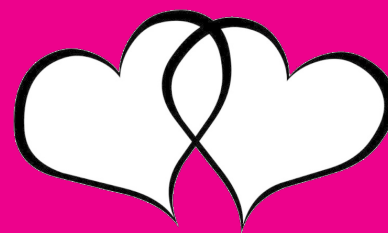


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Dutch Danes did it

Even before the last match in the Round Robin there was no doubt which two teams would be fighting for the top spot. Both SWUSA and Dutch Danes cemented their positions with big wins in the last RR-match before their clash in our final round of Danish. SWUSA (Gary Donner, Kevin Dwyer, Geir Helgemo, Jessica Larsson, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt) could survive a 2-IMP loss, but 10 IMPs proved too many.

Congratulations to Dutch Danes (Johan Hammelev, Camilla Krefeld, Elly Schippers, Rene Stienen, Jens Ove Henneberg, Marlene Henneberg) and best of luck to the players in the upcoming European Online Qualification.










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Ranking after round 8		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>DUTCH DANES</u>	116.71
2	 <u>SWUSA</u>	112.30
3	 <u>HOTTUBBERS</u>	91.12
4	 <u>ISRAEL MIXED</u>	74.42
5	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	74.12
6	 <u>PARKER</u>	73.38
7	 <u>ROMANS</u>	63.50
8	 <u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>	34.45

Results of the Danish

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team	Brd	IMPs		Adj		VPs	
				Home	Visit	Home	Visit	Home	Visit
<u>1</u>	 <u>SWUSA</u>	 <u>DUTCH DANES</u>	16	<u>28</u>	<u>38</u>			7.20	12.80
<u>2</u>	 <u>HOTTUBBERS</u>	 <u>ISRAEL MIXED</u>	16	<u>40</u>	<u>15</u>			15.92	4.08
<u>3</u>	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>	16	<u>39</u>	<u>49</u>			7.20	12.80
<u>4</u>	 <u>ROMANS</u>	 <u>MCLAUGHLIN</u>	16	<u>49</u>	<u>32</u>			14.39	5.61

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The File to be named Later



Round 7 & 8

By Mark Horton

Sometimes the inspiration for a title is derived from the nature of the deals being discussed, but on other occasions one is searching for inspiration and has to start with something simple – August Mixed Round 7 for example. Baseball aficionados should have an inkling of how today's choice was arrived at.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Assuming the trumps behave you have a play for 6♠, but need to bring in the heart suit. It perhaps falls within Hamman's rule – it's a good slam if it makes.

Dutch Danes v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Krefeld	Donati	Hammelev
—	—	Pass	2♣*
3♣	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ Weak diamonds or 18-19 bal or strong

North led the ♣A and switched to the ♥5, declarer soon claiming nine tricks, -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stienen	Rubenstein	Schippers	Parker
—	—	Pass	2♣*
3♣	Pass*	5♣	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♣ '22+ or within 1 ½ tricks or game'
Pass Positive

West led the ♥6 for the two, eight and jack and declarer drew trumps and cashed the ♥K. When West discarded there was no way to avoid the loss of two tricks, -100 and a 9 IMP swing.

Israel Mixed v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
S Rimstedt	Saada	Donner	Zack
—	—	Pass	1♠
3♣	3♠	5♣	6♠
All Pass			

West led the ♣K and declarer won perforce in dummy, drew trumps and played two rounds of diamonds, East winning with the queen and exiting with the ♥9. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with the ♠J and played the ♥10, covered by the queen and king. Declarer could go back to dummy with a trump to take another heart finesse, +1430.

If East exits with the \diamond K, declarer cannot pick up the hearts.

Indeed, on a club lead declarer has to play the \heartsuit 10 at trick two and then play for hearts to be 4-1 in order to make 6 \spadesuit .

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
N Tal	C Rimstedt	Pachtmann	Dwyer
—	—	Pass	1 \spadesuit
3 \clubsuit	3 \spadesuit	5 \clubsuit	5 \diamond
Pass	5 \spadesuit	All Pass	

West led the \heartsuit 6 for the ten, queen and ace and declarer drew trumps and played two rounds of diamonds. When East returned the \heartsuit 3 declarer played the seven for +680, but lost 13 IMPs.

Mclaughlin v Romans

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Roman	Wood	Herrera	Mclaughlin
—	—	Pass	1 \spadesuit
3 \clubsuit	3 \spadesuit	5 \clubsuit	5 \spadesuit
All Pass			

West led the \heartsuit 6 and when declarer played low from dummy East put up the queen, +680.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
L Thuillez	L. Madsen	M Thuillez	McAllister
—	—	Pass	1 \spadesuit
2 \clubsuit	3 \clubsuit	5 \clubsuit	5 \diamond
Pass	5 \spadesuit	All Pass	

3 \clubsuit Mixed

The play was identical in this room, no swing.

