# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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# SWUSA Swam through the Field

After our qualifying Swiss we have found the eight teams who will take on each other in today's quarterfinals.

Harris was in 8th place with one match remaining, but they had to face the mighty leaders from SWUSA, so odds did not appear in their favour. Yet a victory secured them their spot joined by Last Minute Mix, Turkish Mixed, Isramix and the top 4, SWUSA, Henner, our event darlings Juniors United and Jonsma.

To the right you see one of the greatest creatures on the planet (Gary Donner) along with a humpback whale.



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**

Thursday March 25

11:30 DST / 16:30 CET - QF 1 of 2 (16 boards) 14:00 DST / 19:00 CET - QF 2 of 2 (16 boards) 16:20 DST / 21:20 CET - SF 1 of 2 (16 boards)

# **Swiss Final Ranking**

### Ranking after round 9

rk	team	VPs
1	SWUSA  Per-Ola Cullin, Gary Donner, Kevin Dwyer, Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt	120.31
2	HENNER  Jenni Carmichael, Tom Carmichael, Ishmael Del'Monte, Josh Donn, Christal Henner, Uday Ivatury, Roger Lee, Sylvia Moss, Sheri Winestock	110.50
3	JUNIORS UNITED  Sanna Clementsson, Lia Petelko, Koren Retter, Andreas Rolf-Larsen, Ella Rosthoj, Alexander Sandin, Gergana Teneva, Nikolay Yaninski, Julie Sigsgaard	107.58
4	Peter Both, Jodi Edmonds, Hester Gast, Aida Jansma, Jan Jansma, Bas van Roosmalen, Mark Thiele, Renee Verdegaal	103.16
5	ISRAMIX IIan Bareket, Ronnie Barr, IIan Cohen, IIan Herbst, Michal Nosatzki, Nathalie Saada, Dana Tal, Noga Tal, Yaniv Zack	95.84
6	Sedat Aluf, Tuna Aluf, Omer Kizilok, Namik Kokten, Basak Kutuk, Sirma Sanus, Nafiz Zorlu	95.39
7	Bo Bilde, Lone Bilde, Jan Pedersen, Helle Rasmussen, Louise Selway, Florian Weiss, Flemming Poulsen, Will Roper	92.39
8	HARRIS  Marusa Gold, Susanna Gross, Jonathan Harris, Steve Root, Todor Tiholov	89.75
9	Brigitte Aubonnet, Patrick Bogacki, Blandine Delestre, Daniel Delestre, Francois Joligeon, Georges Romanowski, Martine Rossard, Valerie Sauvage	85.26
10	KOLTODD  Adam Grossack, Myra Kolton, Christian Lahrmann, Christina Lund Madsen, Neil Silverman, Katherine Todd	79.70
11	PENFOLD Sandra Penfold, Kay Preddy, Norman Selway, Brian Senior, Jeremy Willans, Jon Cooke	76.87
12	BOSTON MARATHON  Kim Gilman, Marina Polestra, James Rasmussen, Linda Robinson, Eric Schwartz	74.73
13	GONDWANALAND  Barbara Cunliffe, Barbara Greenspan, Bernie Greenspan, Ken Kranyak	68.18
14	David Douglas, Nathalie Hoff, Giles Ridger, Debbie Sandford, Nick Sandqvist, Nathalie Shashou, Kath Stynes	60.34

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### **Knock Outs**

### QUARTERFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
SWUSA	10.1	0	10.1		10.1
+ HARRIS	0	0	0		0

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
<b>JONSMA</b>	1.1	0	1.1		1.1
<u></u> <u> ■ ISRAMIX</u>	0	0	0		0

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
JUNIORS UNITED	3.1	0	3.1		3.1
TURKISH MIXED	0	0	0		0

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
HENNER	6.1	<u>0</u>	6.1		6.1
LAST MINUTE MIX	0	0	0		0

## **Monthly Mixed Teams in 2021**

12 - 16 April April Mixed Teams Registration

17 - 21 May May Mixed Teams

7 - 11 June June Mixed Teams

More events are planned from August. How many will take place depend on the situation in the world and when live bridge will resume - and your feedback, so please let us know.

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# Victim of the Day

### Sanna Clementsson

by Christina Lund Madsen



What is your age, where are you from and what do you do?

- I'm 20 years old, from Skåne (southern Sweden) but currently living in Stockholm where I'm studying medicine.

How has life been for you in Sweden during Corona?

- Although Sweden hasn't handled the crisis the same way as other countries, a lot of things have changed. Since a year back my education has become entirely digitalized and live bridge has been practically non-existent. This is of course far from ideal, but considering the circumstances I think everything has managed to adjust quite well and I'm lucky not to know anyone who's fared ill from the virus.

How did you begin to play bridge?

