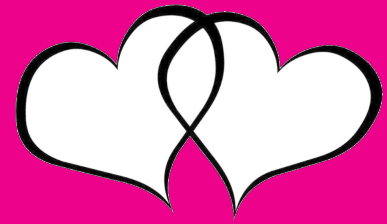


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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Meet our Mixed Family

Many of our participants are regulars, yet every edition we see new faces - and since it has been a year since our last event, some of us may have forgotten who the others are in the mean time...

We have always been proud to present a field of champions as well as rising stars, so today I would like to introduce some of both:

As mentioned yesterday, Turnips (Hilda Setton, Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Anne Laure Tartarin) won the European Transnational Mixed Teams in June. (Some might add that Cenk Tuncok and Selen Hotamisligil knocked out the editor in the same event, but I won't). Only a few weeks ago, John McAllister and Lilly Justman (from the leaders Mixed Goods) won the Mixed Swiss at the Fall Nationals.

If we look at the newcomers, we find three of them on the Fawerites (Melissa Fawer, Gail Schargel, David Yoon). David Yoon is also one of 12 bridge pros portrayed in a Bridge Pro Calendar (yes, you read correctly) that you can read more about inside the bulletin.

Lastly we have the field's youngest players, Sarah and Lotte De Wijs, who just turned 19 this month. Some might find their last name familiar; they are daughters of Dutch multiple World Champion Simon De Wijs, who got permission to play with one of them last match Thursday.

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 20th

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 4		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>MIXED GOODS</u>	59.21
2	 <u>SCANDISCOTS</u>	56.85
3	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	50.90
4	 <u>MIKADINHO</u>	40.06
5	 <u>ALPERT</u>	35.37
6	 <u>PARKER</u>	27.06
7	 <u>NETTEALE</u>	26.15
8	 <u>FAWERITES</u>	24.40

Round 5

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>MIKADINHO</u>	 <u>ALPERT</u>
2	 <u>NETTEALE</u>	 <u>FAWERITES</u>
3	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	 <u>PARKER</u>
4	 <u>SCANDISCOTS</u>	 <u>MIXED GOODS</u>

Round 6

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	 <u>ALPERT</u>	 <u>NETTEALE</u>
2	 <u>PARKER</u>	 <u>MIKADINHO</u>
3	 <u>FAWERITES</u>	 <u>SCANDISCOTS</u>
4	 <u>MIXED GOODS</u>	 <u>TURNIPS</u>

Less is More

Round 3



By Mark Horton

The Editor suggested that I write a little less in Round 3. Not so easy when you look at the astonishing set of deals that were delivered. In one match 118 IMPs were scored and the other three delivered 70 or more.

Still, I have some good champagne waiting so here is a somewhat attenuated report:

Board 2. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Turnips v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	Franceschetti	Fruscolini	Setton
—	—	Pass	1♠
4♦	Dble*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♥9 and declarer lost to the missing aces, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Versace	Tartarin	Alpert
—	—	Pass	1♠
4♦	Dble*	5♦	5♥
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

5NT Pick a slam

West led the ♣A and switched to the ♦10, -100 and 13 IMPs.

Fawerites v Mixed Goods

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	Tokay	Hammond	Fawer
—	—	Pass	1♠
4♦	Dble*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	5♦	5♠
All Pass			

West led the ♦3 and East took the ace and returned the ♣4, +650.

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John McAllister



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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schargel	McAllister	Yoon	Justman
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

- 4♣ Cue
- 4♦ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 keycard

Here West led the ♦8, no swing.

Scandiscots v Mikadinho

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
vd Pavverd	M-Larsen	L de Wijs	Poulsen
—	—	Pass	1♠
4♦	Dble*	Pass	5♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠6 and declarer won and cashed major suit winners to arrive at this position:

♠ —		♠ —
♥ —		♥ —
♦ K J		♦ A 4
♣ K		♣ 10
♠ —		♠ —
♥ —		♥ —
♦ Q 10		♦ A 4
♣ A		♣ 10
♠ —		♠ —
♥ 10		♥ 10
♦ 7		♦ 7
♣ J		♣ J

When declarer played the ♥10 West discarded the ♦10 and dummy the ♣K. Seeing ghosts, East parted with the ♣10 and now a diamond meant dummy would score a trick, +1440.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Punch	S de Wijs	Peterkin	Verhaegen
—	—	Pass	1♠
3♦	3NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣A and switched to the ♦10, -100 and 17 IMPs.

