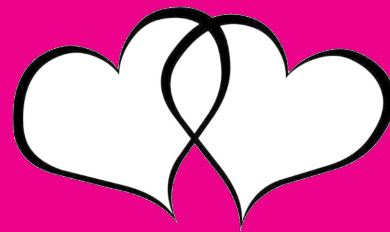


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Summer Storms

It was an eventful first day in our August Summer Teams. Slams, swings and blitzes were swirling around our participants. The Dutch Danes made it through the storm without losses and are topping our field with 33.57 VPs.

In second we find Donner with 28.52, and the two teams face each other in the first match today. Less than 1 VP separates the teams placed 3-5 (Turnips, McLaughlin and Israel Mixed) and the rest are waiting for their chance to attack.

After receiving your feedback we have decided to play one round of Danish after the 7 Round Robin-matches. This means 1 plays 2, 3 plays 4 etc. All results will count in the total, which means that the final ranking for all teams is decided after the Danish.



All players should enter BBO 5 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

August 10

10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET – RR 3 (16 boards)







12:15 EDT / 18:15 CET – RR 4 (16 boards)

Same schedule throughout the week

Results & Schedule

All Results

Future events

Ranking after round 2		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>DUTCH DANES</u>	33.57
2	 <u>SWUSA</u>	28.52
3	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	20.87
4	 <u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>	20.61
5	 <u>ISRAEL MIXED</u>	20.41
6	 <u>ROMANS</u>	14.35
7	 <u>PARKER</u>	12.28
8	 <u>HOTTUBBERS</u>	9.39

Round 3

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>DUTCH DANES</u>	 <u>SWUSA</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>	 <u>ROMANS</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>ISRAEL MIXED</u>	 <u>TURNIPS</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>HOTTUBBERS</u>	 <u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>

Round 4

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
<u>1</u>	 <u>DUTCH DANES</u>	 <u>HOTTUBBERS</u>
<u>2</u>	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	 <u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>
<u>3</u>	 <u>ROMANS</u>	 <u>ISRAEL MIXED</u>
<u>4</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>	 <u>SWUSA</u>

A Last Minute Psych

By Toine van Hoof



Elly Schippers-Bosklopper from the Netherlands won her first medal, a bronze one, at the European Championships of 1979 in Lausanne. After winning the European Women Pairs with Marijke van der Pas in 1980, she collected six more medals (four silver and two bronze) at various European and World Championships.

After retiring from the Dutch women team Schippers represented The Netherlands in the seniors on several occasions. Playing with her late husband Henk, Jan-Willem Bomhof and Roald Ramer she won a bronze medal at the 2002 World Championships.

Schippers has now turned her attention to the mixed, hoping to expand her already impressive trophies collection. She seized the opportunity to practice with her partner René Stienen against strong opponents by accepting a last minute invitation to participate in the tenth edition of the Monthly Mixed Teams.

As the other two pairs of the Dutch mixed team were not available, Schippers-Stienen teamed up with Johan Hammelev-Camilla Krefeld and Jens Ove Henneberg-Marlene Henneberg who will represent Denmark at the EBL Qualifier.

The “Dutch Danes” had a splendid first day, leading the field with 33.57 VPs after two matches. Elly Schippers is known as a solid



player who shies away from frivolous actions. Therefore, I was surprised to see her launch a psych at the very first board of the tournament.

Round 1. Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Stienen	Roman	Schippers
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♦	Dbl	All Pass	

Her third hand 1♠ opener was right on target. West doubled and Stienen had an easy raise to 4♠, pushing the opponents to the five level. Against 5♦ doubled North led the ♥A, followed by the ♥K and the ♥4 for his partner to ruff: plus 100.

At the other table NS remained silent and Hammelev-Krefeld had a free run to 4♥, making after the ♣10 lead by North. Another plus 420 and 11 IMPs to the Dutch Danes.

The Lead Test

Round 1

By Mark Horton



The latest edition of the Mixed Teams attracted eight teams – and some star names.

Both deals in this article presented a lead problem worth a 2-digit IMP-swing.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

To have any chance of defeating 4♥ North has to find a spade lead (or cash a top heart and then switch to a spade).

Swusa v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	C Rimstedt	Tartarin	Dwyer
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

3♦ Hearts

North led the ♣7 and declarer took the king with the ace discarding a spade from dummy and played the ♥Q, claiming ten tricks, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Franceschetti	S Rimstedt	Setton
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Here too North led the ♣7 and although South withheld the king it made no difference, +420.

Parker v Hottubers

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	Rubenstein	Del'Monte	Parker
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South's tactical effort led to East being declarer.

