MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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SWUSA Swallowed the Title

SWUSA (Per-Ola Cullin, Gary Donner, Kevin Dwyer, Marion Michielsen, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt) defeated Turkish Mixed (Sedat Aluf, Tuna Aluf, Omer Kizilok, Namik Kokten, Basak Kutuk, Sirma Sanus, Nafiz Zorlu) in a final that was a lot more fun for one

side than the other.

Captain Gary Donner after his team's victory: "It is great as we move closer to the end of the pandemic (I hope) we can still have fun, improve our bridge and enjoy being together even if it is only virtually together."

He also sent us this picture of his team during the final.

Thank you for the entertainment and see you all again in April!



Final

Seg.1 Seg.2 Total

SWUSA (0.1) 61.1 50 111.1

TURKISH MIXED 38 0 38

Next MMT

April 12-16

Registration

Knock-Outs

FINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
SWUSA	0.1	<u>61</u>	61.1	<u>50</u>	111.1
TURKISH MIXED		38	38	0	38

SEMIFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
SWUSA	0.1	<u>51</u>	51.1	<u>51</u>	102.1
<u> □ ISRAMIX</u>		<u>36</u>	36	38	74

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
TURKISH MIXED	0.1	<u>34</u>	34.1	<u>35</u>	69.1
LAST MINUTE MIX		41	41	<u>19</u>	60

Results

Monthly Mixed Teams in 2021

12 - 16 April April Mixed Teams Registration

17 - 21 May May Mixed Teams

7 - 11 June June Mixed Teams

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Donner's Demonstration

Final

by Christina Lund Madsen



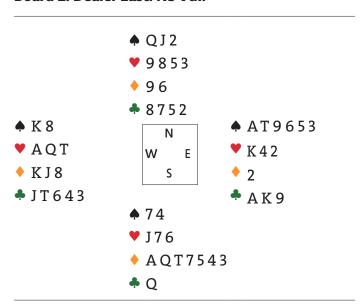
The final lacked the excitement we hoped due to a deomonstration of power by Gary Donner's SWUSA-team, making previous MMT-winners Turkish Mixed look like apprentices receiving a reprimand from their master.

We did not have to wait longer than board 2 to sense the direction of the wind.

At the other table Gary Donner found a magic pass in the West bidding box.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Sanus	S. Rimstedt	S. Aluf
_	_	14	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Board 2. Dealer East, NS Vul.

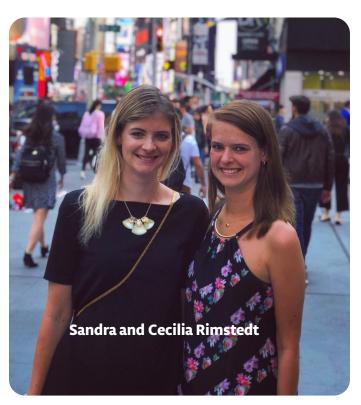


WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tuna Aluf	Dwyer	Kokten	C. Rimstedt
_	_	14	3♦
3NT	All Pass		

After a diamond lead won by South, who returned a heart, Kokten dropped the club queen and wrapped up his 11 tricks after testing if there was a spade/diamond squeeze against South, which was not the case.

Declarer could not emerge with more than four tricks, and South's little diamond-adventure matched the price of the stones in real life, -1100 and worth 12 IMPs when Cecilia Rimstedt got a better bargain at the other table.

After the first segment the score was 61.1-38 for SWUSA and Turkey has made a generous contribution to the MMT to not reveal the score in the second.



Three Card Monte

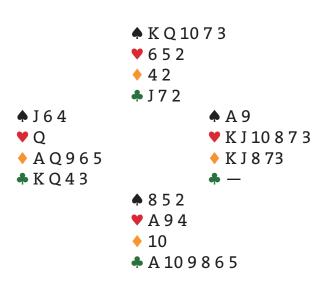
Classic confidence trick



By Mark Horton

On these three deals from the semifinals declarer did not always need to 'find the lady' but Her Majesty always had a significant role to play.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.



SWUSA v Isramix

Open Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Michielsen	Nosatzki	Cullin
_	_	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♣*	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

4. Splinter

North led the ♠K which held declarer to 11 tricks, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Saada	Dwyer	Zack
_	_	1♥	3♣
3NT	Pass	4 🔷	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6 ♦	All Pass

South led the ♣A and declarer must have been pleased to see dummy's red suits, +1370 delivering 13 IMPs.

