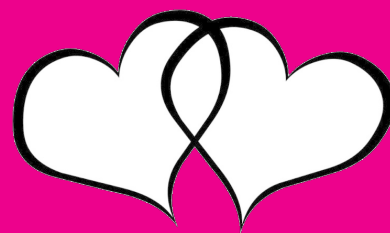


# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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## Runaway Teams

Before our last match in the Round Robin, four teams have parted with the rest of the field: SWUSA and Dutch Danes on top and Romans and McLaughlin at the bottom.

SWUSA holds a lead of 3 VPs ahead of Dutch Danes before playing Israel Mixed in the last RR-match. Israel are 20 VPs behind SWUSA, so a blitz (to add to the collection) could enable them to catch up to the top-2 teams.

Down below Romans and McLaughlin have an even bigger gap, and the two play each other in the last RR today, and being 25 VPs behind sixth, we can already reveal they will also have the pleasure of each other's company in the Danish round in second session today.

We remind you all that our next event is August 30th to September 3rd and we are back with our 5-day schedule the teams who have been on holiday. Good luck today!

The word "RUNAWAY" is written in a bold, red, distressed, hand-painted font. The letters are slightly irregular and have a textured appearance, set against a solid black rectangular background.

**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 12

**10:00 EDT / 16:00 CET – RR 7 (16 boards)**

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

## Results & Schedule

### All Results

### Future events

Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <a href="#">SWUSA</a>	87.79
2	 <a href="#">DUTCH DANES</a>	84.57
3	 <a href="#">ISRAEL MIXED</a>	67.65
4	 <a href="#">TURNIPS</a>	64.37
5	 <a href="#">PARKER</a>	59.92
6	 <a href="#">HOTTUBBERS</a>	57.75
7	 <a href="#">ROMANS</a>	32.53
8	 <a href="#">MCLAUGHLIN</a>	25.42

### Round 7

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

### Round 8 (Danish)

The last round (8) is a Danish, meaning 1 will play 2, 3 will play 4, 5 will play 6 and 7 will play 8. All results are calculated in VPs and added to the score from the Round Robin, meaning that a team can overtake several teams, not just the opponent in the Danish

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# Minor Ambition

## Round 5

By Mark Horton



One of my minor (as yet unfulfilled) ambitions is to write a bridge themed version of the Mikado's I've Got a Little List. I have made start with these lines:

*As someday it may happen that a victim  
must be found  
I've got a little list - I've got a little list  
Of bridge playing aficionados who might  
well be underground  
And who never would be missed — who  
never would be missed!  
There's the administrative lackies who bar  
conventions right and left,  
The Multi abolitionists, I'm sure they'd not  
be missed*

However, pending further cogitation I'll content myself with a couple of deals from Round 5 of the August Mixed Teams:

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

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

### Dutch Danes v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Bo Krefeld	Tartarin	Hammelev
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Dble*	4♠	Dble	All Pass

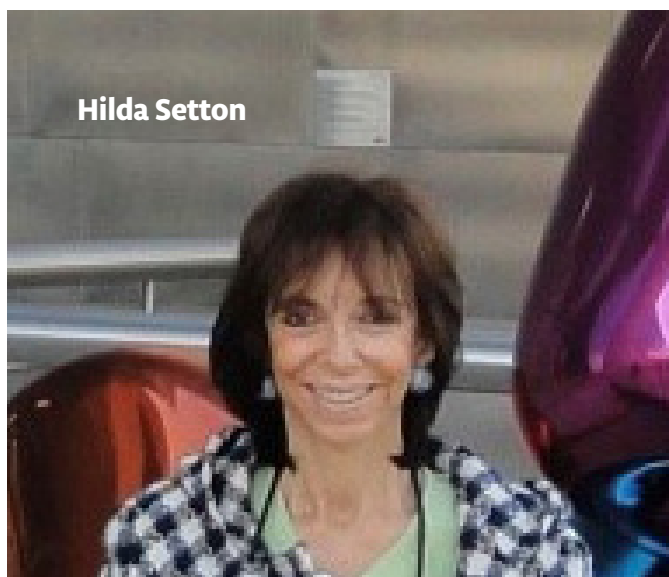
2♦ Multi  
2♥ Pass or correct  
Dble Take out

