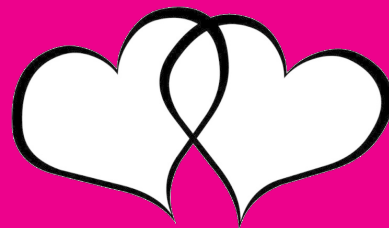


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Turkey & Strawberries

The Americans would correct to Cranberries, but since our last American team got knocked out yesterday, Turkey and Strawberries is what we have left.

Just Spinnin decided they had better things to spend their Thursday on than the Sisyphos-task of catching the Strawberries' 102-33.1-lead after two segments, and so we say adieu to the Americans after a strong performance during the event.

Our other French team did not succeed making it an all-French final, when they lost 127.1-95 to Turkish National Mix.

What will it be today? Turkey or Strawberries?



Hilda Setton likes her Strawberries
Photo: Festival Juan-les-Pins

All players should enter BBO 10 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

Friday February 12



10:30 EST / 16:30 CET – Final 1/3 (16 boards)



10 minutes break – Final 2/3 (16 boards)

10 minutes break – Final 3/3 (16 boards)



Knockout Results

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Sum2	Seg3	Total
 TURKISH NATIONAL MIX	10.1	<u>45</u>	55.1	<u>21</u>	76.1	<u>51</u>	127.1
 AUSTERLITZ		<u>22</u>	22	<u>31</u>	53	<u>42</u>	95

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Sum2	Seg3	Total
 JUST SPINNIN	6.1	<u>8</u>	14.1	<u>19</u>	33.1	<u>0</u>	33.1
 STRAWBERRIES		<u>58</u>	58	<u>44</u>	102	<u>0</u>	102

FINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Sum2	Seg3	Total
 TURKISH NATIONAL MIX	0.1	<u>0</u>	0.1		0.1		0.1
 STRAWBERRIES		<u>0</u>	0		0		0

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Flying Starts



By Mark Horton

The first session of the semifinals saw a team in each match build up a significant lead.

First we take a look at Turkish National Mix vs. Austerlitz:

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rossard	Zorlu	Romanowski	Sanus
—	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

- 1♥ Spades
- 1♠ 3♠
- 3♠ Invite

East led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ace, played a spade to the king and the ♥10, covered by the king and ducked. West returned the ♥7 and declarer won with

the ace, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, drew trumps and tried the hearts, which added up to eight tricks, -200.

The simple approach is to draw trumps and then hope to score three heart tricks along with a club and a diamond. That would have worked on this layout.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Bogacki	Aluf	Sauvage
—	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♥ Transfer



Valerie Sauvage



Kay Enfield

East led the ♥2 for the nine, king and ace and declarer played back a heart, East winning with the jack and switching to the ♣4 for the king and ace. Declarer cashed winners and finished with ten tricks, +630 and 13 IMPs.

In the other semifinal Just Spinnin vs. Strawberries both pairs reached the safe haven of 3NT. We switch to that match:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Hinze	Franceschetti	Enfield
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

South led the ♦7 and declarer won with the nine, cashed the ace and then played the ♣Q. North took the ace and tried the ♥K, but declarer could win and claim, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Cappelletti	Bessis	M Cappelletti	Baroni
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
Pass	3♥	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥J and declarer won with the ace and played three rounds of diamonds ending in dummy, South discarding the ♥10 and the ♠9. When a spade to the queen lost the contract was two down, -100 and 14 IMPs changed hands.

Turkey National Mix vs. Austerlitz:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rossard	Zorlu	Romanowski	Sanus
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the heart jack to declarer's ace. There was no heart discard this time so when declarer took the spade finesse he was three down, -150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Bogacki	Aluf	Sauvage
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
Pass	3♥	Dble*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Dble Takeout

That was worth 11 IMPs for Turkey.

Board 10. Dealer East All Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Setton	Hinze	Franceschetti	Enfield
—	—	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

2♣ 10-15, 6+♣

2♥ Constructive, non-forcing

West led the ♦8 and declarer won with the queen and played the ♥10, West taking the ace and returning the ♦5. East ruffed and switched to the ♠K which declarer won, following it with two rounds of clubs. East could win and cash the ♠Q, but declarer claimed the rest, +110.