Turkish Mixed v Last Minute Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pedersen	Sanus	Rasmussen	Aluf
_	_	1♥	2♣
2 •	3♣	4♣*	Pass
4	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	All Pass

4♣/♠ Cuebid



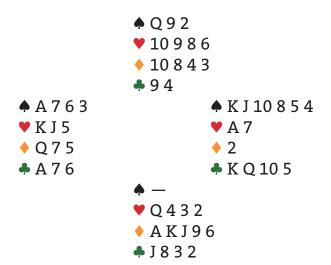
North led the ♠K and declarer could not avoid two losers. -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kutuk	B Bilde	Kizilok	L Bilde
_	_	1♥	Pass
2♣*	2♠	3♦	4♠
Dble	Pass	4NT*	Dble
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2. 2+, game forcing 4NT 'Not asking KC'

South led the ♣A so that was +950 and 14 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.



SWUSA v Isramix

WEST	N	ORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	. M	1ichielsen	Nosatzki	Cullin
_	_	-	_	1 ♦*
Dble	P	ass	2 •	Pass
2♠	P	ass	4.	Pass
4♠	А	ll Pass		

1 ◆ 10-15,1+ ◆



North led the ♣9 and declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade to the ace, +510 when she took the heart finesse.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Saada	Dwyer	Zack
_	_	_	1.
Dble	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

4♦ 'Shortness' **4NT** RKCB

5♥ 2 key cards

North led the ♣9 and declarer won with dummy's king and cashed the ♠K. South's ♦9 was a blow, but the ♥Q behaved and declarer recorded +980 and picked up 10 IMPs.

In general terms if you have what you consider to be a significant trump holding leading from a short suit might suggest to declarer that you are long in trumps, while leading from length might give the

opposite impression. We will never know what would have happened had North led a low diamond.

Turkish Mixed v Last Minute Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pedersen	Sanus	Rasmussen	Aluf
_	_	_	1.
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass



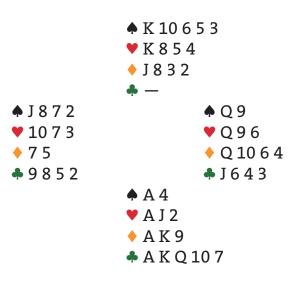
It looks as if West decided his fourth spade was as good as the queen. North led the ◆4 and South won with the king and switched to the ♥Q (a clever card, attempting to suggest a shortage in hearts). Declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the ♠K - an unlucky one down, but as a result of an excellent defence.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kutuk	B Bilde	Kizilok	L Bilde
_	_	_	1.
Dble	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	4 🔷	Dble
4♠	All Pass		

I think by now the world knows that I am not a huge fan of making a takeout double with a balanced hand, but as if often the case no harm was done. On a diamond lead declareer got the spade spades wrong, so +450 and 11 IMPs.



Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.



SWUSA v Isramix

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cohen	C Rimstedt	D Tal	Dwyer
_	_	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2 20-21 balanced or any game force

2♥ 5+♠

2NT Game forcing, balanced (25+)

3♦ Natural

Hands where one player holds all the first round controls and most of the strength can be awkward, not least because there are sometimes a limited number of entries to the hand opposite.

West led the ♣9 and declarer took East's jack with the ace and cashed the top spades. When the queen appeared he cashed dummy's ♥K, came to hand with a diamond and played three rounds of clubs, reducing dummy to three spades, a heart and a diamond. He cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart, played a diamond to the king and played a diamond ensuring a trick for the ♠10, +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	N Tal	S Rimstedt	Bareket
_	_	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

2♠ 'Natural, 5♠'

East led the ♣4 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠A and played a spade to the ten and queen. When East returned a club (theoretically a red suit is best) declarer could hardly be blamed for not putting in the ten. Having won in dummy she cashed the top diamonds and ended up with nine tricks, -300 and a loss of 17 IMPs.



Turkish Mixed v Last Minute Mixed

WEST Weiss	NORTH Sanus	EAST Selway	SOUTH Aluf
_	_	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3 ♦ *
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

2. Strong

2 Waiting

2♥ Natural or 24+

2♠ Ask

2NT 24-26

3♣ Puppet

3♦ No five-card major

3♠* Natural

4♥ Natural

4NT 'No support'

5♣ 1/4 key cards



West led the ♥t and declarer took East's queen with the ace and played four rounds of clubs, discarding two spades and two diamonds from dummy. When the suit divided there were 12 tricks, +1440. The odds for four club tricks are 59.85% - much better than the 38.7% offered by the spade suit.