Katrine
Martensen-Larsen



Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Turnips v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	Franceschetti	Fruscolini	Setton
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♦7 and declarer took North's queen with the ace, ruffed a diamond and played the top spades, North ruffing the third round. After overruffing, declarer played two rounds of hearts, claiming, +680.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Versace	Tartarin	Alpert
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	4♥	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

5♦ Cue

Here too South led the ♦7.

Netteale v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Cope	Tebha	M Gold
—	—	Pass	1♠
3♦	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Diamond lead, club switch, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Tunçok	D Gold	Hotamisligil
—	—	Pass	1♠
3♦	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Ace of clubs lead, diamond switch, push.

The play followed a similar course, but declarer knew that North would not be so obliging as to ruff a third spade and ruffed a club, hoping for a doubleton ♥KQ. She was one down, -100 and 13 IMPs poorer.

Fawerites v Mixed Goods

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	Tokay	Hammond	Fawer
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♣	2♦	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♦7 and declarer took 11 tricks, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schargel	McAllister	Yoon	Justman
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♦5 and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the ♦K, disposing of two clubs. The ♦J came next and when South pitched the ♣2 declarer ruffed, played the ♥J to dummy's ace and exited with a club. North won with the ♣10, and continued with the ♣K, South overtaking it with the ♣A.

Now the ♣Q would have resulted in two down, but when South continued with the ♥Q declarer ruffed and exited with a club, finishing with nine tricks, -200 and 13 IMPs for Mixed Goods.



Nicolas Hammond

Scandiscots v Mikadinho

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
vd Pavverd	M-Larsen	L de Wijs	Poulsen
—	—	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♣A and switched to the ♥Q. Declarer won and returned the ♥10 but North won and went back to clubs, leaving declarer with two losing diamonds for one down, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Punch	S de Wijs	Peterkin	Verhaegen
—	—	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♦	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When South led the ♦7 declarer emerged with 11 tricks, +650 and 13 IMPs.

Netteale v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Cope	Tebha	M Gold
—	—	1♥	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

South led the ♠2 and here too declarer took 11 tricks, +200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Tunçok	D Gold	Hotamisligil
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♠2 and declarer cashed two of dummy's top spades, ruffed a club and played three rounds of diamonds, South ruffing in with the ♥Q and exiting with the ♥8, another route to 11 tricks, +650 and 10 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Turnips v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Todd	Franceschetti	Fruscolini	Setton
—	—	1♥	2♠
3♠*	4♠	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	All Pass		

3♠ Heart raise
4NT RKCB
5♥ 2 keycards

Of course, I'm guessing about the meaning 4NT and 5♥.

Declarer won the spade lead, cashed four hearts and then played the ♣K followed by the ♣9, for the queen and ace, +680.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Versace	Tartarin	Alpert
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

2♦ Strong (any) not game forcing
2♥ Waiting
4NT RKCB
5♦ 3 keycards
5♠ ♥Q?
6♣ ♥Q+♣K

North led the ♥5 and declarer drew trumps. On the third round South discarded the ♣3 and the ♣7 went on the fifth heart. When North followed to the ♣K it was all over, +2210 and 17 IMPs.

Fawerites v Mixed Goods

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	Tokay	Hammond	Fawer
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥*	All Pass		

4NT* RKCB

5♥ 2 keycards

5NT Grand Slam try

6♥ No ♣/♦K

South led the ♣6 for the ten and king and declarer drew trumps and then ran the ♣9, +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schargel	McAllister	Yoon	Justman
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♥*	All Pass		

A not dissimilar sequence to that in the other room.

South led the ♠10 and pitched the ♣6 on the fourth rounds of trumps, declarer going up with dummy's ace on the second round of the suit for +1430 and a push.



