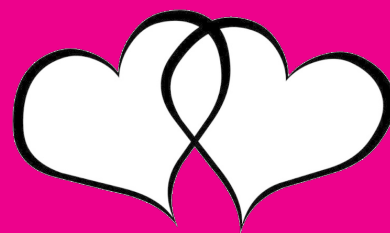


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Parting is such Sweet Sorrow

Before the last match the top-4 looked like this:

1	SWUSA	109.38
2	BAMSA	103.34
3	TURNIPS	99.56
4	MARLENKA	98.75



There was a 12 VP-gap to the Summer Stars in 5th and the scores were so tight down the table that teams within the top-8 might as well end in 13th place.

Which is exactly what happened to Penfold, when Marlenka blitzed them in the last match to jump ahead of SWUSA to win the Swiss.

Marlenka picked Ale, who climbed into the top-8 by beating Harris in the last match. SWUSA picked the Summer Mixed Stars and BAMSA Silla, leaving Wilson and Turnips in each other's arms.

We parted with 10 teams yesterday. We are sad to see you go and hope you had fun and at least won experience now the event is out of reach.

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 17



10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET – QF seg. 1 (14 boards)



12:10 EDT / 18:10 CET – QF seg. 2 (14 boards)



14:20 EDT / 20:20 CET – Semif. 1 (14 boards)



Knock-Outs

QUARTERFINAL

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 MARLENKA	10.1	<u>0</u>	10.1		10.1
 ALE	0	<u>0</u>	0		0

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 TURNIPS	1.1	<u>0</u>	1.1		1.1
 WILSON	0	<u>0</u>	0		0

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 BAMSA	3.1	<u>0</u>	3.1		3.1
 SILLA	0	<u>0</u>	0		0

team	c/o	Seg1	Sum1	Seg2	Total
 SWUSA	6.1	<u>0</u>	6.1		6.1
 SUMMER MIXED STARS	0	<u>0</u>	0		0

Semifinals

The winners of match 1 and 2 and the winners of match 3 and 4 play each other in the semifinals. Remember to line up as quickly as possible.

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Swiss Final Ranking

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 9		
rk	team	VPs
1	 MARLENKA	118.75
2	 SWUSA	115.66
3	 BAMSA	115.50
4	 TURNIPS	113.28
5	 SUMMER MIXED STARS	102.59
6	 ALE	92.54
7	 SILLA	92.10
8	 WILSON	89.83
9	 CORONA-SURVIVORS	88.46
10	 MARENGO	88.05
11	 TULIPS ++	87.83
12	 Mrs. ROBINSON	83.73
13	 PENFOLD	82.18
14	 KODA	76.62
15	 HARRIS	74.84
16	 NYVASA	72.99
17	 PARKER	68.60
18	 BELHARA	56.45

A Mixed Bag

Round 7

By Mark Horton



In the seventh round of the Summer Mixed, the players had to contend with a series of deals where it was not always easy to do the right thing.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

What to do with the West hand? Do you take a bid immediately, or wait and see? Absent a opening bid that shows both minors, a weak 2♦ might be considered 'down the middle' although the vulnerability is a concern. One also has to consider that bidding with the West hand may help declarer in the play.

Bamsa v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Woodcock	Trendafilova	Draper
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
2NT*	Dble	3♣	Dble*
All Pass			

2NT Two suits

Dble Penalty

After an early exchange of information North was more than happy to look for a penalty. South led the ♥10 and North took the king, cashed the ♠K and continued with the ♠J. Declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a heart and advanced the ♦Q, covered and ruffed. After ruffing another heart declarer pitched a heart on the ♦J and continued with the ten, discarding a spade when North ruffed with the ♣2.

When North exited with the ♠A South ruffed with the ♣10 and the king was declarer's last trick, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Caprera	Gold	Brenner
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
1NT*	Dble	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ Strong 1♦ 0-7 1NT Minors

East led the ♦A and switched to the ♣5, declarer taking dummy's ace, playing the ♥10 to the ace and cashing the ♠A. When the queen appeared declarer took the ♥K and played three rounds of spades, ruffing in dummy. He continued with dummy's ♣8 and when West played a nervous king he ruffed and played the ♦K.