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

2♦ 6+♥, wide range

South led the ♥T and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♣K, South winning and switching to the ♦3 for the king and ace. North cashed the ♥K and continued with the 7, promoting South's ♠J for two down, -500 and a 9 IMP swing.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rossard	Zorlu	Romanowski	Sanus
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♣
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

An identical defence to that in the other match meant the contract was one down, -100.



Brigitte Aubonnet

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Bogacki	Aluf	Sauvage
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble*	1♠	2♣
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Dble Hearts

West led the ♠8 for the queen and ace and declarer played the ♥10, West taking the ace and playing a second spade. Having won with the a king East switched to the ♦J declarer winning with dummy's ace and playing off the top hearts discarding diamonds. West ruffed cashed the ♦K and continued with the ten. Declarer could ruff with dummy's ♣7 and then run the nine, one down, -100 and a 5 IMP loss.

Both sides had missed a difficult chance; If East ruffs the ♦K and exits with the ♥J declarer will have to lose a trick to the ♣Q and be two down. Having taken the ♦A if declarer guesses to run the ♥9 she can then play two rounds of trumps and will be able to enjoy dummy's hearts.

Strawberries had outscored Just Spinnin 58-14.1, while Turkish National Mix were leading Austerlitz 55.1-22.

In the second set the Strawberries built their lead to 102-33.1, and Just Spinnin resigned with 16 boards to go.

Austerlitz fought for their life against the Turkish in the third segment, but to no avail despite 10 IMPs from this board.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ 3											
♥ AT 9 6 4											
♦ K J 7											
♣ K Q 5 4											
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	♥ K Q										
	♦ T 6 5										
	♣ T 9 3										

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Joligeon	Aluf	Aubonnet	Sanus
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Brigitte Aubonnet led the ♣7, her partner winning the ace and returning a diamond. East cleared the suit, and in with the ♠A, West could cash the setting diamond. 3NT made in the other room after an inspired ♦Q-lead.

The final result was 127.1-95 for Turkish National Mix, ready for the Strawberries in today's final.

A Triple Squeeze



By Toine van Hoof

One of the most interesting deals of the 2021 February Mixed Teams was Board 1 from Round 3:

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

North has a six loser hand. Five players decided to open 1♠, one opened 2♠ (8-11) and the other four entered the bidding at a later stage to show both majors.

All NS pairs ended in a game contract: six in 4♥, two in 4♠ and two in 3NT. Double dummy only 4♥ can be made.

Twice West led a club against 4♥. Declarer can discard his diamond loser, give up a spade, ruff a spade high, draw two rounds of trumps and run the spades. All he will lose is a spade and two hearts.

Cenk Tunkoç cashed the ♥K before ducking a spade. When East overtook the ♠9 with the jack to play a trump, declarer emerged with an overtrick.

Carlos Pellegrini drew king and queen of hearts and could no longer win the contract.

Four times a diamond was led. Now 4♥ can only be made on double dummy lines. Thomas Bessis, Ish Delmonte, Daniel Eriksson and Martine Rossard all went down.

David Gold and Sedat Aluf were allowed to make 4♠. If East leads a top diamond and then switches to a club (or to the ♥2), declarer will lose a diamond, two spades and a heart.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Garcia da Rosa	Gold	Fox	Seale
–	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♠ 8-11 2NT asking 4♥ 6♠+5♥

Judy Fox led the ♦K and continued with the ♦A. Now declarer had two pitches for his heart losers.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Aluf	Versace	Sanus
–	1♠	Dble	Redble
2♣	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Alfredo Versace had less to go on. He also tried to cash a second diamond trick, expecting it to be the only way to possibly beat 4♠.

The other two pairs ended up in 3NT after identical auctions:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bogacki	Thiele	Sauvage	Verdegaal
Setton	Hinze	Franceschetti	Enfield
–	1♠	Dble	Redble
2♣	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Mark Thiele and Renée Verdegaal.
Photo: Madeira Open

Both Patrick Bogacki and Hilda Setton hit upon the unfortunate lead of a small club. Now 3NT is cold as Renée Verdegaal demonstrated.

