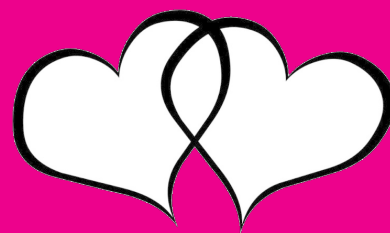


# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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## Who will the eight be?

We could have recycled the headline from yesterday as England still holds the lead; however Harris dropped back yesterday while Marlenka, our only 4-handed team, keep going strong and have a lead of almost 10 VPs ahead of our Summer Mixed Stars with 3 matches to go.

In the spirit of the ongoing European Soccer Championships captivating many European Nations, we bring a picture of our Victim of the Day, Jan Jansma, supporting the Netherlands.

The editor got her first shot today, so we apologize up front for more mistakes than usual in the bulletin.



**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










June 16

10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET – Round 7 (14 boards)

12:10 EDT / 18:10 CET – Round 8 (14 boards)

14:20 EDT / 20:20 CET – Round 9 (14 boards)

## Draw Round 4

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>MARLENKA</u>	 <u>BAMSA</u>
2	 <u>SUMMER MIXED STARS</u>	 <u>SWUSA</u>
3	 <u>WILSON</u>	 <u>TULIPS ++</u>
4	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	 <u>HARRIS</u>
5	 <u>Mrs. ROBINSON</u>	 <u>SILLA</u>
6	 <u>MARENGO</u>	 <u>PENFOLD</u>
7	 <u>ALE</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>
8	 <u>CORONA-SURVIVORS</u>	 <u>BELHARA</u>
9	 <u>KODA</u>	 <u>NYVASA</u>

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## Ranking



David Gold and the rest of team Marlenka are in a good position.

### Next Monthly Mixed Teams

July 5 -8

August 9 - 12

Both summer events are only 4 days long and have a maximum of 32 boards/day.

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Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <a href="#">MARLENKA</a>	86.50
2	 <a href="#">SUMMER MIXED STARS</a>	77.55
3	 <a href="#">BAMSA</a>	74.09
4	 <a href="#">SWUSA</a>	73.06
5	 <a href="#">WILSON</a>	70.55
6	 <a href="#">TULIPS ++</a>	68.87
7	 <a href="#">TURNIPS</a>	67.10
8	 <a href="#">HARRIS</a>	66.77
9	 <a href="#">Mrs. ROBINSON</a>	65.70
10	 <a href="#">SILLA</a>	58.07
11	 <a href="#">MARENGO</a>	56.37
12	 <a href="#">PENFOLD</a>	52.28
13	 <a href="#">ALE</a>	49.09
14	 <a href="#">PARKER</a>	45.57
15	 <a href="#">CORONA-SURVIVORS</a>	44.95
16	 <a href="#">KODA</a>	43.95
17	 <a href="#">BELHARA</a>	40.93
18	 <a href="#">NYVASA</a>	38.60



# The Orwellian Principle

## Round 2 & 3

By Mark Horton



All bridge matches are created equal, but some are more equal than others.

Although the players are confronted by the same deals, it is often the case that matches can be disparate in nature.

For example, in Round 2 one encounter saw 29 IMPs recorded while another featured 70. It was even more pronounced in Round 3, the relevant numbers being 31 IMPs and 86. Here is a significant deal from each round:

### Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

EW have the assets for a grand slam, but if you play in spades you risk a bad trump split. Playing in 7NT you might be able to survive.

