

# MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



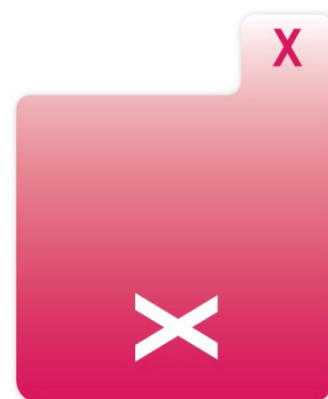
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## Split Field

With one match remaining of our first Round Robin, Hill, Bertheau and Seligman have created a gap of 14 VPs to the rest of the field - a gap we know very well can quickly be filled if the IMPs land in the hands of the right teams.

Looking at the remaining toun in the first RR one might think we play Danish since 1 plays 2 (Hill vs Bertheau) etc. The draw for the last 5 rounds is made based on the teams' ranking after 4 rounds in an attempt to have the highest placed teams battle each other at the end. However in a field of this quality, predictions fail as often as they succeed.

In Mark Horton's excellent report from today we have the pleasure of seeing the Great Jeff Meckstroth hit 3N for the price of -1150. Yet the best part is that the young padawan, Michal Klukowski, copied the Master's double and result. It is always a pleasure to experience their humanity. (As an act of mercy we will not mention the players failing to redouble.)



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### Today's Schedule






Wednesday August 18

**10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR 5 (20 boards)**

**13:00 EST / 19:00 CET – RR 6 (20 boards)**








## Ranking & Schedule

### Round 5

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>HILL</u>	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>SELIGMAN</u>	 <u>EDMONDS</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>	 <u>HARRIS</u>

### Round 6

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>HILL</u>	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>HARRIS</u>	 <u>SELIGMAN</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>EDMONDS</u>	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>

rank	team	#	6	3	2	4	1	5	Adj	VP tot
1	 <u>HILL</u>	6			<u>9.18</u>	<u>15.61</u>	<u>16.66</u>	<u>11.08</u>		52.53
2	 <u>BERTHEAU</u>	3			<u>5.42</u>	<u>12.76</u>	<u>14.58</u>	<u>17.56</u>		50.32
3	 <u>SELIGMAN</u>	2	<u>10.82</u>	<u>14.58</u>			<u>7.93</u>	<u>14.76</u>		48.09
4	 <u>EDMONDS</u>	4	<u>4.39</u>	<u>7.24</u>			<u>7.70</u>	<u>15.28</u>		34.61
5	 <u>LEBOWITZ</u>	1	<u>3.34</u>	<u>5.42</u>	<u>12.07</u>	<u>12.30</u>				33.13
6	 <u>HARRIS</u>	5	<u>8.92</u>	<u>2.44</u>	<u>5.24</u>	<u>4.72</u>				21.32

# Results

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# Normal Service

## Round 3 & 4

By Mark Horton



It was business as usual on day two of the August Invitational, with everyone playing the same deals. Here are the highlights of Round 3:

### Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 8 6 4 2 ♥ 9 8 6 2 ♦ K J 8 7 ♣ 5</p>		<p>♠ 7 5 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ Q 4 3 2 ♣ A K 10 3</p>	
<p>♠ A K ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ 10 5 ♣ J 9 7 6 4 2</p>		<p>♠ Q J 10 9 ♥ A K Q 4 ♦ A 9 6 ♣ Q 8</p>	

### Hill v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	O Rimstedt	Malhasyan	C Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣

3♦ 18-19 balanced with 4♥

East led the ♣K and switched to the ♦3, which ran to declarer's jack. Drawing trumps and playing on spades meant ten tricks, +170.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Tiholov	Huang	Trendaflov
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Dble	2♥
3♣	3♥	All Pass	

1♣ Strong 1♦ Artificial, 0-7  
2♣ Stayman

West cashed the ♠AK and switched to the ♣7, East winning with the king and returning the ♠5 for West to ruff. The club exit was ruffed in dummy and declarer drew trumps and cashed the ♠Q. When declarer continued with the ♦A he was one down, -50 and 6 IMPs poorer.

### Edmonds v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Wooldridge	Z Grossack	Edmonds
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ♣K and switched to the ♦2, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	A Grossack	Gawrys	Lebowitz
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	All Pass		



Marcin Lesniewski

Here East led the ♣A, but continued with the ♦2, +170, but a loss of 6 IMPs.

### Bertheau v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Zagorin	Nowosadzki	Bertheau
—	—	Pass	2♦*
All Pass			

#### 2♦ 18-19 notrump

West kicked off with the ♠KA and then switched to the ♥7, declarer winning with the ace, cashing the ♦A and then playing the nine for the ten, jack and queen. When East continued with a spade declarer emerged with an overtrick, +110.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Seligman	Hult	Lesniewski
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

East started with the top clubs and declarer ruffed, cashed two hearts and then played a spade, finishing with nine tricks, +140 and an IMP.

### Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ 10 6 3	♠ A K Q
♥ J 5	♥ A 10 6
♦ 8 6 4	♦ K J
♣ A J 9 8 5	♣ 10 7 6 4 3
♠ J 9 7 5	♠ 8 4 2
♥ Q 7 3	♥ K 9 8 4 2
♦ A 10 9 5 3	♦ Q 7 2
♣ 2	♣ K Q

### Hill v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	O Rimstedt	Malhasyan	C Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	All Pass

With a reasonable five-card suit and a four-card major should West make a move? South led the ♥4 for the jack and ace and declarer played the ♦J, ducking when South covered with the queen. He won the heart return with the ten, unblocked the spades and overtook the ♦K for ten tricks, +180.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Tiholov	Huang	Trendaflov
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Dble	Rdbl*	Pass
2♦*	All Pass		



Zia and Zach - past, present and future

1NT 15-17

Rdbl 'Weaker way to play 2♣ redoubled'

2♦ 'Inviting garbage Stayman with diamonds'

North led the ♦4 for the jack, queen and ace and declarer played a diamond to the king and a low heart, soon claiming 11 tricks, +150 and an IMP.

### Edmonds v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Wooldridge	Z Grossack	Edmonds
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South started with the ♣KQ and then switched to the ♠2. Declarer cashed three tricks in the suit and then played the ♦K followed by the jack, overtaking it with dummy's ace and exiting with the ♦9. South exited with the ♥2 and when dummy's queen held declarer had the rest, +630.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	A Grossack	Gawrys	Lebowitz
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Dble	2♦	All Pass

South led the ♣K and switched to the ♥2 for the three, jack and ace, declarer cashing the ♦K and running the jack. The ♥10 saw South take the king and exit with the ♦Q, declarer claiming +150, but losing 10 IMPs.

### Bertheau v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Zagorin	Nowosadzki	Bertheau
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dble*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

DbleSpades

2NT '17+-19, can be 2♣/5♦ in this case'

South led the ♠8 and declarer won with the king and played the ♣7, South winning with the queen and switching to the ♥9 for the three, jack and ace. Declarer took the ♦K, ran the jack, unblocked the spades and played the ♥6. South took the king and played the ♣K, North overtaking it to cash the jack, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Seligman	Hult	Lesniewski
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♠ 'May have longer diamonds'





## Hill v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	O Rimstedt	Malhasyan	C Rimstedt
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

South led the ♠A and declarer ruffed and played the ♥A followed by the queen, South winning and exiting with the ♠4. Declarer pitched a club on dummy's king, cashed five diamonds via the marked finesse and took the club finesse, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Tiholov	Huang	Trendafilov
Pass	2♠*	4♣*	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	5♥*
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

South led the ♥4 and declarer took North's jack with the ace and played the ♦J for the queen and ace. A diamond to the king was followed by the ♥10 and South took the king and continued with the ♣KQ. When North did not overtake declarer had an overtrick and an IMP.

- 2♠ Weak, 5+♠ 4♣ ♣+♥
- 4NT 'Takeout, could include weak 5♥ bid'
- 5♣ 'Pretty much forced'
- 5♥ 'No agreement'

## Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q J 8 6 5  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 10  
♣ K J 7 3 2

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

♠ —  
♥ A Q J 4 3  
♦ K Q 4  
♣ A Q 10 8 6

♠ A 10 7 4 3 2  
♥ K 9  
♦ J 6 5 3  
♣ 9

East led the ♦Q and continued with the king, declarer ruffing and played the ♠Q, putting up dummy's ace and playing a club for the jack and queen. East cashed the ♥A and declarer claimed the rest, -300 and 5 IMPs.

## Edmonds v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Wooldridge	Z Grossack	Edmonds
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

After an excellent battle West led the ♥10 and East won, cashed the ♦K and played a second heart. The king of spades and the ace of clubs meant -500 after both sides did their part to reach the par result.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	A Grossack	Gawrys	Lebowitz
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♠*	4♠	6♣	6♦
Dble	6♠	Dble	All Pass

## 2♠ Limit raise in hearts

Here West led the ♣4, but it made no difference to the result, -500 and a flat board.

## Bertheau v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Zagorin	Nowosadzki	Bertheau
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
2NT*	4♠	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dble	All Pass

## 2NT 'Invitational with support'

West led the ♣4 and declarer lost a trick in each suit, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Seligman	Hult	Lesniewski
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
3♥	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♦	4♠	6♥	All Pass



Larry Lebowitz

South led the ♠A and declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the ace and a club to the queen. When he continued with the ace South ruffed with the ♥9 and played the ♦5, North ruffing and returning the ♣K, South ruffing and slightly surprisingly going back to spades which meant the contract was only two down, -100, still a 12 IMP swing.

