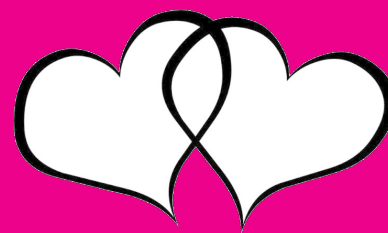


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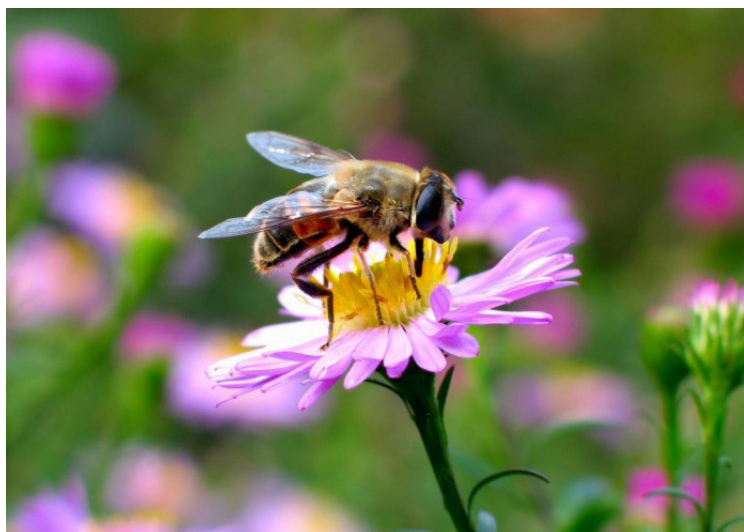
## The Blitzes Continue

Yesterday was no more peaceful than our first day. Blood is running down the screen in every round. The kibitzers are hardly complaining.

The Dutch Danes suffered their first defeat to the Hottubbers, last after first day, fifth after yesterday. The Turnips grabbed the opportunity to pass the Dutch Danes in the leaderboard with a score of 53.91 VPs, 2.5 ahead of DD, who has SWUSA on their tail less than 1 VP behind.

Israel Mixed destroyed the Romans who are now close to extinction, while Israel are right behind the top-3.

Good luck to all today and send us your summer shots.



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### Today's Schedule

August 11

**10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET – RR 5 (16 boards)**









**12:15 EDT / 18:15 CET – RR 6 (16 boards)**

**Same schedule throughout the week**

## Results & Schedule

### All Results

### Future events

Ranking after round 4		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	53.91
2	 <u>DUTCH DANES</u>	51.29
3	 <u>SWUSA</u>	50.62
4	 <u>ISRAEL MIXED</u>	47.37
5	 <u>HOTTUBBERS</u>	40.14
6	 <u>PARKER</u>	32.46
7	 <u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>	25.42
8	 <u>ROMANS</u>	18.79

### Round 5

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

### Round 6

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

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# The Odd Couple

## Round 3 & 4

By Mark Horton



My tile has absolutely nothing to do with the classic movie that starred Jack Lemon and Walter Matthau. Rather it reflects the fact that one of the reasons that mixed events are popular is because they often feature pairs who are not always 100% certain of their agreements which can result in the odd catastrophe.

I would not dream of including an account of any such deals in my report, but I do like to cover those where swings are the order of the day. Which brings us to Round 3.

### Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

With the ♥A onside 6♣ is the place to be, but there is no obvious scientific route to that contract.

### Dutch Danes v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
S Rimstedt	Schippers	Donner	Stienen
3♦	Pass	4♦	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

4NT Two suits

Given the activity of EW you might be inclined to place the ♥A (if it is missing) with East, but you are still basically guessing that partner will have the right cards.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Henneberg	C Rimstedt	M Henneberg	Dwyer
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

### 4♣ 'See private explanation'

I am not privy to the explanation, but can guess that it was along the lines of showing clubs and a major, with South not being 100% sure that North would be on the same wavelength.

I could ask Cecilia, but time is pressing and the Editor wants the copy.

At least South knows North has some support for clubs, but not much else.

