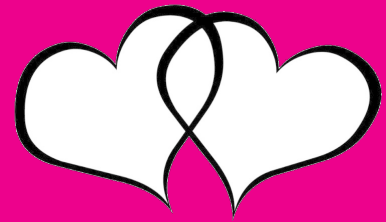


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Turnips Top Tight Field

Teasing our Americans provoked Bentley (79 VPs) and Alpert (71 VPs) to advance to second and 4th position, yet the Turnips (86 VPs) hold on to their lead from yesterday and the Snapdragons (75 VPs) defend their 3rd place. Smart Rabbit is close behind in 5th with two matches to go on our last day. Our German Juniors has a rough day yesterday, dropping to 8th after being run over by a Bentley.

We remind you all that the last round today is Danish (editor's choice), meaning 1 plays 2, 3 plays 4 etc. Results from these matches are added to the standings, so much can happen. Fight for it!

Meanwhile, Bentley sent us a photo of their pretty team captain...



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

March 3rd

10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – R7 (16 boards)

12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – R8 (16 boards)

Last Round is Danish, 1 v 2, 3 v 4 etc.

Results & Draw

**Draw
Round 7**

Results

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 TURNIPS	 BENTLEY
2	 SNAPDRAGON	 ALPERT
3	 SMART RABBIT	 CREDS
4	 MIXSTERS	 BLIZZARD
5	 GERMAN JUNIORS +	 COAST 2 COAST
6	 NOR'EASTER	 MARCH HARES

Ranking after round 6

rk	team	VPs	Adj	IMPs
1	 TURNIPS Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne laure Tartarin	86.32		123
2	 BENTLEY Adam Grossack, Zachary Grossack, Lynne Koeppel, Myra Kolton, Anam Tebha, Steve Zolotow	79.36		105
3	 SNAPDRAGON David Gold, Maggie Knottenbelt, Diana Nettleton, Thomas Paske, Marusa Gold	75.74		79
4	 ALPERT Claire Alpert, Charlie Hoyos, Janice Seamon-Molson, Alfredo Versace, Luisana Madueno	71.61		60
5	 SMART RABBIT Ilan Bareket, Ronnie Barr, Ilan Cohen, Ron Pachtman, Nathalie Saada, Dana Tal, Noga Tal, Yaniv Zack	68.48		70
6	 CREDS Alejandro Bianchedi, Margie Cole, Gary Donner, Jodi Edmonds, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Debbie Rosenberg, Andrew Rosenthal, Joel Wooldridge	66.31		37
7	 MIXSTERS Nina Benzaquen, Diego Brenner, Johan Hammelev, Camilla Krefeld, Gergana Teneva, Nikolay Yaninski, Ann Karin Fuglestad, Ole Fuglestad, Anders Brogeland, Tonje Brogeland	65.44		49
8	 GERMAN JUNIORS + Victoria Di Bacco, Sven Fariwg, Thomas Gotard, Oliver Hevemeier, Mareille Holewa, Philipp Pabst, Mona Rieger, Michael Scheider, Stefan Weber, Andreas Bauer	58.50		-24
9	 COAST 2 COAST Peter Boyd-Bowman, Kim Gilman, Robin Hillyard, Jane McLaughlin, Alix Taylor, Ethan Wood, Cicilla Borras, Bart Buffington	43.83		-117
10	 NOR'EASTER Carolyn Bitetti, Juan Felipe Cuervo, Stan Piltch, Phil Stashenko, Mine Usluel, Rita Vachani, Christopher Donelly	36.48		-126
11	 MARCH HARES Parul Jain, Lia Petelko, Jim Rasmussen, Koren Retter, Linda Robinson, Eric Schwartz, Stew Rubenstein, Andreas Abragi	34.87		-113
12	 BLIZZARD Paul Bay, Tracy Burlock, Sam Gallo, Kate Sears, Dori Senerchia, Fred Wardwell, Jory Agate, Carolyn Bitetti	33.06		-143

Next Event: May Mixed Teams May 2-5

Registration: mmt.bridgerresults.org

The Old Curiosity Shop

Round 5 & 6



By Mark Horton

It was a miserable day in Shrewsbury, cold and with constant rain. Then came the news that the Russian Bridge League team for the Venice Cup had withdrawn and the WBF Management Committee were meeting to discuss the participation of the Russian team in the Wuhan Cup. With European air space closed it is hard to see how either team could hope to travel to Italy in any event.