Having been gifted a trick on the lead, is there a case for declarer to play as Malhasyan did, playing two rounds of hearts?

The appearance of North's ♦10 on the first round of the suit might also have persuaded declarer to forget about ruffing clubs, as might South's ♣9.

Were South to find a passive lead – say a low diamond – then the only winning line is for declarer to win and play two rounds of hearts.

# Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ A Q 7 5	
♥ K 6 5	
♦ K 7	
♣ K Q 9 4	
♠ K J 9 3 2	♠ 10 6 4
♥ A Q	♥ J 9 8 7 2
♦ A J 5 4 2	♦ 10 8 6
♣ 5	♣ 6 3
♠ 8	
♥ 10 4 3	
♦ Q 9 3	
♣ A J 10 8 7 2	

At four tables NS played in 3NT, scoring 10 or 11 tricks.

## Edmonds v Lebowitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meckstroth	Wooldridge	Z Grossack	Edmonds
—	1NT*	Pass	2♠*
Dble	3♣*	Pass	Pass
3♦	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1NT 14+-17

2♠ 'Range and Clubs'

3♣ Maximum

This deal deserves to be immortalised for no other reason than it saw one of the world's greatest ever players become a member of the Biltcliffe Coup Club (Bridge & Humor: The Biltcliffe Coup by Paul Huggins (csbnews.org). Perhaps he had read an earlier Bulletin and was keen to join? No doubt club secretary Ron Tacchi already has his members tie in the post.



East led the ♦6 and West took the ace and switched to the ♠3. When the queen held declarer could cash three clubs, unblock the diamonds and then cross to dummy with a club. East pitched all his diamonds and declarer claimed 11 tricks, +1150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	A Grossack	Gawrys	Lebowitz
—	1NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♠6 and declarer took West's jack with the queen, played the ♣9 to dummy's ten and the ♦3. West went up with the ace and cashed the ♥A, declarer claiming the rest for an unusual push. If West plays a second spade declarer will be held to 10 tricks, but it was just about possible that East held the ♥KJ.

I could send this to the Editor, but she will immediately ask me if I am going to report on Round 4.

To save time, here is a lead problem for you:



As South you find yourself looking at:

♠ J  
♥ K 8 6  
♦ 8 7 3 2  
♣ 9 8 7 5 3

The auction unfolds like this:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Over to you.

While you are thinking about it here is the recurring nightmare of Board 13:

**Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.**

♠ 10 3 2	♠ A 6	♠ Q J 8 7 5 4
♥ 10 8 3	♥ A K Q J 9 2	♥ 7 4
♦ Q J 8 5 3	♦ K 9 2	♦ A 10 4
♣ 8 2	♣ 7 6	♣ J 9
	♠ K 9	
	♥ 6 5	
	♦ 7 6	
	♣ A K Q 10 5 4 3	

**Hill v Seligman**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Dwyer	Kwiecen	Hill
—	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



East led the ♠Q, +710.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Seligman	M Rimstedt	Lesniewski
—	1♥	2♠*	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The same lead and the same score.

**Lebowitz v Bertheau**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Z Grossack	Hult	K Rosenberg
—	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♠*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

4NT RKCB

5♠ 2 key cards +♣Q

North wisely protected his ♦K, +1470 when East led the ♣J.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Zamir	M Rosenberg	Toledano
—	1♣*	1♠	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Dble	Pass*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

1♣ Strong  
 2♣ Game forcing, natural  
 3♠ 'Doubt'  
 4♦ 'Aces'  
 Pass 'Meant as no first round'

East led the ♦4, +710 but a 13 IMP loss.

### Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Igoe
—	1♥	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

Unluckily for North it was East who held the ♦A and he led it, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	Bathurst	Malhasyan	Hurd
—	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	



3NT 'Spade cue'

4♦ Aces

5♣ 2 keys with ♣Q

East led the ♦A, +1430 and 17 IMPs.

Going back to the lead problem – this was the full deal:

**Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.**

♠ 5 3		♠ K 7 4	
♥ A Q 4 3 2		♥ 10 5	
♦ 10 5 4		♦ A K 9 6	
♣ J 10 6		♣ K Q 4 2	
♠ A Q 10 9 8 6 2		♠ J	
♥ J 9 7		♥ K 8 6	
♦ Q J		♦ 8 7 3 2	
♣ A		♣ 9 8 7 5	

John Hurd delivered 13 IMPs when he went with the ♥6.

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