Marcel Verhaegen

Scandiscots v Mikadinho

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
vd Pavverd	M-Larsen	L de Wijs	Poulsen
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

3♠ Cue

4♣ Cue

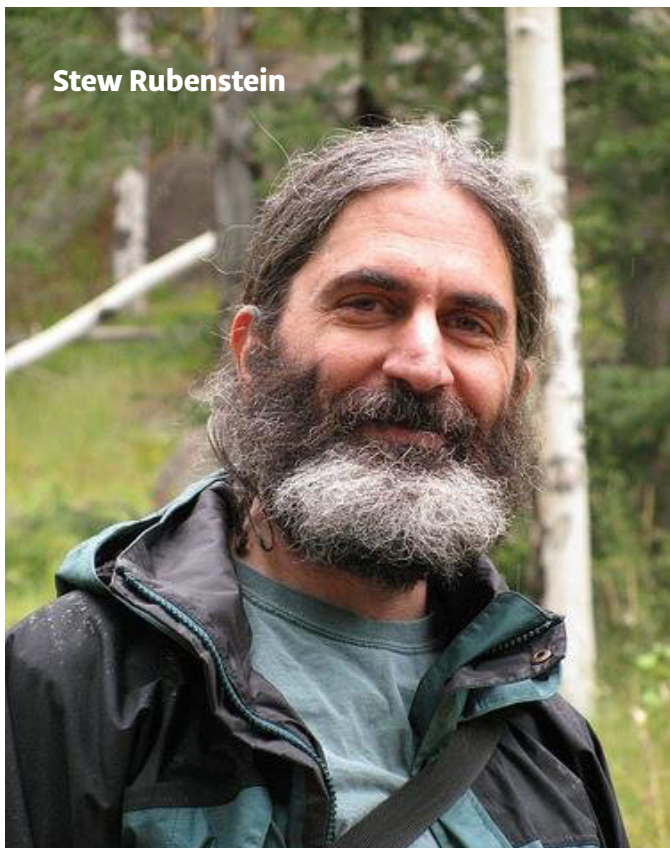
4NT RKCB

5♦ 3 keycards

5♠ ♥Q

South led the ♠10, kept all his clubs and eventually covered the ♣9, +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Punch	S de Wijs	Peterkin	Verhaegen
—	—	1♥	2♠
3♣	3♠	3NT	All Pass



Stew Rubenstein

- 2♣ 2+♣ game forcing
- 3♠ Non-serious slam interest
- 4♣ Cue
- 4♦ Cue
- Pass Not first round diamond control
- 4♠ RKCB
- 5♣ 3 keycards
- 5♦ ♥Q?
- 6♣ ♥Q+♣K
- 6♦ Grand slam try

South led the ♦Q and kept all her clubs declarer taking 12 tricks, +1430.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	Tunçok	D Gold	Hotamisligil
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Dble	Pass*	Pass
Rdbl*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♠*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Some good defensive bidding made life awkward.

South led the ♦Q and when North discarded the ♣10 at trick seven declarer was assured of 12 tricks and ended up with all of them, +720 but a 12 IMP loss.

Netteale v Parker

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Cope	Tebha	M Gold
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Dble	Pass*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♦*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 2♣ Natural, game forcing
- 3♠ Cue
- 4♣ Cue
- 4♦ Cue
- Rdbl First round ♦ control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 keycards
- 5NT Grand Slam try
- 6♠ ♠K

South led the ♦Q and declarer ducked, took the second diamond with dummy's ace and cashed his hearts, discarding two clubs and a diamond while South pitched the ♣3 and four spades. Declarer cashed two spades and when South pitched the ♣6 he cashed the ♣K and played the ♣9 to dummy's jack, +1440.



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SATURDAY JULY 27

- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 3
- 12.00-12.30 Chairman's Cup, Captain's meeting
- 13.30-21.30 Chairman's Cup, swiss
- 14.30-18.05 Bronze 4, handicap
- 15.30-21.00 Silver 2
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 5, strata

SUNDAY JULY 28

- 10.00-19.45 Chairman's Cup, swiss
- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 6
- 14.30-18.00 Bronze 7, handicap, seminar
- 15.30-21.00 Silver 3
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 8, strata

MONDAY JULY 29

- 10.00-14.10 Chairman's Cup, 32 teams
- 10.00-14.10 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 32 teams
- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 9
- 14.30-18.05 Bronze 10, handicap, seminar
- 15.30-21.00 Silver 4
- 15.50-20.00 Chairman's Cup, 16 teams
- 15.50-18.30 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 32 teams
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 11, mixed, strata
- 19.00-21.40 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 16 teams

* Entry fee, three tickets.

