# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS <br> <br> 82 

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## Christmas Bridge

After a full year's break we are back with our Monthly Mixed Teams. The calendar has blessedly been filled with live bridge, and while many of our regular participants have expressed their wishes for more events, it has been hard to squeeze in. However, since it is Christmas we can grant them their wish.

Eight teams have signed up, and among them no less than four previous winners. Only one of these four is currently in the top -4 , which says more about the field than their efforts.

Mixed Goods have taken the lead ahead of Turnips after the first day of the RR.


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

December 19th
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - R3 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET - R4 (16 boards)
Same schedule throughout the week

## Results \＆Today＇s Draw

## Results

| Ranking after round 2 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rk | team | VPs |
| 1 | \％MIXED GOODS | 28.35 |
| 2 | TURNIPS | 26.77 |
| 3 | －MIKADINHO | 24.94 |
| 4 | \％SCANDISCOTS | 21.59 |
| 5 | 唯 FAWERITES | 18.93 |
| 6 | 邫 PARKER | 17.95 |
| 7 | 丰 ALPERT | 11.86 |
| 8 | －NETTEALE | 9.61 |

## Round 3

| Tbl | Home Team | Visiting Team |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | TURNIPS | 韭 ALPERT |
| 2 | 恝 FAWERITES | 敉）MIXED GOODS |
| 3 | Why SCANDISCOTS | －MIKADINHO |
| 4 | －NETTEALE | 非 PARKER |


| TbI | Home Team | Visiting Team |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | ALPERT | FAWERITES |
| 2 | MIKADINHO | TURNIPS |
| 3 | MIXED GOODS | 士 NETTEALE |
| 4 | PARKER | SCANDISCOTS |

## Happy Holidays Round 1

By Mark Horton


With the festive season rapidly approaching, I wondered if there would be any early Christmas presents as the 2023 Christmas Mixed Teams got underway.

I was mildly disappointed that the teams did not choose specially themed names for the event - something along the lines of Christmas Crackers, Bad Santas or Mixed Nuts. Maybe the Editor should make that a condition of entry for 2024.
Board 2. Dealer East. N/s Vul.

- J 1098
$\bullet 1043$
K 1096
4 A 9

| - Q 652 | ¢ K 73 |
| :---: | :---: |
| - K 9862 | - AQJ 7 |
| - A Q | - 752 |
| \& 64 | \& J 83 |

## - A 4

        \(\checkmark 5\)
    J 843
$\&$ KQ 10752

| Netteale v Turnips |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| Lorenzini | Gold | Tartarin | Seale |
| - | - | Pass | Pass |
| 10 | Pass | 24* | Dble |
| 20 | All Pass |  |  |

2\& Drury,3+ツ,9+

Assuming South's double showed clubs, could/should North double 2凶, suggesting values in the unbid suits and tolerance for clubs?
North led the $\boldsymbol{\top}$ Jand declarer won with the $\uparrow Q$, drew trumps ending in dummy and took the diamond finesse. When North won and returned the $\uparrow 10$ declarer played low from dummy and had nine tricks when the ace appeared, +140 .

| WEST | nORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Paske | Franceschetti | Nettleton | Setton |
| - | - | Pass | 34 |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

South's preemptive strike stole the pot and with only three tricks to lose she was soon claiming +130 along with 7 IMPs.

Scandiscots v Alpert

| west | north | EAst | Sоuth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Todd | Peterkin | Fruscolini | Punch |
| - | - | Pass | 1* |
| $1{ }^{10}$ | 14 | 24* | 2NT* |
| Pass | 34 | 34 | All Pass |
| 24. Heart raise |  |  |  |
| 2NT 6+ ${ }^{\text {a }}$ and fewer than 15 points |  |  |  |

North led the $\mathbf{J}$ J and declarer won with the queen, but later covered North's 10 with dummy's $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ to go one down, -50 .


| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Petelko | Versace | Retter | Alpert |
| - | - | Pass | Pass |
| $2 \triangleleft^{*}$ | Pass | $2 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass |
| $3 \&^{*}$ | Pass | $3 \vee$ | All Pass |

2• 44, 5+『, 7-16
2NT Asking
3\& Any minimum
South led the $\& \mathrm{~K}$ and continued with the $\$ 10$, North winning and switching to the
© 10. South put up the ace so that was +140 and 5 IMPs.

|  |  |  |  | WEst | NORTH | EASt | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mixed Goo | ds v Park |  |  | Nijssen | Tokay | L de Wijs | Fawer |
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | - | - | Pass | Pass |
| Rubenstein | Brenner | Tebha | Dolera | $1{ }^{10}$ | Pass | 2** | 34 |
| - | - | 1** | Pass | Pass | Pass | 30 | All Pass |
| 1** | Pass | $2 \vee$ | Pass |  |  |  |  |
| $2{ }^{*}$ | Pass | 30 | All Pass | 2\% Dr |  |  |  |