East ruffed, cashed the ♥Q and exited with a spade, West's ♦J representing the setting trick, -50 and 11 IMPs.

Summer Mixed Stars v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Tunçok	C Rimstedt	Cappelletti
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Turning a blind eye to the vulnerability West went with a full-blooded preempt. East led the ♦A and switched to the ♠2, declarer winning with the ace, cashing the top hearts and the ♠K. When West discarded a diamond declarer continued with the ♥4 and East won and switched to the ♣5. Declarer won with dummy's ace and continued with the queen, covered and ruffed, and after cashing the ♠J declarer conceded one down, -50.

East's spade switch makes life difficult, but if after cashing a top heart declarer continues with a low one he is in the game. If East wins and returns a heart declarer can prevail by playing to squeeze East in the minors. Otherwise declarer will be able to ruff the fourth spade in dummy for an easy ten tricks.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Krefeld	S Rimstedt	Hammelev	Donner
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
2♦	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ 16+

1♦ 0-7, artificial



Sandra Rimstedt
Photo: ACBL

East led the ♦A and switched to the ♣5 and declarer won in dummy and ran the ♥10, East winning and exiting with a club for the ten and king, declarer ruffing with the ♥J and cashing the ♠K. She took two rounds of trumps ending in dummy, pitched a diamond on the ♣Q, came to hand with a spade, cashed the ♥K and claimed, +420 and 10 IMPs.

Marengo v Penfold

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	Aubonnet	Selway	Joligeon
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♣5 and declarer took dummy's ace and ran the ♥10, East winning and returning he two, West pitching the ♣3. Declarer won with the jack and played four rounds of spades ruffing and then played a diamond for the ten, king and ace. East exited with a spade and declarer had to lose the last two tricks, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C de Bronac	Senior	P de Bronac	Penfold
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ♦A and switched to the ♠7, declarer winning with the ace and cashing the top hearts as West discarded the ♦2. Three rounds of spades and a ruff were followed by a diamond to the king and East ruffed and cashed the ♥Q. Now a club would have been fatal, but East did not see the danger and exited with a spade. Declarer ruffed and cashed the last trump, squeezing West, who had to bare the ♣K. Declarer played a club to the ace and had 10 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

EW have the values for game (and 6♣ is playable, but tough to reach).

Bamsa v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Woodcock	Trendafilova	Draper
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 1♣ 16+ unbalanced or 17+ any
- 2♣ 8-11 balanced
- 2♦ Asking about majors
- 3♣ 4♥, not 4♠
- 3♠ '5+ usually'

Clubs were never in the picture. North led the ♥2 and South won with the ace as a spade went from dummy and returned the nine for the queen and king, declarer discarding a club. Declarer ducked the ♥10 pitching a diamond and won the next heart releasing a second spade. After cashing dummy's ♣AK declarer played a spade to the ace, a spade to the king and cashed two clubs discarding dummy's ♠J. When a diamond to the queen held declarer had nine tricks, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Caprera	Gold	Brenner
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Dble	4♣	All Pass

- 2♣ Diamonds
- 3♣ '3+♣, good hand'
- 3♥ 'Naturalish'

EW appeared to be on route to a high-level club contract when the bidding surprisingly came to a halt. With little at stake declarer settled for 10 tricks, +130 which meant 10 IMPs were lost.

Summer Mixed Stars v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Tunçok	C Rimstedt	Cappelletti
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1NT Semi-forcing

2♣ Natural or any 16+ unbalanced

2♦ Artificial game force opposite 16+

2NT 16+, exactly 4♣, 0-2♥

South led the ♦2 for the king and ace and declarer cashed the ♠K, crossed to the ace and ran the ♦9, South winning with the jack and exiting with the seven. Declarer won, cashed the ♣A and played a spade, soon claiming the rest, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Krefeld	S Rimstedt	Hammelev	Donner
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ 16+ or natural

2♦ 8-9

3♣ Natural, 16+

3♥ Values



Judy and Jim Fox

North led the ♥2 and declarer won the fourth round of the suit having pitched two spades, a diamond and a club from dummy. Three rounds of clubs saw South pitch the ♥8 and declarer played a diamond to the ten and jack, claiming on South's diamond return, +600 but the loss of a couple of IMPs.

