

# MONTHLY INVITATIONAL TEAMS



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## Insurmountable Hill

We did not get the close finish as we hoped as Hill (Kevin Dwyer, Joyce Hill, Shan Huang, Cecilia Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt) was almost 20 VPs ahead before last match after having sent Seligman down the ranks in the top clash in round 9.

Only Bertheau, our reigning champions, stood a chance against the Swedish-American alliance. It was very uphill. Our new champions won with an impressive score of 139.29 VPs, almost 30 ahead of Lebowitz, who made a (too) late comeback to squeeze into second place ahead of Bertheau.

Edmonds made a similar comeback by finishing off poor Seligman in the last match to finish close behind the top-3.

We hope Seligman's positive psychology serves him well after ending in a position not reflecting his team's efforts in this event. Thank you all for playing!



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# Results & Final Ranking







## Round 9

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	nBrd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	 <b>HILL</b>	 <b>SELIGMAN</b>	20	74	43			16.38	3.62
2	 <b>LEBOWITZ</b>	 <b>BERTHEAU</b>	20	19	41			5.06	14.94
3	 <b>HARRIS</b>	 <b>EDMONDS</b>	20	58	60			9.45	10.55

## Round 10

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	nBrd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
1	 <b>HILL</b>	 <b>BERTHEAU</b>	20	51	14			17.19	2.81
2	 <b>SELIGMAN</b>	 <b>EDMONDS</b>	20	22	74			1.18	18.82
3	 <b>LEBOWITZ</b>	 <b>HARRIS</b>	20	74	8			19.93	0.07

## Ranking after round 10

rk	team	VPs
1	 <b>HILL</b> Kevin Dwyer, Joyce Hill, Shan Huang, Cecilia Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Ola Rimstedt	139.29
2	 <b>LEBOWITZ</b> Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Larry Lebowitz, Zia Mahmood, Jeff Meckstroth, Kevin Rosenberg, Michael Rosenberg	109.43
3	 <b>BERTHEAU</b> Peter Bertheau, Gunnar Hallberg, Simon Hult, Oren Toledano, Dan Zagorin, Ami Zamir	107.04
4	 <b>EDMONDS</b> Kevin Bathurst, Jodi Edmonds, Piotr Gawrys, John Hurd, Michal Klukowski, Joel Wooldridge	103.78
5	 <b>SELIGMAN</b> Jacek Kalita, Michal Kwiecien, Marcin Lesniewski, Michal Nowosadzki, Martin Seligman, Wlodek Starkowski	96.67
6	 <b>HARRIS</b> Marusa Gold, Susanna Gross, Jonathan Harris, Niall Igoe, Eddie Malhasyan, Steve Root, Todor Tiholov, Rumen Trendafilov	43.79

# Results

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# Go tell the Spartans

## Round 9 & 10

By Mark Horton



When Round 9 got under way the task for Seligman as they faced the runaway leaders Hill was straightforward: A big win at all costs if they were to have any chance of finishing on top of the pile.

It was very much a 'death or glory' situation-bringing to mind the saying that is forever associated with the Spartans, 'with the shield or on it.'

South led the  $\diamond 3$  and declarer took ten tricks, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Seligman	M Rimstedt	Lesniewski
—	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3 $\diamond$ *	Pass	3 $\spadesuit$ *	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

### Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	$\spadesuit$ Q J 10 2	
	$\heartsuit$ 10 2	
	$\diamond$ 6 2	
	$\clubsuit$ K J 10 6 5	
$\spadesuit$ 7		$\spadesuit$ A K 9 5 3
$\heartsuit$ K 8 7 6 4		$\heartsuit$ A Q
$\diamond$ Q 8 7 4		$\diamond$ A K 10
$\clubsuit$ A 7 2		$\clubsuit$ 9 4 3
	$\spadesuit$ 8 6 4	
	$\heartsuit$ J 9 5 3	
	$\diamond$ J 9 5 3	
	$\clubsuit$ Q 8	

An identical sequence was match by an identical lead and an identical number of tricks.