The defenders played three rounds of clubs and declarer ruffed high and drew trumps. South pitched a spade so that was a simple +140 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Schargel | Verhaegen | Yoon | S de Wijs |
| - | - | Pass | 1** |
| 10 | Dble* | 2** | Pass |
| $2 \checkmark$ | Pass | Pass | 3* |
| Pass | Pass | 30 | All Pass |

1* 2+\&
DbleSpades
2* Limit raise or better in hearts
The defenders cashed two clubs and South then switched to a diamond, North winning and exiting with a diamond. Declarer won, drew trumps ending in dummy, played a spade to the queen and ducked a spade, +140 , no swing.

On Board 6 NS held $\uparrow$ AKQ8 AJ954 $\downarrow 7$
\& K72 opposite $\uparrow$ J7 ヤKQ1072 *AQ864 \&J and all eight pairs had no trouble reaching 67.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

|  | ¢ Q J 5 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | - KJ9652 |
|  | -6 |
|  | - 542 |
| ¢ A 7642 | ¢ K 10 |
| $\checkmark$ - | - 743 |
| - K Q 1085 | - A 97 |
| \& K 97 | \& Q J 106 |

- 983
- Q10 8
- J4 32
\& A 83

Netteale v Turnips

| west | north | EAst | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lorenzini | Gold | Tartarin | Seale |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | $2 *^{*}$ | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | $2{ }^{*}$ | Pass |
| 3* | Pass | 34 | Pass |
| 4 | Pass | 44 | Pass |
| 6* | All Pass |  |  |

2* $2+\infty$, game forcing
2 Fourth-suit forcing
Having bid $3 *$ West did not hesitate to bid $4 \%$.

South led the 8 and declarer ruffed in dummy and played on clubs, +1370 .

Unfortunately for Turnips, the only other table to reach and make the slam was Paske-Nettleton who reached the top spot in $6 \%$.

| Est | NORTH | EASt | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paske | Franceschetti | Nettleton | Setton |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 20** | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 34 | Pass | 34 | Pass |
| 4 | Pass | $4{ }^{4}$ | Pass |
| 5 | Pass | 6 | All Pass |

A well-deserved push for the defending Christmas Teams champions.

| Scandiscots v Alpert |  |  |  | WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Rubenstein | Brenner | Tebha | Dolera |
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |  |  |  |  |
| Todd | Peterkin | Fruscolini | Punch | - | - | - | Pass |
|  |  |  |  | 14 | Pass | 2** | Pass |
| - | - | - | Pass | 2 | Pass | 20* | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 24* | Pass | 3 |  |  | Pas |
| 2 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |  | Pass |  | Pass |
| 34 |  | 3NT |  | 4* | Pass | 4* | Pass |
|  | Pass |  | All Pass | 54 | Pass | $5 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass |
|  |  |  |  | 64 | All Pass |  |  |

South led the $>8$ and after ducking three times declarer discovered his luck was in, +600 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Petelko | Versace | Retter | Alpert |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3 | Pass | 34 | Pass |
| 4 | Pass | 4** | Pass |
| 44 | Pass | 4NT* | Pass |
| 5\%* | Pass | 5** | Pass |
| 54* | All Pass |  |  |

4• 'I think fit for diamonds'
4NT RKCB
5\% 1 keycard
When East bid $5 \uparrow, 5 \uparrow$ was explained as denying the $\uparrow Q$. Despite the possible misunderstanding about the trump suit, with spades 3-3 there were eleven tricks, +650 and 2 IMPs.

Mixed Goods v Parker

2* $2+$ GF
2v Fourth suit forcing 5NT Pick a slam

6* was a decent spot... until South found the devastating lead of the -4, which declarer won with the 10 in dummy. Now South won the first round
 of clubs and played the $\$ 2$, North's ruff representing the setting trick.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| McAllister | Tunçok | Sullivan | Hotamisligil |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | $20^{*}$ | Pass |
| 34 | Pass | $3 N T$ | All Pass |



South found the nasty lead of the $\vee 10$ but declarer's luck was in. She could duck three times and emerge with nine tricks, +600 and a slightly fortuitous 12 IMPs.

Fawerites v Mikadinho

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOuth |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nijssen | Tokay | Lde Wijs | Fawer |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | $2 *^{*}$ | Pass |
| $2 *$ | Pass | $2 \mathbf{Q}^{*}$ | Pass |
| $3 \&$ | Pass | $3 N T$ | All Pass |

2\& 2+\& game forcing
2 Fourth suit forcing
South led the 2 and declarer won with the $\diamond 9$ and forced out the $\& A$, finishing with 11 tricks and +660 .

| WEST | NORTH | EASt | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Schargel | Verhaegen | Yoon | S de Wijs |
| - | - | - | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| 2 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |

Whatever the meaning of $2 \%$, it looks reasonable to bid $3 \&$ over 2 NT - if you give East the \&A and weaker heart holding you might even be cold for 7\%.