To lighten the gloom, I decided to concentrate on unusual results on what appeared to be straightforward deals. Here are some of the (many) available examples from Round 5:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

This looks like a routine 3NT where a spade lead will cook declarer's goose. However, only six pairs reached it.

Turnips v Snapdragon

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Franceschetti	D Gold	Setton
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	2♠*	3NT
All Pass			

2♠ Weak

East's raise may have been weak, but it ensured that West would lead the suit. (As a corollary, some partnerships use a redouble at this point to indicate the possession of a high honour, the idea being to help partner to judge the opening lead.) Declarer ducked, won the second round with dummy's king and ran the ♣10, West winning and clearing the spades by returning the queen. Declarer crossed to dummy by overtaking the ♦Q and played the ♣9 for the jack and king and then continued with a club, East winning, cashing another club and exiting with the ♥5. Declarer can cash out for two down but hoping for a minor miracle she cashed the ♦K and then played a heart which meant she was three down, -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West decided to lead the ♥J, but it did not produce the desired result. Declarer won with the queen, crossed to dummy with a diamond and ran the ♣10, West winning with the ace and exiting with a diamond.

Declarer won with dummy's jack, played a club to the king and a heart for the ten and ace. She returned to hand with a spade and played a heart to set up a ninth trick, +600 and 14 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Another routine 3NT where the defenders have no way in which to trouble declarer. That contract was reached ten times.

Turnips v Snapdragon

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
M Gold	Franceschetti	D Gold	Setton
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			



If you are not playing 'garbage Stayman' then North might redouble to suggest the possibility of playing there.

West led the ♦10 and declarer won with the jack and ducked a club to East's seven. The diamond return was taken by dummy's king and declarer overtook the ♠J and played a club for the nine and jack, East discarding the ♦3. Declarer unblocked the spades and now has more than one way to secure a useful redoubled overtrick. The safest is to play dummy's ♥K catering for the possibility that East started with the ace. If it holds declarer can play two rounds of clubs and will score a ninth trick with the ♥Q.

When declarer played a heart to the queen West could win and return a heart, restricting declarer to her contract, +560.

2♣ redoubled was reached at a table in the match between March Hares and Coast 2 Coast, but declarer could not find a route to nine tricks.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Paske	Tartarin	Nettleton
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 5 4
♥ Q J 9 6 2
♦ 4
♣ A J 10 3

♠ J 8 6 3
♥ K 7 4
♦ J 8 7 6
♣ 7 2

♠ K 9
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K 10
♣ K Q 8 6 5 4

3♥ Transfer to spades
3NT Not 4♠

East led the ♦6 for the eight, ten and king and declarer cashed the ♠Q and then played a heart for the queen and ace, West returning the ♣10. Declarer took the ace, unblocked the spades, played a diamond to the jack and cashed out for nine tricks, +400 but a 4 IMP loss.

♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 9 5 3 2
♣ 9

Another deal where 3NT would be the nap selection. It was reached eight times and only failed once.

World Championship Book Salsomaggiore 2022

The official book of the World Championships in Italy will be released on or before the start of the World Bridge Series in Wroclaw later this year.

The principal contributors will be *Brian Senior, Barry Rigal, Mark Horton, Marek Wojcicki, Daniel Gulyas & Ron Tacchi.*

The book will include 300 pages of all results, photographs and extensive coverage of the four championship events.



The book will be available from bridge suppliers around the world at the official retail price of £25, US\$35 and €30.

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Alpert v Blizzard

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Wardwell	Hoyos	Burlock	Madueno
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♦
Pass	2NT	3♣	Dble
All Pass			

Overcalling 2♣ is fine, but East went to the well once to often.

South started with two rounds of hearts and declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade. North took the ace, cashed the ♥Q and switched to a diamond, South taking two tricks in the suit and exiting with a spade. That left declarer with nothing but trumps and meant four down, -800.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Senerchia	Versace	Gallo
Pass	1♥	2♣	Dble*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♣K and declarer took the ace, played a diamond to the queen and cashed the ace, discarding a club. She ruffed a diamond, East overruffing with the nine and switching to a heart.