### Lebowitz v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	A Grossack	Hult	Lebowitz
—	Pass	2 $\clubsuit$ *	Pass
2 $\diamond$ *	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 $\heartsuit$ *	Pass	3 $\spadesuit$	Pass
3NT	Pass	4 $\heartsuit$	All Pass

### Hill v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Dwyer	Nowosadzki	Huang
—	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3 $\diamond$ *	Pass	3 $\spadesuit$ *	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 2 $\clubsuit$  20-21 balanced or any game force
- 2 $\diamond$  'GF opposite 20-21, waiting'
- 3 $\heartsuit$  5+ $\heartsuit$

- 2NT 20-21
- 3 $\diamond$  Transfer
- 3 $\spadesuit$  5 $\spadesuit$ +2 $\heartsuit$

North led the  $\diamond 6$  for the ten, jack and queen and declarer unblocked dummy's hearts and then played three rounds of spades, ruffing, cashed the  $\heartsuit K$ , crossed to the  $\diamond A$ , ruffed a spade (South pitching a diamond) played a diamond to the king and played the master spade, claiming 12 tricks, +480.



Living Legends with a sense of humour- Zia and Jeff

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Zagorin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
—	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	7♦	All Pass

4♠ RKCB for ♦

5♥ '2 key cards with ♦Q I think'

North led the ♠J and declarer took dummy's ace, unblocked the hearts, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the king and ruffed another spade with the ♦Q. He then played a diamond to the ten, but when South produced the jack and returned a diamond the contract was four down, -200 and a 12 IMP swing.

After going down 4 in a grand slam after a non-contested auction on board 1, Big Meck dryly commented:

"At least we had the KC agreement right"

### Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Gross
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ace, unblocked the hearts, played the ♦10 for the jack and queen and cleared the hearts, taking ten tricks, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Bathurst	Tiholov	Hurd
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 16+ 1♠ Hearts  
1NT Ask 2♣ 8-11, artificial

South led the ♥3 and declarer won, unblocked the hearts, played three rounds of diamonds and two more hearts, +430 and a flat board.

**Board 4. Dealer West. EW Vul.**

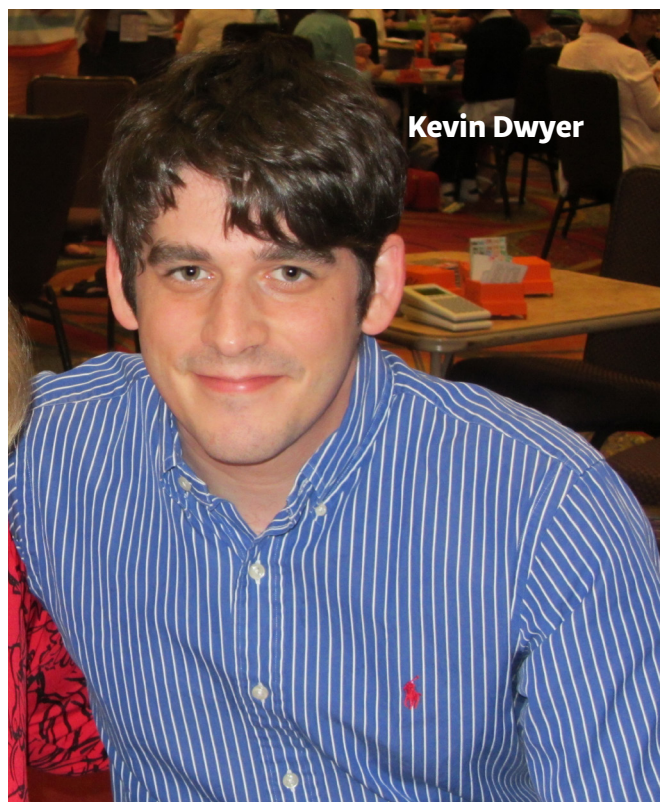
<p>♠ A 9 8 7 5 2 ♥ J 8 4 2 ♦ — ♣ Q 10 4</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ 10 8 6 5 2 ♣ A 3 2</p>
<p>♠ J 4 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ A K Q J 3 ♣ J 7 6</p>	<p>♠ K Q 10 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ K 9 8 5</p>