South led the $\vee 8$ which was worth a couple of IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

- Q 9
- K 8
- J 10542
\& K Q J 8
- 1084
- 73
- Q5432
- 10976
- K Q
- 9863
\& 962
- 754
-AKJ652
$\bullet$ A J
- A 7
\& A 103
Netteale v Turnips

| WEST | NORTH | EASt | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lorenzini | Gold | Tartarin | Seale |
| - | 14** | Pass | 1** |
| Pass | 14* | Pass | 34 |
| Pass | 44 | Pass | 4NT* |
| Pass | 54* | Pass | 5** |
| Dble | 5** | Pass | 6** |
| Pass | 74 | All Pass |  |

1\& $2+\&, 2 \&$ and 4 possible
$1-4+4$
14 2/3
4NT RKCB
5\& 0 keycards
5 - $Q$ ?
5• $Q+$ QK
6. 'Invitation to 7¢ I think'

Well bid for +1510 .

| WEST | nORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Paske | Franceschetti | Nettleton | Setton |
| - | 1 | Pass | 14 |
| Pass | $1 N T$ | Pass | 6 NT |
| All Pass |  |  |  |



How refreshing to see an old fashioned game forcing $2 \uparrow$ response, +1520 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Todd | Peterkin | Fruscolini | Punch | Petelko | Versace | Retter | Alpert |
| - | 1. | Pass | 24 | - | 1 | Pass | 14 |
| Pass | 34 | Pass | 3NT* | Pass | 2* | Pass | 2** |
| Pass | 4** | Pass | 4** | Pass | 2NT | Pass | 30 |
| Pass | $4{ }^{*}$ | Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 44 | Pass | 4NT* |
| Pass | 5** | Pass | $5{ }^{*}$ | Pass | 5** | Pass | 5** |
| Pass | 64* | Pass | 7NT | Pass | 64* | Pass | 74 |
| All Pass |  |  |  | All Pass |  |  |  |

3NT Serious slam try
4\% Cue
4. Cue
$4-$ Cue
4NT RKCB
5. 0/3 keycards

5 - Q ?
$6 \uparrow$ Q $\mathrm{Q}+\mathrm{Q} \mathrm{K}$
2 Fourth suit forcing
4NT RKCB
5 0/3 keycards
5 - $Q$ ?
6\& $\uparrow$ Q + $\uparrow K$

Another excellent sequence to flatten the board.


Mixed Goods v Parker

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rubenstein | Brenner | Tebha | Dolera |
| - | 1 | Pass | 14 |
| Pass | 1 NT | Pass | 7NT |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

That was +1520 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| McAllister | Tunçok | Sullivan | Hotamisligil |
| - | 1. | Pass | 14 |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2** |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 34 |
| Pass | 44 | Pass | 4NT* |
| Pass | 5** | Pass | $5{ }^{*}$ |
| Pass | 6** | Pass | 64 |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

2* Game forcing 4NT RKCB
5. 0/3 keycards
$5 \vee$ Q?
6* $\uparrow \mathrm{Q}+\star \mathrm{K}$ or two other kings
+1010 but an 11 IMP loss.

Fawerites v Mikadinho

| WEST | north | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nijssen | Tokay | Lde Wijs | Fawer |
| - | $1 \downarrow$ | Pass | $1 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | $1 N T$ | Pass | $6 \uparrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

West led the $\% 2,+1010$.
A swing looked possible.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Schargel | Verhaegen <br> Yoon | Sde Wijs |  |
| - | 1 | Pass | $1 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | $2 \&$ | Pass | $3 \uparrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Unluckily for South, a jump to $3 \uparrow$ in this situation is only forcing pr. agreement.

That was an unfortunate +260 and a loss of 13 IMPs.

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Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

↔ K Q

- J 7
- Q 642
\& AK 1054

| -9 | ¢J10873 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ AKQ1095 | $\checkmark 642$ |
| - 875 | - AKJ |
| \& J 87 | * 32 |

A A6542
$\vee 83$

- 1093
\& Q 96

Netteale v Turnips

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lorenzini | Gold | Tartarin | Seale |
| - | - | Pass | Pass |
| 30 | Pass | $4 \downarrow$ | All Pass |

Two top clubs were followed by the $\uparrow \mathrm{KQ}$, declarer ruffing, cashing the $\vee$ AK, ruffing a club, playing the $\uparrow \mathrm{J}$, and claiming when South covered, +420 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | west | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Petelko | Versace | Retter | Alpert |
| Paske | Franceschetti | Nettleton | Setton | - | - | Pass | Pass |
| - | - | Pass | Pass | 3** | Dble | Pass | 4* |
| 30 | All Pass |  |  | Pass | Pass | Dble | Pass |
|  |  |  |  | Pass | 4NT | Dble | Pass |
| Declar | ad no troubl | e taking 10 | tricks | Pass | 5* | Dble | All Pass | for +170 , but that was a 6 IMP loss.