### Parker v Romans

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Baroni	Roman	Donati
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣*
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

4♣ ♣+M

I like this auction. Imagine North had held the ♥A. She can bid 5♥ and then accept South's grand slam try of 5♠. It was a delightful +1370.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	L. Madsen	Rubenstein	Sokol
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ Transfer to ♦

South has many possibilities over East's opening bid. Apart from the double a simple overcall of 2♣ (intending to introduce the spades later) and a two-suited overcall. On the second round it looks tempting to double, but introducing the clubs is also a possibility. I'm still searching for an adjective to describe North's conversion.

Declarer ruffed the club lead in dummy and played a heart to the queen, South winning and returning the ♥2. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a diamond to the ace and a spade, soon claiming, +380 and the small matter of 18 IMPs.

### Israel Mixed v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Cohen	Tartarin	N Tal
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥*
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

2♥ ♠+minor

Was this a situation where North could have produced an S.J.Simon's 'Master bid'?

South is known to hold a strong black two-suiter and has cue bid in hearts. Is five-card trump support and a singleton in spades enough to justify a raise to 6♣?



Ishmael Delmote

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Franceschetti	Saada	Setton
3♦	Pass	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

4NT Two places to play

### Hottubbers v Mclaughlin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mclaughlin	Del'Monte	Wood	Benner
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	2NT*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

2NT Lebensohl

There is nothing wrong with this sequence. Other possibilities are perhaps rebidding 3♥ or 4♣ with South's hand.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammond	Bussink	Bauer	Thuillez
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣
2♦	3♣	3♦	4♠
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Have you noticed that the blue card in the bidding box is not used that often? I would have been sorely tempted to redouble with South's hand when West would have come to the rescue by bidding 5♦.

East's double might fall into the category of the 'stripe-tailed ape' but opposite an opening bid it is not obvious that the opponents have a slam.  
*(A stripe tailed ape double is a strategic double of an opposing game contract. The doubler actually expects that the opponents can make a slam, but hopes they'll settle for the doubled game score. Should the opponents redouble the contract, conventional wisdom recommends running like a "stripe-tailed ape" to a sacrificial contract./ed.)*

The overtrick meant the score was +950 which translated into 8 IMPs.

#### Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Another deal with slam potential.



Mathilde Thuillez

However, 6♥ can be defeated by a spade lead. 6NT by East is untouchable, but unlikely – unless the bidding is revealing.

#### Dutch Danes v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
S Rimstedt	Schippers	Donner	Stienen
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 2NT 'Modified Jacoby, could be less than a game force'
- 3♦ 'No void, not minimum and not GF'
- 3♠ 'Asks shortness, she cannot have a void'
- 3NT No shortness
- 4♠ RKCB hearts
- 4NT 1/4

South missed the opportunity to double 4♠ and when North led the ♦J the contract was in no danger, +980.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
J Henneberg	C Rimstedt	M Henneberg	Dwyer
1♥	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♥	All Pass

1NT Game forcing

2♥ 10-13 balanced or 4♠

2♠ Relay

2NT Balanced

3♣ Relay

3♥ 3-5-2-3

3♠ Asking aces

4♣ 0/3 aces

4♦ Asking kings

4♠ 0/3 kings

5♣ Asking which king is missing

South might have doubled 3♠, but presumably 6♣ showed that the ♠K was missing, in which case North might have found the killing lead. The ♦J did not trouble declarer, +980.

### Parker v Romans

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Baroni	Roman	Donati
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2NT 4+♥, game forcing

4NT RKCB 5♦ 1/4 key cards



Jens Ove and Marlene Henneberg

North led the ♦J.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tebha	L. Madsen	Rubenstein	Sokol
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2NT Game forcing heart raise

3♥ 'Extras with short ♣ (but I don't have that)'

4♠ RKCB

4NT 1/4 key cards

Absent a double of 4♠ North led the ♦J for a push board.



## Israel Mixed v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Cohen	Tartarin	N Tal
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2♣ Game forcing, 2+♣  
 4NT RKCB  
 5♣ 1 key card

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Franceschetti	Saada	Setton
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

2NT 'Fit, four cards, game forcing'  
 3♣ Minimum  
 4NT RKCB  
 5♣ 'Sorry misclick'

At both tables North led the ♦J.

