

**4NT RKCB** 

 $5 \diamondsuit 0-3$  key cards

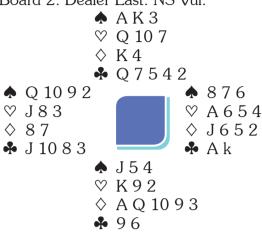
It was an honorable push – they were the only two pairs to bid the slam in either group!

#### Round 7

Netbridge's win over Seligman in the previous round had taken them to the top of the table in the OCBL Group, and it looked as if the two semifinal berths rested between those two and Friends.

Although ULi had lost in the previous round they still enjoyed a healthy lead in the ALT Group. In the penultimate round they faced second placed Rippey.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.



#### Rippey v Uli

Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Margiotta	Marcinowski	Zanasi	Rippey
_	_	1♣	$1 \diamondsuit$
Pass	3NT		

East led the \$\int\$8 for the jack, gueen and king and when declarer did not divine the diamond position he had no hope of nine tricks, eventually finishing with seven, -200.

Closed Room			
West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Narkiewicz	Schuster	Nowak	Primavera
_		1 - *	$1 \diamondsuit$
Pass	2♣*	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit$
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

**1♣** 2+**♣** 2. Forcing

East led the ♥4 for the jack and queen, but here too declarer did not pick up the diamonds, eventually going two down to flatten the board.

They were the only teams to bid 3NT in the ALT Group.

#### **Harris v ECF Holding**

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harris	Heiberg-E	Malhasyan	S Evenstad
	_	$1 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass
Pass	1NT*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

 $1 \diamondsuit 4 + \diamondsuit$ 1NT 12-14

East led the ♥4 for the jack and gueen and declarer cashed the  $\Diamond K$  and followed it with a diamond to dummy's nine, easily recording nine tricks and +600.

#### Closed Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Ovesen	Gross	Thoresen	Root
		$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass
Pass	1NT*	All Pass	

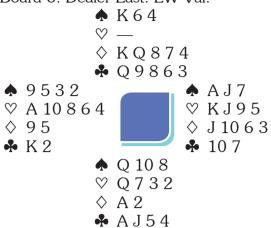
1NT 11-14

East led the \$6 for the jack, gueen and ace and declarer cashed the  $\Diamond K$  and continued with a diamond to the ten. When she cashed three more diamonds West pitched hearts so that was an easy +150, but a 10 IMP loss.

Whose evaluation do you agree with?

3 pairs tried 3NT in the OCBL Group, two of them collecting nine tricks.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.



#### Friends v Netbridge

Open Room

Open No	2111		
West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Gast	Mou	V Roosma	alen Han
	_	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit^*$
Pass	<b>2♠</b> *	Pass	3♣
All Pass			
1♦ 1+♦	. 11-15		

2 Both minors, up to invitational

West led the \$\int\$5 for the jack and queen and declarer ruffed a heart and played a club for the jack and queen, easily recording 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room

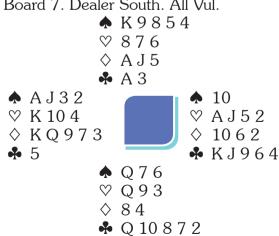
West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Sheng	V den Hoek	Huang	Gaillard
		Pass	$1 \clubsuit^*$
$1  \heartsuit$	$2\diamondsuit$	3♦*	Dble*
3♡	<b>4♣</b>	Pass	5 <b>%</b>
All Pass			
1♣ 1+♣			

3♦ Heart support, good hand Dble 'I hope  $\Diamond A$  or  $\Diamond K$ '

West led the ♥A and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a club for the jack and king. When West switched to the \$\int\$5 declarer took East's jack with the queen, ruffed a heart and cashed the •Q. There were no further problems, +400 and 6 IMPs.