The opening lead was the ♦10 and when declarer played low from dummy North ruffed with the ♥4 and switched to the ♠10. Declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♣A pitching a spade and ran the ♣Q, discarding a second spade. When his majesty took the trick the top trumps meant -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Bauer	Grue	Hammond
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

Here North responded to the opening bid and the spade fit was located enabling South to find the lead of the ♠7.

Declarer took dummy's ace and played the ♥J. North won with the ace and switched to the ♣10 which meant that declarer could dispose of two spades and score ten tricks, losing only two hearts and a diamond and collecting 10 IMPs.

If North returns a spade at trick three South wins but must then switch to a diamond. That might be easier if North drops the ♠Q under the ace and then returns the ♠8.

If declarer covers the opening lead with dummy's nine North has to win and the defenders are helpless. However, South can remove this option by leading the ♠K! If declarer ducks in dummy North can send a message with the ♠Q.

Dutch Danes v Romans

(Already covered in Toine van Hoof's article)

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Stienen	Roman	Schippers
—	Pass	Pass	1♠*
Dble	4♠	4NT*	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

1♠ 'May be light'



If you feel compelled open the South hand 1♠ has the advantage of suggesting a lead and cuts out the heart suit.

North started with three rounds of hearts and South ruffed with the ♦9 for -100.

Could North find the spade lead to push the board at the other table?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	L. Madsen	Krefeld	Sokol
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

3♦ Transfer

3♥ 'Accept hearts'

North led the ♣10 so the swing was 11 IMPs.

Mclaughlin v Israel Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Saada	Wood	Bareket	Mclaughlin
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2NT 20-22

North led the ♣10 so that was +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Barr	Bussink	Zack
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The same lead meant the same result, no swing.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

NS have the material for a slam, but playing in spades risks a heart ruff. How many would find the deadly heart lead?



Swusa v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	C Rimstedt	Tartarin	Dwyer
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1♠*
2♣	Dble*	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
 1♥ 4+♠
 1♠ 11-14, 1-3♠
 Dble Take out

North led the ♥K and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♠3, North winning with the queen and switching to the ♦10. South won with the ace and returned the seven, North winning and playing the ♦K. Declarer ruffed and played a spade and North won and exited with a diamond.

Declarer ruffed and ruffed a spade, South, who had pitched the ♠K on the fourth diamond, overruffing and exiting with a heart. The ♣AQ meant the contract was two down, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Franceschetti	S Rimstedt	Setton
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♣ 'Ask'

East's opening lead was the ♠6, declarer claiming when West's jack appeared, +1430 and 14 IMPs.

Parker v Hottubers

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	Rubenstein	Del'Monte	Parker
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

2♦ Artificial game force

5♣ Exclusion Blackwood

5♠ 'She shows 1 with Q'

Although North's explanation of 5♠ is mystifying, stopping in 5♠ proved to be a good idea as East led the ♥A and continued with the ♥2, +650.



Joe Grue
Photo: Peg Kaplan

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Bauer	Grue	Hammond
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

East led (drum roll please).... the ♥A and ignoring declarer's queen followed it with the two, -100 and 14 IMPs.

Dutch Danes v Romans

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Stienen	Roman	Schippers
—	—	—	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♦ 2+♦, 13-14 bal. or 11-15, 4+♦ unbal.
 2♦ 4+♥
 2♥ Non-forcing
 4♣ 'Control, obviously short'

East led the ♣8 for the queen, king and a ruff and declarer drew trumps and claimed, +680.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	L. Madsen	Krefeld	Sokol
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	



Camilla Bo Krefeld

East led (get those drums out again) the ♥A and continued with the ♥4, -100 and 13 IMPs.

Mclaughlin v Israel Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Saada	Wood	Bareket	Mclaughlin
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1♣ 1+♣
 2♦ Game forcing
 4NT RKCB
 5♦ '1430'

East led the ♥A and followed it with the three, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Barr	Bussink	Zack
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

1NT 12-14 balanced
 2♣ Checkback
 4♣ Cuebid
 4NT RKCB
 5♣ 0/3

East led the ♥A, but then switched to the ♦8 which meant 17 IMPs changed hands.

No NS-pairs found the safe haven of 6NT.

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Soliloquy

Round 2

By Mark Horton



All bridge players have at some point performed the inner monologue: 'To bid or not to bid? That is the question.' It had a role to play on this deal from Round 2:

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

EW have 7♥ – but having it is one thing, reaching it is another matter.