- My parents have always liked mind games and one day my mom decided (against my dad's will) that they would take a bridge course together. They asked 13-year old me if I wanted to come along and I decided to do so. Since then the three of us have been hooked.

What has been your highlight so far?

- Winning Venice Cup in 2019.

Tell us a funny story from a junior event not related to bridge.



- One very fun night was when both our U21 and U26 team won gold in the junior European championship. We were all extremely happy and one of our troop members (no names mentioned) was in an exceptionally celebratory mood and, when the hotel bar closed, decided to invite every person in the bar to keep the party going in his hotel room. Needless to say it got VERY crowded, so much so that people were queuing down the hall for a very long distance, waiting to enter the "party room". It was a great night, although the hotel staff would probably not agree.

What interests do you have besides bridge?

- Reading, playing the violin and playing games. I also really like horseback riding, but don't find much time for doing that right now.



How many boyfriends do you have and who is your favourite?

- I'm the monogamous type so I stick to just one (Fredrik Nyström), which makes it a lot easier to pick a favorite!

Tell us something you are very good at and very bad at (not bridge related)

- I'm very good at planning and very bad at being on time (however contradictory that may sound).

How would your best friend describe you in three words?

- Determined, analytical and adventurous.

How do you think you and your life would be if you did not play bridge?

 I like having a lot of things going on so I would've probably dug deeper into some other interest, maybe music.

What life goals do you have?

- Making people I love happy and spending time on the things I'm passionate about.

Tell us about an event that made a deep impression on you.

- One very clear memory is from when my family went to Sri Lanka when I was little. I remember visiting a school there and seeing how much worse the conditions were, but how happy and grateful the children were for getting to be there. That's stuck with me and reminds me not to take all advantages we have in this part of the world for granted.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Mikael Rimstedt, Christian Lahrmann and Marion Michielsen?

- I obviously want to partner Marion and can't kill Christian because Denmark needs him, so that leaves kissing him and killing Mikael (which has the advantage of improving my chances of ever getting to play in the open national team).

Who do you think should be a future victim in the bulletin? Tell us something you would like to know about this person.

 Since I kissed Christian, I might as well make him the next victim. Why do you enjoy stealing girls' hair accessories?

# Same same, but Different

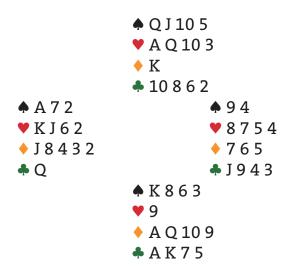


By Mark Horton

One could not help but notice that there were certain anomalies about the results in Round 6. How could one match produce a score of 18-3, while another ended 91-3. Meanwhile, three other matches all racked up more than 100 IMPs.

This was one of the deals that saw a lot of points change hands:

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



### **SWUSA v Jonsma**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
v Roosmalen	Donner	Gast	Rimstedt
_	_	Pass	1♣*
1♠*	Dble*	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Dble*	2♥*	Pass
Pass	Dble*	All Pass	

**1 4 1 6** +

1♠ Clubs or the red suits

Dble 'Game forcing, probably no biddable suit'

2♦ 'The red ones'

**Dble Takeout** 

2♥ 'Prefer hearts above diamonds'Dble 'Third double always penalty for us'

Following the sound principle that leading trumps is usually a good idea when your side holds the balance of power, South started with the ♥9 for the jack and queen.

If North continues hearts at every opportunity declarer should be held to just three tricks, but it is never easy to surrender a natural trick and North switched to the ♠Q and when it held he continued with the jack, declarer winning with the ace, ruffing a spade and playing a club. South took the king and returned the ♣5 and when declarer pitched a diamond and won with dummy's jack, four down had become three down as declarer ruffed a club and exited with a diamond, North belatedly playing two more rounds of hearts, -500.

### Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Thiele	Michielsen	Verdegaal
_	_	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣



West led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ace and played two rounds of spades, West winning and exiting with the ♦2. Declarer won with dummy's king, drew the outstanding trump and finished with 11 tricks, a 2 IMP swing.

### **Juniors United v Henner**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Moss	Rolf-Larsen	Del'Monte	Rosthøj
_	_	Pass	1♣*
Dble	1♥	Pass	14
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5 <b>♦</b>
Pass	6♦*	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

**1**♣ **2**+**♣ 4NT RKCB** 

5♣ 1 or 4 key cards

6♦ '♠Q plus something in diamonds'

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and played spades, West taking the second round and playing a third. Declarer eventually played a heart to the queen, but could manage only 11 tricks, -300.

### Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Teneva	Henner	Yaninski	Ivatury
_	_	_	1.
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4.	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

**1**♣ 2+♣

1♠ Unbalanced

2♦ Fourth suit forcing

West led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's five, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart, went to dummy with the ♠K, ruffed a heart and cashed two diamonds pitching clubs. When he tried to cash the top clubs West ruffed the second one and cashed the ♠A and the ♥K for two down and a 5 IMP gain.