The 4♠ v 3NT scenario was repeated several times.

Koda v Nyvasa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Fox	Moss	J Fox	Ginossar
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

1NT Forcing

4♦ Cue

4♠ Cue

South led the ♥A and declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace and ran the ♦9, South winning with the jack and exiting with the ♣9 for the ten, jack and king. Declarer cashed the ♠K, ruffed a spade and drew trumps ending in dummy. When the diamond king proved to be onside and the suit 3-3 declarer was home, +1370. They were the only pair to reach 6♣.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Westheimer	Pepic	Lee	da Rosa
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	All Pass

South led the ♣9 for the ten, jack and ace and declarer crossed to the ♠A and played a diamond for the ten and jack. That meant that in due course he could run the ♦9 making 12 tricks even if North had started with four diamonds. A small consolation for +170 and the loss of 15 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

The major suits offer enough tricks for a slam although EW are sure to compete in diamonds. How does South discover that North has the right cards?



Bamsa v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Woodcock	Trendafilova	Draper
Pass	1♣*	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣ can be 5♦
 4♦ Splinter
 4♥ Cue
 4NT RKCB
 5♥ 2 key cards

West led the ♦A and switched to the ♥3, declarer soon claiming, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Caprera	Gold	Brenner
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

2♣ 6+♣,10-15

2NT Forces 3♣ can be the start of other hands

3♦ 'Both majors, game forcing'

4♠ 'Key card for hearts'

5♣ 1/4 key cards

That meant the loss of 11 IMPs.



Ricco van Prooijen
Photo: Jerry Li

Wilson v Tulips++

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Wilson	Levin	van Prooijen
Pass	1♣	2♦	2♠
4♦	Dble	Pass	6♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

North's cards were in all the right places, +980.

Koda v Nyvasa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kiljan	Both	Larsson	A Jansma
J Fox	Moss	J Fox	Ginossar
Pass	1♣	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

You can't argue with that! +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kiljan	Both	Larsson	A Jansma
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

4♣ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♥ 2 key cards

4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 key card

A regulation+980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Westheimer	Pepic	Lee	da Rosa
Pass	1♣	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

South's 5♥ allowed for the possibility that North might not have enough in his suits. An excellent +980 to flatten the board.

In the six remaining matches only two pairs bid a slam.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

6♥ is easy to make, but how easy is it to bid?

Bamsa v Marlenka

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Woodcock	Trendafilova	Draper
—	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	All Pass		



2NT 10-13, 3+♥
 3NT Short ♠, not minimum
 4♣ Cuebid 4♠ Void in ♠
 4NT 1430 5♠ 2 key cards +♥Q

That made it look easy, +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Caprera	Gold	Brenner
—	Pass	1♥	2♠
3♠*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

3♠ Heart support 4NT RKCB
 5♠ 2 key cards +♥Q

An excellent push.

Five pairs stopped short of slam. Three players opened the East hand 4♥, which looks reasonable enough. One West asked for key-cards before bidding 6♥ (South having overcalled 4♠). Another West jumped directly to 6♥ while the third one passed.

Ten tricks

By Toine van Hoof



The most spectacular hand of the first day of the Summer Mixed Trophy was Board 11 from Round 3:

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

There are ten tricks available to NS in spades and to EW in hearts. Three NS pairs were allowed to play 4♠. They all made an overtrick when West led two high clubs, setting up the ♣Q for a diamond discard.

Six times the final contract was 5♠. Again three times West led ♣AK for an easy plus 450.

Martine Rossard (Belhara) was treated to a tougher defense by Cédric Lorenzini (Turnips).

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Uszynski	Tartarin	Rossard
—	—	—	1♠
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣A, followed by a small club for East to ruff. The diamond return went to the jack and the king. Rossard played a spade to the ace, ruffed a club high, played a spade to the jack, ruffed the ♣Q and ran the spades, reaching this ending:

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

On the ♠2 East was squeezed in the red suits. Anne Laure Huberschwiller made life easy for declarer by discarding the ♦9. If she had bared the ♥K Rossard still would have had to guess. Now she comfortably made the last three tricks with ♥A, ♦A and ♦8 for a push board.