## Scandiscots v Alpert



| WEST | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Todd | Peterkin | Fruscolini | Punch |
| - | - | Pass | Pass |
| 10 | 24 | 2V | 34 |

East led the $\wedge$ A and switched to the $\uparrow 3$, declarer winning with the $\uparrow Q$, cashing the $\uparrow A K$ and then playing the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$. West ruffed, cashed two hearts and played a diamond, two down, -100.
$3 ヵ$ 6+『, wide range preemept

East led the $\star$ A and switched to the $\uparrow \mathrm{J}$, declarer winning with the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$, cashing the $\$ A K$ and playing the $\uparrow \mathbf{Q}$. West ruffed, and that meant four down, -800 and a 12 IMP loss.

| Mixed Goods v Parker |  |  |  | west <br> Schargel | NORTH <br> Verhaegen | east Yoon | south S de Wijs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | - | - | Pass | Pass |
| WEst | NORTH | EASt |  | 10 | 2* | 2 | 3* |
| Rubenstein | Brenner | Tebha | Dolera | 30 | $4{ }^{+}$ | 4 | All Pass |
| - | - | Pass | Pass |  |  |  | All |
| 30 | Dble | 4 | All Pass |  |  |  |  |

The traditional start of two clubs followed by two spades saw declarer ruff, cash two hearts, ruff a club and play the $\uparrow$ J for the ace and a ruff, +420 and 5 IMPs.

There was a certain amount of generosity going around, hopefully not induced by an excess of Xmas spirit(s)!


# We Three Kings Round 2 

By Mark Horton



While the teams were slaving away at the tables in Round 2 I was enjoying a family supper which was accompanied by some fine wines from Alsace and Bordeaux.

When I turned on my computer I spotted three deals that are worthy of mention.

## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul. <br> ^ J 1094 <br> - K 9874 <br> - 4 <br> \& Q J 8 <br> ```^ AK K \\ \bullet 2``` <br> -Q63 <br> - Q 963 <br> \& K 6532 <br> - K J 1082 <br> \& A 74

4 8632

- AJ 105
- A 75
\& 109
Alpert v Mixed Goods

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | south |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pedersen | Versace | Rasmussen | Alpert | WEST | NORTH | EASt | SOUTH |
| - | - | 1** | Pass | Becklen | Franceschetti | Trendafilova | Setton |
| 2\% | Pass | 2NT | Pass | - | - | 1. | Pass |
| 3 | Pass | 5 | All Pass | 24 | Pass | 2 | Pass |
|  |  |  |  | 3 | Pass | $30^{*}$ | Pass |
| 1) $4+$ |  |  |  | 3NT | All Pass |  |  |

South led the $『$ A and switched to the $\uparrow 3$, declarer winning in hand, ruffing a heart, returning to hand with the *A, ruffing a heart and playing the $\downarrow$.

South took the ace and exited with a club, but declarer could win in dummy, draw trumps and pitch the losing club on dummy's spades, +600 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Laitano | Brenner | Berrettini | Dolera |
| - | - | $1 *$ | Pass |
| $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}^{*}$ | Pass | $2 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass |
| $3 \mathbf{*}^{*}$ | Pass | $3 \uparrow$ | Pass |
| $3 N T$ | Pass | 5 | All Pass |

2^ $4+$ fm<br>2NT Asking<br>$3 \downarrow 0 / 1 \vee$

South started with two rounds of diamonds, but declarer could win, draw the outstanding trump, cash two clubs, play three rounds of spades pitching a club, ruff a club and claim, +600 .

## Turnips v Scandiscots

North led the $\vee 7$ and declarer tried a hopeful queen, the defenders taking six tricks for two down, -200.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | Mikadinho v Netteale |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lorenzini | Herrera | Tartarin | Manzotti |  |  |  |  |
| - | - | 1 | Pass | west | NORTH | EASt | south |
| 24 | Pass | 2NT | Pass | Paske | L de Wijs | Nettleton | Nijssen |
| 3** | Pass | 3** | Pass | - | - | 1. | Pass |
| $3{ }^{*}$ | Pass | 4* | Pass | 2** | Pass | 2** | Dble |
| 5 | All Pass |  |  | Pass | 24 | 3 | Pass |
|  |  |  |  | $34^{*}$ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

3\% Transfer to 3
3v Short
When South started with two rounds of diamonds declarer won, took a third round of diamonds and played to establish the clubs for +600 and 13 IMPs.