This is a critical moment for declarer. The winning line is to take dummy's ace, play a spade to the ace and continue with the ♣J. If East covers declarer ruffs in dummy, ruffs a diamond, and pitches a heart on the ♣10. West can ruff, but can only score one more trick.



This is not easy to see and declarer played low allowing West to take the ♥K. Now the ♦J is a killer, but West returned a heart and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade to the ace. She cashed the ♥Q and now needs to play on clubs, an analogous line to the one described earlier, but when she continued with a heart West could ruff and exit with the ♦J ensuring a trick for the ♠J, -50 and a 13 IMP swing.

On Board 12 North held ♠AJ1095 ♥AJ974 ♦ - ♣832 and saw West open 1NT.

2♣ to show the majors was followed by 3NT from East and North had to find a lead. The ten players who faced this problem all led the ♠J. Those familiar with the dictates of the famous English twins Bob and Jim Sharples would have led a heart (with an equal choice between the majors lead a heart).

Partner had KQ5 in one of the majors.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

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

This looks like a routine 4♠ for EW, and that contract was reached 10 times.



Lynne Koepfel

Bentley v Nor'Easter

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stashenko	A Grossack	Usluel	Kolton
Pass	3♦	4♣	All Pass

There is a school of thought that suggest that East's 4♣ should promise clubs and a major, but I cannot tell you if it was operating here. Declarer recorded 11 tricks, +150.



Juan Felipe Cuervo and Carolyn Bitetti

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Z Grossack	Cuervo	Koepfel	Bitetti
1♥	3♦	Dble*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

4NT RKCB
5♠ 2 key cards +♠Q

North led the ♦Q to dummy's ace and declarer immediately played a club, South taking the ace and switching to the ♠3 (the ♥J might have given declarer pause for thought) declarer winning with dummy's king and cashing the queen.



Zach Grossack

When North discarded declarer turned to clubs. South ruffed the fourth round of the suit and declarer overruffed, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a diamond, cashed two clubs and took the heart finesse for a majestic +1430 and 15 IMPs.

Tell it not in Gath, but one player had the misfortune to go no less than three down in 4♠!

Let's move on to Round 6:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

This appears to be a modest part-score deal for EW.

Turnips v Creds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Franceschetti	C Rimstedt	Setton
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	All Pass

1♦ 2+♦
2♣ 'With an exception, 9+ in minors'

North led the ♦8 and after three rounds of the suit declarer won with dummy's queen and played on hearts, soon claiming nine tricks, +110.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Wooldridge	Tartarin	Edmonds
1♦	Pass	1♥	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble*	All Pass

DbleTakeout

South took a risk by overcalling with such a modest suit.

West led the ♥Q and declarer won with the ace and played the ♣2, West taking the jack and playing a second heart to declarer's king. The game of ping-pong continued with a club being taken by West's king and he switched to the ♦3 for the eight, queen and king. When declarer played a spade West took the king and exited with the two, East winning with the ten and cashing the ♥J. East cashed the ♠A and continued with the jack and when declarer discarded a diamond she was three down, -500 and 9 IMPs the poorer.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Cecilia Rimstedt and Gary Donner

Nothing to get excited about here, surely?

Turnips v Creds

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Donner	Franceschetti	C Rimstedt	Setton
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠7 and South won with the jack and found the unfortunate switch to the ♣2 which saw declarer win with the jack, cash four hearts and repeat the club finesse for +120.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Wooldridge	Tartarin	Edmonds
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble*
Rdbl*	All Pass		

Dble♥ support
Rdbl‘Points, no fit’

South led the ♥2 and declarer won with dummy’s ace and played a spade for the four, eight and jack. West switched to the ace and another diamond and declarer ruffed and played her top hearts. South ruffed the last of them with the ♠Q and exited with a diamond, declarer ruffing, cashing dummy’s top clubs and claiming eight tricks, +720 and 12 IMPs.



Anne-Laure Tartarin



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