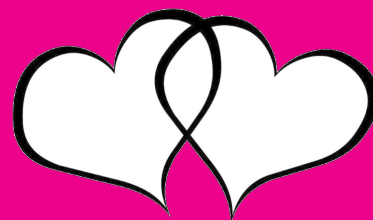


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Parker Prevailed

As predicted the final battle stood between Parker and Turnips. A narrow win in the penultimate match saw Parker leading by little more than 4 VPs before the last match. So the Turnips would need a small victory to beat them to the top of the table.

The Turnips were on the right track with 5 boards to go, yet Parker prevailed to lose by 5 IMPs and a narrow victory by 98.93 to 97.54. Congratulations to Parker (Adam Grossack, Zach Grossack, Chris Parker, Linda Robinson, Stewart Rubenstein, Anam Tebha) and Turnips (Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Hilda Setton, Anne Laure Tartarin). Meadow narrowly beat Crocodile to finish third.

It has been a pleasure seeing all of you again and based on your feedback we will organise another event December 19 to 22. We will open registration within a few weeks and hope to see all of you plus more again.

Thank you for playing, watching and the friendly atmosphere. ♥




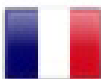






Next Event

Christmas Mixed Teams

December 19 to 22

Registration: mmt.bridgeresults.org

Final Ranking

Ranking after round 8		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>PARKER</u>	98.93
2	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	97.54
3	 <u>MEADOW</u>	86.16
4	 <u>CROCODILE</u>	84.41
5	 <u>JUNIORS & OLD BOYS</u>	77.28
6	 <u>SNAPDRAGON</u>	69.52
7	 <u>MIXING IT UP</u>	66.72
8	 <u>PATALIX</u>	59.44

Results

Too many Minds

Round 7

By Mark Horton



In the penultimate round I was spoilt for choice, as there was no shortage of interesting deals. Indeed, I had difficulty in deciding which one to feature.

Perhaps the opening deal where as West you have ♠AK853 ♥AK52 ♦Q107 ♣J and after two passes you see South open 3♥. Your move?

It looks like the choice is between 3♠, 3NT and Double.

Two players opted for 3NT and found partner with ♠Q976 ♥6 ♦KJ53 ♣K762. When North led a low club from his ♠2 ♥9 ♦A8642 ♣Q109543 declarer could not avoid defeat.

Three players bid 3♠ and were raised to game, one via East's 4♥. They all took 11 tricks, twice against 3NT to score 11 IMPs. One player doubled 3♥ and partner bid 4♠. They raised to 5♠ and partner went on to 6♠. It didn't make.

One South opened 4♥ and when West doubled East bid 4♠.

One North opened 3♣ and when West doubled East jumped to 4♠. South bid 5♣ and West pressed on to 5♠ which was swiftly defeated by the lead of the ♣A and a diamond switch.

However, the au pair didn't think it was interesting enough.

I might have written about Board 8 where North opened 4♥ with:

♠83 ♥KQ1096542 ♦A ♣QJ, but East held ♠AKJ109 ♥- ♦K974 ♣A854 so I expected everyone to double and find partner passing with ♠76 ♥J873 ♦10652 ♣932 – just enough for one down.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Turnips v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Franceschetti	Tebha	Setton
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5♠	All Pass

When West bid 5♥ it was clear he must control all three side-suits. Given that he was making a slam try with what must be a poor spade suit there is a case for East to go on.



Adam Grossack

Patalix v Meadow

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Meadow	Boyd-Bowman	Tokay	Taylor
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	1♠	4♠	Dble
5♣*	Pass	Pass	5♦
Dble	5♥	Dble	All Pass

5♣ Cue

South led the ♥A and that gave declarer an easy route to 12 tricks, +680.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Parker
—	3♣	Pass	3♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Don't you just love the 3♣ bid!

West led the ♥3 and declarer won with the ten and played the ♠9, East winning and switching to the ♦8. As the cards lie, declarer's best move is to play low, which should lead to nine tricks, but these things are never easy to see and the queen lost to the ace, West returning the ♦J. Declarer won, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond, East discarding the ♠6. Declarer pitched a spade on dummy's ♣10 and West won and continued with the ♣K. If declarer ruffs that and exits with a diamond she will secure another trump trick en passant for three down, but when she pitched a diamond West could play anything – he went with a spade – to secure four down, -800 and a 3 IMP loss.