## Parker v Fawerites

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Schargel | Tebha | Yoon | Zolotow |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |

South led the $\vee 5$ and North won with the king and returned the $\vee 7$, declarer putting up the $\vee$ Q. The blocked suit meant that was one down, -100 .

| WEST | nORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wood | Tokay | Robinson | Fawer |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 24 | Pass | $2 N T$ | Pass |
| 3 | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

When West bids 3 perhaps East should be a little concerned about the quality of the major suit stoppers. Here too South led the $\checkmark 5$ so there was no swing.

2* Game forcing
$2 \vee$ 'Values'
After South's double of $2 \vee$ there is an even stronger case for considering an alternative to 3NT.

South led the $\uparrow 6$ and declarer won with the $\uparrow Q$ (taking the trick in dummy and playing on diamonds might have been a little more testing, but North will have an opportunity to make a suit preference discard) and played on diamonds. South took the second round as North pitched the $\vee 4$ and South switched to the $\vee 5$ for one down, -100 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S de Wijs | Gold | vd Paverd | Seale |
| - | - | 1** | Pass |
| 2** | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |

South led the $\quad \mathrm{J}$ and North won with the $\checkmark \mathrm{K}$ and returned the $\vee 4$ which meant the contract was two down, -200 and a 3 IMP swing.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|  | ¢ 64 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\checkmark 42$ |
|  | - AK 83 |
|  | \& KQ863 |
| ¢ Q J 95 | ¢ A |
| - K Q 3 | - AJ 9865 |
| - Q 6 | - J 742 |
| \& 10742 | \& A 5 |
|  | ¢ K 108732 |
|  | $\checkmark 107$ |
|  | -1095 |
|  | \& J 9 |

Alpert v Mixed Goods

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pedersen | Versace | Rasmussen | Alpert |
| Pass | $1 *$ | $1 ष$ | Pass |
| $2 * *$ | Pass | $2 \star^{*}$ | Pass |
| $4 \boldsymbol{*}$ | All Pass |  |  |

## 2* Heart raise

2. Semi-natural/reinvite
South led the \&J and declarer won with six, Nort winning with the eight and the $\$$ Q followed by the $\$ 3$. Declarer ruffed with the $\vee J$ and exited with a diamond, but North won and played the \&K. When Declarer ruffed with the $\quad 8$ South overruffed and exited with the $\vee$. Declarer could ruff his losing diamonds in dummy, but that was one down, -50.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Laitano | Brenner | Berrettini | Dolera |
| Pass | 1\% | 18 | Pass |
| 2中* | 2 | Dble | 24 |
| 30 | Pass | $4 \checkmark$ | All Pass |



South led the J and declarer won the second round of the suit and played a diamond for the queen and king. When North continued with the $Q$ declarer ruffed with the $\vee 9$ so South's overruff meant there was no swing.

## Turnips v Scandiscots

| wEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Becklen | Franceschetti | Trendafilova | Setton |
| Pass | 14 | 30 | All Pass |

Declarer won the club lead, played a diamond to the queen and king, took the heart return in dummy and played a second diamond, North winning and playing two rounds of clubs. When declarer ruffed with the $\vee 8$ South could overruff, +140.

Declarer won the club lead, and played a diamond for the queen and king. North cashed the $\%$ Q and then played the $\vee 4$, declarer winning in dummy to play a diamond to North' ace. Back came a heart and declarer claimed 10 tricks, +420 and 7 IMPs.

## Parker v Fawerites

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Schargel | Tebha | Yoon | Zolotow |
| Pass | 1\% | 10 | 24* |
| 30 | Pass | $4 \checkmark$ | All Pass |

Declarer took the club lead and played a diamond for the queen and king. Two rounds of clubs saw declarer ruff with the $\checkmark$ J, cash dummy's $\vee \mathrm{KQ}$ and play a diamond, claiming when North took the $\downarrow$ A, +420.


| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wood | Tokay | Robinson | Fawer |
| Pass | 14 | $1 \varnothing$ | 14 |
| 1NT | Pass | $2 \varnothing$ | All Pass |

Declarer won the club lead, unblocked the $\uparrow$ A, went to dummy with a heart and ran the $\uparrow Q$, pitching the $\$ 5$.
South won an played a club, but declarer ruffed, played a heart to dummy's king, pitched a diamond on the $\uparrow \mathrm{J}$ and claimed 10 tricks, +170 but a loss of 6 IMPs.

