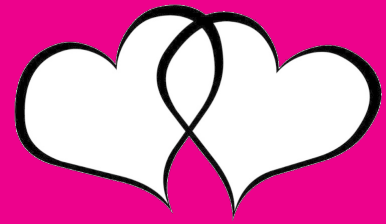


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Turnips at the Top

It was as hard to predict the winner of the November MMT as predicting the November weather. Before our Danish round 8, 10 VPs separated number 1-5. Best placed were Harris, Mixed Stars and Turnips, the first two playing each other while the Turnips had the pleasure of defending champion Netteale.

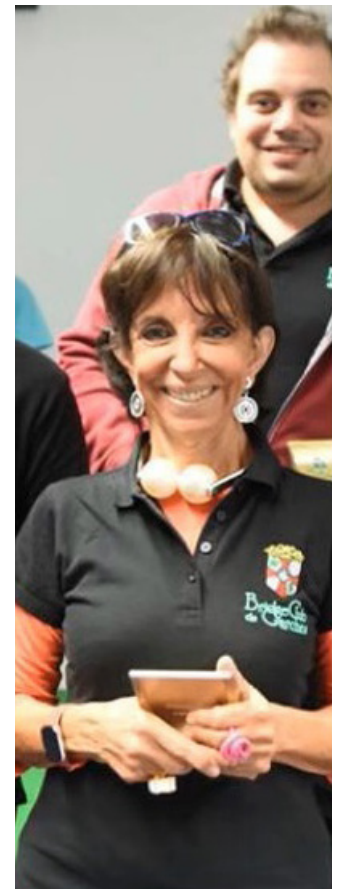
A victory for the Mixed Stars sent Harris down the ranks, and to make matters worse, SWUSA scored a giant victory in their last match to push Harris down to fourth.

The Turnips grabbed their chance and made sure Netteale did not defend their title by sending them down to 5th while overtaking the Mixed Stars and Swusa to win with 98.92 (2,5 VPs ahead of Mixed Stars and 4 ahead of SWUSA).

Congratulations to Hilda Setton, Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini and Anne Laure Tartarin.

We hope you enjoyed the tournament and hope to see you all back for our Christmas Special December 13-17.

Have a great weekend!



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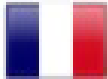







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Final Ranking

Ranking after round 8		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	98.92
2	 <u>MIXED STARS</u>	96.32
3	 <u>SWUSA</u>	94.66
4	 <u>HARRIS</u>	91.96
5	 <u>NETTEALE</u>	83.76
6	 <u>MEDIUM RARE</u>	66.91
7	 <u>PARKER</u>	54.06
8	 <u>MIXING BAG</u>	53.41

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Choice of Games



By Mark Horton

Going into the last day the top three teams, Harris, Turnips and Mixed Stars were more than 10 VP ahead of the others. It was long odds that the winner would be one of these three.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

NS are a little short of the values for game, but half the field were willing to try one.

Mixed Stars v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Yavas	Parker	Ercan
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Dble	Pass
2♦	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♥A and continued with the king followed by the jack, South ruffing dummy's queen, cashing the top spades and switching to a diamond.

Winning in dummy with the 8 declarer played the ♥8, ruffed and overruffed, took the club finesse, cashed the ♣A and continued with the jack. When he threw a spade on it he was three down, -800.

As the play went declarer could have ruffed the ♣J high, ensuring seven tricks, but had South switched to a trump before cashing both spades the defenders would have been on track for three down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Özer	Krefeld	de Taranto	Hammelev
—	—	1♣	2♠
Pass	3♣*	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

3♣ 'Good raise'

West led the ♣6 and East won with the ten, cashed the ace and switched to the ♦J. Declarer took dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace and followed it with the ♥AKJ. East covered the jack and declarer ruffed and played a club, West ruffing with the ♠10 and cashing a diamond for one down and 13 IMPs.

Medium Rare v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Levin	Paske	Tunçok
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	



Harris v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Root	Tartarin	Gross
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦K and declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♥AKJ discarding diamonds as East won the last of these with the ♥Q. A fourth heart saw declarer pitch a club and West ruffed and had only to switch to clubs for two down. Instead he played a diamond and declarer ruffed, cashed a top spade but then played a club to the king which meant two down as East played two more rounds of the suit ensuring a trick for the ♠10.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Franceschetti	Tiholov	Setton
—	—	1♦*	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♣Q and declarer won and played a spade to the jack. When that held and the suit broke there were nine tricks, +400 and 11 IMPs.

Mixing Bag v SWUSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Gilman	S Rimstedt	Gamerman
—	—	1♦(2+)	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣6 and having won with the jack East switched to the ♦J. Declarer won in dummy and played the ♥AK9, the latter covered and ruffed followed by a club to the king and ace. The defenders played two rounds of diamonds and declarer ruffed and played a club, ruffing when West pitched the ♦7, ruffing a heart high, playing a club and claiming nine tricks, +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baskan	Gold	Salhon	Seale
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣6 for the king and ace and back came the ♦J. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the top hearts and exited with a club. East won and played a diamond, West winning and continuing with the ♥7. Declarer ruffed and played a club, but West ruffed in with the ♠10, -50 and a 5 IMP swing.

