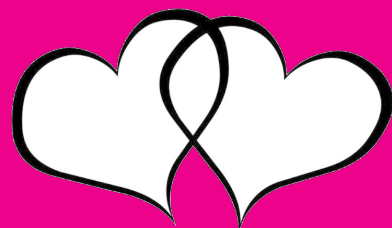


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Z for Zorlu

As regular readers of this bulletin know, the organizers enjoy fixing the match results so the Victim of the Day is always a member of the team leading the event.

Today's bulletin is no exception. Turkish National Mix is leading the event ahead of Just Spinnin with Austerlitz in third.

On Turkey National Mix we find Nafiz Zorlu - the Godfather of Turkish bridge and Victim of the Day.

We would like to compliment all teams for remembering to do the lineup in time - this is the first time in the history of the Monthly Mixed Teams and likely the last. Enjoy today's combats.



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Today's Schedule

Tuesday February 9

10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Round 4 (16 boards)

12:50 EST / 18:50 CET – Round 5 (16 boards)

15:10 EST / 21:10 CET – Round 6 (16 boards)

Today's Schedule

Leaderboard

Round 4

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	WEST COAST VIKINGS	STRAWBERRIES
2	SWEDEN MIXED	TURKISH NATIONAL MIX
3	NESHEALE	JUST SPINNIN
4	ALPERT	AUSTERLITZ
5	TULIPS PLUS	JJCarRodAA

Round 5

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	WEST COAST VIKINGS	TURKISH NATIONAL MIX
2	STRAWBERRIES	NESHEALE
3	AUSTERLITZ	SWEDEN MIXED
4	JUST SPINNIN	TULIPS PLUS
5	JJCarRodAA	ALPERT

Round 6

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	WEST COAST VIKINGS	NESHEALE
2	TURKISH NATIONAL MIX	AUSTERLITZ
3	TULIPS PLUS	STRAWBERRIES
4	SWEDEN MIXED	JJCarRodAA
5	ALPERT	JUST SPINNIN

Ranking after round 3

rk	team	VPs
1	TURKISH NATIONAL MIX	42.22
2	JUST SPINNIN	39.26
3	AUSTERLITZ	37.72
4	SWEDEN MIXED	34.17
5	ALPERT	34.04
6	STRAWBERRIES	31.32
7	TULIPS PLUS	23.95
8	WEST COAST VIKINGS	23.80
9	JJCarRodAA	17.50
10	NESHEALE	16.02

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Match Results

Round 1

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
<u>1</u>	 <u>WEST COAST VIKINGS</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>	16	<u>44</u>	<u>37</u>			12.03	7.97
<u>2</u>	 <u>JJCarRodAA</u>	 <u>JUST SPINNIN</u>	16	<u>25</u>	<u>60</u>			2.55	17.45
<u>3</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>	 <u>TULIPS PLUS</u>	16	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>			9.69	10.31
<u>4</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	16	<u>43</u>	<u>18</u>			15.92	4.08
<u>5</u>	 <u>TURKISH NATIONAL MIX</u>	 <u>NESHEALE</u>	16	<u>42</u>	<u>13</u>			16.58	3.42

Round 2

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
<u>1</u>	 <u>WEST COAST VIKINGS</u>	 <u>JUST SPINNIN</u>	16	<u>35</u>	<u>39</u>			8.80	11.20
<u>2</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>	16	<u>32</u>	<u>23</u>			12.55	7.45
<u>3</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	 <u>JJCarRodAA</u>	16	<u>50</u>	<u>12</u>			17.85	2.15
<u>4</u>	 <u>TULIPS PLUS</u>	 <u>TURKISH NATIONAL MIX</u>	16	<u>9</u>	<u>59</u>			0.84	19.16
<u>5</u>	 <u>NESHEALE</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>	16	<u>21</u>	<u>39</u>			5.40	14.60

Round 3

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
<u>1</u>	 <u>WEST COAST VIKINGS</u>	 <u>SWEDEN MIXED</u>	16	<u>23</u>	<u>55</u>			2.97	17.03
<u>2</u>	 <u>JUST SPINNIN</u>	 <u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	16	<u>29</u>	<u>27</u>			10.61	9.39
<u>3</u>	 <u>TURKISH NATIONAL MIX</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>	16	<u>11</u>	<u>24</u>			6.48	13.52
<u>4</u>	 <u>JJCarRodAA</u>	 <u>NESHEALE</u>	16	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>			12.80	7.20
<u>5</u>	 <u>AUSTERLITZ</u>	 <u>TULIPS PLUS</u>	16	<u>31</u>	<u>41</u>			7.20	12.80

The Monday Afternoon Bidders Club

By Mark Horton



In what may come to be looked upon in bridge parlance as the Covid Period a bidding problem can be examined more closely thanks to the availability of the auctions from every table in an online event.