Mikadinho v Netteale

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | sOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Paske | Lde Wijs | Nettleton | Nijssen |
| Pass | $1 \&^{*}$ | $1 \downarrow$ | 14 |
| 2\& | Pass | $4 \downarrow$ | All Pass |

14 2+4
2\% Good raise

Declarer won the club lead and played a diamond to the queen and king, but when North continued with the $\& \mathrm{~K}$ followed by the $\% 6$ she ruffed with the $\geqslant 8$ and was one down,-50.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S de Wijs | Gold | vd Paverd | Seale |
| Pass | 1** | 10 | 24* |
| 2NT* | Pass | $4 \checkmark$ | All Pass |

14 2+4
24 Weak
2NT Heart fit, 10-11

Declarer took trick one with the \&A, cashed the $\uparrow \mathrm{A}$, went to dummy with a heart and ran the $\uparrow Q$ pitching the $\% 5$. He ruffed the club return, played a diamond to the queen and king, ruffed the club continuation high, ducked a diamond, ruffed a fourth cub high, played a a trump to dummy and claimed, +420 and 10 IMPs.

## Board 14. Dealer East.



None Vul.

|  | - 105 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | -109854 |
|  | - J 109 |
|  | \& K Q J |
| ¢ AKQ974 | ¢ J 862 |
| $\checkmark 3$ | - AQJ 7 |
| - 75 | - A8432 |
| \& A 98 | \& - |
|  | ¢ 3 |
|  | - K 62 |
|  | - Q 6 |
|  | \&10765432 |

## Alpert v Mixed Goods

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pedersen | Versace | Rasmussen | Alpert |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 19 | Pass | 34 | Pass |
| 4ヶ* | Pass | 4** | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 64* | Pass |
| 6** | Pass | 6** | Dble |
| Pass* | Pass | Rdbl* | Pass |
| 74 | All Pass |  |  |

4\% Cue
4* Cue
4NT RKCB
6\% Void and an even number of keycards
6 'Asking for 3 or $\downarrow$ Q'
6• Cue
Pass 'Are you sure’
RdblFirst round $\vee$ control

When West made a grand slam try with 6 East could not deliver the good in diamonds but bid $6 \square$ to show his concentration of strength in the suit. The combination of South's double and East's redouble made the location of the $\checkmark \mathrm{K}$ clear, and West, already envisaging a possibility in the play went 'all in'.

North led the $\vee 5$ and declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, ruffed a club in dummy and played the $\vee$ Q, covered and ruffed. Another club ruff allowed a losing diamond to be discarded on the $\vee J$ and was accompanied by a claim, +1510 .

East's heart holding could not have been better, but even if you replace the $\vee J$ with the $\vee 4$ once South has made that revealing double declarer would need no more than to find South with three diamonds and the $\checkmark$ K.

He reduces to a five-card ending where dummy has AQ 74 A and declarer $\uparrow 74$ $\checkmark 3 \diamond 75$ in hand. When the penultimate spade is cashed, South, down to \KJ6 © Q9 is caught in a crisscross squeeze.

| west | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Laitano | Brenner | Berrettini | Dolera |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 34 | Pass |
| 4** | Pass | $4{ }^{*}$ | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 50* | Pass |
| 5NT* | Pass | 64* | Pass |
| 6 | Pass | 64 | All Pass |

4* Cue
4* Cue
4NT RKCB
5 2 keycards
5NT Grand Slam try
6* \&K or void
6* Looking for third round * control.
North led the $\$ \mathrm{~K}$ and having ruffed and drawn trumps declarer crossed to the A and took the ruffing finesse for +1010 but an 11 IMP loss.

Turnips v Scandiscots

| west | NORTH | EASt | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Becklen | Franceschetti | Trendafilova | Setton |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| 3\% | Pass | 3 | Pass |
| 30* | Pass | 4** | Pass |
| 4** | Pass | 4 ${ }^{*}$ | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 6** | Pass |
| 74 | All Pass |  |  |

3v Fourth suit forcing
4* Cue
4* Cue
4 Cue
4NT RKCB
6* 2 keycards + a void
North led the 10 and declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, ruffed a club and played the $\geqslant 7$ claiming when the $\vee \mathrm{K}$ appeared, +1510 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lorenzini | Herrera | Tartarin | Manzotti |
| - | - | $1 *$ | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ | Pass |
| 2NT* | Pass | $3 \boldsymbol{*}^{*}$ | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | $5 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass |
| $6\rangle^{*}$ | Pass | $6 \uparrow$ | All Pass |

2NT Asking
3\& Short \& with $\vee \mathrm{A} / \mathrm{K}$
4NT RKCB
5NT 2 keycards +\& void
6 Looking for third round diamond control

Declarer won the trump lead and having taken a second round played a heart to the queen for +980 and an 11 IMP loss.