### Nyvasa v Ale

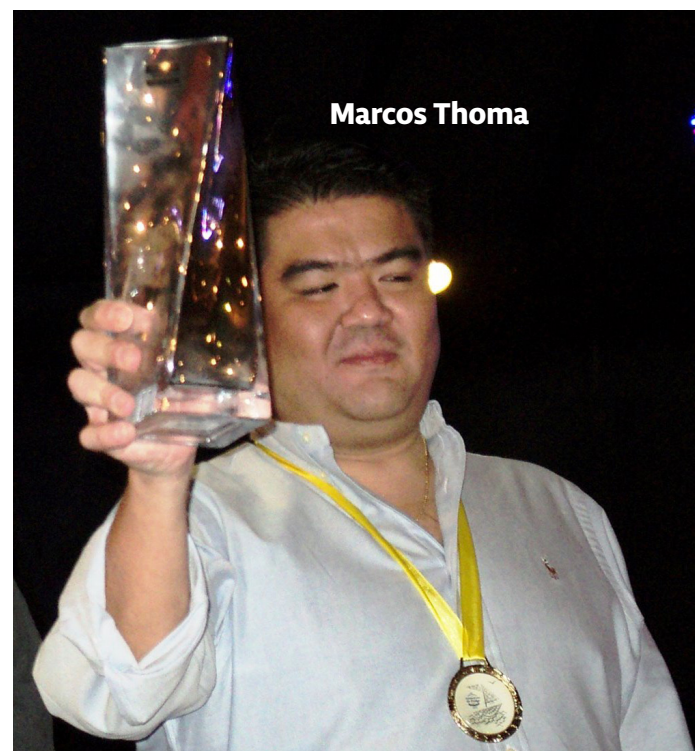
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thoma	J Fox	David	J Fox
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

2♣ 2+♣, game forcing

4NT RKCB

5♥ 2 key cards

South led the ♠7 and after drawing trumps declarer claimed, +2210.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Schwartz	Ravenna	A Schwartz	Garafulic
—	—	2NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

4♣ Gerber  
 4NT 3 aces  
 5♣ Kings?

5♦ was not alerted, so I cannot tell you what message was being conveyed. I can tell you it was a claim at trick two, South having led the ♠7, +2220.

This was the only match where both sides bid a grand slam.

### Mrs Robinson v Marengo

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
B Delestre	Schwartz	D Delestre	Robinson
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

2♣ Game forcing, 2+♣  
 2NT Balanced 15+  
 3NT Ask for ♣ control  
 4♣ Cue  
 4NT RKCB  
 5♥ 2 key cards  
 5NT 'GSF'

That was +1460.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Teneva	Aubonnet	Scatà	Joligeon
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

3♣ 'Stayman'

Simples. +2220 and 13 IMPs (the only double-digit swing of the match).

### Marlenka v Summer Mixed Stars

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Woodcock	Krefeld	Draper
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

2♣ 'Weak ♦/18-19/diff strong'  
 2NT Asking  
 3NT 18-19

The fact the East has a five-card suit is important. Perhaps West should be able to bid 4♣ over 3NT to enquire?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	v Roosmalen	Gold	Gast
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♠	All Pass

2♣ Natural game force

4♥ Cue

4NT RKCB

5♥ 2 key cards

5NT Grand slam try

A spade lead meant a claim at the end of trick two, +2210.

### Round 3

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

How good is the South hand facing a balanced 20-22?

A six-card suit is a huge asset, as are the pair of aces. The KR Hand Evaluator rates it as 13.05, which is perhaps one way of saying that South should be looking for a slam.

### Swusa v Harris

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Cullin	Tiholov	Michielsen
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♣*	Pass	6♦*
All Pass			

1♣ 16+

1♠ 'Artificial game force, any shortness, 5-7, A3K2Q1'

1NT Ask

2♦ 5♥

2♥ Ask

2♠ '6♥ (421) or 5♥5♦/♣ (21) or wilder'

2NT Ask

4♣ 4621, 6 AKQ points

4♦ Ask

4♥ 0 or 2 aces

4♠ Ask

5♦ A♥ and A♠, not ♥J

5♠ Ask

5NT Not ♠J

6♣ Ask

6♦ Not ♦J

If, like me, you have trouble remembering what day of the week it is, you may find the feat of memory involved in making all the right responses quite something.

Susanna Gross



If South has shown the ♦J would North have bid 7♦ - I have a feeling he would. West led the ♦10 and declarer drew trumps, cashed the ♥K and played a heart to the ten, claiming 12 tricks, +920.

Many years ago I was persuaded to play a version of Relay Precision. During our discussions my partner advised me that if at any point either player jumped to 4♦ it meant 'I cannot remember the responses, bid 4♥ and I will bid the final contract'.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Root	S Rimstedt	Gross
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

2NT 20-21  
3♥ 'No4M'

With both spade and diamonds being kindly disposed, declarer was always going to take 12 tricks, the play being brief when East led the ♥2, +990 and a fortuitous 2 IMPs.