## Hottubbers v Mclaughlin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mclaughlin	Del'Monte	Wood	Benner
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠*	Dble
4NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2NT Forcing heart raise  
 4♠ RKCB 4NT 1430



South's double saw North lead the ♠5 and declarer was soon one down, North taking the next trick with the ♥A and playing a second spade. (Wouldn't it be something if South had made a psychic double and it was North who held the ♠K!) Knowing that a spade lead was coming East might have tried 6NT, but it is a gamble.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammond	Bussink	Bauer	Thuillez
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2NT Game forcing heart raise  
 4♥ Minimum  
 4♠ RKCB  
 4NT 1/4 keycards

If I reveal the swing was 14 IMPs you should be able to guess what North led.



I just have time before I hit the send button to include a deal from Round 4:

**Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.**

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



6♣ is playable, but not easy to bid.

**Dutch Danes v Hottubbers**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	Krefeld	Hammond	Hammelev
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

4♣ RKCB

The response of 4♠ is not described – it would normally deny the ♣Q. North led the ♥J and declarer won with the queen and played a spade for the queen and ace. The heart return was ruffed in dummy and declarer cashed the ♣A, took the top diamonds, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♠Q and ruffed a spade for a breathless +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schippers	Benner	Stienen	Del'Monte
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- 2♣ 5♣ + 4♥/♠ or 6♣, 11-115
- 2♦ Relay
- 2♥ 4♥
- 2♠ Forcing
- 4♥ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♠ 2 key cards + ♣Q

There is good argument to use 4♣ in this situation as keycard, but it is matter of taste.

North led the ♣6 and declarer took South's ten with the king and played the ♠4 for the six, queen and ten.

Declarer took two rounds of trumps ending in hand and played a second spade to the eight and nine. South exited with the ♥3 and when declarer won with the ace she was a trick short. I suspect a 'mouse-click' but it was a loss of 14 IMPs.

### Turnips v Mclaughlin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Franceschetti	Bussink	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Jane Mclaughlin

North led the ♦6 and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed five clubs and then played a spade to the queen, establishing a ninth trick, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Wood	Tartarin	Mclaughlin
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	Dble*	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Dble4 or 5♠  
 DbleTakeout  
 4♥+4♠ Cuebid  
 4NT RKCB  
 5♥ 2 key cards

North led the ♥J for the king and ace and declarer played a spade for the king and ace. South exited with the ♠10 and declarer won with dummy's queen, ruffed a spade high, drew trumps and claimed, +920 and 11 IMPs.

I am willing to bet that declarer was surprised to see South turn up with the ♥K and ♠A!

### Romans v Israel Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
N Tal	Teneva	Pachtmann	Yaninski
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ 'New minor forcing'  
 3♦ Asking for stopper



Kevin Dwyer

South led the ♥3 and declarer played dummy's two, North winning with the nine and switching to the ♦10. Declarer won with the king, cashed the ♣A, overtook the ♣J with dummy's queen and played a spade to the queen and ace, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Herrera	Cohen	Roman	D Tal
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♥J for the king and ace and declarer played a spade for the three, queen and nine. Two rounds of clubs were followed by a spade to the king and ace and South exited with the ♥8. Declarer took the queen and cashed three more clubs. When North pitched hearts the ♥52 became winners which meant +490 and 3 IMPs.

### Parker v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	A Grossack	Dwyer	Parker
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣      1♥ 4+♠  
 1♠ 1-3♠, usually 11-14 bal.

2♦ Artificial game force  
 4♥ Cue  
 4NT RKCB      5♠ 2 key cards +♣Q

North led the ♦6 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♠K, South taking the ace and exiting with a diamond to dummy's king. Declarer ruffed a diamond, played a spade to the queen and ruffed a spade. She cashed the ♥A, ruffed a diamond and claimed the last four tricks via a high cross-ruff, +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Helgemo	Donati	Larsson
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♣ Gazzilli  
 2♦ Asking  
 2NT 'Several 15+ hands'  
 3♣ Asking  
 3♠ 5143 15-17

North led the ♥4 and declarer established a spade which got her up to ten tricks, +430, still a 10 IMP loss.





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