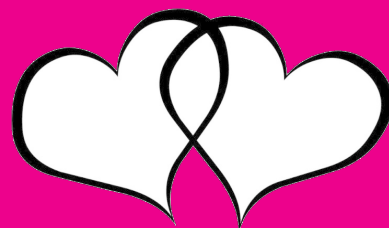


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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The Return of the Juniors

In yesterday's quarterfinals we said goodbye to our Juniors United, who were defeated by the Turkish national mixed team and former winner of the MMT. A most worthy exit. Good news is we will have more juniors in the future. The play (and occasional slaughter of adults) of the fearless young knights has impressed many, and we already have a new sponsor ready to give them a spot in the April MMT.

We encourage more juniors to apply for the team, this time with longer notice for them to plan. Some of these young people actually attend to their studies.

In our other quarterfinals Jonsma lost a close duel with Isramix, while SWUSA kept Harris at an appropriate distance throughout their encounter. Second-placed Henner in the Swiss had the mixed pleasure of a battle with Last Minute Mix, leaving the latter victorious.

After segment 1 of 2 of our semifinals, SWUSA leads Isramix 51.1-36 and Last Minute Mix leads Turkish Mixed 41-34.1. We are looking forward to following today's exciting finish.

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 March 26



11:30 DST / 16:30 CET – SF 2 of 2 (16 boards)



14:00 DST / 19:00 CET – Final I (16 boards)



After 10 minutes break: Final II (16 boards)



Knock-Outs

QUARTERFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 SWUSA	10.1	<u>37</u>	47.1	<u>52</u>	99.1
 HARRIS	0	<u>28</u>	28	<u>31</u>	59

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 JONSMA	1.1	<u>21</u>	22.1	<u>33</u>	55.1
 ISRAMIX	0	<u>27</u>	27	<u>33</u>	60

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 JUNIORS UNITED	3.1	<u>14</u>	17.1	<u>50</u>	67.1
 TURKISH MIXED	0	<u>57</u>	57	<u>51</u>	108



team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 HENNER	6.1	<u>29</u>	35.1	<u>17</u>	52.1
 LAST MINUTE MIX	0	<u>37</u>	37	<u>40</u>	77



Results

Future events
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Knock-Outs

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 SWUSA	0.1	<u>51</u>	51.1		51.1
 ISRAMIX		<u>36</u>	36		36

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 TURKISH MIXED	0.1	<u>34</u>	34.1		34.1
 LAST MINUTE MIX		<u>41</u>	41		41

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.

See the full calendar for 2021 at mmt.bridgeresults.org

Victim of the Day

Christian Lahrman

by Christina Lund Madsen



What is your age, where do you live and what is your occupation?

- I'm 17 years old from Copenhagen, Denmark. Right now I'm playing a lot of bridge and doing a bit of school work. ☺

When did you begin to play bridge?

- I started playing bridge when I was 7 years, but I have watched bridge my whole life. My dad had a bridge club so I always watched when he was at work and what he did, I wanted to do as well.

Tell us about your earliest bridge memory.

- When I was 9 years old I played my first Nordic Championship for Denmark with Søren Bune. I was so excited to go and we were so small we could see each other under the screen.

You have a lot of experience for someone so young. What has been the highlight of your bridge career so far?

- I can't name one specific, but the tournaments I enjoy the most are the juniors events. Swimming in the morning, playing bridge a lot, and after the bridge hanging out with your friends.

Do you have any interests or goals outside of bridge?

- I like being with my friends! My main goal is to stay happy and take care of the people who need it.



What will you become if not a bridge player?

- That is a good question and I don't like to think about it. I really don't know, but I like being social, so probably something with humans.

What is your strength and weakness as a person?

- My strength is my winning mentality. I hate to lose, and I think that is a really important thing if you want to become good, I also have a lot of self confidence. Unfortunately this can also be a bad thing when you're playing for fun, sometimes I can't sleep at night because of a loss in bridge.



- When I got the news I never thought I would get, I was in shock. I was playing a bridge tournament in Madeira, really not ideal for me. I thought about his family all the time, so my main focus was to talk to them. I miss him so much.

What is the biggest mark his passing left on you personally?

- This tragedy has really started many thoughts in me. I think it's really scary because you never know what people are dealing with in their private life. I wish that I could have helped him.

How would he have described you in three words?

- Crazy, friendly and funny.

If you had one more chance to talk to him, what would you say to him?

- Thanks for all the great experiences I've had with you. Love you!

Sanna's question for you:

Why do you enjoy stealing girls' hair accessories?

- Hmm, it's not a fetish. I hope you have forgiven me.

Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Dennis Bilde, Geir Helgemo and Per-Ola Cullin?

- I would like to partner Per-Ola again. He is the only partner I have a win rate of 100% with, and I'm sure we can do it a third time. I will kill Geir because he has won too much, and I would be in a better spot if he wasn't there. ☺ Then Dennis will be the lucky guy. ❤

You were a partner and friend of Søren Bune, a Danish very talented junior who tragically chose to leave this world in November. How did you cope with it?



Bidding Tests

By Mark Horton



From the first session of the quarter-finals I have selected a couple of deals that were basically a bidding test:

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

The tricks are on top, but how easy is it to exchange the relevant information? South's heart length is important (not to mention the solid suit and the club void).



Kevin Dwyer

- 2♣ Clubs or balanced, game forcing
- 4♣ Splinter
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 key cards

When South invited a grand slam with 5NT North was happy to accept, +1510.

SWUSA v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Dwyer	Harris	C Rimstedt
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Root	S Rimstedt	Gross
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Dble	5NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 2♣ Game forcing, natural or any balanced
- 3♠ 'Setting suit'
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 0/3 key cards

I think it is reasonable to assume that 3♠ promised a solid suit. Here it was North who bid 5NT; stopping short cost 11 IMPs.

