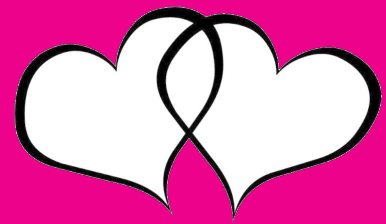


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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The Two who ran Away

Parker is still leading the field in a dominant position with 79.80 VPs, yet now they have company. The Turnips are in second with 76.67 VPs and even if the Crocodile in third place with 61.74 VPs takes a big bite in the last RR-match, Parker and the Turnips will likely play each other for the victory in today's final Danish round.

Remember it is the total number of VP's after the Danish round that counts, so teams can move several places on the scoreboard with a strong finish.

We received this photo from David Gold, whose son is helping Daddy David with his bridge while Daddy is helping Michael with his food.

Impressive multitasking.



David (to the left)
and Michael

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









September 22nd








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

12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – Danish (16 brds)

Results & Draw

Draw Round 7

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>
2	 <u>PATALIX</u>	 <u>MEADOW</u>
3	 <u>JUNIORS & OLD BOYS</u>	 <u>SNAPDRAGON</u>
4	 <u>MIXING IT UP</u>	 <u>CROCODILE</u>

Ranking after round 6		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>PARKER</u>	79.80
2	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	76.67
3	 <u>CROCODILE</u>	61.74
4	 <u>MEADOW</u>	60.34
5	 <u>JUNIORS & OLD BOYS</u>	59.08
6	 <u>MIXING IT UP</u>	56.11
7	 <u>SNAPDRAGON</u>	47.96
8	 <u>PATALIX</u>	38.30

Results

The Big Match

Round 5



By Mark Horton

The top two teams were in opposition in Round 5, but although it was tempting to concentrate on them I decided to pursue the policy of covering all four matches.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ K
♥ 9 7 6
♦ A Q J 9 8
♣ J 9 8 2

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

♠ A J 4 3
♥ Q 4
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ Q 5 3

West is certain to open 1♣ and North will overcall in diamonds. How best to show the East hand? I would be tempted to bid hearts, and see how things develop.

Juniors & Old Boys v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Lund Madsen	Tebha	Sokol
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	2♦	3♦*	4♦
5♣	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣
3♦ 'Both majors'

Although 3♦ was explained as both majors one suspects that West thought it implied support for clubs.

A couple of gadgets are worth mentioning; if South has a high honour in diamonds but not enough length to support the suit then a double can be used to show the card, the idea being to help partner judge the lead. Others prefer to use a double to show spades with at least diamond tolerance.

North led the ♥7 and declarer took South's queen with the king and played three rounds of clubs, South winning and cashing the ♠A. That was followed by a diamond, declarer finishing with nine tricks, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Robinson	Krefeld	Z Grossack
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♦	1♥	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

South led the ♦7 and North took the ace and continued with the queen, declarer winning with the king, playing a heart to the king and running the ten. When that lost, two spade tricks meant one down, -100 but a 3 IMP gain.

As you can see, if declarer starts with a heart to the ten 4♥ will be made. For the moment I can't see a compelling reason why declarer should get it right, but you might after a 2♦ overcall.