Parker v Fawerites

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Schargel | Tebha | Yoon | Zolotow |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ | Pass |
| $4 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass | $5 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass |
| $6 \boldsymbol{4}$ | All Pass |  |  |

5NT 2 keycards + a void

Here declarer preferred the ruffing finesse in hearts, +1010.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wood | Tokay | Robinson | Fawer |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| 34 | Pass | 30 | Pass |
| 4** | Pass | 4** | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 5** | Pass |
| 5NT* | Pass | 64 | All Pass |

4* Cue
4* Cue
4NT RKCB
5 2 keycards
5NT Grand Slam try
Here too declarer got the hearts right, no swing.

| Mikadinho v Netteale |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| Paske | L de Wijs | Nettleton | Nijssen |
| - | - | 1 | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| 2NT* | Pass | 44* | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 6** | Pass |
| 74 | All Pass |  |  |

2NT Game forcing ask
4* Splinter with 44
4NT RKCB
6. Even number of aces + void

Declarer took the trump lead, ruffed a club, drew the outstanding trump, cashed the $\&$ A ruffed a club, played a diamond to the king and played trumps to reach this position:


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-K 62

- Q
\& -
The odds favoured North having the $\urcorner \mathrm{K}$, but when declarer took the finesse South won for one down, -50 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S de Wijs | Gold | vd Paverd | Seale |
| - | - | 1. | Pass |
| 14 | Pass | 34 | Pass |
| 4NT* | Pass | 5** | Pass |
| 5NT* | Pass | 64 | All Pass |
| 4NT RKCB |  |  |  |
| 5 2 keycards |  |  |  |
| 5NT Grand Slam try |  |  |  |

A ruffing finesse in hearts meant +1010 and 14 IMPs.

## Teams / Players / Nicknames

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## Conditions of Contest • Christmas Mixed Teams

1. The 2023 Christmas Mixed Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 18th to 21st of December, 2023.
2. All participants are bound by the regulations within this document.

All players are welcome to register, yet some can be refused at the discretion of the organizer.

Teams can consist of $4-10$ players. If necessary, more players can be added during the event.

At the moment teams and/or players are registered, they automatically agree to play according to the conditions in this document.

Should a team be disqualified and/or withdraw by their own choice (before or during the event), there will be no refund of entry fees.

## 3. Schedule of play

Monday, 18 December 2023
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - RR1 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET - RR2 (16 boards)
Tuesday 19 December 2023
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - RR3 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET - RR4 (16 boards)
Wednesday 20 December 2023
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - RR5 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET - RR6 (16 boards)
Thursday 21 December 2023
10:00 EST / 16:00 CET - RR7 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET - Danish (16 boards)

## 4. Format

This will be a single stage event: 8 rounds x 16 boards: 7 rounds of Round-Robin +1
"Danish" round based on the ranking (1 vs 2,3 vs 4,5 vs 6,7 vs 8 ).

The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales (see p. 10 below).

In order to determine the grouping for a tie between two teams will be broken by the result of the match(es) between those two teams. If there should still be a tie, then the IMP quotient of all matches will be taken into consideration to break the tie.

## 5. Line-Up and Seating Rights

All 16-board sessions are expected to be played without change of line-up. If a team needs to change its lineup after the first half of the 16 -board session it needs to contact the Mixed Team or TD.

Captains submit their line up without knowing the line-up of their opponents ("blind line-up").

Teams are expected to submit their line-up as soon as practical and no later than 30 minutes before the start of the round.

Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale: 1st occasion - warning; 2nd and any subsequent occasion -0.5 VP penalty. The line-up must be submitted through the line-up web utility. All captains will be provided with the respective link and the password.

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## 6. Running the matches

All players involved must be online and logged in to Bridge Base Online 5 minutes before the start of the round at the latest.

Players must have their official name on their BBO profile. Private isn't allowed.
Teams who infringe this regulation will be subject to VP penalties according to this scale:

1st occasion - warning;
2nd and any subsequent occasion - 0.5 VP penalty for each match for each player without official name on BBO profile.

The Tournament Director will create the tables and send invitations to the players in accordance with the submitted line-ups. Players are requested to accept the invitation immediately upon receipt.

All tables will play duplicated boards.
Barometer scoring will be OFF. The scores are only visible (for the players) after the last board has been played. Kibitzers can see the scores during the match.
The table settings will allow kibitzers but forbid communication between players and kibitzers.

Undo and claiming:
MMT encourages players to accept an opponent's request for undo in obvious misclick situations during the bidding as well as play.
In case such undo is refused a player gets one "challenge" whereby the TD can be summoned to the table. Play must be shut
down till the TD arrives. The TD will assess the situation, and if he believes the undo is justified by an obvious misclick that no reasonable player should refuse, the undo has to be accepted by the opponents.