Declarer ducked the lead of the ♦K, took the next round with dummy's ace, cashed the top hearts pitching a diamond, ruffed a heart and played a club for the king and ace. The ♥Q was ruffed and overruffed by West who played a diamond. Declarer ruffed and cashed the top spades, +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bussink	Michielsen	Polestra	Cullin
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Declarer took the diamond lead and played the ♥AKJ, ruffing and ducked a club to East. In due course West scored the ♠10 but declarer had nine tricks and a flat board.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Mixed Stars v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Yavas	Parker	Ercan
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	2♦	3♥
All Pass			



Johan Hammelev og
Camilla Krefeld

Having passed over 1♥ North was given a second chance by East.

After two rounds of diamonds (South unblocking the king) and a ruff West switched to the ♠Q and when that held he continued with the ♣2. Declarer won, cashed the ♥A and the ♠A, ruffed a spade, ruffed the ♣K(!) and played two rounds of trumps for +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Özer	Krefeld	de Taranto	Hammelev
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble*	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

After a similar start to the defence declarer won the spade switch, cashed the ♥AK, unblocked the ♣A and then played a diamond, +420 and 7 IMPs.

Medium Rare v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Levin	Paske	Tunçok
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I refer the honorable reader to my previous narrative, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baskan	Gold	Salhon	Seale
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble*	2♥*	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

Here West switched the ♠10 at trick three and when East put up the king declarer ducked, allowing East to play another diamond. West ruffed and returned the ♠Q and declarer won, unblocked the ♣A and cashed the ♥A and that meant she was two down, -100 and minus 11 IMPs.

Harris v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Root	Tartarin	Gross
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

After two rounds of diamonds and a spade switch declarer followed the approved line for ten tricks, +420.

Susanna Gross



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Franceschetti	Tiholov	Setton
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble*	2♥*	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦J and East took the ace and returned the nine. When declarer failed to unblock the king on this trick she had no further chance, -50 and an 11 IMP loss.

Mixing Bag v SWUSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Gilman	S Rimstedt	Gamerman
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
All Pass			

West led the ♠Q and declarer allowed East's king to hold, took the heart switch with the ace, unblocked the ♣A, played two rounds of spades, ruffing, pitched a diamond on the ♣K and played a club, ruffed by East with the jack and over-ruffed, +170.



Board 10. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Mixed Stars v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Yavas	Parker	Ercan
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	1NT*	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT Hearts and diamonds

West led the ♦4 for the nine and king and declarer played a club to the king, continuing with the ten when East pitched the ♥8. A third club to the nine saw West win and exit with the ♦10 and declarer won with the queen and cashed winners. Discarding a heart from dummy on the clubs meant +660.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Özer	Krefeld	de Taranto	Hammelev
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Dble	Rdbl*
2♦	All Pass		

Rdbl 'Extra, no spade fit'

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bussink	Michielsen	Polestra	Cullin
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ 16+
- 1♦ 0-4 where A3 K2 Q1
- 1♥ Natural or 20+
- 1NT 3-4 AKQ points, 5+♣ or ♠+♦
- 2♣ Ask
- 2♦ 5+♣
- 2♥ Ask
- 2♠ No shortness

Declarer ducked the ♠Q and was allowed to win West's diamond switch with the king. He took two rounds of spades, ruffing, cashed the top hearts and claimed ten tricks, +420 and 6 IMPs.



Erdal Olcay Ercan

East led the ♥2 and declarer won with the king and played the ♦5, East taking the king and continuing with the ♥3. Declarer won in dummy perforce and played a club to the king, East ruffing and exiting with the ♥5. Declarer ruffed with dummy's jack and when West discarded the ♦2 the trump position was fairly clear. Declarer cashed the ♦K to dispose of a heart and then threw a club on the ♦Q.

Now two rounds of spades would have left East helpless, but when declarer played the ♣A he could ruff and play the ♦J. Declarer ruffed in hand and cashed the ♠A, but there was no way to avoid losing a trick to West's ♠95, -100.

When North surprisingly passed over 2♦ South could hardly envisage that his side had a good play for game.

North led the ♠4 and declarer won with dummy's king and played a heart for the jack and king, North switching to a diamond. Declarer took dummy's ace and played a heart, South winning and cashing the queen and king of diamonds before exiting with the ♣2. Short of ammunition, declarer was set for two down, but North ducked the ♠A and that allowed declarer to establish a heart trick, -100 but a gain of 11 IMPs.