3 pairs reached 5. in the OCBL Group, but six of the ALT pairs got there.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



#### Friends v Netbridge

Open Room

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West	North	East	South
Gast	Mou	V Roosmalen	Han
			Pass
$1 \diamondsuit^*$	<b>1</b> ♠	Dble*	2 <b>^</b>
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Declarer took North's spade lead with the ace, ruffed a spade and played a heart to the king. When a club to the king held declarer ruffed a club, ruffed a spade and ruffed a club with the  $\Diamond Q$ , North overruffing and exiting with a heart. Declarer took dummy's ace, ruffed a club high, and played the  $\heartsuit 10$  which was now high, South having pitched the queen on the fourth round of spades. South ruffed with the  $\lozenge 8$  and exited with a club, declarer ruffing with the  $\lozenge 7$  for ten tricks, +130.

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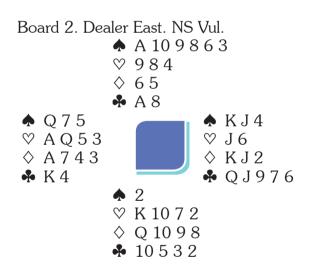
West	North	East	South
Sheng	V den Hoek	Huang	Gaillard
_	_		Pass
$1 \diamondsuit$	1 🖍	Dble*	2 <b>^</b>
$3\Diamond$	Pass	$4\diamondsuit$	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

North led the  $\clubsuit4$  for the queen and ace and when declarer played the  $\clubsuit5$  North took the ace and switched to the  $\heartsuit8$ , declarer winning with the ten and playing the  $\diamondsuit K$ . North took that and exited with the  $\clubsuit3$  for the nine, ten and a ruff. Declarer ruffed a spade, played a heart to the king and ruffed a spade. When declarer pitched a spade on the  $\clubsuit K$  North ruffed and exited with a heart, locking declarer in dummy and ensuring a trick for the  $\diamondsuit J$  for two down, -500 and a 12 IMP swing . A dentist would have cashed the  $\heartsuit A$  before playing the  $\clubsuit K$ , saving a trick.

It proved to a low scoring round in the ALT Group, which suited Uli who were almost certain to advance. Rippey would need a win while hoping that Uli could defeat Crocodile by a big margin.

Things were tighter in the OCBL Group, with third placed Friends needing a helping hand.

#### **Round 8**



#### Friends v Seligman

Open Room

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West	North	<b>East</b>	South			
Sheng	Starkowski	Huang	Kwiecien			
_	_	1	Pass			
1 %	1 <b>^</b>	1NT	Pass			
3NT	All Pass					

South led the  $\lozenge 10$  and declarer won with the jack and played a club for the king and ace, North returning the  $\lozenge 6$ . Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the top clubs and then played a spade to the queen. When that held he played a heart for the jack and king, won the diamond return and played the  $\bigstar K$ , ensuring nine tricks, +400.

#### Closed Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Seligman	Mou	Pszczola	Han
_		1	Pass
1 %	1 <b>♠</b>	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the  $\clubsuit10$  and declarer won with the queen and played the  $\clubsuit$ K, North winning and playing the  $\spadesuit$ A followed by the nine, trying to look like a man with an entry in hearts. Declarer won in dummy, played a diamond for the ten and ace and then tried a diamond to the jack, South winning and switching to the  $\heartsuit7$ . Declarer went up with the ace and played a diamond to the king, establishing the seven as South had pitched a diamond. When declarer continued with the top clubs he had to go one down and lost 10 IMPs.

It was a challenging defence and the only occasion on which the contract was defeated.

In the ALT Group everyone was in 3NT and they all made it.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul. ♠ Q 10 4 2 ♥ Q76 ♦ 3 ♣ KQJ109 **♠** A 9 7 6 📤 KJ ♥ A43 ♥ KJ102 ♦ A 9 ♦ KQJ10754 **♣** 753 **%** 6 **♦** 853 ♥ 985 ♦ 862 ♣ A842