### **Last Minute Mix v Penfold**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pedersen	Senior	Rasmussen	Penfold
_	_	Pass	1.
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



For my money South is right to pass 4♠ - the trumps are poor and the singleton heart along with the 4441 pattern is nothing special.

It was worth 11 IMPs after this auction at the other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	B Bilde	Selway	L Bilde
_	_	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠*
All Pass			

1♦ 4+♦, usually unbalanced 4NT RKCB

5♣ 1/5 key cards

5♦ **♠**Q?

5♥ ♠Q + something in hearts

West led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ten, unblocked the ♠K and played a second spade, West winning and exiting with a spade. Declarer won with the eight, cashed the ♣A and then took the top diamonds pitching clubs. A heart to the queen held, but there were only 11 tricks, -50.

In the matches between Turkish Mixed and Boston Marathon and Harris v Sushi, all four tables saw NS go no higher than 4. There was one accident when Boston's declarer managed only nine tricks and lost 10 IMPs.

### **Koltodd v Austerlitz**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bogacki	Lahrmann	Sauvage	Todd
_	_	Pass	1.
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣Q and declarer won with the king and played a spade to the queen followed by the ♦K and a second spade, West winning and exiting with a spade after which declarer was always a trick short, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Grossack	Aubonnet	L. Madsen	Joligeon
_	_	Pass	1.
Pass	1♥	Pass	<b>1</b>
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

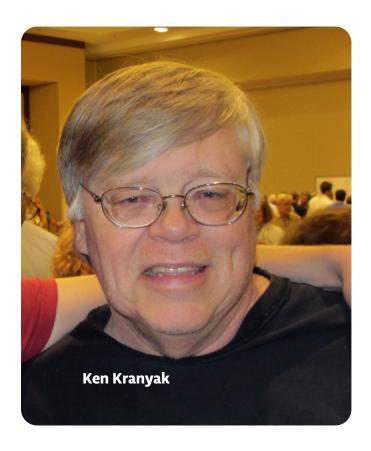
Eleven tricks meant 11 IMPs.

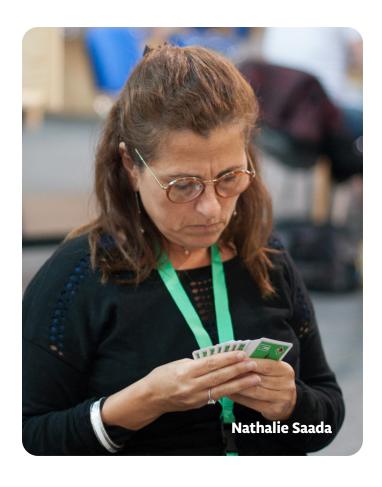
### **Gondwanaland v Isramix**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nosatzki	Cunliffe	Bareket	K Kranyak
_	_	Pass	1.
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

### Declarer recorded 11 tricks, +450.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Greenspan	Zack	Greenspan	Saada
_	_	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			





### **4NT RKCB**

- 5♦ 1 key card
- 5♥ ♠Q?
- 6 ◆ AQ + ◆K (no ♣K)

West led the ♣Q and East followed with the nine. Having won with the ace, declarer played on spades and West won the second round and exited with a spade to dummy's queen as East discarded a club. Declarer unblocked the ♦K and played a club to the king, on which West pitched the ♥2. Now declarer could pitch two clubs, play a heart to the queen and establish an extra trick in hearts for +980 and 11 IMPs.

If you think about it you are probably going to need the heart finesse and the best time to take it is at trick two. Then you ruff a heart, play a spade to dummy, ruff a heart and exit with the  $\bigstar$ K for an easy 12 tricks.

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# Nine to Five



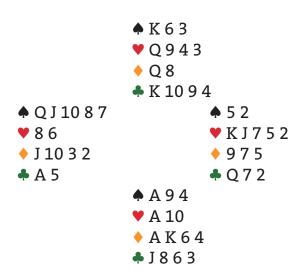
By Mark Horton

After a certain amount of nagging from various people I have decided to get a new computer. Pre lockdown this was relatively easy, but although buying the machine is straightforward, the main issue of ensuring a speedy transfer of all the necessary files and programs is not, as my computer guru is now resident in Orkney which under current rules is a trip too far, while the service offered by a number of shops remains unavailable.

For the time being the current machine must continue to perform, but, rather like it's owner, it is no longer 100% reliable.

Looking for a significant deal from the final qualifying round I opted for this one, which, on the surface, appeared to be a relatively straightforward play problem:

### Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.