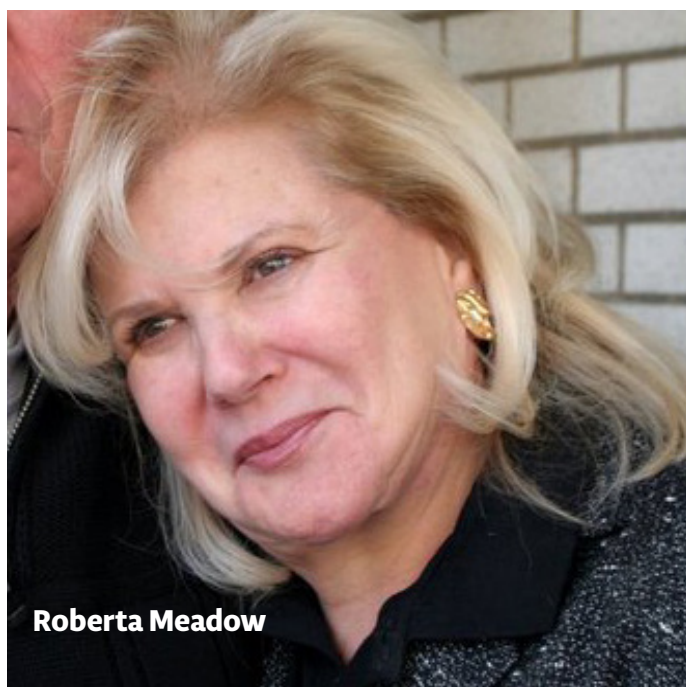
Meadow v Crocodile

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barel	Tokay	Katz	Meadow
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	Dble*
2♣*	Pass	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

DbleSpades

2♣ 'Natural, denies 3♥'

East started with two rounds of hearts and West won and played three rounds of clubs, East ruffing with the ♦10 and exiting with the ♥J. When West could not overruff dummy's seven, declarer played a diamond to the ace and claimed the rest, -50.



Roberta Meadow

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kutuk	Lengy	Ekinci	Nosatzki
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♠	3♣*
Dble	3♦	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

3♣ 6-9, 4♦

South led the ♦6 and North took the ace and returned the eight, declarer winning with the king and playing a spade to the five and king. Back came the ♦Q and declarer ruffed, pitching a club from dummy and played a spade, South taking the ace as North discarded the ♥9. Another diamond saw declarer ruff in hand, but South was sure to score another trump trick, -100 and a 4 IMP swing.

Mixing it Up v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Smith	Tartarin	Bauer
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♦	Dble*	3♣*
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Dble4+♥

3♣ Mixed raise

South led the ♦7, North winning with the ace and returning the queen. Declarer won, ran the ♠9 to North's king, ruffed the diamond return and played a spade to the ten, North discarding the ♥6. Declarer cashed dummy's top clubs and the ♥K, ruffed a club and played the ♥J.

When South discarded the $\diamond 6$ declarer could discard a club and then score the $\spadesuit Q$ en passant for +620.

All South needs to do is ruff the $\heartsuit J$ (either spade will do!) The prettiest is to ruff with the $\spadesuit A$ and then exit with the jack, leaving North to score the setting trick with the $\clubsuit J$.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Raywood	Franceschetti	Burns	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
1 \clubsuit	1 \diamond	1 \heartsuit	3 \diamond
Pass	Pass	3 \spadesuit	Pass
4 \clubsuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit	All Pass

After two rounds of diamonds declarer crossed to the $\heartsuit K$, cashed the top clubs and then ran the $\heartsuit 10$, -100 and a 12 IMP loss.

Patalix v Snapdragon

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Boyd-Bowman	Paske	Taylor
—	—	—	Pass
1 \clubsuit^*	2 \diamond	2 \heartsuit	3 \diamond
Pass	Pass	3 \heartsuit	All Pass

South led the $\diamond 5$ and North won and switched to the $\spadesuit K$, going back to diamonds when it held. Declarer won, played a heart to the king, cashed the top clubs and then played a heart to the ace, collecting South's queen. He could draw the outstanding trump and play a spade for ten tricks, +170.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stone	D Gold	Herrera	Knottenbelt
—	—	—	Pass
1 \clubsuit	1 \diamond	Dble	3 \clubsuit
Dble	3 \diamond	3 \heartsuit	Pass
4 \heartsuit	All Pass		

3 \clubsuit Mixed raise

The early play was identical to that in the other room, but having crossed to the $\heartsuit K$ declarer ran the ten and South won, cashed the $\spadesuit A$, gave her partner a ruff and still had the $\spadesuit J$ to come for three down, -300 and 10 IMPs.