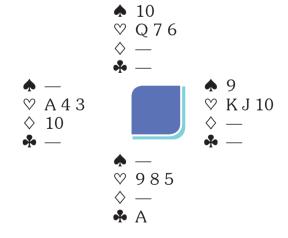
#### Friends v Seligman

Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Sheng	Starkowski	Huang	Kwiecien
		1 **	Pass
$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	1NT	Pass
$2 \diamond^*$	Pass	2NT	Pass
$4 \diamondsuit$	Pass	<b>4</b> ♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♡*	Pass
6\$	All Pass		

1♣ 3+♣
2♦ Artificial game force
4♠ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♥ 2 key cards

North led the ♣K and continued with the queen, declarer ruffing, crossing to the ♦A and ruffing a club high. After drawing trumps declarer played the ♠A followed by the jack, North covering with the queen. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a spade to reach this position:



If declarer cashes the \$\\$10\$ North must part with a heart, but declarer still has to guess if the squeeze has operated. In practice he didn't cash the last trump, playing a heart to the king and running the jack to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

Closed Hoom					
West	North	East	South		
Seligman	Mou	Pszczola	Han		
		1♣	Pass		
$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	1NT	Pass		
3NT	All Pass				

South led the  $\diamondsuit 6$  and when declarer took seven rounds of the suit North parted with all his hearts, +720 and 13 IMPs that ended Friends hopes.

#### Uli v Crocodile

Open Room

open noom					
West	North	East	South		
Zack	Schuster	Pachtmann	Primavera		
_		1♣*	Pass		
2 <b>♣</b> *	Dble	Pass	Pass		
3♦	Pass	3♡	Pass		
3♠*	Pass	4 <b>^</b>	Pass		
5 <b>4</b>	Pass	6\$	All Pass		

1**4** 2**4**+

2. Game forcing with diamonds

3♠ Values

Declarer ruffed the second club and reached a similar ending to the one outlined above. He did cash the last trump, pitching the  $\clubsuit 9$  when North discarded a heart and then cashed the  $\heartsuit$  A, +1370.

Johan Bennet made it the same way.

Closed Roo	om		
West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Margiotta	Liran	Zanasi	Perlmutter
_		1 - *	Pass
1♦* 3NT	Pass All Pass	1♡	Pass
1 <b>♣</b> 2+ <b>♣</b> 1♦ 3+♦			

North led the •K and continued with the nine, South overtaking and returning a club, -100 and 16 massive IMPs.

#### **Netbridge v ECF Holding**

Open Room

Open Room					
West	North	East	South		
Ovesen	V den Hoek	Thoresen	Gaillard		
_	_	1	Pass		
$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	$1 \heartsuit$	Pass		
2◊*	Pass	2 <b>♠</b>	Pass		
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass		

20 Artificial game force

South found the lead of the 4 and the defenders cashed out for one down.

Closed Room

Ciocca Heeim				
West	North	<b>East</b>	South	
Gast	Heiberg-E	V Roosmo	alen S Evenstad	
_		$1 \clubsuit^*$	Pass	
2♣*	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	
$2 \heartsuit^*$	Pass	3 %	Pass	
3♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass	
$4\diamondsuit$	Pass	4NT	All Pass	

1 - 1 + 4, non forcing

2♣ 6♦, 4-7 or game forcing

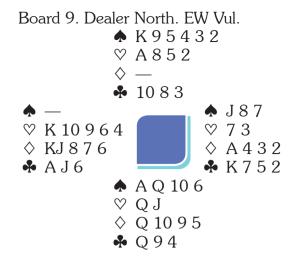
2♦ Non forcing relay, maximum 17

2♥ Values

3♠ Cue

South led the  $\clubsuit 3$  and declarer finished with 12 tricks, +690 and 13 IMPs.

With only two deals remaining it looked like Seligman would be joining Netbridge in the semifinal.