## Tulips++ v Mrs Robinson

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Retter	Thiele	Petelko	Verdegaal
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

2♣ Always strong  
2♦ Relay  
2NT 22-23  
3♣ Puppet  
3NT No 4/5M  
5♥ 'Not discussed'

West led the ♣5 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♥K and played a heart to the nine, eventually claiming, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Schwartz	Levin	Robinson
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♥ Natural, 3+ controls  
2NT Maximum, 3 spades  
3♠ Natural  
4♠ To play  
5♣ 'Cue bid, first or second round'

West led the ♦6 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠K and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing with the ♠8.





Louis Beauchet

## Koda v Penfold

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

- 1♣ 16+ artificial
- 1♥ '8-11, any distribution, but not 5+♠'
- 2NT 'Around 22+ typically'
- 3♦ No major
- 3♠ 5+♥, 4♠
- 4♥ 4-6, mild slam try
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 key cards

Given that South had denied ownership of the ♥Q, North was perhaps being a little optimistic. East led the ♥5 and declarer took two tricks in the suit and then cashed five diamonds followed by four spades. If West had also held the ♣Q she would have been squeezed, but here she could hold on to the ♥Q for one down, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bhargava	Senior	Kristinsson	Penfold
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Dble*	Pass*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

2NT 20-22    3♣ 'Enquiry'  
Pass 'No 5M'

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy, cashed the ♥K and played a heart to the ace, +980 and a 14 IMP swing.

East overruffed and played a diamond, but declarer could win in dummy, cash the ♠Q felling the jack, cash the ♣A, ruff a club and draw the last trump, +980 and a push.

## Corona-Survivors v Ale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thoma	Beauchet	Correa	Benben
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT(22-24)	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

East led the ♠4 and declarer won with the king, cashed the ♥K and continued with a heart to the nine, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosenbaum	Quiroga	Kovachev	Poncioni
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♦ 5+    3♣ Stayman

East led the ♠2 for the jack and king and declarer drew trumps and then played a heart for the jack and king. When the diamonds divided there were 12 tricks, +980.



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# Victim of the Day

Jan Jansma

by Christina Lund Madsen



*How old are you, where are you from, where do you currently live and how many wives and children do you have?*

- Old? I am 58 years young. My orange shirt tells you I am from The Netherlands. Married to Aida, and I have 3 children (not with Aida) 24, 25 and 27 now.

*Tell us about your background in terms of career and education.*

- I studied math and have been a math teacher for 15 years. It was something I enjoyed doing as well. But one day, after winning the European Championships, I received a phonecall at night: "We need a pair for the Nationals this summer, are you interested?"

Since then I played every National. At first combined with math. That was sometimes very hectic. Arriving at Schiphol at 7 am, taking the train to school, and teach from 9-4.... Now that I stopped teaching math, I have to admit I sometimes miss it!

*How did you begin to play bridge?*

My parents taught me the A=4, K=3 etc thing, when I was 14, while we were doing the dishes (I lived in the times when there was no dishwasher). My mother was actually my first bridgepartner. But after that I climbed the ladder in the Junior world.

*What has been the highlight of your bridge life so far?*

- That is the easiest question of all:



Jan Jansma

Winning the World Championship Mixed with Aida! And not to forget with our good friends Richard and Magie.

*Which country will you represent in the future?*

- I had high hopes of playing in the trials for the USA. I already lived there for a year, as you need to be a 2-year resident. But then came Covid...

*Give us the highlights of your love story with Aida.*

- Aida and I met in Verona. She played for Macedonia. She already lived in Holland. We actually flew in the same plane. I started flirting with her, we went dancing

there. And now we have soon been married for 10 years. We did not exactly meet in our twenties, so we are both so grateful and happy to have found each other. We still say "I love you" multiple times a day (In English, Dutch or Macedonian).

*What is the key to playing with your spouse?*

- It helps that I practically say nothing (bad) at the bridge table. Being a poker player also helps to avoid: "You did not say anything, but I saw your left eyebrow moving".

*How would your sister describe you in three words?*

I called her and she said: Sweet, smart, generous.