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kokten	B Bilde	Aluf	L Bilde
_	_	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4.	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

- 2. Game forcing or 20-21 balanced
- 2♦ Relay

2NT 24-27

- 3♣ For majors
- 3♦ No major
- 3♥ 5♠+4♥
- **4**♦ Natural
- 4♥ 'Pref/cue and promises ♣A 5NT 'Pick a slam but never bid seven'

East led the ♦6 and declarer won with dummy's ace, crossed to the ♠K and played a heart to the jack. When it held declarer took two more rounds of trumps, came to hand with the ♠A, cashed the top clubs, ruffed a club and scored two more tricks with the ♠A and ♣10, +1430.

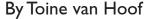
There is a slightly double dummy line to make 7♥ - can you spot it?

Turkish Mixed defeated Last Minute Mix 69.1-60 and would face SWUSA in the final after their comfortable win of 102.1-74 against Isramix.



Juniors Outplay Adults

Quarterfinals segment II

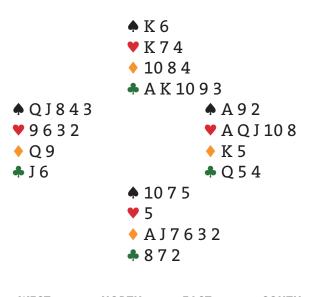




There were two interesting hands in the second session of the quarterfinals.

Gergena Teneva (Juniors United) was the only one to score 420 on this board:

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Yaninski	Kökten	Teneva	Aluf
2 ♦ *	3♣	4♥	All Pass

2♦ Both majors, can be 44 NV/V, 0-9

South led the ♣2 (third best) to the king. North cashed the ♣A and shifted to the ♦4. Declarer inserted the king, which was taken by the ace, and won the ♦2 return with the queen in dummy.

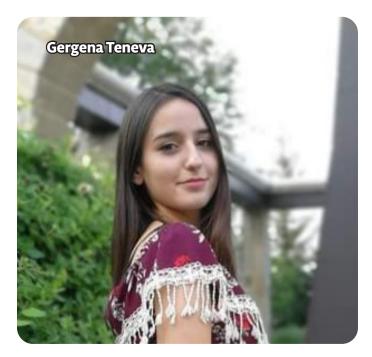
Having lost three tricks, Teneva needed to find both kings onside, not unlikely in view of North's vulnerable overcall on a five card suit. The problem was how to avoid a second spade loser.

Teneva advanced the ♥9, which held, and continued with a heart to the queen. She cashed the ♥A and re-entered dummy with a club ruff. The ♠Q was covered by the king.

As South had pitched the ◆3, declarer knew that North had started with a 2=3=3=5. The odds were three to one that South held the ♠10 so Teneva ran the ♠9 to land her contract. That would also have worked if North had had the stiff ♠K after all.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kizilok	Sandin	Kutuk	Clementsson
Pass	1.	1♥	Pass

1♣ 2+ 3♥ not inv.





At the other table South led the ◆A. Basak Kutuk (Turkish Mixed) unblocked the ◆K and won the next diamond in dummy. She continued with a small heart to the queen and then cashed the ♥A. Later on she misguessed the spades so the contract went two light: 11 IMPs to the juniors.

Game was bid at only one other table:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Donner	Tiholov	S Rimstedt
2 ♦ *	3♣	4♥	All Pass

2♦ both majors, 54+, weak

The play started as seen before: \clubsuit 2 to the king, \clubsuit A, \diamondsuit 4 to the king and the ace, \diamondsuit 2 to the queen.

Instead of advancing the ♥9 Todor Tiholov (Harris) played a small heart to the queen.

He now ruffed the ♠Q to get to dummy and had to play the ♠Q, which Gary Donner (Swusa) ducked. Now expecting North to have three spades (and the bare ♥K left), declarer continued with the ♠J: Down two.

Swusa won 7 IMPs because at the other table Cecilia Rimstedt made 3♥ with an overtrick.

