# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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**Bridge at the Top** 

BAMSA, winners our Summer Mixed Trophy in June, has taken the lead ahead of our English team Netteale with Medium Rare close behind.

On BAMSA we find a debuting writer, Samantha Punch. She is the professor behind Bridge - A Mind Sport for All (BAMSA).

Based on her interviews with top players in regard to her sociology project, she has written the book "Bridge at the Top".

Yet there is no reason to be intimidated, so kick some BAMSA today.

Enjoy Mark horton's excellent report from today - it may well be his last as he consistently writes about the editor's disasters. in and.

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All players should enter BBO 5 minutes before the beginning of a match. TD Denis Dobrin will instruct you where to sit. All players must have their name in their BBO-profile. Private isn't allowed for the sake of opponents and kibitzers.

#### **Today's Schedule**

September 28

10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET - RR 3 (16 boards)
12:15 EDT / 18:15 CET - RR 4 (16 boards)
Same schedule throughout the week

## Today's Schedule

# Round 1

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	MIXING IT UP
2	TURNIPS	PULA REUNION
3	BAMSA	MEDIUM RARE
4	PATIENTS	+ NETTEALE

# Round 2

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	PULA REUNION
2	MIXING IT UP	MEDIUM RARE
3	TURNIPS	PATIENTS
4	→ NETTEALE	BAMSA

rank	team	#	BAMSA	+ NETTEALE	MEDIUM RARE	MIXING IT UP	TURNIPS	PULA REUNION	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	PATIENTS	VP tot
1	BAMSA	1	•			14.39			<u>15.19</u>		29.58
2	→ <u>NETTEALE</u>	7		٧			16.58	11.20			27.78
3	MEDIUM RARE	5			•			14.18		13.04	27.22
4	MIXING IT UP	3	<u>5.61</u>			÷				15.92	21.53
5	TURNIPS	2		3.42			•		12.29		15.71
6	PULA REUNION	4		8.80	5.82						14.62
7	COCKTAILS & BRIDGE	8	4.81				7.71		•		12.52
8	PATIENTS	6			6.96	4.08				49	11.04

**Future events** 

Results

# The Magnificent Eight

### **Round 1 & 2**

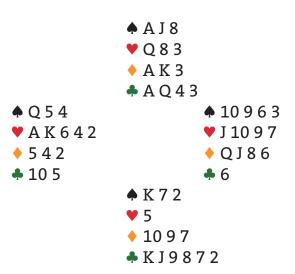
By Mark Horton



The latest edition of the monthly mixed saw eight teams packed with household names assemble at the starting gate.

Here's a brief look at the opening rounds:

#### Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



Which game would you prefer, 3NT, which relies on the ♥Q being a stopper (assuming the opponent's lead the suit) or 5♣?

#### Cocktails & Bridge v Bamsa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brock	Barel	Myers	Katz
_	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	<b>4</b> ♦*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

3♣ Puppet 4♦ Cue 5♦ '1430' A six-card suit opposite a 2NT opening is a powerful asset, but is it enough to go looking on this deal?

West led the ♥K and East followed with the ten. On the EW convention card it says that high is encouraging and then even and when West continued with the ace declarer ruffed and cashed a lot of winners to reach a three-card ending where dummy held ♠AJ8 and she had ♠K7 ♦10.

She played a spade to the king followed by the seven. I am sure she knew East had the •Q and a spade left. When she went up with dummy's king East's ten meant she was one down, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Peterkin	v. Roosmalen	Punch
_	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

3♣ 'Five-card puppet'3♦ 'No five-card suit'

West led the A and when East followed with the nine she tried to cash the king (defending game it is probably your only hope, albeit a forlorn one).

Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and eventually took the spade finesse for +620 and 12 IMPs for BAMSA.

#### **Netteale v Turnips**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Gold	Mourgues	Seale
_	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

3♣ 'Five-card Stayman'

3♥ No major

Also at this table NS reached the much superior 5♣.