How would you deal with this situation?

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ Q J 7
♥ A K 10 7 5
♦ A 8
♣ A 9 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
—	—	3♦	Pass
Pass	?		

It looks like you have a choice between double and 3NT. Holding the ♦A means you will be able (if necessary) to duck once, which might take East out of the game, so 3NT would get my vote.

This is how the players holding the North cards reacted at tables 1-4 (one East elected not to open 3♦):

	Bid	Result
Jan Pedersen	Dble	5♠-3
Giorgia Botta	3NT	3NT+3
Annie Schwartz	Dble	6♥-4
Alli Cappelletti	Dble	4♠+1
Dan Bylund	3NT	4NT+3
Blandine Delestre	Dble	6♠=
Thomas Bessis	Dble	5♥-2

As you can see, double was the popular choice, but apart from one spectacular result it did not fare too well. It's time to reveal the full deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ Q J 7
♥ A K 10 7 5
♦ A 8
♣ A 9 8

♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ Q J 8 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 5

♠ K 4
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 10 6 5
♣ 4 3

♠ A 9 3 2
♥ 4
♦ Q 9
♣ K J 10 7 6 2

In the French tête-a-tête between Strawberries and Austerlitz, Blandine and Daniel Delestre made it all the way to 6♠. On a diamond lead declarer won, played two hearts pitching a diamond and clicked the ♠Q.

When East failed to cover, Daniel Delestre continued with a low spade, felling East's king. This meant declarer was in control. When her Majesty the ♣Q appeared on the second round, there was only a trump trick for West to come and +1430.

Where Just Spinnin faced JJCarRodAA, Allison Cappelletti opted for a double on her first turn, and when Mike Cappelletti jumped to 4♠, she made the winning decision by passing.



Allison & Mike Cappelletti

Cappelletti found an elegant line of play:

He won the diamond lead with dummy's ace and played two rounds of hearts picking a diamond, then ruffed a heart, East pitching a diamond rather than a club. He advanced the ♣J, covered by West to allow him a second entry to dummy if the suit split 2-2. A diamond was ruffed followed by a club to the 8 and another heart ruff, completing his dummy reversal being down to the ♠A in hand and QJ7 in dummy, having scored 8 tricks already.

This is what happened in the fifth match:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Kokten	Gold	Aluf
—	—	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Declarer won the diamond lead with dummy's ace, played a club to the king followed by the ♣2 and soon had 12 tricks, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zorlu	Nettleton	Sanus	Cope
—	—	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

East led the ♦10 and when dummy's queen held declarer played a heart to the ten and finished with eleven tricks, which would have won her side between 7 and 10 IMPs against some tables, but here represented a loss of 9 IMPs.

This board contributed to first-round victories for Just Spinnin and Turkish National Mix, claiming the first and second spot after round 1 and still hanging on to it after 3 matches, Turkish National Mix in first, Just Spinnin second.



Diana Nettleton

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Save of the Day

by Christina Lund Madsen



As kibitzers we are always grateful for unbalanced boards. In the last match yesterday this beauty appeared.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q	
♥ -	
♦ AKQT543	
♣ KJ1063	
♠ AKJT532	♠ 9764
♥ J73	♥ AKT852
♦ 62	♦ 9
♣ 8	♣ AQ
♠ K	
♥ K65	
♦ KQ87	
♣ K10832	



Eva Gunnarsson

All tables managed to save in a minor suit contract, though at different levels.

West Coast Vikings vs. Sweden Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gunnarsson	Delmonte	Åhlén	Benner
—	—	1♥	Pass
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The 4♥-bid might look strange to many, but EW play a strong club-system, which means the 1♥-opening is limited to 16 points, and 4♥ can thus be anything from a normal weak bid with 5♥ to any GF-hand with 3 hearts that does not believe in slam. The idea is to put maximum pressure on the opponents.

Delmonte did not feel under much pressure and began with 5♦, not expecting to buy the contract at the 5-level. He was surprised. One off was only 100 for the Swedes.

The auction was slightly different at the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bhargava	Eriksson	Kristinsson	Helin
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠* (5+)	2♦	2♠	Pass
4♠	5♣	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Despite this board Sweden Mixed scored a significant victory and are currently 3rd.