The predestined contract for NS is 3NT. On a spade lead declarer has six top tricks and needs to find three more. Clubs is the obvious place to look, with the heart suit offering a chance of an extra trick if required. West might get involved in the auction, but that should not complicate matters, if anything, having the opposite effect.

### **SWUSA v Harris**

This was a big match for Harris, who had to win to have any chance of qualifying. By the time this penultimate deal arrived they trailed 31-22.

### Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Dwyer	Tiholov	C Rimstedt
_	_	_	1NT*
2♠*	Dble*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1NT 14+-17 2♠ 'Just shows spades' DbleTakeout

West led the \$Q and declarer won with the ace and ran the \$8, East winning with the queen and returning a spade. Declarer won in dummy and gave up a trick to the \$A, West cashing her spades for one down.



### Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Root	S Rimstedt	Gross
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3♣ Puppet

3♦ No five-card major

3▲ 4♥

West led the ♠Q and declarer ducked, won the next spade with the ace and ran the ♣J, East winning with the queen and exiting with the ♣7. West took the ace and returned a spade to dummy's king.

Declarer cashed two clubs and then played the ♥Q, running it when East did not cover, +600 and 12 IMPs that proved to be very important.

### **Henner v Turkish Mixed**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sanus	T Carmichael	Aluf	Carmichael
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠Q and declarer took the ace and ran the ♣8, one down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
WESI	NOKIH	EASI	SOUTH
Ivatury	Kizilok	Henner	Kutuk
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2 🄷
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer won the second round of spades and ran the ♣8, East winning and returning the ♠7 to West's jack and dummy's queen. West won the club continuation and exited with a spade and declarer won, cashed two clubs and then played four rounds of diamonds, hoping to endplay East. That meant two down and a 3 IMP loss.

### Last Minute Mix v Jonsma

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Rasmussen	Edmonds	Pedersen
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer's line of play (and the defence) was identical to that of Kutuk, so 2 down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Roper	Thiele	Selway	Verdegaal
_	_	_	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2 🍑
Pass All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

### 1NT 14-16

Having ducked a spade and lost to the ♣Q declarer took the diamond return with the ace and played a second club, West winning and exiting with a diamond. Declarer won with dummy's queen and played a heart to the ten, +600 and 12 IMPs.

### **Juniors United v Sushi**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Douglas	Retter	Sandford	Petelko
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3♣ Puppet

3♦ No five-card major

3♠ 4♥

Declarer won the spade lead and ran the \$\displaystyle J\$ for a rapid one down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Clementsson	Sandqvist	Sandin	Shashou
_	_	_	1NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1NT 15-17

Here too declarer took the first spade, so no swing.

### Isramix v Austerlitz

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
B Delestre	D Tal	Delestre	Cohen
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT*
All Pass			

3♣ Puppet 3NT No major, 4 or 5

Declarer won the first spade, so one down.

<b>west</b> Nosatzki	<b>NORTH</b> Aubonnet	<b>EAST</b> Bareket	<b>south</b> Joligeon
_	_	_	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2 🔷
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Here declarer ducked the first spade and when East exited with a diamond at trick four declarer took West's ten with dummy's queen and cleared the clubs, West exiting with a spade. Having won with dummy's king, declarer played a heart to the ace and ran the ten, one down.

### Penfold v Gondwanaland

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
K Kranyak	Senior	Cunliffe	Penfold
_	_	_	1.
1♠	Dble*	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer ducked the spade lead and when West switched to the ◆J declarer won with the king and ran the ♣J. East won and exited with the ♥5 and when the ten held declarer was assured of nine tricks, +600

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	Greenspan	Selway	Greenspan
_	_	_	1NT*
2♠*	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



2♠ Spades and a minor

3 4

Declarer ducked the spade lead, won the trick four diamond switch of the nine with dummy's queen cleared the clubs, and having won the spade exit with dummy's king played the ♥Q for the king and ace and continued with the ten, +600 and a flat board.

### **Boston Marathon v Koltodd**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Grossack	Schwartz	L Madsen	Robinson
_	_	_	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2 🍑
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

### 1NT 14+-17

Having ducked the spade lead, declarer went for the line that involved playing dummy's ♥Q and that meant nine tricks, +600.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gilman	Lahrmann	Rasmussen	Todd
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Declarer won the spade lead and ran the \$\int\_{J}\$, one down costing 12 IMPs.

What to make of all this?

Worth noting that three players were happy to jump directly to 3NT, not a bad idea with those 'soft' values.

The declarers who tried to make 3NT via the endplay were perhaps unlucky - and West did not aid their cause by playing the ◆J on the first round of the suit.

Given that you have to assume that East has the ♥K, leading dummy's queen has the advantage that East might not cover when they don't have the jack.

If you have been pondering the significance of my title - check to see how many times the contract was defeated as opposed to made.



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