The Bidding Battle

Round 6



By Mark Horton

This deal from Round 6 was mostly about the bidding:

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ Q 8 2
♥ Q J 6
♦ Q 9 2
♣ A K J 10

♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ 8 2
♦ K 10 6
♣ 6 4 3

♠ K 10 6 4
♥ A 10 5 4 3
♦ A 8 3
♣ 9

♠ J
♥ K 9 7
♦ J 7 5 4
♣ Q 8 7 5 2

With the auction likely to start Pass-1NT-2♣* I wondered how many pairs would find a route to the decent spade game.

Parker v Meadow

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kutuk	Tebha	Ekinci	Rubenstein
Pass	1NT	2♣*	2♥*
4♠	All Pass		

2♣ Majors

2♥ Both minors, competitive

Its hard to argue with success, but 4♠ is very aggressive. Put me down for 3♠.

North led the ♣K and switched to the ♦2 for the three, jack and king. Declarer cashed the ♠A, drew trumps via a finesse against North's queen and ducked a heart, the 3-3 break ensuring 11 tricks, +450.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Robinson	Tokay	Z Grossack	Meadow
Pass	1NT	2♣*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

If 4♠ was perhaps too much, 2♠ looks a little shy.

With nothing at stake declarer played to ruff two clubs and finished with nine tricks, +140 but a 7 IMP loss.

Turnips v Juniors & Old Boys

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hammelev	Franceschetti	Krefeld	Setton
Pass	1NT	2♣*	2♥
2♠	2NT	3♠	All Pass

Having been content to start with 2♠, West might have considered advancing to game when partner suggested a non-minimum.

North led the ♠2 and declarer won, drew trumps via the finesse and ducked a heart, +200.



Anne-Laure Tartarin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
B Bilde	Boyd-Bowman	L Bilde	Taylor
Pass	1NT	2♣*	Dble*
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

DbleNegative

North led the ♣A and continued with the jack (the strongest defence) forcing dummy to ruff. Declarer ducked a heart, North winning and continuing with the ♣10. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart with the ♠9, cashed the top spades ending in dummy and pitched a diamond on the ♥10, +420 and 7 IMPs.

Snapdragon v Mixing it Up

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Güven	Paske	Hotamisligil	Nettleton
Pass	1NT	Dble*	Rdbl*
2♣*	Dble*	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

DbleMajors or a long suit
RdblA five-card suit

2♣ Relay

DbleClubs

2♥ Majors

Given a second chance, West jumped to game.

North's double meant that NS had fulfilled all the requirements to allow them to join the Biltcliffe Coup Club – they had protected in the pass out seat when the opponents were about to play in a part-score, they had then bid to game, it had been doubled and, as we shall see it made.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Lund Madsen	Tartarin	Verhaegen
Pass	1NT	2♣*	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

This is perhaps the critical auction – should East advance to game? I'm inclined to say yes, but no more than that.

North led the ♣A and switched to a diamond so declarer won, ducked a heart and finished with 11 tricks, no swing.

Crocodile v Patalix

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stone	Bareket	Herrera	Saada
Pass	1NT	2♥	All Pass

Declarer took eight tricks, +110.



Ron Smith

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Knottenbelt	Smith	D Gold	Bauer
Pass	1NT	2♣*	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

North started with his top clubs, holding declarer to ten tricks, and picking up 11 IMPs.

Discussing the deal with the au pair she asked me how one might reach 4♠ if 2♣ was not available to show the majors. I suggested one possibility would be for East to overcall 2♦ to show spades and another suit (one always anchored to the four-card suit, so that if the opponents then bid 3NT leading from the five-card suit was frequently a nasty surprise). West would jump to 3♠ and East could advance to game.

Declarer won the trump lead, ducked a heart, took the spade return with the nine, played two rounds of hearts ruffing, drew the outstanding trump and claimed 11 tricks, +690.

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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.

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