Here East followed to the ♥A with the jack and West tried to cash the king, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Franceschetti	Paske	Setton
_	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥J and West allowed declarer to win with the queen (risking a doubleton queen with North) and declarer cashed a lot of winners which saw West discard a spade, +690 and a couple of IMPs.

#### Patients v Mixing it Up

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Taylor	L. Madsen	Boyd-Bowman	Sokol
_	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥J and again West ducked, declarer recording +690.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lahrmann	Del'Monte	Todd	Benner
_	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥J, but West took his tricks, +660 being the loss of an IMP.

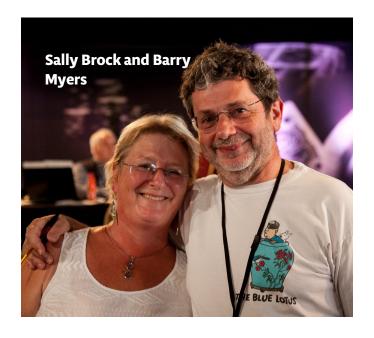
#### Paula Reunion v Medium Rare

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	A Grossack	Benzaquen	Combescure
_	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥J and West took the ♥KA, +660.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Salhon	Bussink	Tunçok
_	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥J and West ducked, +690 and an IMP.



cashing the •K, playing a club to dummy's jack and a heart to the jack. When that held she cleared the clubs and had nine tricks when the diamonds proved to be 4-3, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Peterkin	v. Roosmalen	Punch
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

#### Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

#### Cocktails & Bridge v Bamsa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brock	Barel	Myers	Katz
_	_	Pass	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

#### 1NT 15-17

North led the ♦3 and dummy's ten was covered by the jack and king, declarer

1+♠, not 5♦/♥/♠
 1♦ Hearts
 1♥ 3♥
 2♠ 'Transfer to ♦ or invite'
 2♠ Forced

North led the ♠2 for the queen, king and ace and declarer continued with a club for thr queen and ace and a diamond for the king and ace, North returning the ♠8 for the ten, jack and queen. Declarer played a heart to the ace and a heart and cashed the jack, North following with the ♥10. When declarer tried to cash the ♣K North could have ruffed for two down, but he could not be sure of the position and he discarded a diamond. Declarer ruffed a spade and played the ♣J and now North could ruff and play a diamond for -100 and 11 IMPs.

One way to make the contract is to play the \*K at trick two and then continue with a second club. It will not help North to ruff so declarer wins in dummy and plays a heart to the jack followed by another club. If North discards declarer plays a diamond to the king and is sure to take ten tricks.

#### **Netteale v Turnips**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Gold	Mourgues	Seale
_	_	1.	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣5 for the queen and ace and declarer played a club to dummy's king, North discarding the ♥5. Declarer ducked a club to South's eight and when the next card was the ♠4 declarer won with the queen and finished with 11 tricks, +460.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Franceschetti	Paske	Setton
_	_	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ◆3 for the ten, jack and king and declarer played a club, ducking when North produced the queen. The ♠2 (good switch!) was covered by the queen, king and ace and declarer cashed her club winners and took three heart tricks for +400, a 2 IMP loss.

#### Patients v Mixing it Up

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Taylor	L. Madsen	Boyd-Bowman	Sokol
_	_	1.	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥Q and declarer won with dummy's king, cashed the ♣K and ducked a club to South's seven. The ♦6 was covered by the king and ace and North returned the three for the ten and jack. North had already discarded a heart, so declarer took the rest, +430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lahrmann	Del'Monte	Todd	Benner
_	_	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ◆3 for the ten, jack and king and declarer played three rounds of clubs, finishing with nine tricks when North switched to a heart after cashing three diamonds, +400 but the loss of an IMP.