Layne Benben (Corona-Survivors) went down in 5♠ after the same defense when she took a heart finesse early in the play. Jan Pedersen (Summer Mixed Stars) also went down in 5♠, but in a quite amusing way:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brock	Rasmussen	Myers	Pedersen
—	—	—	1♠
5♣	5♠	All Pass	



Jan Pedersen

clubs. However, she took the losing heart finesse and went two off, minus 300.

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

<Diagram repeated for convenience.>

Six times EW found the good save of 5♥. If declarer takes the right view in hearts, (s)he loses one heart and two diamonds. However, only once ten tricks were recorded. One declarer made his contract, two declarers went two off and two even three off.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C de Bronac	A Grossack	P de Bronac	Parker
—	—	—	1♠
2♣	2NT*	Pass	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

2NT 4+♠, inv+

Adam Grossack (Parker) led the ♠K. Declarer, Christian de Bronac (Marengo), ruffed and played a heart to the jack, followed by a diamond. Chris Parker ducked so the ♦K won the trick. Probably fearing that declarer would easily come to eleven tricks through a ruffing finesse in diamonds, Grossack shifted to a club.

When Sally Brock (BAMSA) led the ♣K, Barry Myers ruffed. He exited with a diamond to the king. Pedersen drew the trumps, cashed ♦A and endplayed East in diamonds. Myers did not oblige (a diamond return would have given declarer a sluff-and-ruff) and returned the ♥K. Pedersen now got a useless club discard on the ♥Q and had to concede one down. Eliminating the hearts first would have done the trick.

The only way to legitimately defeat 5♠ is to lead a red card or switch to it after cashing one club.

One pair voluntarily bid all the way to 6♠:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M. de Léon	Eide	Tichá	Blågestad
—	—	—	1♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Magie Tichá (Wilson) ruffed the ♣K lead. Now declarer could have escaped for one down by eliminating the hearts and end-playing either East in diamonds or West in

That was fatal. De Bronac took the queen with the ace, cashed the ♣K and continued with the ♣J. The ♥Q was overruffed by the king. Declarer gave up the ♥A and claimed: EW 650. Double dummy analysis shows that North should have continued spades to defeat the contract.

Parker lost 15 IMPs on the board as at the other table Zach Grossack as West took out 5♠ doubled with 6♥ and his partner Giorgia Botta, in spite of a benevolent defense (♥9 to the ace, ♦K, ♠K) went three off for minus 500.

Joshua Donn and Sheri Winestock (Koda) escaped in a curious way:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Preddy	Donn	Selway	Winestock
—	—	—	1♠
2♠*	3♥*	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			

2♠ ♥+♣
3♥ good spade raise

Here South also led the ♥9 to the ace and North also subsequently cashed the ♦K. Norman Selway (Penfold) refused to profit from it. He ruffed the ♠Q return and instead of finessing the ♥Q and ruffing out the ♦A (probably expecting it was in North), he tried to set up dummy's clubs. Somehow, he went three off.

Nevertheless team Penfold won 7 IMPs on the board as Brian Senior and Sandra Penfold scored 800 by beating 6♥ doubled by four tricks.



Alison Wilson

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lindstrøm	v. Prooijen	Brekka	Wilson
—	—	—	1♠
2♠*	2NT*	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

2♠ ♥+minor
2NT 4+♠, inv+

Ricco van Prooijen (Wilson) also gave declarer a chance, but Geir Brekka (Silla) too could not believe it. Alison Wilson led the ♠A, ruffed in dummy, and when the ♦J was advanced, North covered with the king. The contract can now be made. Declarer ruffed the ♠K return in dummy and cashed ♣AK. Instead of discarding a spade and a diamond and playing a heart next, he discarded two diamonds and could no longer come to eleven tricks. Eventually he went two off for a loss of 12 IMPs (6♠X -2 at the other table).

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A Short Report

Round 5 & 6

By Mark Horton



Here are a couple of deals that caused some big swings on day two of the Summer Mixed:

Round 5

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

NS can make all the tricks playing in hearts or clubs, the latter being the safer of the two. How to discover that South has the perfect hand?