*What do you do when you don't play bridge?*

- I really love to play poker, so I play some tournaments online. And something I do not like, but have to do it, to stay a little in shape: Fitness (Gosh, I really dislike it). And with the gorgeous weather now, I also go out to shoot some hoops (Yes that is basketball)

*Tell us something about yourself that few people know.*

- I think I am an open book to most people. Maybe that I don't drink at all? And that is actually something I dislike, when we go out with a group for dinner: "9 wine + 1 cola zero please" sounds horrible. But the thing is: I never started to drink when I was young. And then I thought: "Well I am perfectly happy and often in a good mood without alcohol, so why start now?"

*What scares you?*



- Nothing.

*If you had the chance to go back and do something differently in your life, what would it be?*

- Also nothing. I think everyone makes mistakes and good & bad decisions in life. But these things are making you the person you are right now.

*Who would you like to partner, kiss, kill between Sjoert Brink, Marusa Gold and Veri Kiljan?*

- The kissing question is the easiest: Marusa. I will partner Veri, so I know how it feels again to bid like a junior and open a weak 2 or Jxxxx and out. And although I also love Sjoert, that probably leaves me to kill him (no clue how to do that, as I have not even hit anyone in my life).

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

- As all these victims are usually the very well known people. I played (with zoom) against Linda Robinson yesterday. She was so pleasant to chat with, I would like to know more about her.



# Playing the Game

## Round 4

By Mark Horton



In Round 4 of the Summer Mixed those assuming the role of declarer faced some daunting challenges. How would you have fared?

### Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

This is what has perhaps become known as a 'Meckwellian' 3NT - an attempt to make a game with inadequate values. It recognises that the combination of the opening lead and defending give declarer more chances than might appear to be the case.

### Harris v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Root	Gold	Gross
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣      3♣ Preemptive

West led the ♥6 for the four, king and ace and not only did declarer have four heart tricks, there was also a sure entry to dummy. However, there is still work to do.

Declarer cashed the ♦AK and when West discarded the ♠3 declarer had to change tack, running the ♣9 to East's queen. The return of the ♠5 was ducked to West's king, the return of the ♠7 being covered by the ten, queen and ace.

Declarer's next move was a club to the king and when that held she unblocked the ♥10 and exited with a club. West could cash the ace and jack, but then had to lead a major, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Woodcock	Harris	Draper
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣  
2NT 18-19  
3♣ 'Forces 3♦'

East led the ♠6 for the eight and king and when West switched to the ♣5 declarer played dummy's two. East won with the queen, returned the six to West's ace and ruffed the next club. There was still a trump to come, -50 and a 10 IMP swing.



## Corona-Survivors v Marengo

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C de Bronac	Beauchet	P de Bronac	Herrera
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠3 for the queen and ace and declarer cashed the top diamonds, West pitching the ♣5. Declarer ran the ♣9 to East's queen and West won the next spade and returned the ♠7 for the nine and jack. When declarer continued with the ♣7 West took the ace and cashed the ♠7 before exiting with the ♣J. Declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♣10 and then took the heart finesse which was enough for nine tricks, +400.

If East plays the ♠6 on the third round of the suit, retaining the nine as an entry, the contract must fail.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosenbaum	B Delestre	Kovachev	D Delestre
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠3 for the queen and ace and declarer cashed the top diamonds, West discarding the ♠4, and then played the three of clubs for the five, ten and queen. After two rounds of spades declarer played the ♣7, but West took the ace and returned the ♣J, pinning declarer's nine. When East covered the ♥T the defenders were certain to take two more tricks, -50 and 10 IMPs.

Once West has pitched a spade rather than a club, declarer can run the ♣9. East wins and the defenders play two rounds of spades, but declarer wins and plays a club to the ten and the ♥10 for the king and ace. After cashing two more hearts declarer can play a heart or a club and must score another trick.

## Swusa v Bamsa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	S Rimstedt	Caprera	Donner
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥6 for the king and ace and declarer continued with three rounds of diamonds, East winning and exiting with a heart. Declarer won with dummy's ten and played a diamond, East winning and exiting with a spade. West won and returned a spade and declarer won, cashed two hearts and then played a club (having worked so hard to establish a diamond he could also have got home at this point by cashing the ♠J before playing a club, but that would have entailed discarding the ♦6) securing the two tricks he still required, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cullin	Peterkin	Michielsen	Punch
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠5 and declarer won the second round, taking East's queen with the ace, cashed the top diamonds, West discarding the ♥2, and then played the ♥Q.