**Hill v Seligman**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Dwyer	Nowosadzki	Huang
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2NT '18-19, can have 2♣ 5♦ in this case'

North found the excellent lead of the ♣A and he continued with the three, South winning with the king and exiting with the eight. Declarer (having unblocked the queen) won with dummy's jack, cashed three diamonds pitching hearts, ruffed a diamond and then ran the ♠9, South winning with the ten. Declarer ruffed, crossed to the ♥A and ran the ♠J, but there was still a trump to lose, -100.



Kevin Dwyer

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Seligman	M Rimstedt	Lesniewski
Pass	Pass	2♦*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♦ 18-19 notrump      4♦ Spades

South led the ♦4 and dummy's clubs were swiftly disposed of. A spade to the ace and spade revealed the position, N pitching a ♦, but declarer ruffed the club exit in dummy, played a heart to the queen and the ♦J, claiming ten tricks, +620 and 12 IMPs.

**Lebowitz v Bertheau**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	A Grossack	Hult	Lebowitz
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣2 and South put up the king, returning the nine when it held. Declarer won in dummy (he had played the queen on the second round) ruffed a diamond and ran the ♠7, South winning with the ten and returning the ♠K for -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Zagorin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
2♠*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

### 2♠ 'Good weak two'

North led the ♥5 and declarer went up with dummy's ace, cashed three diamonds pitching clubs and then played the ♠J to the ace and a spade, finishing one down.

### Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Gross
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- 1♣ Polish Club
- 2♥ '5+♠, 4+♥, less than invitational'
- 3♦ 'Strong with ♦'

North led the ♣2 and South put up the king and returned the five, North winning and switching to a heart. Declarer took dummy's ace, pitched three hearts on the diamonds and played the ♠J, South covering with the queen, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Bathurst	Tiholov	Hurd
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass



Klukowski laughing at Gawrys' analysis

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North led the ♥5 and declarer went up with dummy's ace and played the four top diamonds, South ruffing the last of them with the ♠10. Declarer overruffed and played the ♠2 for the jack and queen and South returned the ♥9, North winning with the king and playing the ♥3 for South to ruff, -100.

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

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

## Hill v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Dwyer	Nowosadzki	Huang
—	—	2♠*	Pass
3♣*	Dble	3♦	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ Spades and a minor, 5-5

3♣ Pass or correct

South led the ♦Q for the king and ace and North returned the ♦7. Declarer won, drew the outstanding trump pitching a heart, played a heart to the ace and a spade. When North followed with the two declarer did not put up the king, which would have enabled him to escape for one down and South won with the ten and returned a heart, declarer ruffing North's jack and playing the ♠K. North won with the ace and played two rounds of clubs and declarer could manage only six tricks, -800.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Seligman	M Rimstedt	Lesniewski
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	1NT	2♠	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♦3 and naturally declarer tried dummy's queen. West's king was a blow from which there was no recovery. Declarer won the third round of the suit, cashed the ♠A and then played five rounds of clubs, West taking the last of them and exiting with the ♥8. The little game of ping-pong in the heart suit meant one down, -50 and a 13 IMP loss.



Ola Rimstedt

## Lebowitz v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	A Grossack	Hult	Lebowitz
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥9 and declarer won with the jack and played the ♠2 to dummy's queen and a second heart, West taking the ace and returning the eight. Declarer won with the king and took his black suit winners before exiting with a spade. That meant he took ten tricks, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Zagorin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Kevin Bathurst

Once again East led the ♥9 and having won with the jack declarer played two rounds of clubs and then ran the ♠Q, East winning with the king and switching to the ♦J for the queen, king and ace. Declarer played back a diamond and was soon claiming ten tricks.

### Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Gross
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥*	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♥ 'Hearts + ♦/♣ less than opening'

Here East preferred to lead the ♦5 and when declarer put up dummy's queen he got his reward. Having won the third round of the suit declarer cashed four clubs and then played two rounds of spades, so he was two down, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Bathurst	Tiholov	Hurd
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble*	2♣*	Dble*
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Dble 4/5♠ 2♣ Diamonds  
Dble 3♠

South led the ♣Q and accurately switched to the ♦8, North carefully following with the nine. Declarer won with the ten and played a second diamond for the queen, king and ace. North continued with the ♣A (another 'only' card) and declarer ruffed and can now escape for one down by drawing the last trump, crossing to dummy and playing a spade to the king. However, he exited with the ♠3 and South went up with the ten and switched to the ♥2 for the queen and king, North getting off play with the ♦7. Having won declarer played the ♠6 and South completed a perfect defence by rising with the queen and playing a top club, ensuring a two trick penalty, -500 and 12 IMPs.

### Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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



## Hill v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Dwyer	Nowosadzki	Huang
—	1♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1♦ 2+♦, 10-15

2♥ Artificial game force

4♥ Last train

With spades and diamonds behaving that was +940.

## Lebowitz v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	A Grossack	Hult	Lebowitz
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

2♦ Artificial game force

4♥ 'Possibly Blackwood'

5♦ 2 key cards + ♦Q

5♥ 'Confirming'

Another +1440.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Seligman	M Rimstedt	Lesniewski
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Rdbl*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

2♥ Game forcing, 4th suit

Rdbl 'Decent hearts'

4♥ RKCB for ♦

4♠ 3014

That was +1440 and 11 IMPs.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Zagorin	Meckstroth	Bertheau
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

2♥ 'Game forcing, artificial'

4♣ Cuebid

4NT RKCB

5♣ 0 or 3 key cards

Flattening the board.

## Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Gross
—	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

3♠ 'Forcing, slammy'

4♦ 'Cue'

Steve Roots 'handle' is asnuttyas, and it is not unknown for him to adopt an individualistic approach during the bidding. Here it meant the diamond fit went undisclosed, the only good thing being that he was declarer which meant his singleton spade was hidden from sight. East led the ♥3 and declarer overtook dummy's king and played the ♠5. When East followed with the ten, putting in the jack brought home the slam, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Bathurst	Tiholov	Hurd
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♥ 'Game forcing, artificial'

East led the ♥2 and declarer collected 11 tricks and lost 11 IMPs.



Steve Root  
Photo: Peter Hasenson

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K Q 8 7

♥ 10 8 6 5 2

♦ 9

♣ 7 4

♠ J 9 6 3

♥ K 9 3

♦ Q 10

♣ A J 10 6

♠ 4

♥ A Q 4

♦ A K J 8 5 4 2

♣ K 2

♠ 10 5 2

♥ J 7

♦ 7 6 3

♣ Q 9 8 5 3

## Hill v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Dwyer	Nowosadzki	Huang
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♣*	Pass
2♦	2♥	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Michal Nowosadzki



- 2♣ Diamonds
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 key card

North led the ♠K and there was nothing more to the play, +920.

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

- 1NT 12-14
- 2♣ Majors
- 2♠ '5+♦, invitational+'

You see what an infuriatingly difficult game this is when a couple of world champions have this type of accident, which cost 13 IMPs.

## Lebowitz v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	A Grossack	Hult	Lebowitz
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Dble*	3♠	6♦	All Pass

2♠ 'Weakest raise'  
Dble Takeout

South led the ♠2, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Zagorin	Rosenberg	Bertheau
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♣*	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠*	Dble	5♣*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- 2♣ Majors
- 2♠ 'Good with diamonds'
- 4♥ 'Keycard'
- 4♠ 1/4
- 5♣ Queen ask
- 5♥ ♦Q+♥K

The same ♠2 and the same +920.

## Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Gross
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♠*	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♠ 'Weak two's in third...'

North led the ♥6 and declarer won, cashed his red suit winners and then played South for the ♣Q, +520.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Bathurst	Tiholov	Hurd
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	2♥*	4♦*	All Pass

2♥ 5+♠ and 5+♥, non-forcing  
4♦ 'Natural, slam try'

How unusual that a second pair should come to grief over the same bid. Here the damage was only 8 IMPs.

#### Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

#### Hill v Seligman

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Dwyer	Nowosadzki	Huang
—	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ Artificial, strong  
1♥ Artificial 8-11, <5♠  
3♦ 5♥ <4♠

West led the ♣6 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the ace followed by a heart to the jack and queen, West following with the ♥42. East switched to the ♠4 and West won with the ace and cashed the ♦A East dropping the ten. West's next card was a surprise – he exited with the ♣8 and declarer won in dummy with the king, drew the outstanding trump, came to hand with the ♣10 and advanced the ♦J, the ruffing finesse giving him a second discard so dummy's spades went away, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Seligman	M Rimstedt	Lesniewski
—	1♥	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♥ 'Semi-constructive'

East led the ♣5 and declarer won with the ace, crossed to the ♥A and played a heart to the jack and queen. East switched to the ♦2 and West took the ace and then exited with the ♣6. Declarer won, but with only one discard available he conceded one down, -50 and a 10 IMP swing.

#### Lebowitz v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	A Grossack	Hult	Lebowitz
—	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Rdbl	2♠	All Pass

South led the ♣2 and North won with the king and switched to the ♥5 for the queen and ace. North won the next heart and continued the suit, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond for the queen and king.



Call me old fashioned, but I would have cashed the ♣K at some point with North's cards.

### Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Gross
—	1♥	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♥ 7-10  
2NT 'Spade shortage, game try'

I did warn you that North likes to go his own way in the auction – here he psyched a spade shortage in an attempt to throw the defenders off the scent.

East led the ♣4 and declarer won with the ace and immediately ran the ♥J. When it held he could draw trumps and try for an overtrick by trying to slip the ♦J past West's ♦A, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Bathurst	Tiholov	Hurd
—	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♣5 and declarer won with the ace, played a heart to the ace and took a losing finesse. East switched to the ♦7 and West won, cashed the ♠A and continued with the two, -50 and 10 IMPs.

North cashed the ♣A and then exited with the ♥3 South ruffing with the queen. Declarer overruffed and ran the ♠9, but having drawn trumps his only other trick was the ♦A, two down, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Zagorin	Rosenberg	Bertheau
—	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	Rdbl	2♠	All Pass

South led the ♠8 and declarer went up with dummy's ace and continued with a spade to the ten and queen. South switched to the ♥6 and North won with the king and exited with the ♠J. Having won, declarer played the ♦6 and ducked South's eight, North winning with the king.

He exited with the ♥3 and South won and played a third heart which allowed declarer to claim, +110 and 5 IMPs.

**Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.**

♠ J 10 8 2  
♥ J 6 4 3  
♦ 2  
♣ 10 7 6 3

♠ K 3  
♥ 9 8  
♦ A Q 8 6  
♣ K 9 8 5 2

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

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

**Hill v Seligman**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kalita	Dwyer	Nowosadzki	Huang
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♦ Artificial, 0-7
- 1♥ 4+♥, F1
- 2♥ 0-4, 4♥
- 4♦ 'Shortness'

West led the ♥8 and declarer won with dummy's jack and played the ♦2 for three, jack and queen. He won the heart return, ruffed a diamond and played a spade to the queen, claiming when West won with the king, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Seligman	M Rimstedt	Lesniewski
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdbl
3♣	3♥	All Pass	

Stopping short of game meant the loss of 10 IMPs.