Turnips v Hottubbers

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bomber	Franceschetti	Casanova	Setton
—	—	Pass	1 \spadesuit
3 \clubsuit	3 \spadesuit	5 \clubsuit	6 \spadesuit
All Pass			

West led the \clubsuit K and declarer won in dummy, drew trumps and cashed the \heartsuit A, after which she could not avoid the loss of a heart and a diamond, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Hammond	Tartarin	Bauer
—	—	Pass	1 \spadesuit
3 \clubsuit	3 \spadesuit	5 \clubsuit	5 \spadesuit
All Pass			

West led the \heartsuit 6 and declarer won with the jack, drew trumps and cashed the \heartsuit A, +650 and 13 IMPs.



Board 7. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

NS have enough tricks to make a slam, but on a club lead declarer will need to find the ♥Q onside. Almost a five or seven deal.

Dutch Danes v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Krefeld	Donati	Hammelev
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- 2♦ Multi
- 2♥ Pass or correct
- 2NT 22-24
- 4♣ Transfer
- 4♦ 'Agree diamonds'

West led the ♠9 and declarer won with the king, drew trumps and played the ♥J for the queen and ace, +1370.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stienen	Rubenstein	Schippers	Parker
—	—	—	2NT*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

- 2NT 20-21
- 3♠ MSS or clubs
- 3NT 'Fewer than 4 clubs'
- 4♣ 'Both minors'

That meant a swing of 12 IMPs.

Israel Mixed v Swusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
S Rimstedt	Saada	Donner	Zack
—	—	—	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2NT 20-22

West led the ♠10 and declarer won with dummy's queen and advanced the ♥J, covered by the queen and ace. Declarer cashed the ♦Q, the ♠AK and the ♣A and then took four rounds of diamonds. The last of these saw West, down to ♥94 ♣K, squeezed for a fourth overtrick, +720.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
N Tal	C Rimstedt	Pachtmann	Dwyer
—	—	—	2NT*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

- 2NT 22-24
- 3♠ Both minors

West led the ♠10 and declarer won with dummy's queen and played the ♥J, finishing with 12 tricks and 12 IMPs.

In the other two matches all four pairs reached 6NT.

In the last round this deal was not without interest:

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

You can make 6♥, but the 4-4 fit in diamonds delivers all 13 tricks.

Swusa v Dutch Danes

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Henneberg	S Rimstedt	J Henneberg	Donner
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- 1♣ 17+
- 1♥ Natural or balanced 14+
- 1♠ Relay
- 2♦ ♥ 8-12 and 4/5 in a minor
- 2♥ Relay
- 2♠ 4♣



Sandra Rimstedt

For once the normally efficient relay system did not get the job done.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Dwyer	Krefeld	C Rimstedt	Hammelev
—	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣	Dble	5♦*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 1NT 14+-17
- 2♦ Hearts
- 3♣ Max with 4♥
- 3♦ Forces 3♥
- 4♦ Spade shortness
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 key card
- 5♦ Asking ♥Q

That was worth 11 IMPs, but diamonds were never in the equation.



Cecilia Rimstedt

That meant a swing of 15 IMPs.

In passing how should you treat a bid of 4♣ by East? A cue bid agreeing hearts gets my vote, but I don't see a route to diamonds.

Turnips v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Baroni	Franceschetti	Donati	Setton
—	Pass	1NT*	2♦*
3♦*	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥	All Pass

1NT 14-16 (bad 17)

- 2♦ Multi
- 3♦ Hearts

4NT is not annotated but it was probably taken as Blackwood. Should West respond 6♥, showing one key card and a spade void?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Parker
—	Pass	1NT	3♠
Dble	4♠	Pass	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦	All Pass

4NT Takeout

Playing in diamonds meant an IMP changed hands.

In the remaining match, both EW pairs bid 1NT-2♦-3♥-4♥.

As you saw, it is nigh on impossible to reach 7♦. However, given a free run here is my suggested sequence:

Hot Tubbers v Israel Mixed

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Cohen	Hammond	N Tal	Bauer
—	Pass	1NT	2♦*
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2♦ 1 major

If you follow the principle that all doubles at the one or two level are for takeout then you will avoid this type of accident. EW could score five tricks, but that meant +670.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bomber	Barr	Casanova	Zack
—	Pass	1NT*	2♦*
3♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

1NT 14+-17 2♦ 1 major
3♥ Game forcing 5♥

1NT-2♦*-2♥-3♣-3♦-3♠*-4♣*-4♥-5♦*-5♠*-6♦-7♦.