In Just Spinnin vs. Strawberries Hinze-Enfield got to 6♦ doubled for -300, while the Cappellettis did well to push to 6♠.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A. Cappelletti	Bessis	M. Cappelletti	Baroni
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♣	5♣	Dble	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	7♣
Dble	All Pass		

In 6♠ declarer can pitch a heart by finesse in clubs, so Baroni judged correctly by saving, still losing 5 IMPs.

Turkey National Mix vs. Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Aluf	Fruscolini	Sanus
—	—	2♦*	Pass
4♦*	4♥	Pass	5♣
5♠	6♦	Dble	All Pass

A Flannery-opening brought some variation to the auction. 4♦ was a transfer and 4♥ undiscussed. +300 for EW.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kutuk	Botta	Kizilok	Tuncok
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	2NT	3♠	5♣
5♠	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Contrary to most, Botta chose to show both minors directly. That prompted her partner to jump to 5♣, ending the contract in 6♣D -300 without diamonds ever being mentioned.



Carlos Pelligrini and Silvina Rocca

JJCarRodAA vs. Nesheale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
De Rosa	Gold	Judy Fox	Seale
—	—	2♦*	Pass
4♠	5♦	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Judy Fox judged well to compete to 5♠ and looking at the ♣AQ her double is equally understandable. Yet it meant 5 IMPs to the English, when Shashou-Sandqvist made it to 6♠ at the other table.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Shashou	Rocca	Sandqvist	Pelligrini
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	4NT	Dble	5♣
5♠	6♦	6♠	Pass
Pass	7♦	Dble	All Pass

Well judged all round.

At last we have Austerlitz vs. Tulips Plus.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jansma	Romanowski	Levin	Rossard
—	—	1♥	Pass
4♠	5♦	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Dble	All Pass

Jansma made the practical bid of a direct 4♠, making it easy for Levin to compete. Romanowski did not have any bidding problems on the second round, and Rossard happily passed 6♣X.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bogacki	Thiele	Sauvage	Verdegaal
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♣	5♣	5♦	6♣
6♠	7♣	Dble	All Pass

Again the French East-West pair did well to compete one more time, as is often right with double fits at high levels, but their Dutch opponents did not rest till they

Patrick Bogacki



reached the 7th heaven. Still 5 IMPs for Les Bleus.

Sadly nobody was put to the test of under-leading the ♦AKQT543 against 6♠ to receive their heart ruff...

Advice of Alfredo

One of the best things about kibitzing is following the post mortem table chats between the players. Here January MMT-champions Claire Alpert and Alfredo Versace:

Alfredo → Table: I know you play with a decent plus partner and you might not have so much confidence in my card play... but you can also make try for game with a so nice 6-5

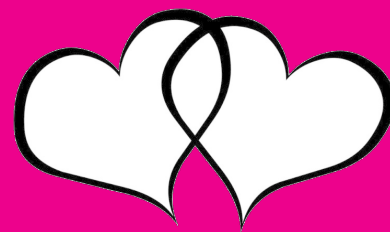
Alfredo's advice number 1 : "With a nice 6-5, make a game try" (yes, it rhymes)

Claire → Table: Fun hand. I devalued my hand to 2NT not 2 clubs

Alfredo → Table: Only upgrade Claire - never downgrade :)

Alfredo's advice number 2.

MONTHLY MIXED PAIRS



FEBRUARY 22-24 ON REALBRIDGE

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- Dates: February 22-24
- Time: 11:00 Eastern time/17:00 CET - 3:00/21:00
- Format: Matchpoints. Two days of qualification followed by A- and B-finals.
1/3 of the field will qualify for the A-final.
- Entry fee: 100 euro/120 dollars for three days of play (juniors half price)
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If the tournament is a success, we plan to repeat the Monthly Mixed Pairs April 26-28 and perhaps a weekend, depending on your feedback in terms of format, times and wishes.

We are always happy to receive feedback, ideas and answer any questions you might have. You can write to mmt@bridgeresults.org.

Victim of the Day

Nafiz Zorlu

by Christina Lund Madsen



Where do you come from, where do you live, what is your age, family and career highlights?

- I was born in 1954 in İzmir. When I finished college, I returned to my hometown and started working in my family business. For 25 years, I worked in our company, which produces large plastic pipes and plastic parts. After that period, I started my work in a city hotel owned by our group (one of the European Champions' Cup took place there), and I settled in Istanbul after a while and got married to Ferda, also a successful bridge player and dentist. The first syllables of my girls, Sena and Begüm, make up my BBO nickname begse. Sena is in Silicon Valley and Begüm is completing her doctorate in London. This year I had a grandson and I am very happy about it.

How has life in Turkey been for you during Corona?

