

# 9. Goodbye, Columbus – Hello Bid72

By Ron Klinger

The USA Spring Nationals, including the Vanderbilt Open Knock-Out Teams were scheduled to be held in Columbus, Ohio, at the end of March. As a result of the threat posed by the coronavirus, the events were cancelled. For the benefit of bridge players worldwide, bid 72 and netbridgeonline, together with BBO (Bridge Base Online), organized Columbus-Alt, an online tournament featuring eight world class teams.

These were the teams:

<b>Blass</b>	Josef Blass, Sjoert Brink, Bas Drijver, Jacek Kalita, Michael Nowosadski, Jacek Pszczola (Pepsi)
<b>Spector</b>	Vincent Demuy, John Hurd, John Kranyak, Warren Spector, Gavin Wolpert, Joel Woolbridge
<b>Moss</b>	Ishmael Del'Monte, Roger Lee, Eldad Ginossar, David Grainger, Brad Moss, Sylvia Moss
<b>Upmark</b>	Peter Bertheau, Per Ola Cullin, Simon Hult, Marion Michielsen, Fredrik Nyström, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt, Johan Upmark
<b>Tulin</b>	David Bakhshi, Alon Birman, Dror Padon, Ricco van Prooijen, Stan Tulin, Louk Verhees
<b>Meltzer</b>	Billy Cohen, Nikolay Demirev, Rose Meltzer, Ron Smith
<b>Lavazza</b>	Dennis Bilde, Norberto Bocchi, Philippe Cronier, Giorgio Duboin, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa
<b>Street</b>	Thomas Bessis, Nic L'écuyer, Cédric Lorenzini, Hugh McGann, Tom Hanlon, Paul Street

## Round 1:

Street 18.19 (+50 Imps) beat Spector 1.81  
Moss 17.25 (+47 Imps) beat Meltzer 2.75  
Lavazza 14.08 (+19 Imps) beat Blass 5.92  
Upmark 10.25 (+1 Imp) beat Tulin 9.75

## Round 2:

Lavazza 17.89 (+47) beat Meltzer 2.11  
Blass 13.72 (+17) beat Moss 6.28  
Upmark 12.75 (+12) beat Street 7.25  
Tulin 11.46 (+6) beat Spector 8.54

## Standings after Round 2:

Team	Victory Points
Lavazza	31.97
Street	25.44
Moss	23.53
Upmark	23.00
Tulin	21.21
Blass	19.64
Spector	10.35
Meltzer	4.86

## 1. North dealer : Nil vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	3NT	?

What would you do as South with:

♠ J1087642  
♥ 987  
♦ A43  
♣ --

## 2. North dealer : Nil vulnerable

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	3♠
Dble	4♠	Dble	Pass
?			

What would you do as West with:

♠ --  
♥ Q652  
♦ KJ87  
♣ AQ542

### This was Board 1 of Round 2:

North dealer : Nil vulnerable

	North		East
	♠ A953		♠ KQ
	♥ AJ103		♥ K4
	♦ 52		♦ Q1096
	♣ J106		♣ K9873
West			
♠ --			
♥ Q652			
♦ KJ87			
♣ AQ542			
	South		
	♠ J1087642		
	♥ 987		
	♦ A43		
	♣ --		

### BLASS vs MOSS

MOSS North-South:

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	3NT	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

It is usually a losing proposition to save against 3NT, but here Grainger's 4♠ paid off. South lost a spade and a diamond and one heart, North-South +590.

BLASS North-South:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	3♠
Dble	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Sylvia Moss (E) lost only to the ♥A and ♦A, 11 tricks, +400, 14 Imps to MOSS.

## LAVAZZA vs MELTZER

### LAVAZZA North-South:

	North		
	♠ A953		
	♥ AJ103		
	♦ 52		
	♣ J106		
West		East	
♠ --		♠ KQ	
♥ Q652		♥ K4	
♦ KJ87		♦ Q1096	
♣ AQ542		♣ K9873	
	South		
	♠ J1087642		
	♥ 987		
	♦ A43		
	♣ --		

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North-South +420.

### MELTZER North-South

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	2♠
Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3NT	All Pass

(1) Takeout

South led the ♠J. The ♠A from North and a spade return would give North-South eight tricks and take 3NT four down. That is not what happened.

North ducked the ♠J and East won with the ♠Q. Then came five rounds of clubs. South threw heart, spade, heart, spade, diamond. North discarded two spades. That did not work well. East now played a diamond and the defence could take only their three aces, East-West +430, +13 Imps.

## STREET vs UPMARK

### STREET North-South:

	North		
	♠ A953		
	♥ AJ103		
	♦ 52		
	♣ J106		
West		East	
♠ --		♠ KQ	
♥ Q652		♥ K4	
♦ KJ87		♦ Q1096	
♣ AQ542		♣ K9873	
	South		
	♠ J1087642		
	♥ 987		
	♦ A43		
	♣ --		

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	3♠
Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Takeout  
East-West +400.

### UPMARK North-South:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♣	3♠
Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Takeout  
East-West +400, no swing.

## SPECTOR vs TULIN

### SPECTOR North-South:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	3♠
Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	5♣	All Pass

(1) Takeout  
East-West +400.

### TULIN North-South:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1♦	3♠
Dble <sup>(1)</sup>	4♠	Dble	All Pass

(1) Takeout  
North-South +590, +14 Imps.

*At duplicate bridge it's unanimous  
To opponents we're never magnanimous,  
For the surefire way,  
In the bidding and play,  
To prevail, don't be pusillanimous.  
(ACBL Bulletin, March 2020)*