I could tell you what all the bids mean, but I have one more story and am running out of time.

You will recall this deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

In the match between Romans and Hottubbers the Closed Room delivered this dramatic auction:

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'

Thanks to Nicolas Hammond (whose information appears below) I can reveal exactly what had happened:

By Nicolas Hammond

"In the classic "Men are from Mars, Women from Venus", this is what Tracey thought before her morning coffee:

3♦: He opened 1♠. I have an easy reverse Bergen raise. Shows 4+ spades and 6-9 HCP.
 3NT: Must be a semi-serious slam try.
 4♣: I cue-bid the A♣.
 4♦: He has cue bid diamonds.
 4♥: I am a maximum. I will cue bid K♥. He must know from rev Bergen that I have 4+ spades, A♣ and A/K♥. Probably K♥.
 5♦: This must be exclusion roman key card in diamonds in my void.
 5♠: I have 1-4 key cards.
 6♣: I have no idea what he means by six clubs, perhaps he is asking for kings.
 6♥: I have the king of hearts just to clarify which is the ace and which is the king.
 7♦: I have no idea. Perhaps asking for 7NT?
 7♠: I am not bidding 7NT.

What I heard:

2♠: Normal weak two. Quite strong for a weak two but the QJ doubleton may not be worth anything. I did not alert at the time, it was only later when I was asked by the incredulous opponents what it meant that I alerted the 2♠ bid.

3♦: A one-round force. Must be diamonds. With spades could bid 2NT.
 3NT: I have a club stopper and a partial heart stopper, good enough. Shows a little more than a 3♠ bid.
 4♣: Can't be Gerber. Must be two suited with clubs and diamonds. Clearly forcing.
 4♦: I will take a preference to diamonds.

4♥: Is it possible this is key card for diamonds? Or is this a cue bid or an asking bid?

5♦: Sign-off. I have nothing to add. No aces to cue bid. If it was a key card ask, then I am showing two with the queen of diamonds which is unlikely. She will figure it out.

5♠: What's this? Support at the five level? She must have something like ♠A ♥H10 ♦AKQxx Axxxx where H is the Ace or King. Can't be to play.

6♣: Just in case she is looking for grand slam, I will belatedly show the ♣Q. Implicitly I must have some extras because of 3NT so will show the ♣Q. Alert was added at end after request from the opponents.

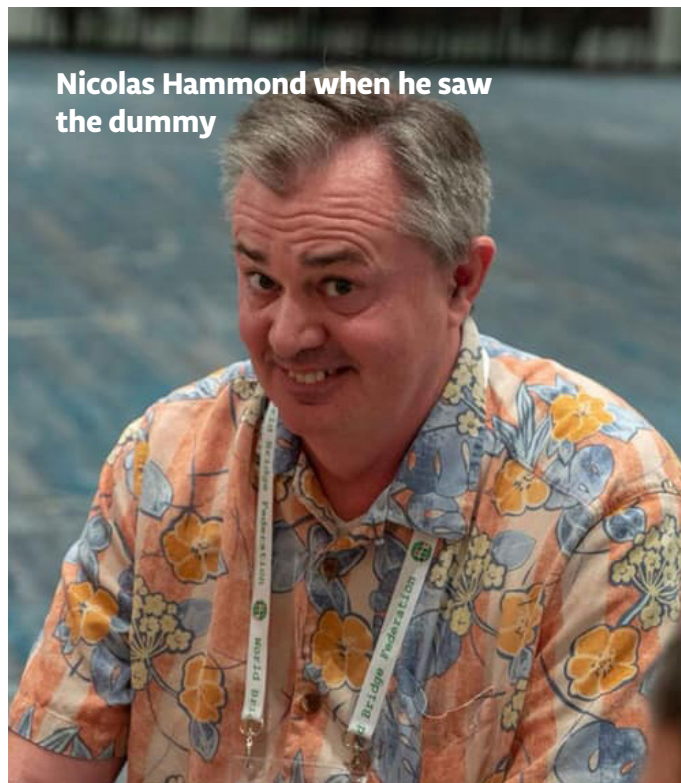
6♥: I have no idea. Is this asking for third round control of hearts?

7♦: Sign-off. Again.

X: Oops. Something is wrong. Must be off the A♦.

7♠: I have no idea. But I can't bid 8♦ so will pass.

X: This is not going to be fun.



Trivia tidbit: Mark Horton and I went to the same high school (Nottingham High School). We were a few years apart! We did not overlap. He was there when they had quill pens and ink fountains in the desk!"

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