- In Turkey, unfortunately the government did little during the COVID crisis. The burden was left on the poor. Especially those working in the service sector and the tourism sector were affected. We have more than 100 bridge clubs and they all are in trouble in COVID days. We did our best to get help from the federation but of course it was not sufficient.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- I met bridge at the beginning of 1973 at university. I was lucky that there were bridge clubs and tournaments. We played at the university for two years and then we started going to clubs and tournaments. I won my first national championship in 1976 and I played in my first national team match in 1979. I still continue. This year I did not play in the trials, yet I played in the senior category.

You are the Godfather of Turkish Bridge. Can you give us the highlights of your achievements?

- In Turkey the majority saw bridge as a simple game played in coffee houses. The Bridge Federation was in the form of a "confederation of associations" up to 1997. At that time, while I was the head of this organization, I was also the chairman of the Altay Sports Club, which was playing in the football super league. When WBF attempted to make bridge a recognized Olympic sport, we made an initiative to the Ministry of Youth and Sports and reached our goal. Bridge was accepted as a non-Olympic branch and became a sports federation. Even if the amount is small, our federation gets some support from the state.

I left the Presidency voluntarily in 1999. I started to concentrate more on my game with my partner Salvo (*Salvador Assael/CLM*). We were a very successful pair at that time, we did well in every championship we played, we won the Blue Ribbon pairs in the USA.



Team Salvo won the World Mixed teams in 2014: Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Nafiz Zorlu, Zia Mahmood, Anita Sinclair and Marion Michielsen

We enjoyed playing and at that period our Chairman Ata Aydın and Executive Member of EBL Sevinc Atay brought a very valuable coach and sponsorship to Turkey. This program improved the partnership agreements of the Turkish top players and helped us becoming 7th in the European Championships.

Despite the improvements our national team did not achieve great success. When we lost to Russia in 2004 in a very close match in the quarterfinal, I took my business plans into consideration and left the national team.

About 4 years later I came back again. For various reasons I have been in full retirement since 2012, so I assumed the presidency of the federation again in 2016. Normally our tenure was going to end, but was extended due to COVID. So, I will leave the presidency very soon.

How do you predict the future for Turkish bridge?

- The number of professional players is low in Turkey. Turkey also has the potential players but we need to be prepared to see the shortcomings and think about new

understandings. I think players should rethink their style and strategy and improve their partnership agreements. The financial problem is far more serious, the federation barely pays for their costs.

In 2012 your partner Salvador Assael died during the World Bridge Games in Lille. Memorial tournaments were named after him as well as your teams (Salvo). How did his death affect you?

- The loss of Assael was very unexpected and was an incredible shock. We held several good tournaments in memory of him, the biggest players joined us, but later on we could not continue. Yet I have a plan to organize a very special memorial auction tournament in 2022, marking the 10th year of his passing.

If you had a chance to talk to him again, what would you tell him?

- I would tell him that Serap (his girlfriend) misses him a lot and loves him deeply.

How would Assael have described you in three words?

- Curious, loving and irresponsible.

What has been the highlight of your bridge life and why?

- In 2014 for the World Championships in Sanya we gave the name Salvo to our teams. Our beloved Anita Sinclair proposed to name our mixed team SALVO. It was a great gesture, Zia also loved Salvo. It was a great tournament with amazing outcomes. We had to play at least half of the tournament to get a title. We did more than that and Anita showed a great performance. Of course we had two great pairs like Sabine-Roy and Marion -Zia, but we made a very serious contribution to the team and became World Mixed Champions. This has been my biggest success.

In 2017 I played with Nezih Kubac in team Salvo again in Montecatini, and together we won the European Open Pairs Championship. So I began to win championships after the age of 60. Today, we have a strong Salvo team online and it is getting very successful results.

What is the most important advice you give young players who dream of winning a world championship?

- Remember that there is a lot to learn and analyze, so learn from your mistakes, and respect your partner. Also live as a sports-person, but do not exaggerate it.

After having lived such an exciting life, what dreams do you have now?

- I want Turkey as a team to win the championship. If I am in good health, I will continue engaging with high-level, competitive bridge.



If you could change one thing in your past, what would it be?

- There are a lot of things that I would like to change. I would like to go back and struggle for the things that I did not to achieve my peace of mind.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Sabine Auker, Marion Michielsen and Zia Mahmood?

- Kiss Zia, kill the girls ☺☺☺.

I found this very funny, until Nafiz one second later wrote:

- Sorry, the other way round. I love both girls very much. Zia and I have been very good friends since 1988, when he came to commentate to Finland for the Europeans Championships' old vugraph system.



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