East took the king and exited with a spade, declarer winning and playing a club to the king followed by three hearts for +120, but a 7IMP loss.

#### Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

With West sure to open the bidding via the heart suit, the first question for NS is what to do with the North hand? Overcall in spades or double?

At the vulnerability defending a doubled heart contract is not a bad idea, while 4♠ should be easy enough given the diamond position.

#### Harris v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Root	Gold	Gross
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥*	2♠	All Pass	

2♥ 9-11

East led the ♥10 and declarer ruffed, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing and



Catherine Seale

a diamond for the ten, jack and ace. The spade switch was taken by dummy's ten and declarer played a diamond for the queen and king, ruffed a club, and ruffed a heart. Cashing the ♠K at this point means +200, but declarer exited with a diamond and West ruffed which meant +170.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Woodcock	Harris	Draper
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥*	Dble	All Pass	

Three rounds of clubs saw South ruff and return the ♦6 for the ten, jack and ace and declarer played a heart to the jack and exited with a spade. She could score five trump tricks and the ♦A but that was -500 and an 8 IMP loss.



Peter Both

### Summer Mixed Stars v Tulips++

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Tunçok	Levin	Cappelletti
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♥*	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ 'Wide ranging in third'

West led the ♥A and declarer ruffed in dummy, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing, and a diamond for the ten, jack and ace. The club return was ruffed and declarer unblocked the ♠A, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♠K and played the ♦K, securing 11 tricks, +450.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
v Roosmalen	Both	Gast	A Jansma
—	—	Pass	Pass
3♥*	Dble	All Pass	

3♥ 'Wide range'

Three rounds of clubs and a diamond switch meant -800 and an 8 IMP loss.

At a number of tables North overcalled in spades and South made a courtesy raise which saw North go on to game, which was worth 6 IMPs. For the record West opened 2♥ on 12 occasions, North overcalling 2♠ seven times and doubling five times, South electing to defend at four tables.

### Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

NS have more than enough to attempt 3NT, but it is not exactly a laydown.

### Harris v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Root	Gold	Gross
—	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣  
 2♣ Game forcing  
 2♦ 'Mostly weak NT, doesn't want to declare'

West led the ♠J and continued with the ten, declarer winning with the king and playing a club for the five, queen and king. East switched to the ♦5 and West won with the nine and returned the six for the ten and queen. Declarer ducked a club to West's nine, took the club return with the ace and cashed her winners, going two down, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Woodcock	Harris	Draper
—	Pass	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1NT 15-17

2♣ Stayman

West led the ♣J for the two, king and ace and declarer played back the ♣8 for the ten and queen. A third club saw West win, East having parted with a diamond and a heart. Declarer could already count nine tricks, and she finished with ten, +430 and 11 IMPs.

## Nyvasa v Penfold

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	A Schwartz	Selway	A Schwartz
—	Pass	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠J and declarer won and played a club to the queen and king, East returning the ♠7 to West's ten, which was allowed to hold. West switched to the ♣J but when it held she continued with the ♥5 (East had discarded the ♥3) and

declarer took the queen with the king and played the ♥10 for the jack and ace. Declarer played a club to the ace and a club and West won and exited with a heart. Declarer won with dummy's nine, cashed the ♠A and not realising the ♥4 was good, played a diamond to the queen for one down, -50.

This was the only table where West avoided the potentially disastrous club lead after a Stayman sequence.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pepic	Senior	da Rosa	Penfold
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♣J for the two, king and ace and declarer continued with a club to the queen and a club, West winning as East pitched two diamonds. A heart for the queen and king saw declarer exit with a club and when West exited with the ♥J declarer cashed her winners, +400 and 10 IMPs.

## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



Yet another 3NT contract. With spades behaving and the ♦K onside it looks easy enough...

### Harris v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Root	Gold	Gross
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♣ Game forcing

3♥ 'Forcing/asking'

North led the ♥K and declarer took the third round of the suit, played a diamond to the queen and then played on spades, crossing to the king, finessing the jack and cashing the ace. She later played a second diamond for 10 tricks, +630.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Woodcock	Harris	Draper
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♣ Forcing to game

South led the ♦7 for the king and ace and declarer played a club for the queen and king. North switched to the ♥Q and declarer won the second round of the suit and played a diamond to the jack and unblocked the queen, North pitching the ♠5. Declarer crossed to dummy with the ♠K and cashed the ♦10, discarding a spade from hand and played a spade for the queen and ace.