Players alert their own bids. Bids must be alerted before entering the bids. If you don't alert before making your bid, your opponent may think that your bid is natural, make his/her bid, then see the Alert and legitimately ask for an undo in case the information changes his/her perspectives.

If players explain bids via chat they should set the recipients to Opponents, not Table, so only opponents see the explanation and not partner. The best way is to explain the bids via the BBO alert mechanism. Players may not consult their own system card or use any aids to their memory or calculation or technique between the commencement of the auction and the end of play.

The gravest possible offence is for a partnership to exchange information through non-public communication or (individual) players self-kibitzing.
If players experience highly suspicious plays, we encourage you to send a report to the organizers at mmt@bridgeresults.org. We will not reveal your name as source.

Players are expected to finish 16 boards within 2 hours. The TD may remove unplayed boards if in his opinion a delay in the match would interfere with the smooth running of the competition.

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## 8. Request of a TD ruling

The Mixed Team strongly encourages participants to play in the most respectful way. Any player can summon the Director to the table in case of irregularities.

The time for a request for a TD ruling expires 30 minutes after the end of the match. All requests will be decided by a qualified Director (if appropriate - in consultation with other directors and/or world class players); no further appeal will be possible after the TD's decision. To submit protests, you should send email to: mmt@bridgeresults.org

| IMP | VP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 1 | 10.31 | 9.69 |
| 2 | 10.61 | 9.39 |
| 3 | 10.91 | 9.09 |
| 4 | 11.20 | 8.80 |
| 5 | 11.48 | 8.52 |
| 6 | 11.76 | 8.24 |
| 7 | 12.03 | 7.97 |
| 8 | 12.29 | 7.71 |
| 9 | 12.55 | 7.45 |
| 10 | 12.80 | 7.20 |
| 11 | 13.04 | 6.96 |
| 12 | 13.28 | 6.72 |
| 13 | 13.52 | 6.48 |
| 14 | 13.75 | 6.25 |
| 15 | 13.97 | 6.03 |
| 16 | 14.18 | 5.82 |
| 17 | 14.39 | 5.61 |
| 18 | 14.60 | 5.40 |
| 19 | 14.80 | 5.20 |
| 20 | 15.00 | 5.00 |
| 21 | 15.19 | 4.81 |
| 22 | 15.38 | 4.62 |
| 23 | 15.56 | 4.44 |
| 24 | 15.74 | 4.26 |
| 25 | 15.92 | 4.08 |
| 26 | 16.09 | 3.91 |
| 27 | 16.26 | 3.74 |
| 28 | 16.42 | 3.58 |
| 29 | 16.58 | 3.42 |
| 30 | 16.73 | 3.27 |
| 31 | 16.88 | 3.12 |
| 32 | 17.03 | 2.97 |

9. These Regulations may be amended and augmented at the discretion of the organizing committee if circumstances so warrant so as to ensure the smooth, efficient and enjoyable execution of the events.
Although the MMT are not aligned with any bridge organization, we take ethical violations seriously and report to Eric Laurant from the WBF Investigation committee if our experts and statisticians find ground to suspect a pair/player is violating the rules of bridge through self-kibitzing or illegal communication with partner or teammates.

## 10. 16-board VP-Scale

| IMP | VP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29 | 16.58 | 3.42 |
| 30 | 16.73 | 3.27 |
| 31 | 16.88 | 3.12 |
| 32 | 17.03 | 2.97 |
| 33 | 17.17 | 2.83 |
| 34 | 17.31 | 2.69 |
| 35 | 17.45 | 2.55 |
| 36 | 17.59 | 2.41 |
| 37 | 17.72 | 2.28 |
| 38 | 17.85 | 2.15 |
| 39 | 17.97 | 2.03 |
| 40 | 18.09 | 1.91 |
| 41 | 18.21 | 1.79 |
| 42 | 18.33 | 1.67 |
| 43 | 18.44 | 1.56 |
| 44 | 18.55 | 1.45 |
| 45 | 18.66 | 1.34 |
| 46 | 18.77 | 1.23 |
| 47 | 18.87 | 1.13 |
| 48 | 18.97 | 1.03 |
| 49 | 19.07 | 0.93 |
| 50 | 19.16 | 0.84 |
| 51 | 19.25 | 0.75 |
| 52 | 19.34 | 0.66 |
| 53 | 19.43 | 0.57 |
| 54 | 19.52 | 0.48 |
| 55 | 19.61 | 0.39 |
| 56 | 19.69 | 0.31 |
| 57 | 19.77 | 0.23 |
| 58 | 19.85 | 0.15 |
| 59 | 19.93 | 0.07 |
| 60 | 20.00 | 0.00 |

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