Jonsma v Isramix

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zack	Thiele	Saada	Verdegaal
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 4♣ 'Cue for spades'
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 0/3 key cards
- 5♥ 'Ask trump queen'

With anything other than 5♠ showing the ♠Q it is possible for South to show any side king along the way.

Eddie Kantar suggests that 5NT can be used to show extras in a hand without any side kings - perhaps that is the right move with the South hand.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zack	Thiele	Saada	Verdegaal
—	—	—	1♠

- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 0/3 key cards

As you can see, there is no unanimity about what South should rebid over 2♣.

Juniors United v Turkish Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Petelko	Aluf	Retter
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ 2+♣
- 3♠ '7+♠, ♠ is closed, strong'
- 4♣ 'Serious cue'
- 4NT RKCB
- 5NT '1//3/5 A and no suit: 0♣/0♦/0♥

I think the explanation for 3♠ indicates that the suit was known to be solid. South's other key-card is known to the ♥A, so the void must be in a minor. If South has denied any side kings (?) North might be opposite a 7-3-0-3 when the club finesse will be needed. (This by the way, is one significant problem with online events - you can't easily ask the players for information.)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rolf-Larsen	Sanus	Rosthøj	Aluf
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♥*	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

- 4♦ 'cue'

That was worth 11 IMPs.



Sheri Winestock
Photo: Peter Hasenson

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henner	Bilde	Ivatury	Bilde
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Dble	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

3♠ '3 spades slammy'
 4♥ Cuebid
 4NT RKCB
 5♦ 0/3 key cards
 5♥ ♠Q?

11 IMPs for Henner, at this point taking the lead in their quarterfinal. The two teams were almost tied after the first segment, but with a 40-17 score for Last Minute Mix in the second segment we parted with Henner.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

6♦ is a very good contract, especially if East is the declarer.

Henner v Last Minute Mix

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Weiss	Winestock	Selway	Donn
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

1♣ 16+, any distribution
 2♣ 5+♣, game forcing
 3♠ 'Natural, setting the trump suit'
 4NT RKCB
 5♦ 0/3 key cards

The vulnerability acts as a deterrent against any intervention by West. I'm still trying to decide if I would have been brave (or should that be foolhardy) to overcall 2♣, promising diamonds or the majors. +1510.

SWUSA v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Dwyer	Harris	C Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

2♦ Game forcing

3♦ Waiting

South's double sounded a warning note and EW wisely avoided 6♦.

Given that West had rebid 2NT (as opposed to 2♥) a possible 6NT would also be played from the wrong side. You might like to consider how East might play 6NT once South has doubled spades.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Root	S Rimstedt	Gross
—	—	—	Pass
1NT*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

1NT 14-16

North led the ♠5 and South won with the jack and exited with ♥5. Declarer was in no doubt about the location of the ♠K, but there was no squeeze and he lost a club at the end for one down, a 10 IMP swing.



Jonsma v Isramix

At the time of the arrival of our featured board Jonsma and Isramix were tied. This was not the case afterwards.

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zack	Thiele	Saada	Verdegaal
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

2♦ Inverted

2♥ Values

North led the ♠4 and declarer took eleven tricks, +460 - not an unlucky result.



Jodi Edmonds

Juniors United v Turkish Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	Petelko	Aluf	Retter
—	—	—	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

1♦ 3+♦
 2♦ Inverted
 2NT 11-14 or 18-19
 4NT Slam invitation

North led the ♦2 and declarer drew trumps, eliminated the clubs and hearts ending in hand and ran the ♠9, a text-book endplay and +920.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rolf-Larsen	Sanus	Rosthøj	Aluf
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

2♣ 'Diamond support - I think'

North led the ♦8 and declarer won with the jack and played the ♠10 for the four, queen and king. In due course he took a second spade finesse for one down and 14 IMPs changed hands.

The quarterfinals was the end of the road for our brave juniors - they will be back.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Barr	Edmonds	Herbst
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

2♦ Inverted
 2♥ 'Undiscussed, but probably a stopper'
 2NT Club stopper
 5♠ 'Max and 2+♦Q'

The explanation for 5♠ suggest that 4NT was 'optional Blackwood'.
 North led the ♠5 and declarer took two finesses in the suit to finish one down for a loss of 11 IMPs.



Christal Henner

Henner v Last Minute Mix

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Weiss	Winestock	Selway	Donn
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣, might have 5♦ if balanced

1♦ 4+♥

1♥ '2-3♥, 11-14 balanced or 3♥ with clubs, <16'

4NT 'Quantitative???'

5♣ 1/4

From the above, it appears East had no way of knowing that West held five diamonds, which would have made 6♦ a very attractive contract.

South led a heart and in due course declarer lost two spade tricks, -50.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henner	Bilde	Ivatury	Bilde
—	—	—	2♥*
3♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

2♥ '4+♠, 5+♥, less than opening'

4NT RKCB

5♠ 2 key cards +♦Q

5NT Kings?

6♣ ♣K

North led the ♠2 and declarer lost two tricks in the suit, no swing.

Suppose East had bid 6NT rather than 6♦? As with the question I posed earlier, declarer has some information about the spade suit which points to a winning line.

If declarer cashes five diamonds South will already be struggling, as discarding two spades allows declarer to establish a second trick in the suit. All declarer has to do is follow the diamonds with three rounds of hearts (unless South throws three clubs, in which case declarer can cash a trick in that suit to force South down to three hearts) and then cash two clubs reducing everyone to three cards. Then declarer can take a spade finesse to leave South endplayed.

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