North's baby psyche was brushed aside by East. No doubt West was hoping to see partner cue bid 5♦, but a disaster was averted when South came to the rescue.

West led the ♦A and switched to the ♠2. Declarer won East's diamond return, ruffed a spade, played a heart to the queen, ruffed a spade, repeated the heart finesse, drew the outstanding trump and played on diamonds, claiming ten tricks, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stone	Ekinci	Herrera	Kutuk
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
5♠	All Pass		

South led the ♦K and declarer took dummy's ace, drew trumps and cashed four clubs discarding a diamond. South came down to ♥AQJ ♦Q5 (it does not help to unblock the ♥J10) and declarer played a heart to the nine, endplaying South, +680 and 11 IMPs.

Mustafa Cem Tokay



North led the ♥6 and South won with the ten and cashed the ace, declarer taking the rest, +660 but a 4 IMP loss.

Mixing it Up v Crocodile

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bareket	Bauer	Saada	Güven
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♥*	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

Declarer ruffed the club lead and exited with the ♠J, East taking the queen and switching to the ♦8 for the king and ace. Back came the ♦J and declarer won, ruffed a spade, played a heart to the ten, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and ruffed a diamond. East overruffed, but declarer could ruff the return and give up a diamond for three down, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Raywood	Orenstein	Burns	Nosatzki
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♥*	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

The play developed along similar lines to that in the other room declarer eventually scoring a long diamond to flatten the board at -500.

One final point.

After a club lead ruffed, the only way to be sure of nine tricks is to lead a low diamond!

Juniors & Old Boys v Snapdragon

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nettleton	Lund Madsen	Paske	Sokol
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♥*	3♠	4♦
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

3♥ Weak

West led the ♣A and declarer ruffed and exited with the ♠7, East winning and returning a club. When declarer ruffed with the ♥A the die was cast – he was booked for four down (and as the play went it could have been worse), -800.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sigsgaard	D Gold	Meister	Knottenbelt
—	3♣	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

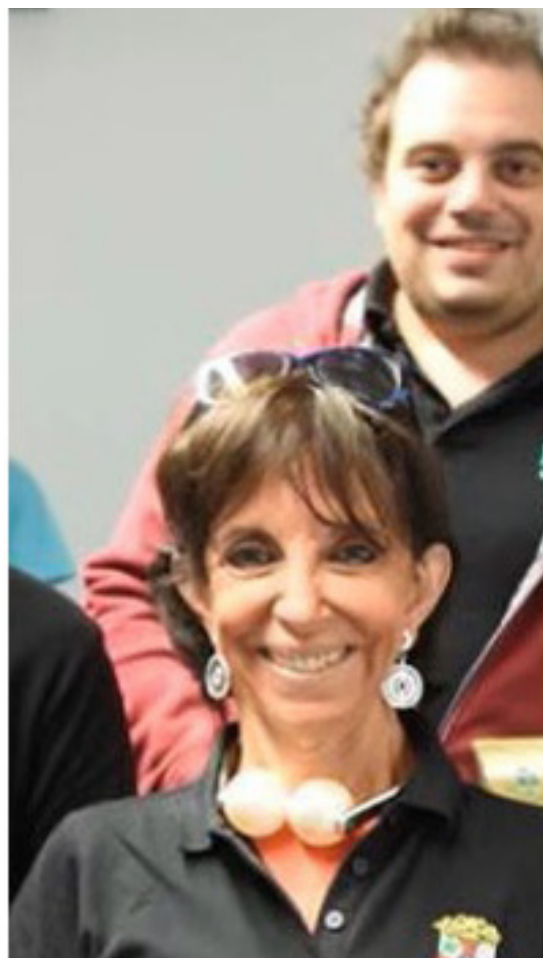
On Board 12 North held ♠762 ♥-
 ♦AKQ974 ♣AK62 and opened 1♦. East
 overcalled 1♠ and when South bid 2♥
 West jumped to 3♠. Now North bid 6♦ and
 collected 13 IMPs when partner put down
 ♠A ♥K109874 ♦J832 ♣108!