#### **Pula Reunion v Medium Rare**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	A Grossack	Benzaquen	Combescure
_	_	1.	Pass
14	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♦9 for the queen and ace and North switched to the ♠2 for the queen, king and ace. Declarer cashed the ♣K, played a club to the ace and a heart to the jack, but North had held on to his hearts and the contract could not be made – indeed declarer went two down, -100.

The spade switch is testing, but declarer can survive by ducking the first two rounds of the suit. If North then continues with the ♠J declarer, having pitched two hearts from dummy, wins, cashes three clubs and then takes three rounds of



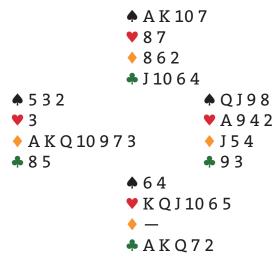
hearts. On the last of these South, down to \$10, \$16 \$10 must pitch the \$10, but is then thrown in with a spade to lead into the split diamond tenace.

If North exits with a low spade declarer wins, cashes two clubs and then takes three hearts. The last of these forces South to pitch a spade and now declarer can play two more clubs endplaying South, or cash the ◆K planning to endplay South with the ◆J.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Salhon	Bussink	Tunçok
_	_	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♦8 and declarer played dummy's two, won with the king when South followed with the six and played two rounds of clubs, North parting with the ♥3. That meant declarr had four heart tricks and she finished with ten in total, +430 and 11 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.



#### **Cocktails & Bridge v Turnips**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	van Cleeff	Tartarin	Witvliet
_	_	_	1♥
2.	Dble*	3♦	4.
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ◆A and declarer ruffed and played the ♥K, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Franceschetti	v.Roosmalen	Setton
_	_	_	2♣*
4.	Dble	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

#### 2. Game forcing

I like South's decision to open 24, although I have a distant memory that if she was playing in EBU land it was not be allowed!

West's intervention left North with a problem and he solved it by raising – South happily advancing to the unbeatable slam on the strength of her diamond void. +980 and 11 IMPs.

#### Bamsa v Mixing it Up

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	Brock	Del'Monte	Myers
_	_	_	1♥
3♦	Dble*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

+980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Bauer	Trendafilova	Jacobs
_	_	_	2♣*
3♦	Pass	4♦	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

2. Strong, artificial and forcing.

We have already seen something similar and here North's 5♥ flattened the board.

#### **Netteale v Pula Reunion**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Paske	Bussink	Nettleton
_	_	_	1♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

+480.

Here's a debating point. If South rebids 4♣ what would a bid of 4♠ from partner mean?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	A Grossack	Gold	Combescure
_	_	_	1♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

You can see why I posed the question!

+170 meant the loss of 7 IMPs.

Given that North had not doubled 3♦, a bid of 4♠ over 4♣ might show this hand. If South was confident of that a slam would be reached.

#### **Medium Rare v Patients**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Yaninski	Fehrenbach	Teneva	Tunçok
_	_	_	1♥
3♦*	Dble*	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

3 ♦ 7+ ♦, 10-15

+980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Uran	L. Madsen	Ovesen	Hunt
_	_	_	1♥
3♦	Dble*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

The problem with 5♣ is that is keeps the diamond void hidden from partner's view. It meant 11 IMPs were lost.

#### Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

**↑** 7 3

♥J742

♦ K Q 8

♣ Q 8 3 2

♠ KJ109

♥ K 10

A 0 C

**♦** 9 6

♣ K 10 6 5 4

**♦** Q 2

**9**853

J 10 7 4 3

♣ J 9

**A** 8 6 5 4

**Y** A O 6

♦ A 5 2

♣ A 7

#### Cocktails & Bridge v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	van Cleeff	Tartarin	Witvliet
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT Non-forcing 2NT 18-19 3♣ Puppet

East led the ♦4 and declarer won with the king and played a heart for the queen and king. West switched to the ♠K and East unblocked the queen. When West continued with the ♠9 declarer ducked and now, just too late, West switched to the ♣4.