After winning the first trick with ♣9 she played a small spade. Sauvage rose with the king and cashed the ♦AK. She continued with the ♦J to South's queen. A spade to the ace was followed by a heart to the king. Declarer cashed the ♣A to reach this ending:

	♠ 8 6		
	♥ A 8 6		
	♦ –		
	♣ –		
♠ –		♠ J	
♥ –		♥ 10 9 2	
♦ 8		♦ 10	
♣ QJ 8 4		♣ –	
	♠ –		
	♥ Q 5		
	♦ 9		
	♣ K 10		

She needed four of the remaining five tricks. On the ♣K a spade was discarded from dummy and East was caught in a triple squeeze. Hoping her partner held the ♦9 she threw the ♦10. Verdegaal now scored the ♦9 and two heart tricks for a splendid plus 400.

Kay Enfield also played a spade from dummy in trick two but was treated to a tougher defense by Pierre Franceschetti.

After winning with the ♠K he shifted to the ♦J. Enfield put up the queen, played a spade to the ace and a heart to the queen. When she cashed her top clubs East was squeezed out his ♦10. This was the ending:

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

Enfield cashed the ♥K and was one off. East's take-out double over 1♠ and the fall of the ♥J should have made declarer suspect hearts were 4-1. A diamond will endplay East. If a spade was discarded from dummy, he can cash the ♠J, but he cannot afford to cash a second diamond as this will set up the ♦9. So he exits with the ♥10. South wins with the king and again endplays East with another diamond, forcing him to lead into the ♥A8 in dummy.

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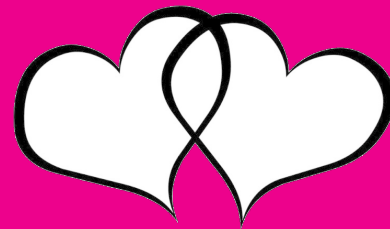
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If the tournament is a success, we plan to repeat the Monthly Mixed Pairs April 26-28 and perhaps a weekend, depending on your feedback in terms of format, times and wishes.

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

Allison Howard

by Christina Lund Madsen



What is your age, where are you from and live, what do you do for a living and will you ever get married to Mike Cappelletti?

- I am 42 and from Nashville TN. I do not think I will ever get married, a common saying in the south "If it ain't broke don't fix it". Southerners are very practical.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- I learned to play with my Dad. He was quite old, 51, when I was born so it was what we did.

What has been the highlight of your bridge life so far? (doesn't have to be bridge related)

- One of my favorite bridge moments was when Mike and I were in the finals of the world pairs. I was so nervous and Alan Sontag come to find me to wish me luck. It was just special.

What jobs did you have besides bridge?

- My favorite job was bartending.

What is the first thing you will do when the world reopens?

- I really want to go to Italy and take our nephew, who came to live with us during Covid because he really wants to go. He is a Cappelletti, after all.

What were you like as a child?



Allison Howard
(Cappelletti)

- I was the dirtiest kid on every playground. Always.

Name something you are very good at and very bad at.

- I am quite good at fishing and horrible, absolutely horrible, with directions.

What is it like playing with your boyfriend?

- I go thru about 8 diet cokes a day playing with Mike. I am just antsy.

You and Mike have been together many years now. There is some age difference between you. Were there concerns by you or anyone close to you at the time (and how did you handle it if so)?



Allison with Stefania Doran Scott, Justin Lall's girlfriend and also one of Allison's close friends.

If you could give teenage Allie an advice (and she would listen) what would it be?

- I would tell my self to relax and not get so wound up about the small stuff.

- We have been together since 2007. It really amazes me how long it has been. My sister in law heard I was dating Cappelletti and asked me how old I thought he was. I said 42. She looked at me like I was crazy and said: "He is lying". She thought I was dating Cappelletti senior. Family is special.

How would Justin Lall have described you in three words?

- Justin always said I was one of the few that could "hang with him". Of course I would sleep for three days when I got home. He was worth every second. I really miss him.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between David Gold, Greg Hinze and Giorgia Botta?

- I would kiss them all. I really miss bridge players.

Who do you think should be a future victim in the bulletin?

Tell us something you would like to know about that person.

- I nominate Anam Tebha.

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