That was Pierre Franceschetti, who was
 matched by the Editor who also rebid 6♦,
 East having overcalled 2♠ and been raised
 to 3♠ when South bid 3♥.

Eitan Orenstein also bid 6♦, but only on
 the third round of the auction, having seen
 partner jump to 5♦ over his 4♣ rebid.

I was going to cover that, but the au pair
 thought it was obvious.

Pierre Franceschetti and Hilda Setton



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The Jaws of Victory

Final Round

By Mark Horton



Parker faced Turnips in the last round, leading by 4.35 VP. After 11 deals, a series of unfortunate events left them trailing 8-36. With their opponents apparently cruising to victory time was running out.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Parker
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble*	1NT*	Pass	2♥

Dble 4/5♠
1NT Clubs

West led the ♠4 and declarer took East's king with the ace, cashed the queen, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade, East discarding the ♦2. Declarer now ran the ♦K discarding a club, finishing with eight tricks, +110.

It's worth noting that if declarer comes off dummy with a club, nine tricks can be made – we'll see why in a moment.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Robinson	Franceschetti	Z Grossack	Setton
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dble*
2♥*	2NT*	Pass	3♥
Dble	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Dble Major minor
2♥ Spades
2NT Bid your minor

When South ignored the request to bid her minor, North might have guessed what had happened, but as usual these things are somewhat easier sitting in front of your computer.

To be sure of defeating 3♥ doubled West needs to find a club lead, East cashing two tricks in the suit and then switching to a heart. Then the best declarer can do is take the ace, cash the ♠A and ruff a spade, after which there should be eight tricks.

Against 4♣ doubled East led the ♣A and switched to the ♠7. Declarer put in dummy's queen, pitched a heart on the ♠A (a diamond is better) ruffed a spade and ran the ♦Q. West won and returned the ♣10 and even though declarer let that run to East's king he could not avoid two down, -500 and a 12 IMP loss.



Zach Grossack in good shape this week

North led the $\diamond 6$ for the king and ace and South switched to the $\spadesuit 2$, declarer winning with dummy's seven and continuing with the $\heartsuit 7$, south winning with the ten and going back to diamonds. Declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the major suit aces and played a heart. South ruffed and declarer overruffed, cashed the $\spadesuit K$ and ran the $\clubsuit 10$. That meant he was a somewhat unlucky three down, -300.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Robinson	Franceschetti	Z Grossack	Setton
—	Pass	2NT	Pass
$3\clubsuit^*$	Pass	$3\heartsuit^*$	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

\spadesuit J 6 5	
\heartsuit K 4 3 2	
\diamond Q 10 6 2	
\clubsuit 7 6	
\spadesuit K Q 9 3	\spadesuit A 10 7
\heartsuit 6 5	\heartsuit A J 9 8 7
\diamond 9 7 5 4	\diamond K
\clubsuit 10 8 2	\clubsuit A K J 9
\spadesuit 8 4 2	
\heartsuit Q 10	
\diamond A J 8 3	
\clubsuit Q 5 4 3	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	A Grossack	Tartarin	Parker
—	Pass	$1\heartsuit$	Pass
$1\spadesuit$	Pass	$3\clubsuit$	Pass
$3\diamond^*$	Pass	$3\spadesuit$	Pass
$4\spadesuit$	All Pass		

$3\heartsuit$ 4/5 \heartsuit

South led the $\clubsuit 3$ and declarer won with the jack, played a spade to the king and a heart to the nine, South winning with the queen. The spade return saw declarer win in hand, cash two more tricks in the suit (North discarding the $\diamond 2$) and then play a heart to the eight and ten.

Could South find the winning move of cashing the $\diamond A$? She knew declarer had started with three spades and probably five hearts. If he had the $\heartsuit A$ and the $\clubsuit AK$ he only needed one diamond trick to get up to nine. Casting aside the possibility that North's diamond discard showed an even number of cards in the suit, it appears that your only hope is to score three tricks in diamonds. When South continued with the $\diamond 8$ declarer had his ninth trick, +600 and 14 IMPs.

That put Parker back on track, and they survived a loss of 5 IMPs on the final deal to top the table – they had led from start to finish!

$3\diamond$ Fourth suit forcing



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