#### Netbridge v ECF Holding

Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Ovesen	V den Hoek	Thoresen	Gaillard
	Pass	Pass	$1 \clubsuit^*$
$1 \otimes$	Dble*	Pass	$1 \spadesuit$
$2\Diamond$	4 <b>^</b>	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

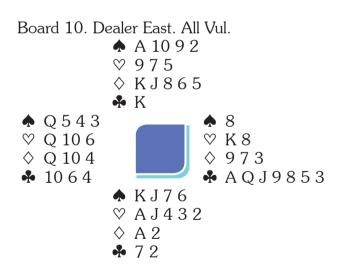
1♣ 1+♣ Dble Spades

North led the \\$3 for the queen and ace and played a diamond to the ace getting the bad news. It was impossible to avoid the loss of three tricks, one down, -200.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gast	Heiberg-E	V Roosmale	n S Evenstad
_	3 <b>^</b>	Pass	4 <b>^</b>
Dble	All Pass		

East led the  $\heartsuit 3$  for the dummy's queen and declarer cashed the  $\clubsuit A$  and played a heart for the king and ace, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, cashed the  $\spadesuit Q$ , ruffed a diamond and claimed, +420 and 9 IMPs.



#### **Netbridge v ECF Holding**

Open Room

Open noom					
West	North	<b>East</b>	South		
Ovesen	V den Hoek	Thoresen	Gaillard		
		$1 \clubsuit^*$	Dble		
Pass	2♣*	3♣	3 %		
All Pass					

#### 24 Forcing

The defence started with two rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing in dummy and playing a heart for the king and ace followed by three rounds of diamonds, easily making nine tricks, +140.

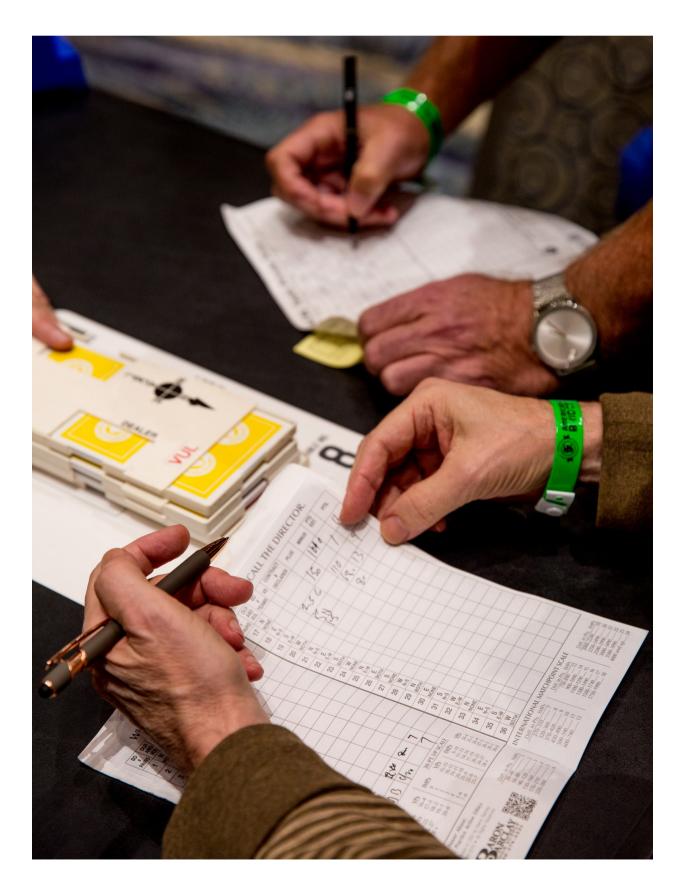
#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gast	Heiberg-E	V Roosmalei	n S Evenstad
_		$1 \clubsuit^*$	$1 \heartsuit$
Dble*	2♣*	3♣	3♦*
Pass	4 %	All Pass	

1♣ 1+♣, non forcing
Dble 4♠
2♣ Good raise
3♦ Last Train

A club tot he ace was followed by the \$\,\text{\left} 8\$, declarer taking West's queen with dummy's ace and playing a heat to the ace. A club ruff was followed by a second heart and the defenders could take only two trumps, +620 and 10 IMPs that meant ECF Holding overtook Netbridge at the last gasp the latter having enough to stay ahead of Seligman.

