

Consolation Open Pairs



First overall: Nicole Qian and Sharon Mi



First in B and C: Derrick Zhao and Caroline Zhao



Second in B: Nathan Chow and Helen Chow



Second overall, morning Cardrook Pairs: Justin Dapoah and Momo Sacko

Cardrook Pairs



Anthony Guan and Eric Guan were first overall in all flights in the morning and first in C in the afternoon.



Eric He and Edward He were first overall in A and B in the afternoon.



Second in B, morning: Nancy Yu and Joey Qi



Second in C, morning: Preston Woods and (not pictured) Jessica Lily Kies

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competing in the tournament, but she was excited by the diversity of the players.

“It’s amazing because it’s a whole group of people from all different backgrounds united by this one sport,” she said.

This year, Runde moved up to compete in the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs with Nathan Bedell, a fellow bridge player involved in Florida’s youth bridge program. While they didn’t qualify for the final session Friday, they got a Flight B/C section top in the Consolation Pairs, which came as a surprise to Runde.

“I was really surprised to hear the results,” she said. “There’s a lot of tough competition this year, so to be able to do well in the open event was so exciting.”



These players won section tops in the Morning Cardrook Pairs.



These players won section tops in the Afternoon Cardrook Pairs.



BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

20.0 Tables / Based on 39 Tables

	A	B	C		
16.66	1	1	1	Arthur Zhou - Michael Hu, San Jose CA	70.41%
12.50	2			S. Reese Koppel, Metairie LA; Michael Xu, Palo Alto CA	67.77%
9.37	3			Katherine Yang, Scarborough ON; Yolanda Ling, Markham ON	67.23%
7.03	4	2	2	Rory Xiao, Fremont CA; Brandon Ge, Cupertino CA	63.56%
5.55	5			Samuel Li, North York ON; Han Wu, Markham ON	63.00%
4.76	6	3	3	YuQi Wen - Baozhuo Jiang, Beijing People's Republic of China	61.96%
4.17	7			Darwin Li, Richmond Hill ON; Michael Serafini, Calgary AB	61.88%
3.70	8	4	4	Miranda Schuyler, Discovery Bay CA; Olivia Schireson, Stanford CA	60.08%
3.33	9			Garrett Liu - Hao Li, Oakville ON	59.02%
3.03	10	5		Yufan Liao, Beijing China; Yuchen Xu, Nashville TN	59.00%
2.93	11	6	5	Albena-Maria Vassileva, North Bay ON; Olivia Laufer, Toronto ON	58.93%
2.56	12			Lauren Liu, Princeton NJ; Brandon Fong, Mount Laurel NJ	57.54%
2.38	13	7		Carl Marco - Eric Berenblit, Palm Coast FL	55.73%
2.22	14	8		Arthur Gong - Nathan Gong, Sammamish WA	55.23%
2.52	15	9	6	Jaan Srimurthy, Brookline MA; Jonathan Yue, San Jose CA	54.02%
1.96	16	10		Kayden Ge, Cupertino CA; Charlie Chen, San Jose CA	53.99%
1.85	17			Jonathan Shi - Lucas Huang, Palo Alto CA	52.78%
1.75	18	11		Alex Zheng - Michael Zheng, San Jose CA	52.78%
1.67	19			Daren Liu - Tyler Mu, Williamsville NY	52.37%
1.59	20			Hao Hao Chen - Shi Chen, Hinsdale IL	52.28%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CONSOLATION YOUTH PAIRS

15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.33	1			Sharon Mi, Mississauga ON; Nicole Qian, Gainesville FL	78.03%
3.25	2			Chia Hung Tang, Cerritos CA; Andy Zhang, Arcadia CA	70.57%
2.44	3			Brian Zhang, Dublin CA; Andrew Chen, San Jose CA	65.15%
1.83	4	1	1	Derrick Zhao - Caroline Zhao, Westfield NJ	61.76%
1.37	5			Katherine Hwang, New York NY; Avery Silverstein, Ridgefield CT	61.56%
1.68	6	2		Helen Chow - Nathan Chow, San Francisco CA	59.77%
1.11		3		Liyong Wu - Lena Heng, Palm Coast FL	57.74%
1.07		4	2	Gary Zeng - Kyle Lin, San Francisco CA	53.84%
0.80		5	3	Gareth Cooper, Smiths Bermuda; Maximilian Santiago, St. George Bermuda	53.75%
0.84		6	4	Aidan Silber - Amy Doyle, Seattle WA	51.10%
0.56			5	Nya Runde, Altamonte Springs FL; Nathan Bedell, Apopka FL	50.38%

FRIDAY MORNING CARDROOK PAIRS

20.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.44	1	1	1	Anthony Guan - Eric Guan, San Francisco CA	68.33%
1.83	2			Momo Sacko - Justin Dapoah, Orange NJ	67.83%
1.40	3	2		Nancy Yu - Joey Qi, San Francisco CA	64.35%
1.03	4			Kyle Lin - Gary Zeng, San Francisco CA	64.00%
0.77	5			Daque Davis - Michae Skinner, Pembroke Bermuda	61.67%
1.05	6	3		Eric He - Edward He, Bellevue WA	60.00%
0.96		4	2	Jessica Lily Kies, Los Angeles CA; Preston Woods, Oklahoma City OK	58.00%
0.59		5		Precious Onyeagocha - Rahshanae Williams, Orange NJ	57.85%
0.49		6		Divine Onyeagocha, Orange NJ; Mathew Xie, Los Angeles CA	57.50%
0.72			3	Nathan Soong, Longwood FL; Madelyn Bedell, Apopka FL	56.17%
0.54			4	Nolan Balocki - Eddy Qi, San Francisco CA	54.17%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CARDROOK PAIRS