Dutch Danes v Israel Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Stienen	N Tal	Schippers
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

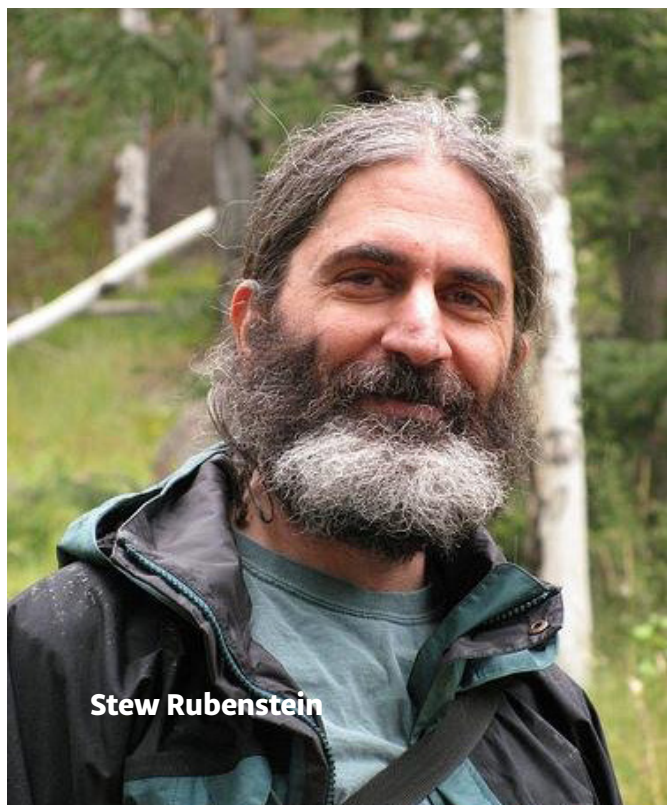
4♦ + 4♠ Cuebid

Having seen partner cue bid in both diamonds and spades, West's decision to settle for 6♥ was conservative.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Henneberg	Barr	M Henneberg	Pachtmann
—	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

1♦ 2+♦
1♥ Natural or any game force
1NT 11-13
2♦ Game force, asking
2♠ 3-2-4-4
2NT Aces?
3♣ One ace
3♥ Which ace?
3NT ♦A
4♣ Kings?
4♦ One king
4♠ Which king?
5♦ ♠K

Here too West knew about the important cards in spades and diamonds, but was also facing an opening bid, so could hope for useful fillers. It was a 13 IMP swing on the road the 42-8 IMP-victory for the Dutch Danes in the battle of the players competing in the upcoming European online qualification.



Stew Rubenstein

McLaughlin v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	Bussink	Rubenstein	Thuillez
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

- 1♣ 2+♣
- 1♦ Hearts
- 1♥ 2/3 hearts, minimum
- 2♦ Game forcing
- 5♣ Exclusion
- 5♥ 1 key card, no ♥Q

This was perhaps a mildly speculative venture, but more importantly it was also +2210.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
McLaughlin	Baroni	Wood	Donati
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When East declined to open South was the one to make the first move. Assuming East's response to partner's double suggested something in clubs then you can see why West settled for game. It meant the loss of 17 IMPs.

It should be mentioned the 17 IMPs were Parker's only consolation in a match McLaughlin won 60-18.

Hottubbers v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Hammond	Dwyer	Bauer
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Dble
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

- 1♣ 2+♣
- 1♦ 4+♥
- 1♥ 1-3♥, 11-14
- 4♣ 'Self-splinter (void)'
- 4♦ Cuebid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ '1 key card ♥'
- 5♠ 'All key cards'
- 5NT ♠K

That was a rapid +2210.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Del'Monte	S Rimstedt	Benner	Donner
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

I consulted a couple of learned works about the meaning of this sequence – one of them remained silent, the other suggesting it promised eight playing tricks with at least six hearts. I can't see any reason for East to bid on – can you? The only possible alternative for West appears to be a rebid of 2♠ (unless you think a rebid of 4♣ should be 'self-splinter').

It meant we had another 17 IMP swing for Donner ending in a blitz 96-19.

Romans v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Roman	Tartarin	Herrera
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 2♦ Relay
- 4NT 'Key card in spades, not sure'
- 5♣ 1 key card

All we can say is that EW were not quite on the same wavelength, +1460.



Gergana Teneva

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Yaninski	Franceschetti	Teneva	Setton
—	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 1♦ 10-15, 0+♦
- 2♦ Any game force
- 3♥ 6+♥
- 5♣ 'Void, asks for aces outside ♣'

I suspect both EW pairs were happy to discover they had a flat board. As you saw, it was easier to reach 7♥ when East opened the bidding – but not quite a racing certainty.

The Romans landed a victory of 41-39, our only square match this round.



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