In the ALT Group, although Crocodile lost to Uli, they joined their opponents in the semi-final as Rippey were defeated by New Amateurs.





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## WBF PRESIDENT(S)



#### From the WBF website:

After twelve years in office, Gianarrigo Rona (pictured right) is stepping down as President, with Jan Kamras (left) taking up the challenge of the Presidency from 1st January.

Gianarrigo was elected President in 2009, taking over from the tour de force that was the Presidency of José Damiani. He has led the WBF through 12 years, travelling extensively to develop excellent relationships with

the member NBOs, building a strong financial foundation, embracing new technology and working closely with his colleagues to organise some truly memorable Championships.

Gianarrigo has also had to face many challenges during his time in office, including the pandemic and its devastating impact not only for bridge but for people everywhere. He has had to contend with cheating scandals and, of course, the war in Ukraine. Through it all he has been supported, not only by his colleagues on the Executive Council, the WBF Committees and his appointed staff, but also by his delightful wife, Cippi.

It is unsurprising that he has been unanimously elected as President Emeritus, an office which he will take up on 1st January. We wish him time for relaxation with his family as he hands the baton to his successor, the new WBF President Jan Kamras.

Jan Kamras is no stranger to a Presidency, having been President of the EBL for four years from 2018.

Jan is greatly looking forward to the new challenge and leading the WBF onward with fresh ideas and exciting, interesting plans for the future, in close collaboration with the members of the Executive Council and the new Committees.

His plans will include a more focused approach to development and promotion of bridge, especially among the youth, by encouraging and supporting, financially and otherwise, local and regional projects in the NBOs and the Zones.

Among other things, Jan also intends to continue the active fight against cheating, increase efficiency and transparency in the organisation, update and modernise the WBF Statutes and other regulations, institute measures making it more attractive for NBOs to host WBF Championships and, at the same time, ensure that the WBF remains relevant in the eyes of the players.

The WBF would like to express its appreciation to the many bridge players who support the organisation and without whom our efforts are worthless. We look forward to working with you in the coming months as we face the future together in 2023.



#### **CALENDAR OF LIVE EVENTS**

Jan 7-9 Asahi Shimbun Cup Tokyo, Japan

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1st International Bridge Festival St. Moritz, Switzerland bridgestmoritz.ch

Jan 10-22 Summer Festival of Bridge Canberra, Australia abf.com.au

Jan 26-29 Reykjavik Bridge Festival Reykjavik , Iceland reykjavikbridgefestival.com

Feb 1-7 EBU Overseas Festival Kyrenia, Cyprus ebu.co.uk

Feb 17-25 61st Gold Coast Congress Broadbeach, Australia gldbridge.com.au

Feb 20-26
Festival de Bridge
Biarritz, France
festival-bridge-biarritz.com

Mar 9-19 ACBL Spring Nationals New Orleans, LA acbl.org

Mar 17-19
Fuengirola International Tournament
Costa del Sol, Spain
fuengirolabridge.com

Mar 23-26
Tasmanian Festival
Hobart, Tasmania, Australia abf.com.au

Mar 23-26 Torshaven Bridge Festival Torshaven, Faroe Islands bridge.fo/bridgefestival2023