Guy Mendes de Leon

When he continued with a club to the ace, ten tricks had shrunk to eight and 12 IMPs had vanished.

There is no way of knowing how this happened - did declarer miss the spade discard, or did he simply forget to cash the ♠J? It is the type of mistake that appears to be made more frequently in online games, where I suspect one's concentration may not be as high as when playing 'face to face'.

### Turnips v Wilson

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Ticha	Franceschetti	de Leon	Setton
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	2♥	Dble*	All Pass

2♣ 2+♣, game forcing Dble Takeout

East led the ♥6 and declarer won with the nine and continued with the king, switching to the ♠Q when it held. East took the ace (ducking should lead to an easy -1100) and switched to the ♣9, West taking the ace, cashing the ♥A and the ♠K before switching to the ♦2. East won, cashed the

♠J and continued with a spade. Declarer ruffed, exited with the ♦K, ruffed the next diamond and had to lose a club at the end, -800.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	v Prooijen	Tartarin	Wilson
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

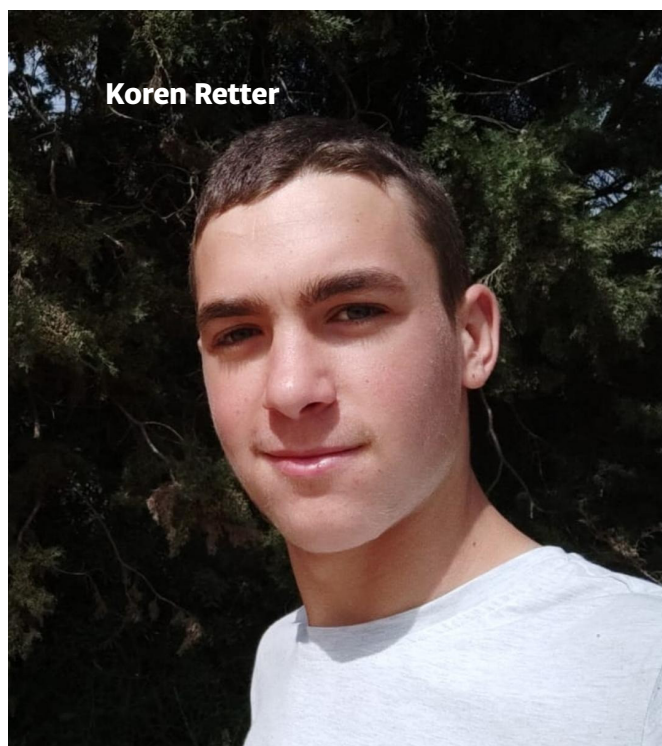
Declarer won the third round of hearts, played a diamond to the queen and then played on spades, securing ten tricks, +630, but a loss of 5 IMPs.

### Mrs. Robinson v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Petelko	Rubenstein	Retter
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♣ 2+♣, GF 2♦ 'May be waiting'

South led the ♥4, declarer winning with dummy's ace as North followed with the nine. A diamond to the nine was followed by a spade to the king and a second diamond. Now declarer played a club to the queen and North won and continued with two rounds of hearts. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A and then tried to cash a diamond, but North ruffed and played a heart, promoting South's ♠10 for -100. Once declarer had taken the club finesse, the strongest defence is for North to underlead her hearts. South wins with the ten, returns a diamond for North to



ruff and then exits with a club, killing the entry to dummy. As the play went, declarer could have survived by taking the spade finesse.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sokol	A Grossack	L. Madsen	Parker
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥10 (NS leads are Rusinow except in rare situations) and North won with the queen and continued with the nine, followed by the king. Having taken dummy's ace, declarer played a diamond to the queen, a spade to the king and a second diamond for the king and ace. After unblocking the ♦J declarer had to choose between the club or spade finesse. Thinking South held 5 hearts she ran the ♣9, and North won and cashed two hearts, -100 and a flat board.

'It's a funny old game'.

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