20.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.44	1	1		Eric He - Edward He, Bellevue WA	81.57%
1.83	2	2	1	Anthony Guan - Eric Guan, San Francisco CA	77.67%
1.37	3			Ashton Avant - Kyle Alves, Palm Coast FL	72.50%
1.05	4	3		Jerry Yao, Millstone NJ; Michael Hu, Plainsboro NJ	70.67%
0.96	5	4	2	Leo Wang - Nicholas Wang, Redmond WA	66.33%
0.60	6			Munachiso Iherobiem - Marquis Douglas, Orange NJ	64.50%
0.72		5	3	Keith Lin - Victorin Chen, San Francisco CA	57.85%
0.54		6	4	Preston Woods, Oklahoma City OK; Helen Zhang, Ottawa ON	57.45%

Baron Barclay Youth Pairs



First overall, all flights: Michael Hu and Arthur Zhou



Second overall: Reese Koppel and Michael Xu



Third overall: Yolanda Ling and Katherine Yang



Second in B and C: Brandon Ge and Rory Xiao



Magic man

Bridge teacher Norman Beck entertains Youth NABC players with magic tricks during Friday's lunch break.

Sons

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Zia Mahmood with son Zain back when he was a small child.

The ACBL's Stephanie Threlkeld, who oversees the Youth NABC, found out how well they play first hand. "I played against them in the I/N room and they creamed us," she said. "They were very nice but they beat us unmercifully."

Here are a couple of deals from Wednesday night's game.

Dlr: East ♠ Q 9 6 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ 5 2
 ♦ J 6 4 2
 ♣ 9 5 4

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

♠ 8 5 3
 ♥ Q 9 8 6
 ♦ 10 9 3
 ♣ A 10 6

West	North	East	South
Zain		Anders	
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

After Anders opened and showed a balanced minimum, Zain made a quantitative raise, asking Anders to go to slam if he was at the top of his 12-14 range. Despite holding a flat, aceless minimum, Anders accepted.

South led the ♠A and continued with a club. Anders won the king and cashed two more clubs, pitching a spade. North discarded the ♥2 and South the ♦3. Anders then played three rounds of diamonds, pitching a heart (and South a spade). He then finessed a heart and, when it held, cashed two more hearts. On the last heart, North was squeezed in spades and diamonds. He let go of his diamond winner, making declarer's ♦7 good for the last trick.

They tied for a top on the board.

Dlr: South ♠ Q 7 6
 Vul: N-S ♥ K 6 2
 ♦ 8 6 5
 ♣ A Q 10 3

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

♠ 8
 ♥ A 10 8 7 5
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ K 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
Zain		Anders	
			Pass
1♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass

North led a low heart to the ace, and a heart came back to the queen, king and a ruff. Zain now played a spade to the ace and guessed to finesse to the ♠10. After cashing the ♠K, he ran four rounds of diamonds, pitching his lone club. South let go of too many hearts, so Zain scored the ♥4 at the end for 12 tricks and a cold top.

Anders said he likes playing with Zain. "He's good."

Why did you stick with bridge?

During lunchtime at the Youth NABC, we asked players this question: After you learned enough about bridge to get the hang of it, why did you stick with it?



"I like how every day you learn something new. The more you play, the more you learn."

Michae Skinner, 17
Bermuda



"Because I knew it would help me get better in life. And so I can meet new people and make new friends."

Marquis Douglas, 12
Orange NJ



"I think it was because our grandparents spent \$2000 on Carlinville Bridge Camp. We felt like we ought to."

Shane Johnson, 12
Santa Barbara CA



"It was a way to connect with my dad. He taught me a few years ago. It's a way for us to bond."

Lauren Liu, 16
Princeton NJ



"I was 6 at the time, so I just did whatever my dad said. After I got more experienced, I got more interested in it."

Ryan Tock, 13
Mountain View CA



"Mainly because my parents wanted me to play a game that barely any kids play. I started when I was 6. I didn't want to do it - I thought I had better things to do. When I got older, I started to like it more."

Joaquin Reid, 12
Houston TX



"I started in a school bridge program. Everyone quit because it was so hard. I wanted to show them what they were missing out on."

Albena-Maria Vassileva, 17
North Bay ON



"The people were pretty cool. I talk a lot. I make friends playing bridge. Also, my grandmother plays, so I have something to do with her."

Katarina Rance, 15
Bermuda



"It's kind of relaxing for me. I can clear my head."

Meredith Burkett, 16
Orlando FL



"Because I had nothing else to do. It was fun."

Quan Nguyen, 17
Palo Alto CA



"I just like it. I like bidding. Bidding is interesting."

Jaan Srimurthy, 13
Brookline MA



"Because it was fun."

Nicole Qian, 13
Gainesville FL



"I really enjoyed playing it. I thought it was interesting. My family plays."

Amy Doyle, 17
Dublin, Ireland



"Cause I enjoyed it. It's a good challenge. It gives you something for your mind."

Carlos Dezza, 17
Palm Coast FL



"My family is very into cards. I wanted to live that type of dream with them."

Katelyn Mitchell, 13
Seattle WA



"My teacher was pretty cool. It was a fun game that I thought would be cool to learn and get better at it."

Brett Baumgartner, 15
Bermuda

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