**8.5** vps

16 IMPs

Harris

11.5 VPs

20 IMPs

**Jupiter** 

## **ALT-OCBL GRAND FINAL**

#### **RESULTS**

#### **GROUP OCBL GROUP ALT ROUND 5 ROUND 5** 1.29 VPs 18.71 vps **20** vps O vPs Seligman **ECF Holding** Fredin Rippey 0 IMPs 18.58<sub>VPs</sub> 12.18<sub>VPs</sub> 7.82<sub>VPs</sub> **1.42**<sub>VPs</sub> Netbridge Scorway Cantor Reynolds **43** IMPs 8 IMPs **37** IMPs **12.51** vps 7.49 VPs 18.15 VPs 1.85 VPs Jupiter | **Yellow Cap Peanuts** 19 IMPs 44 IMPs **12** IMPs 12.83 VPs **6.86** VPs 13.14 VPs **7.17** vPs Harris **New Amateurs Friends 16** IMPs **25** IMPs **19** IMPs **27** IMPs **ROUND 6 ROUND 6** 10.39 VPS 15.52 VPS 4.48 VPs 9.61 VPs Seligman Cantor Netbridge Fredin 6 IMPs 12.18<sub>VPs</sub> 8.15<sub>VPs</sub> 11.85<sub>VPs</sub> 7.82<sub>VPs</sub> **Yellow Cap ECF Holding Peanuts** Rippey **20** IMPs 8 IMPs **14** IMPs **13** IMPs $10.77\,\mathrm{VPs}$ 16.39 VPS **9.23** VPs 3.61 VPs **New Amateurs** Friends **Scorway** Reynolds **33** IMPs **14** IMPs **16** IMPs 11 IMPs **14** vPs **6.86** VPs 13.14<sub>VPs</sub> Harris 6 VPs Crocodile **\$ 18** IMPs **14** IMPs **ROUND 7 ROUND 7** 13.43 VPs **6.57** VPs **VPs** Yellow Cap Fredin Seligman **Peanuts** IMPs 11.14<sub>VPs</sub> 8.86<sub>VPs</sub> **VPs Friends** Netbridge **New Amateurs** Cantor **14** IMPs 11 IMPs IMPs 4.25 VPs 15.75 VPS **ECF Holding VPs VPs** Harris Rippey Uli **IMPs IMPs** 7 IMPs **26** IMPs 4.48 VPs 15.52 VPs **VPs Jupiter** Scorway Reynolds **IMPs** IMPs **26** IMPs 8 IMPs **ROUND 8 ROUND 8** 6.28 VPs 14<sub>VPs</sub> **13.72** vps Netbridge **ECF Holding** Crocodile Uli \* **27** IMPs **39** IMPs **6.57**<sub>VPs</sub> Friends 12.83 <sub>VPs</sub> New Amateurs 13.43 VPS 7.17<sub>VPs</sub> Seligman Rippey **32** IMPs **21** IMPs 16.97 VPs 39 IMPs 13.14 VPs 20 IMPs **6.86** VPs 3.03 VPs **Scorway Yellow Cap** Cantor **Peanuts** 11 IMPs **14** IMPs

14.54 VPS

26 IMPs

- Fredin

**5.46** VPs

12 IMPs

Reynolds

### **BUTLER RANKINGS**

	GF	ROUP OCBL	
1	M. Been,	20	2.65
•	O. de Haas,	20	2.65
3	T. Yang,	30	1.07
4	J. Fang,	40	0.85
5	A. Bremer,	30	0.73
	N. Verhoef,	30	0.73
7	T. Lie,	40	0.73
	E. Fasting,	40	0.73
9	B. Spears,	40	0.7
10	S. Ekenberg,	20	0.65
11	E. Eide,	20	0.55
12	M. Huber,	20	0.4
	M. Van der Starre,	20	0.4
	M. la Haye, N. Verhoeve,	20 20	0.4
16	M. Seligman,	80	0.38
10	J. Pszczola,	80	0.38
	G. Brekka,	40	0.38
	J. Olsen,	40	0.38
20	M. Kwiecien,	80	0.35
	W. Starkowski,	80	0.35
	G. Wang,	20	0.35
	N. Evenstad,	40	0.35
	S. Evenstad,	40	0.35
25	A. Morath,	50	0.34
26	H. Bogen,	20	0.3
27	V. Gaillard,	20	0.25
28	S. Thoresen,	80	0.24
29	W. Mou,	50	0.16
	R. Trendafilov,	50	0.16
	V. Isporski,	50	0.16
32	Y. Han,	40	0.15
33 34	A. Abragi,	70 50	0.11 0.06
35	A. Mayo, E. Hansson,	20	0.05
33	J. Ovesen,	40	0.05
37	T. Tiholov,	10	0
38	M. Sheng,	80	-0.13
39	A. Andersson,	10	-0.2
	F. Asplund Sivelind,	10	-0.2
41	D. Muller,	50	-0.22
42	J. Van Den Hoek,	30	-0.23
43	M. Zomer,	20	-0.25
	N. Kvangraven,	20	-0.25
45	W. Huang,	60	-0.28
46	B. Nedev,	80	-0.35
	P. King,	80	-0.35
40	T. Mathews,	20	-0.35
49 50	K. Gustafsson, I. Lichtenstein,	40 20	-0.38 -0.4
51	S. Gross,	50	-0.44
52	S. Root,	60	-0.47
53	K. Bouwen,	30	-0.57
54	T. Asad,	40	-0.57
55	B. Shenkin,	80	-0.6
	N. Igoe,	10	-0.6
	O. Saur,	20	-0.6
58	M. Nilsland,	40	-0.83
59	B. van Roosmalen,	20	-1.05
	H. Hjort Warlenius,	20	-1.05
	H. Gast,	20	-1.05
62	J. Harris,	50	-1.14
63	S. Levinson,	80	-1.16
64	T. Nilsmark,	20	-1.3
65	E. Malhasyan,	40	-1.43