Medium Rare v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Levin	Paske	Tunçok
—	—	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥*
Dble	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baskan	Gold	Salhon	Seale
—	—	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♥*	3♦	3♥*
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

3♥ 'Forcing/asking'

East led the ♥8 and declarer won with the king, cashed the ♣K and ran the ten, West taking the queen and returning the ♥J. Declarer won in dummy and played the ♦K. When that held he cashed dummy's clubs, came to hand with the ♠A and took two hearts. Down to the ♠K and ♦A East discarded the spade, +690 and 13 IMPs.

Harris v Turnips

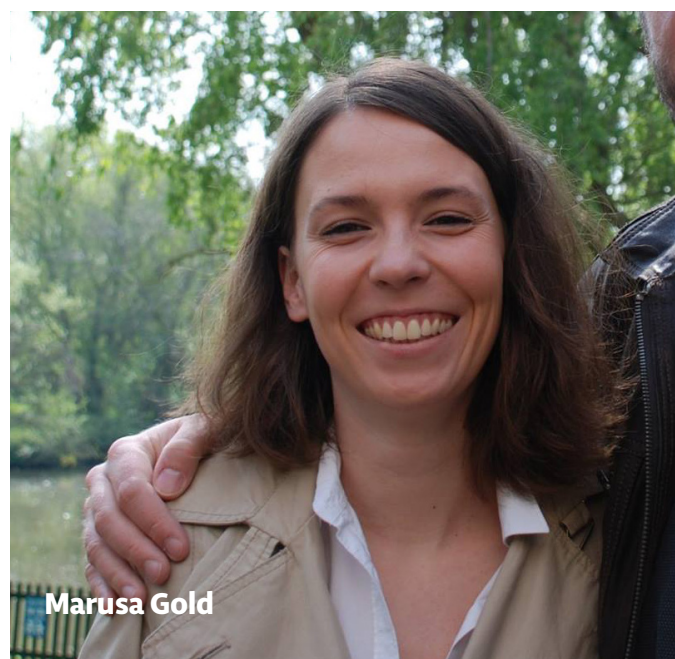
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Root	Tartarin	Gross
—	—	1♥	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦7 and declarer won with dummy's queen, played a club to the king and ran the ten, West taking the queen and switching to the ♥Q. Now declarer could cash four hearts and then play winning clubs to squeeze East for +690.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Franceschetti	Tiholov	Setton
—	—	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥Q and declarer won with the ace and played a club to the king, East pitching the ♦3. A club to the king was followed by the ♦K and East won with the ace returned the seven, which set up another two tricks in the suit to go with the ♣Q and a spade which meant one down, -100 and a 13 IMP loss.

As the cards lie declarer can still get home by leaving the diamonds well alone.



Mixing Bag v SWUSA

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Gilman	S Rimstedt	Gamerman
—	—	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦7 and declarer won with dummy's queen, played a club to the king, ran the ten to West's queen and took 11 tricks when West returned a diamond to East's ace.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bussink	Michielsen	Polestra	Cullin
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥Q and declarer won in hand, played a club to the king and ran the ten, West winning and switching to the ♦6. East took the ace and in due course declarer took the rest, no swing.

With Harris and Mixed Stars winning by just a single IMP there was all to play for going into the last round, and Netteale's big win over Medium Rare had brought them into the equation.

When Mixed Stars defeated Harris 58-46 their total of 96.32 took them to the top of the table. A decent win for either team in the match between Turnips and Netteale would be enough to overtake the leaders in the clubhouse. They started with seven pushes and then came:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Turnips v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Franceschetti	Gold	Setton
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♥
Dble*	2♥	Pass	4♥
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣, 2♣/4♦ possible
Dble4+♠

When I was playing regularly and picked up a hand like North's I would console myself with the thought that every now and then EW might be king enough to play in clubs.

South led the ♠K and declarer ducked, won the continuation of the ♠8 with the ace and exited with a spade. South won and continued with the queen, North pitching a second diamond. Declarer ruffed and ran the ♦J, but he could only score one diamond trick now and was five down, -1100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

DbleSpades
1NT Clubs
2♣ Forced

West started with ace and another diamond and declarer won and played the ♠10 for the jack and ace. East cashed the ♦Q and switched to the ♣6 and declarer ruffed, ruffed a diamond and ran the ♥10. The ♥9 was covered by the jack and queen and declarer played spades, +140 but 14 IMPs away.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Franceschetti	Gold	Setton
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥A and when North followed with the queen she continued with the two, declarer winning with dummy's king and running the ♣10. South took the ace and switched to the ♦J for the king and ace and North exited with the ♠4. When declarer went up with the ace, down went the contract, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass



Anne-Laure Tartarin

The first three tricks were identical, but when South switched to the ♦J declarer did not cover. When the jack held South continued with the six and declarer ruffed, ruffed the club jack and played the ♥10, discarding the ♣K when North pitched the ♣9. When declarer continued with the ♠9 to the jack she was home, +420 and another 10 IMPs that saw Turnips win 29-4, taking them to the top of the leader board.



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