TUESDAY JULY 30

- 10.00-20.00 Chairman's Cup, quarter finals
- 10.00-14.10 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 16 teams
- 10.00-13.35 Bronze 12
- 14.30-18.00 Bronze 13, handicap, seminar
- 15.30-20.00 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 8 teams
- 15.30-21.00 Silver 5
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 14, strata

WEDNESDAY JULY 31

- 09.30-13.00 Bronze 15, max 2 MPs
- 09.30-13.00 Bronze 16, max 15 MPs
- 10.00-20.00 Chairman's Cup, semi final
- 10.00-14.30 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 8 teams
- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 17
- 14.30-18.00 Bronze 18, handicap, seminar
- 15.30-21.45 Silver 6, swiss, teams
- 15.30-20.00 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 4 teams
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 19, strata

THURSDAY AUGUST 1

- 09.30-14.00 Bronze 20, Swiss, lag
- 10.00-20.00 Chairman's Cup, final
- 10.00-14.30 Chairman's Cup, bonus cup, 4 teams
- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 21
- 14.30-18.05 Bronze 22, handicap, seminar
- 15.30-21.25 Silver 7, swiss pairs
- 19.00-22.45 Bronze 23, strata

FRIDAY AUGUST 2

- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 24
- 14.30-18.00 Bronze 25, handicap
- 15.30-21.00 Silver 8
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 26, silver bonus, strata

SATURDAY AUGUST 3

- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 27
- 14.30-18.05 Bronze 28, handicap
- 15.30-21.15 Gold Mine, swiss pairs, qualification
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 29, silver bonus, strata

SUNDAY AUGUST 4

- 09.30-14.50 Gold Mine, finals
- 10.00-13.30 Bronze 30, handicap

Cold Turkey

Round 4



By Mark Horton

Given that today I must make a trip of more than 100 miles to collect our Christmas turkey before the start of Round 5, it was a pleasant surprise to discover that the deals in Round 4 were not quite so lively.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A K J 6 3 2 ♥ 7 ♦ K Q 9 6 2 ♣ K</p> <p>♠ 9 7 4 ♥ A Q 10 8 ♦ 10 7 4 ♣ A 9 8</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ K J 9 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ 5 ♣ Q J 4</p> <p>♠ Q 8 5 ♥ — ♦ A J 8 3 ♣ 10 7 6 5 3 2</p>
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Despite the vulnerability, East is going to open 3♥ (or maybe 4♥) and catch a raise from West. North is sure to bid 4♠ when there is a case of sorts for South to bid 5♥. Whether North should then jump to 6♠ is harder to judge.

Alpert v Fawerites

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schargel	Fruscolini	Yoon	Pramotton
—	—	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In this sort of situation West might consider bidding 5♣ over 4♠, the idea being to help partner to judge what to do if NS bid on to 5♠ (here the vulnerability is perhaps an inhibitor to EW bidding on).

I'll leave someone else to discuss the significance of West's Pass over 5♠, as a discussion about the concept of the Forcing Pass might incur the Editor's wrath lengthwise. Declarer had no trouble collecting 12 tricks for +750.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tokay	Versace	Fawer
—	—	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

With an eight-card suit East was happy to try 4♥ – who was it who said 'vulnerability is for children'?

South has an ace, the opponent's are vulnerable and at the five-level. Even so, its surprising South didn't bid 5♠.

After a spade to the king North switched to the ♦K and continued with the ♦2. Declarer ruffed with the ♥J, played a heart to dummy's ace, ruffed a spade and ran the ♣Q. Should I send him a copy of The Rabbi's Rules?

One down was -200, but it was still a gain of 11 IMPs.

Mikadinho v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	S de Wijs	Tartarin	Verhaegen
—	—	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

This time running the ♣Q meant -500. With NS cold for +980 it (as the Black Knight would say) 'tis but a scratch'.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nijssen	Franceschetti	L de Wijs	Setton
—	—	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
All Pass			

I needed software to check that L de Wijs is not an anagram of Rixi Markus. That was +480, an IMP changing hands.