Bamsa v Tulips++

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Jansma	Jarlvik	Levin	Trendafilova
—	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

- 1♣ 16+, any hand, not 16/22-23 balanced
- 1♥ '8-11 unbal. with minors or any 12+'

- 1♠ Asking for hand type
- 2NT '55 minors and 30/03 in majors'
- 3♣ 'Asks for void and sets clubs'
- 3♠ 'Void ♠, 0355, 8-11'

Once you know about the spade void you know that a heart can be disposed of on the ♠A, so you don't need the ♥Q.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Brenner	Thiele	Caprera	Verdegaal
—	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♠*
Dble	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♥*
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

- 2NT Heart support, limit+
- 3♣ 'Slam invite, does not say about ♣'
- 3♠ Cue
- 4♣ Cue
- 4♦ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1/4 key cards
- 5♦ 'Ask ♥Q'
- 6♥ 'Nothing extra'

Not bad at all and worth a couple of IMPs. North might have bid 7♣ over 6♥, offering a choice of contracts.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Krefeld	Harris	Hammelev
—	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

3♦ Splinter
4♠ Voidwood

That was worth 10 IMPs for the Summer Mixed Stars in their match with Harris.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	I Grönkvist	S Rimstedt	M Grönkvist
—	1♥	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

2♥ 8-11
4♦ Void
4♠ Cue
4NT RKCB
5♦ '0/3 key cards'
5♠ 'Asking for ♥Q'
6♦ 'Yes and something extra'

That gave Wilson 11 IMPs in their match against Swusa.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Garafulic	Senior	Ravenna	Penfold
—	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

4♦ 'Shortage, should be void'



Johan Hammelev and Camilla Krefeld

That collected 10 IMPs for Penfold in their match with Ale.

No-one else ventured to the seven-level.

Round 6

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

♠ Q 9
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ A K 6
♣ K 10 8 5

♠ J 10 8 6 5 3 2
♥ 8
♦ 9 3
♣ 7 6 3

♠ A K 7 4
♥ J 6 3 2
♦ Q 5 4
♣ A 4

♠ —
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ J 10 8 7 2
♣ Q J 9 2

In theory NS can make 11 tricks in a red suit (although I wouldn't expect that to happen playing in hearts) and can also make 5♣ absent a heart lead, while EW have a rare paying vulnerable save in 4♠.

Marlenka v Wilson

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Larsson	Gold	Kiljan	Seale
—	—	1♣*	1♦
2♠	Dble*	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
2♠ Weak

I have never been a fan of the weak jump response, but it showed its worth here. North led the ♠9 and the defenders scored four tricks, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Draper	v. Prooijen	Woodcock	Wilson
—	—	1♣*	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East started with his top spades and as the play went declarer managed only four tricks, -250 and a 10 IMP loss.

Bamsa v Penfold

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Predy	Peterkin	Selway	Punch
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♠*	Dble	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♥8 and declarer won with the ten, cashed dummy's top diamonds and claimed, +550.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Jarlvik	Senior	Trendafilova	Penfold
—	—	1NT*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1NT 14-16
2♥ 5+♠
3♠ 4♠

I was surprised South didn't bid 2♣ over 1NT to show hearts and another suit.

The contract was one down, -100 and a 10 IMP swing.

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Swusa v Corona-Survivors

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rosenbaum	Michielsen	Kovachev	Cullin
—	—	1♣*	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣
2♠ 'Cuebid'

West led the ♠2 and declarer ruffed, cashed dummy's top diamonds and played a club, East taking the ace, cashing the ♦Q and exiting with the ♠A. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♣Q and played a club to the ten. When East discarded it was clear to play him for heart length, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Beauchet	Dwyer	Benben
—	—	1♣*	Pass
2♥*	Dble	4♠	All Pass
1♣ 2+♣ 2♥ 6+♠, less than invitational			

One down meant -100, but it was worth 7 IMPs.

Even where a weak jump to show spades was not available, West sometimes bid 1♠ which usually led to EW bidding 4♠. It was a classic example of a weak response paying off.

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