The second board was a grand slam, bid by six of the eight NS pairs:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

- ♠ Q
 ♥ K 10 7 5 4 3
 ♠ K 7
 ♠ A 6 4 2
 ♠ J 7 4 3
 ♠ 6
 ♥ J 9 2
 ♠ Q 9 6 4 2
 ♠ 10 5 3
- ♣953♣KQJ1087♠AK109852♥AO8
 - ◆ A J 8

Swusa – Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gold	Donner	Tiholov	S Rimstedt
_	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	3♣	4♣
Pass	4 *	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

4♦ cue for hearts 5♥ 2KC, no ♥Q

Sandra Rimstedt was lucky that her partner held the ♣A. Otherwise she would not have been sure of the ♥K. Gary Donner ruffed the lead of the ♣K with the ♥8, cashed the ace and queen of hearts, crossed to the ♦K and claimed: +1510.

Ruffing the first trick appears to be wrong if the trumps split four-nil but further analysis shows that declarer can virtually always set up a trump coup if West holds

I to fourth.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Root	C Rimstedt	Gross
_	1♥	3♣	4♣*
5♣	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥*	All Pass	

4♣ Good raise6♥ 2KC

Steve Root and Susanna Gross apparently had a misunderstanding, caused by the heavy interference from Cecilia Rimstedt and Kevin Dwyer. They ended up in 6♥ and after a spade lead Root did not bother to score an overtrick: +980, 11 IMPs to Swusa.

Jonsma – Isramix

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Gast	Nosatzki	V. Roosmalen
_	1♥	3♣	5♣*
Pass	5 ♦*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

5♣ Exclusion RKCB5♦ 1KC outside clubs



Great bidding by Bas van Roosmalen but unfortunate play by Hester Gast. She won the opening lead with the ♣A and then drew three rounds of trumps. Then she cashed the ♠Q and the ♠K, crossed to the ♠A and cashed ♠A and ♠K. When the spades did not break, she had to concede a club trick in the end: minus 50.

Drawing three rounds of trumps was not that bad but declarer should have overtaken the A, after which she can ruff out West's A while still having the A as an entry.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Jansma	Cohen	Both	D Tal
_	1♥	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

4NT keycard ask



After lucky bidding by Dana Tal, Ilan Cohen followed the same line as declarer at the other table for an inelegant push.

Juniors United – Turkish Mixed

(Diagram repeated for convenience)

- **♠** Q
- **V** K 10 7 5 4 3
- ♦ K 7
- ♣ A 6 4 2
- **♠** J 7 4 3
- **9** 6
- Q9642
- **9** 5 3

- **•** 6
- **♥** J 9 2
- 10 5 3
- ♣ K Q J 10 8 7
- ♠ A K 10 9 8 5 2
- ♥ A Q 8
- A J 8
- **♣** –

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kizilok	Sandin	Kutuk	Clementsson
_	2♥*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	7♥

2♥ 10-13, 6♥ 4♣ splinter 4NT RKCB

All Pass

Alexander Sandin rightly got excited after his partner's splinter bid and asked for keycards. Sanna Clementsson counted three keycards and the queen of trumps and also had a void in clubs and the ♠K. She jumped straight away to 7♥.

Sandin won the club lead with the ace, played a heart to the ace and a heart to the king, unblocked the ♠Q, crossed to the ♥Q and claimed. Well played.

With no adverse bidding it was highly unlikely that the ♠Q would get ruffed. The alternative of drawing three rounds of trumps and overtaking the ♠Q would have failed with ♠J to fourth in East.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Yaninski	Kökten	Teneva	Aluf
_	1♥	3♣	5♣*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

5♣ void 5NT 2KC

Something went wrong in the bidding but the final contract was excellent.



East led a trump. Namik Kökten won with the 8 in dummy, cashed the ♥A, played a spade to the queen and a heart to the queen and could claim the rest: a nice push.

Kökten's play was a bit lazy. He should have avoided the risk of East being void in spades: win the first trick with the 10 in hand, ruff a club, cash the ♥A, cross to the •K, draw the last trump, unblock the •Q and play a diamond to the ace.

Henner – Last Minute Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Weiss	J Carmichael	Selway	T Carmichael
_	1♥	3♣*	3♠
5♣	Dbl	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

3♣ weak

The Carmichaels failed to reach the grand and Jenni made only twelve tricks after the lead of the ♠6: NS 980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Moss	B Bilde	Lee	L Bilde
_	1♥	3♣	5♣*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

- 5. Exclusion RKCB (0/3, 1/4)
- 5♥ 1 or 4 KC excl. clubs

The Bildes did not err. Exclusion or Voidwood is a great convention, once you think of it and Lone Bilde did. Bo Lønberg Bilde ruffed the club lead in dummy and when the trumps behaved, he soon claimed 13 tricks: plus 1510 and a gain of 11 IMPs.







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