Declarer went up with the queen, played a heart to the ace and cleared the spades, claiming nine tricks, +600.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Franceschetti	v.Roosmalen	Setton
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Dble*
Pass*	Pass	2♦	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT 9-11

2♣ 'Transfer to ♦ or many inviting hands' Dble Takeout

Pass 'No agreement, pass assume clubs'

East led the ◆3 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♠2, West winning with the nine and returning the ◆9 to declarer's king. Declarer played a heart to the queen and king and West tried the ♠K (a club switch is required) which declarer took with the ace (ducking is best, as if declarer reads the position he can cash a heart removing West's exit card and then throw her in with a spade) to play

back a spade. West won, cashed another spade and exited with a heart leaving declarer a trick short, -100 and a 12 IMP loss.

#### Bamsa v Mixing it Up

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	Brock	Del'Monte	Myers
Pass	Pass	1.	14
1NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South decided to lead the ♠A and declarer won the second round with dummy's king and continued with the jack, ruffed by the ♦8 and overruffed by declarer who now does best to play a club. When he exited with the ♦3 North won with the queen and exited with a club, South taking the ace and playing a spade, North ruffing with the ♦K and returning the ♥2. South took the ace, cashed the ♦A and exited with a heart. He was sure to score the ♥Q for two down, -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Bauer	Trendafilova	Jacobs
2♣*	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♣ 10-15 6+♣ or 5+♣ and 4♠/♥

East led the ♣J and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a diamond to the king and a heart for the queen and king. West switched to the ♠K and continued



with the jack, East winning with the queen and continuing with the ◆J. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club, West taking the king and exiting with the ♥10.

Declarer had eight tricks, but there was no way to come up with a ninth, -100 and a 9 IMP loss.

The club lead makes life tough, but declarer can prevail. One way is to withhold the A at trick one. If declarer is allowed to win with the queen she can then play a heart to the ace and a second heart, establishing nine tricks.

#### Netteale v Pula Reunion

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Paske	Bussink	Nettleton
Pass	Pass	Pass	1.
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

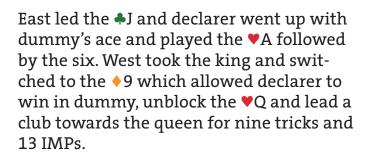
2♣ Gazilli

2 ♦ 8+

2NT '16+, not 6♠'

East led the ◆4 and declarer won with the queen and played a heart to the queen and king, West retuning the ◆6. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played two rounds of hearts, West pitching the ♣6. Two rounds of clubs saw West win with the king and switch to the ♠K, declarer finishing two down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	A Grossack	Gold	Combescure
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
2.	Dble*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



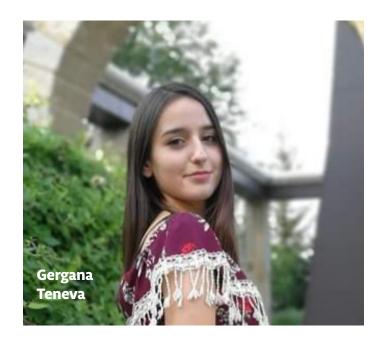
Having taken the ♥K West must find a spade switch. Once declarer has taken the ♣A at trick one he must play a second club at trick two! If he is allowed to win with the queen he then plays a heart to the ace and heart and has nine tricks.

If West takes the second club and switches to the ♠K declarer can duck twice, win the third spade and play a fourth round. West wins, but can be squeezed in hearts and clubs.