**Lebowitz v Bertheau**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	A Grossack	Hult	Lebowitz
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

**1NT F1**

West speculated with a double and that resulted in +790, the play running along similar lines to that in the Open Room of the preceding match.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Zagorin	Rosenberg	Bertheau
—	—	Pass	1♥
2♣	3♥*	Dble*	4♥
All Pass			

**3♥ Weak**

Having won the trump lead declarer played the ♣Q at trick two, took the heart return with dummy's jack and played a spade to the queen claiming ten tricks, +620 but a loss of 5 IMPs.

## Harris v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klukowski	Root	Gawrys	Gross
—	—	Pass	1♥
2♣	3♥*	Dble*	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

3♥ 'Less than invite'

North led the ♦2 and when dummy's nine held declarer played the ♣4 for the queen and king.

He took two more rounds of trumps and played a spade, claiming nine tricks when South produced the ace, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Trendafilov	Bathurst	Tiholov	Hurd
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT*	Dble	Rdbl
2♣	2♥	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♥
All Pass			

Declarer won the heart lead and played a diamond and West went in with the queen and tried the ♠K which meant there were 11 tricks, +200 and 3 IMPs.

This wild set of deals saw the leaders trade 117 IMPs (Harris and Edmonds managed 118) and Hill's share of them amounted to 74 which meant they went into the final round with an almost insurmountable lead.

I'll conclude with this deal from the final round:



Gunnar Hallberg

## Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

## Hill v Bertheau

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hallberg	Dwyer	Hult	Huang
—	—	Pass	1♣*
4♠	Dble	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

1♣ Strong 4NT Takeout

We could spend a lot of time discussing the best approach with the West cards over a strong club and we could also consider what South should do on the next round. Anyone for 5♠?

West led the ♠K and declarer won, played a trump and claimed, +1370. Although NS had not come close to bidding 7♦, EW had missed the save.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
O Rimstedt	Zamir	C Rimstedt	Toledano
—	—	Pass	1♦*
1♠	2♦*	Pass	3♥
4♥	5♦	5♥	6♦
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

1♦ 10-16, 2+♦

2♦ 'NF up to invitational'

6♥ was a very good save, -300 and 14 IMPs.

### Seligman v Edmonds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hurd	Nowosadzki	Bathurst	Kalita
—	—	Pass	1♦
2♦*	2♠*	4♥	5♣
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♣	6♥	7♦
7♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♦ Majors

2♠ Invitational+♦

That was -500, 'cheap as inexpensive fried potatoes' as a well-known television antiques expert is known to say.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Starkowski	Gawrys	Kwiecien	Klukowski
—	—	Pass	1♦
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Dble
Pass	5♦	5♥	Pass
Pass	6♦	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

4♦ Majors

That meant a swing of 5 IMPs.

### Lebowitz v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harris	K Rosenberg	Malhasyan	Z Grossack
—	—	Pass	1♦
2♦*	2♠*	4♥	7♣
Pass	7♦	Pass	Pass
7♥	Pass*	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♦ Majors

2♠ Good diamond raise  
Pass First round control



A terrific auction which gave NS every chance of playing in 7NT had South held a 2-0-6-5 or the ♠K. They had to settle for the regulation -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zia	Root	M Rosenberg	Trendafilov
—	—	2♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	Pass	4NT*
Dble	5♦	Dble	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♦ ‘Bad weak two in a major’  
 4♥ Pass or correct

Having co-authored a book on the Multi with Jan van Cleeff, I checked to see if we had mentioned the sequence 2♦-Pass-6♥. Would it be to play, or ‘Pass or correct.’ Aside from that we then saw a couple of psychic doubles the result being that EW achieved an extraordinary coup, -100 being worth 9 IMPs.



As Sabine Auken would say, ‘I Love this Game.’

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