West's second round double is in the style of one of the ACBL's recommended defences to the Multi – a light takeout of spades. He led the ♦J and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a club, West winning with the king. When West continued with a second diamond declarer could ruff and establish the clubs for two overtricks and +790.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stienen	Franceschetti	Schippers	Setton
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Dble*	4♠	Dble	All Pass

2♦ Multi  
2♥ Pass or correct  
Dble Takeout

Here too West led the ♦J and when declarer played a club at trick two East went up with the ace and played the ♦A. Declarer ruffed in dummy and ruffed a club with the ♠Q.



Hilda Setton

She then ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and played a heart, West taking the ace and exiting with a diamond. Declarer ruffed in hand, played a heart to the king and cross-ruffed for ten tricks, +590 but a 5 IMP loss.

With trumps 2-1 declarer could have matched the result in the other room once the defenders had failed to take the ♥A. After that eleven tricks were possible once West failed to exit with a heart after taking the ace.

### Romans v Hottubbers

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	L. Madsen	Del'Monte	Sokol
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The ♦J was ruffed and East took the club continuation with the ace to play another diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy and ruffed a club, but then played a heart, finishing with 11 tricks, +450.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Roman	Bauer	Herrera	Hammond
—	—	—	2♠
3♦	4♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

After the traditional diamond lead it was West who won the first round of clubs and he cashed the ♥A and exited with a club, flattening the board.

### Swusa v McLaughlin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Donner	Bussink	S Rimstedt
—	—	—	2♠
3♦	4♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

This time it was East who took trick two and he exited with a club. Declarer ruffed high, played two rounds of spades ending in dummy, ruffed a club and claimed, +750.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Wood	Dwyer	McLaughlin
—	—	—	2♠
Dble	4♠	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♦8 and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a spade to the queen followed by a heart. West took the ace and exited with a heart, removing a potential entry (a second diamond also works now). Declarer won in dummy and played a club, but East was wide-awake and went up with the ace and exited with his remaining spade which left declarer a trick short and 13 IMPs the poorer.





Ronnie Barr

in a cold game (or worse!). There could be a club tie and all revenue would go to a suitable charity, perhaps to assist bridge players with some disability. I propose David Bird as President and Ron Tacchi as Secretary/Treasurer.

I am sure West would have liked to have had a stronger suit for her overcall, but help was at hand, her partner showing excellent judgement by bidding on to 5♦. North led the ♠A followed by the jack and declarer ruffed only to discover that she could not avoid the loss of a diamond and heart, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Rubenstein	Saada	Parker
—	—	—	2♠
3♦	4♠	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♠	Dble	All Pass

### Israel Mixed v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Barr	Donati	Zack
—	—	—	2♦*
3♦	3♥*	Dble	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♦	4♠	5♦	All Pass

2♦ 'Weak major or strong minor'

3♥ Pass or correct

Was North indulging in the gentle art of 'sandbagging'? Had she seen it through by going on to 5♠ she would almost certainly have ensured that one of her opponents became members of the Biltcliffe Coup club. If I may be permitted an aside at this point it is surely time that a Biltcliffe Coup Club was created, membership being available to anyone who has re-opened the bidding and then doubled the opponents

West led the ♥A, but there was only a club to come, +650 and 11 IMPs.

### Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Both sides have a fit in a major, and EW are likely to make 4♥ with NS probably taking the theoretically phantom save in spades.

## Dutch Danes v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Krefeld	Tartarin	Hammelev
—	—	—	2♦*
2♥	Dble*	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	5♥	All Pass

2♦ Multi  
Dble Pass or correct

North led the ♠J and declarer could not avoid the loss of a heart and two clubs, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stienen	Franceschetti	Schippers	Setton
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦Q and the defenders took the first five tricks, -200 and 7 IMPs.

