

Swiss Pairs for the Harold Poster Cup

Final Rankings

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Today's Schedule

10.30 am	Tournament Director Training Course
2.00 pm	Afternoon Knock-out Teams , Round 1
2.00 pm	Open Pairs
2.00 pm	'The Really Easy' Workshop
7.15 pm	'The Really Easy' Reception/Session 1
8.00 pm	Senior Pairs Qualifier
8.00 pm	'Play With The Experts' Pairs

More From The Swiss Pairs

Very few pairs reached the spade slam on this deal from Session Two, so to not only bid 6♠ but make the overtrick was worth a huge number of matchpoints.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 4 3 ♥ 10 9 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ 7 5 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A J 2 ♥ J 5 4 ♦ A 9 6 5 2 ♣ A K	♠ 8 7 5 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ J 9 4 3
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	West	North	East	South
		<i>Philip</i>		<i>Kate</i>
	–	–	Pass	1♠
	Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
	Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
	Pass	6♠	All Pass	

When Kate Morgan rebid her spades, Philip Morgan just took control with 4NT then bid the small slam on finding that he was facing two key cards plus the queen of trumps.

Kate won the opening spade lead in hand with the nine and proceeded to play on cross-ruff lines. She led a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond, then crossed to dummy twice with top clubs to ruff out the diamonds. Next, she overtook her remaining trump and drew the last round, throwing a heart from hand.

The fifth diamond now squeezed East in hearts and clubs. He discarded a club so away went declarer's last small heart. A heart to the ace allowed declarer to cash the queen and ten of clubs for a great +1460.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 10 5 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ A J 3 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 7 6 ♥ K 10 8 2 ♦ Q 10 5 4 2 ♣ Q	♠ A J 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A J 9 8 ♣ K 10 7 4
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♠ 9 8 3 ♥ Q J 6 5 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 9 8 6 5	
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	West	North	East	South
	<i>Belsten</i>		<i>Davies</i>	
	–	–	INT	Pass
	2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
	2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With finesses to take in three suits, 3NT is a very precarious contract on this deal from Session Four – though a little inspiration will deliver all 13 tricks. Stuart Davies opened a weak no trump and Paul Belsten asked for five-card majors then followed up by showing four spades whilst denying four hearts. Stuart judged that the four-three spade fit might be the place to play, given the combined heart shortage and the fact that the lead would be coming through any heart strength the partnership might possess.

Declarer wrapped up 12 tricks, picking up the trumps after the lead of the queen of clubs but, understandably, finessing the ♦J rather than the nine so making only three diamond tricks. Plus 480 scored 68%, OK, but on another day 3NT would have been going down and 4♠ would have scored much more highly.

Trivia Quiz 8

Football Trivia

1. Seven clubs, with 12 wins between them, have won the English FA Cup without ever having been a league side. Can you name them?
2. Who are the only team to win the FA Cup despite losing a match along the way?
3. When was the first floodlit English league match?
4. We all know Preston North End, but what other North End have played in the top division of English football?
5. Who is the only player to have scored in the Manchester, Merseyside and Glasgow derbies?
6. Who are the only club to have won the top division of English football one season and been relegated the next?
7. Only Real Madrid, Barcelona and one other team have never been relegated to the Spanish second division. Who?
8. Which player won his first four England caps under four different managers?
9. There has never been a tie, but who had the narrowest margin when winning the top division of English football?
10. Which club has played in the top division of English football for the most seasons?

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K 4 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ A 10 6 5 3 ♣ J 6 3	♠ A J 9 7 6 ♥ A K 8 7 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ Q	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table> ♠ 10 2 ♥ Q J 5 4 3 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ A 7 2	N	W E	S	♠ Q 8 5 3 ♥ – ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ K 10 9 8 5 4
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West	North	East	South
–	–	1♥	3♣
3♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Yet another bridge marriage is in danger after this deal from the fourth session. South, the husband, made a weak jump overcall and now, clearly, North's double of 3♥ should be for penalty. South removed it and was raised to 4♠, where he played.

As she put dummy down, the wife's query to declarer was on the lines of:

"Apart from a desire to give up sex for a long time, what reason did you have for removing my double?"

Well, turning +800 into +620 would not have augured well for South's sex life, but he might have been forgiven, as bidding to game scored well for North/South on this deal. Unfortunately, North's efforts in the play matched those in the auction, as he played a spade to the ace at some point so was one down. I fear the sofa beckons for the next few nights.

Trivia Quiz 8

Solutions

1. Wanderers, Old Etonians, Blackburn Olympic, Clapham Rovers, Old Carthusians, Oxford University, Royal Engineers – all before the days of the Football League.
2. Charlton Athletic. The 1945-46 FA Cup was played over two legs (except the final) and Charlton lost a match to Fulham on their way to the final.
3. 1956 (Portsmouth v Newcastle)
4. Glossop North End
5. Andrei Kanchelskis
6. Manchester City
7. Athletic Bilbao
8. Andy Cole

9. Huddersfield Town who, in 1923-24, had the same points total (57) as Cardiff City, but a superior goal average, from a record of 60-33 against Cardiff's 61-34. Yes, today Cardiff would have taken the title for scoring one extra goal with goal differences being level!

10. Everton, one of the original twelve, have been in the top division for 105 of the 109 seasons of league football up to the end of last season.

Results

Friday evening: Lose 'N' Snooze KO Teams

20 teams took part in the first Midnight Speedball event of the congress. In the main final, Stuart Davies, Paul Belsten, Gill Copeland and Alan Jarvis defeated June Booty, Gordon Rainsford, Carrie and Mike Eden by 4 IMPs. The Consolation final was won by J. Hall, A. Edwards, P. Kenwood and S. Creasey.

Saturday Evening YC Speedball Pairs

1	Paul Belsten & Stuart Davies	64.53
2	Rod & Sue Oakford	62.39
3	Graeme Robertson & Chris Cooper	61.04
4	Mike Bell & Simon Creasey	60.97
	(54 pairs took part)	

There is a Daily Bulletin every day this week. Today's Bulletin is very short, because I have very little material – sorry. Please give me some stories so that we can make up for it over the course of the week. The Bulletins depend as much on you as they do on me, and I can't believe that anybody wants to read nothing but stories from my table.

New Laws Of Bridge 2007

The New 2007 Laws Of Bridge became effective in England from August 1st and are being followed here in Brighton.

Copies of the 2007 Laws are available from the EBU Shop, which is open every day throughout the congress.