#### **Medium Rare v Patients**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Yaninski	Fehrenbach	Teneva	Tunçok
1♦*	Pass	1♥	1NT
All Pass			

1 ◆ 10-15, 0+ ◆



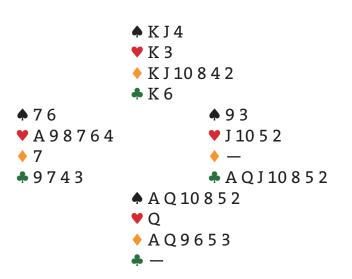
West led the ♣5 and declarer put up dummy's queen, played a heart to the ace and a heart, +150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Uran	L. Madsen	Ovesen	Hunt
Pass	Pass	Pass	14
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

East led the ◆J and declare won with the queen and played a heart to the queen, West winning and exiting with the ◆9. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a spade, West going up with the king and switching to the ♣4 for the two, nine and ace. Declarer ducked a spade to East's queen, won the diamond return, played a heart to the ace and cashed the ♠A, East discarding the ◆7. Having to choose between playing West for the ♣K or hearts to be 3-3 declarer went for the latter and was one down, -50 and 6 IMPs the poorer.

On Board 13 EW held ♠J74 ♥AJ932 ♦J752 ♣2 opposite ♠KQ632 ♥K10 ♦- ♣AJ10876. Everything was friendly and you could take 11 tricks in spades (Gergana Teneva collected +1190 for 4♠ doubled plus 2). However, only three pairs bid game.

#### Board 16. Dealer West, EW Vul.



#### Cocktails & Bridge v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	van Cleeff	Tartarin	Witvliet
Pass	1NT	3♣	4♣*
4♥	4♠	5♣	6♦
All Pass			

#### **4**♣ Two suits

West led his ace so the defenders took a trick, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gast	Franceschetti	v.Roosmalen	Setton
Pass	1NT	3♣	<b>4♣</b> *
5♣	Pass	Pass	<b>6</b> ♦
All Pass			

#### **4♣** Cue bid

Same lead, same score.



#### Bamsa v Mixing it Up

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	Brock	Del'Monte	Myers
Pass	1.	4♣	5♣*
6♣	6♦	Pass	<b>7</b> ♦
All Pass			

When East led the ♣A declarer was +1440. From the comfort of my armchair I can suggest that West might double 7♦, hoping partner would lead a heart and that the ace would stand up.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Bauer	Trendafilova	Jacobs
2♦*	3♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

2♦ Weak in any major or 22-23 balanced

East led the 49, +940 but -11 IMPs.

#### **Netteale v Pula Reunion**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Paske	Bussink	Nettleton
Pass	1NT	Dble*	Pass
2♣	2♦	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

DbleLong minor or ♥+♠

East led the ♥J, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	A Grossack	Gold	Combescure
2 ♦ *	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♦ Poor weak two in major

**3♥** Transfer

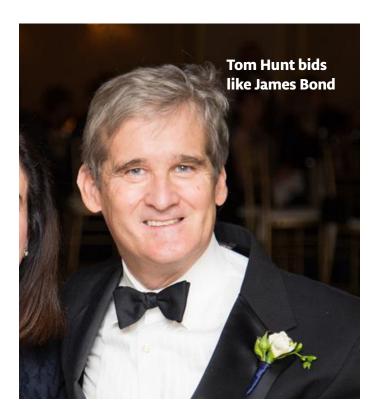
5♣ Exclusion

5♥ 'If 5♥ is exclusion I show 1/4'

East led the ♥J (would the ♥2 help') and West took the ace and returned the nine, +980 and a 2 IMP profit.

#### **Medium Rare v Patients**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1.	3♣	3♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	6♦
All Pass			



East led the ♥J, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Uran	L. Madsen	Ovesen	Hunt
Pass	1NT	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Rdble
All Pass			

West led the ♥A and East followed with the ten. I have no idea if time stood still, but West put the ♦7 on the screen and East ruffed it for a stupendous -200 and 15 IMPs.

That's a certainty to appear if I ever get around to writing a sequel to Last Board – it changed the result of the match, Medium Rare winning 64-53.



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# THE JULY ISSUE HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED!



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