## Romans v Hotubbers

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Benner	L. Madsen	Del'Monte	Sokol
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	3♠*	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

3♠ 'Short'

East led the ♦A and when West followed with the queen he switched to the ♣Q, the defenders taking a little longer to collect the five tricks that were their due, -500. As Monty Python's Black Knight would have said, 'Tis but a scratch'.



## Auction of the Week

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Roman	Bauer	Herrera	Hammond
—	—	—	2♠*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	6♥	Pass	7♦
Dble	7♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♠ 'Normal weak two'

3♦ '6-9, 4♠'

5♠ '1-4'

6♣ 'Undiscussed, probably cue bid, see earlier'

This little adventure cost -1400 and 14 IMPs. A clear favorite for our "Disaster of the Week"-award.

Tracey Bauer lives in san Francisco and gets up to play MMT at 7 every morning. She told the editor in confidence that she thought Hammond had opened 1♠... She hadn't had her coffee yet.

### Swusa v McLaughlin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Donner	Bussink	S Rimstedt
—	—	—	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

If you asked me to comment on West's double I might suggest you don't try this at home. The suit is not strong (or long) enough for a two-level overcall. North led the ♠J and the contract was one down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
C Rimstedt	Wood	Dwyer	McLaughlin
—	—	—	1♠
Dble	3♣*	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	4♥	All Pass

### 3♣ Mixed or limit raise

This was the only occasion on which West doubled an opening bid of 1♠ - it looks like the obvious move to me.

Only the 'movie-star' lead of the ♣K will defeat 4♥ and naturally South went with the ♠K, +620 and 13 IMPs.



**Ethan Wood -  
youngest participant  
in the field**

### Israel Mixed v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Barr	Donati	Zack
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦Q and the defenders took the first five tricks, -200. I may have typed that before.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Rubenstein	Saada	Parker
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

3♥ 7-9, 4+♠

That was one down, -100 and a 3 IMP gain.



# The Natural Order

## Round 6

By Mark Horton



In my opinion, bridge is not a mathematical game, although the ability to count up to 13 is useful. More often than not it is the application of logical principles that point you in the right direction. Consider this play problem from the sixth round of the August Mixed:

♠ 7 5 3  
♥ A K 8  
♦ J 3 2  
♣ A 10 8 7

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

(there is a 7% chance of four tricks) and the ♦ A might be onside. Meanwhile, you can't be certain how the hearts are breaking, but can be sure that as soon as they gain the lead the defenders will continue the suit.

Suppose you decide to cross to dummy with a spade and advance the ♣ Q? If the king is onside you might have four tricks in the suit and can then duck a spade, hoping for a 3-3 break. However, the fly in the ointment is that the club king may be offside. In that case East will win and play a third heart. Now ducking a spade will be too late when this is the layout:

### Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Thuillez	Bo Krefeld	Bussink	Hammelev
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West leads the ♥ 6 and when you play low from dummy East wins with the jack and returns the ♥ 5 for the ten, two and dummy's king.

Over to you.

With only five top tricks you need to find four more. The clubs might be worth four tricks (a 32.6% chance). The spade suit will yield three tricks around 56% of the time

♠ 7 5 3  
♥ A K 8  
♦ J 3 2  
♣ A 10 8 7

♠ 9 8 6  
♥ 7 6 4 2  
♦ A Q 10 8  
♣ 9 2

♠ Q J 4  
♥ Q J 9 5  
♦ 9 4  
♣ K 6 5 4

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

Hammelev appreciated that if the ♣ K was onside there was no rush to take the finesse and he played a spade at trick three, putting in the ten when East followed with the four. When it held he could play on clubs, the four tricks he scored in spades being enough for game.

In the match between Dutch Danes and Tulips that was worth 13 IMPs.

Ronnie Barr followed a similar line in the match between Hottubbers and Israel Mixed. East put up the ♠J on the first round of the suit, but declarer subsequently finessed the ten and collected 12 IMPs.

The only other declarer to record nine tricks was Geir Helgemo. He received a low heart lead from East and when dummy's ten held he played on clubs, East taking the second round and returning a heart.

Declarer won and played a diamond for the king and ace. He took the heart continuation, cashed two clubs, crossed to dummy with a spade and played a diamond, emerging with nine tricks and 12



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