	GROUP ALT					
1	Bogdan Marina	20	2.064			
=	Ionut Coldea	20	2.064			
3	Gabriella Olivieri	40	1.704			
=	Gianna Arrigoni	40	1.704			
5	Fredrik Jarlvik	40	1.093			
=	Johan Bennet	40	1.093			
7	Saverio Margiotta	40	0.993			
8	Nathalie Saada	10	0.986			
9	Gabriele Zanasi	50	0.937			
10	Michael Barel	40	0.911			
=	Paz Katz	40	0.911			
12	Kwok-Fai Mak	20	0.736			
=	Wei-Fei Wang	20	0.736			
14	Alessandro Carletti	10	0.714			
15	David Chechelashvili	70	0.68			
=	Allan Falk	70	0.68			
17	Inon Liran	30	0.586			
=	Arik Perlmutter	30	0.586			
- 19	Ilan Bareket	20	0.536			
20	Michael Rippey	80	0.395			
21	Kamil Nowak	60	0.369			
22	Federico Primavera	70	0.351			
=	Walter Schuster	70	0.351			
24	Piotr Marcinowski	60	0.198			
25	Samantha Punch	50	0.163			
=	Stephen Peterkin	50	0.163			
27	Jan Clemmensson	40	0.111			
28	Krzysztof Buras	40	0.107			
29	Assaf Lengy	10	0.086			
30	Grzegorz Narkiewicz	80	0.084			
31	Leif Nygaard	30	-0.152			
32	Dan Moraru	30	-0.257			
=	Cornel Teodorescu	30	-0.257			
34	Cédric Lorenzini	80	-0.277			
=	Quentin Robert	80	-0.277			
36	David Yang	70	-0.286			
=	Jui Wang	70	-0.286			
38	Peter Fredin	80	-0.293			
39	Yaniv Zack	20	-0.386			
=	Ron Pachtman	20	-0.386			
41	Henrik Kruse Petersen	60	-0.476			
42	Hennie Fick	40	-0.504			
43	Bernard Donde	80	-0.536			
44	John Jones	20	-0.55			
=	Mark Bartusek	20	-0.55			
46	Rob Stephens	40	-0.568			
47	Tom Reynolds	50	-0.677			
=	Lance Kerr	50	-0.677			
49	Alon Apteker	40	-0.696			
50	Bill Hall	40	-0.739			
=	Randy Howard	40	-0.739			
52	Pierre Franceschetti	80	-0.784			
=	Hilda Setton	80	-0.784			
- 54	Stig Werdelin	30	-0.784			
55	Hank Youngerman	30	-1.567			
56	Alan Douglas	40	-1.611			
	Karen Allison	30	-1.611			
57 58		10				
	Paddy Murphy Mark Padariak		-2.643			
=	Mark Roderick	10	-2.643			