Mixed Goods v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	McAllister	F Helness	Justman
—	—	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

To save time here's a 'cut and paste': South has an ace, the opponent's are vulnerable and at the five-level. Even so, it's surprising South didn't bid 5♠. That was one down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	Cope	Hammond	M Gold
—	—	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Declarer managed to slip a club past the ace so that was +510 and 7 IMPs.

Parker v Scandiscots

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Punch	Wood	Peterkin	Robinson
—	—	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Declarer claimed 12 tricks, +480.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	M-Larsen	Tebha	Poulsen
—	—	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer didn't ruff a heart so that was +450 which cost an 1MP.

When West passes 3♥ North's options increase.

One possibility is to bid 4♦, non-leaping Michaels, promising diamonds and spades. If South then bids 4♥ my au pair reckons North should try 6♠ (or 5♣).

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schargel	Fruscolini	Yoon	Pramotton
—	—	—	Pass
2♠	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

4NT Minors

East led the ♦Q and West ruffed and fatally cashed the ♠A. Declarer could ruff the next spade, draw trumps and claim, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tokay	Versace	Fawer
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West's silence paid a dividend. East led the ♠Q and continued with the ♠J, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♣AK and playing the ♦K.



Emanuela Pramotton and Leonardo Fruscolini

West's ruff was followed by a switch to the ♥10 (a third spade is even stronger) and declarer played low, which meant he took 10 tricks, -100 and a 12 IMP loss.

Mikadinho v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	S de Wijs	Tartarin	Verhaegen
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Dble	3♦*	Pass
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

3♦ ♠+♦

West led the ♠A and switched to the ♣6, declarer winning with dummy's king and playing three rounds of hearts. Having overruffed East's ♣9 with the ♣Q he continued with a club, West following with the ♣8. Going up with dummy's ace saw East discard which left declarer a trick short, -100.



Mixed Goods v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Seale	McAllister	F Helness	Justman
—	—	—	Pass
2♠*	Dble	4♠	5♦
All Pass			

2♠ Constructive

Should I mention the concept of the 'sitting duck'?
Perhaps not.

5♦ was two down, -200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	Cope	Hammond	M Gold
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

You could pose this exam question:
When I was a lad, North's double would have promised a strong balanced hand, but the modern approach is for it to be for takeout. Discuss.

There was no way to prevent nine tricks being taken, +570 and 9 IMPs.

Parker v Scandiscots

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Punch	Wood	Peterkin	Robinson
—	—	—	Pass
3♠	Dble	4♠	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

I could write something about 'vacant spaces' but perhaps its simpler to say that if West had a diamond he might have led it at trick two. If diamonds are 5-0 you can be more or less certain that East is 4-2-5-2, and finesse on the second round of trumps.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nijssen	Franceschetti	L de Wijs	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
2♠	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5♦
5♠	6♦	Dble	All Pass

Rather than dwell on the play, I'll report that declarer finished four down, -1100 costing 14 IMPs.

East led the $\diamond Q$ and west ruffed and continued with the $\spadesuit A$ followed by the $\spadesuit 2$. Declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the $\clubsuit A$ and played three rounds of hearts. When East discarded the $\spadesuit 5$ declarer ruffed, but then played a diamond, West's ruff with the $\clubsuit J$ being the setting trick, -100.

three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy as East pitched the $\spadesuit Q$.

When declarer continued with the $\diamond 2$, West ruffed with the $\clubsuit J$, but now declarer was in control, losing only one more trick to the $\spadesuit K$ for +600 and 12 IMPs.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	M-Larsen	Tebha	Poulsen
—	—	—	Pass
1 \spadesuit	Dble	4 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5 \clubsuit	All Pass	

It was the old story – ruffing a loser is rarely a good idea. If West discards a spade declarer wins with the $\diamond K$ and ruffs a heart, but then has to play a spade. West allows East to win and then the $\diamond Q$ is a killer.

As the cards lie, declarer can avoid this by playing on hearts immediately, as he preserves an entry in the trump suit. Having cashed one top club declarer must take a third round and then play a low heart towards the jack.

4NT Minors

East led the $\clubsuit 7$ and declarer won with the ten and cashed the $\clubsuit A$ and then played

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