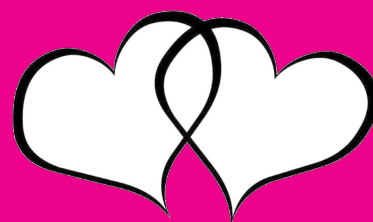


MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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What the future holds

Scandiscots was the last team to be put together before this event. They entered a top duel with the Mixed Goods (*Tracey Bauer, Peter Boyd-Bowman, Diego Brenner, Margarita Dolera, Nicolas Hammond, Lilly Justman, John McAllister, Jan Pedersen, Helle Rasmussen, Katie Sullivan*) who they faced in our last Danish round, the Turnips in 3rd too far away to present a threat. With a 10-IMP victory the Scandiscots (*Jan Becklen, Gonzalo Herrera, Patricia Herrera, Fredrik Jarlvik, Elsa Manzotti, Katrine Martensen-Larsen, Lia Petelko, Stephen Peterkin, Flemming Poulsen, Samantha Punch, Koren Retter, Tatyana Trendafilova*) secured the win in the 2023 Christmas Mixed Teams and have free entry for our next event.

And this is the central question: Will there be more MMT-events? This year we hosted only one. A busy live calendar and not enough teams registered meant cancellation of a planned events. When I meet you around the world, you always ask when our next event is. We receive emails and messages about how much you (and the followers) enjoy them.

If we want to continue the events, we need 8 teams each time. So I suggest you tell your friends, perhaps consider being less than 15 players on one team and make two instead, let us know which dates you prefer (maybe second half of April?), tell us how to improve. We listen. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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Results

rk	team	VPs
1	 SCANDISCOTS Jan Becklen, Gonzalo Herrera, Patricia Herrera, Fredrik Jarlvik, Elsa Manzotti, Katrine Martensen-Larsen, Lia Petelko, Stephen Peterkin, Flemming Poulsen, Samantha Punch, Koren Retter, Tatyana Trendafilova	111.09
2	 MIXED GOODS Tracey Bauer, Peter Boyd-Bowman, Diego Brenner, Margarita Dolera, Nicolas Hammond, Lilly Justman, John McAllister, Jan Pedersen, Helle Rasmussen, Katie Sullivan	98.92
3	 TURNIPS Hilda Setton, Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Anne Laure Tartarin	96.19
4	 ALPERT Claire Alpert, Lorenzo Berrettini, Leonardo Fruscoloni, Cristiana Laitano, Emanuela Pramotton, Katherine Todd, Alfredo Versace	73.82
5	 MIKADINHO Marcel Verhaegen, Oscar Nijssen, Tim van de Paverd, Lotte de Wijs, Sarah de Wijs, Simon de Wijs	73.09
6	 PARKER Stewart Rubenstein, Chris Parker, Adam Grossack, Anam Tebha, Cenk Tuncok, Selen Hotamisligil, Linda Robinson, Ethan Wood, Steve Zolotow	68.54
7	 NETTEALE Simon Cope, David Gold, Marusa Gold, Fredrik Helness, Diana Nettleton, Thomas Paske, Catherine Seale	63.77
8	 FAWERITES Mustafa Cem Tokay, Melissa Fawer, Sara Kober, Gail Schargel, David Yoon	54.58

rk	name	team	nbrds	IMPtot	IMPave	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Steve Zolotow lvzee	 PARKER	32	49.0	1.531		7.9						41.1
2	Katrine Martensen-Larsen katrinemi	 SCANDISCOTS	96	116.0	1.208			22.1	33.3	24.9	14.7	17.0	4.0
=	Flemming Poulsen flemming98	 SCANDISCOTS	96	116.0	1.208			22.1	33.3	24.9	14.7	17.0	4.0
4	Peter Boyd-Bowman pjbb	 MIXED GOODS	32	34.3	1.071						24.3	10.0	
5	Samantha Punch puncher	 SCANDISCOTS	64	57.4	0.897	26.0		21.0	11.3				-0.9
=	Stephen Peterkin spil	 SCANDISCOTS	64	57.4	0.897	26.0		21.0	11.3				-0.9
7	Jan Pedersen gobochamp	 MIXED GOODS	16	12.0	0.750		12.0						
=	Helle Rasmussen helle_r	 MIXED GOODS	16	12.0	0.750		12.0						
9	Oscar Nijssen oscar2000	 MIKADINHO	64	43.6	0.681	22.0	23.0		15.7		-17.1		
10	Anne Laure Tartarin loudy	 TURNIPS	128	82.1	0.642	17.0	11.9	17.9	9.4	6.6	1.4	38.1	-20.1
=	Cédric Lorenzini pierced	 TURNIPS	128	82.1	0.642	17.0	11.9	17.9	9.4	6.6	1.4	38.1	-20.1
12	Alfredo Versace nevaio	 ALPERT	128	63.9	0.499	8.0	-12.0	-17.9	25.6	-12.0	31.1	20.9	20.1
=	Claire Alpert clairee2	 ALPERT	128	63.9	0.499	8.0	-12.0	-17.9	25.6	-12.0	31.1	20.9	20.1
14	Tracey Bauer marintlc	 MIXED GOODS	96	47.9	0.499			23.7	19.6	-24.9	24.3	10.0	-4.9
15	Jan Becklen janb	 SCANDISCOTS	48	16.7	0.348		-0.7			33.7	-16.3		
=	Tatyana Trendafilova tuti	 SCANDISCOTS	48	16.7	0.348		-0.7			33.7	-16.3		
17	Patricia Herrera bulock	 SCANDISCOTS	16	4.9	0.304								4.9
18	Diego Brenner dbrenner	 MIXED GOODS	80	19.4	0.243	23.1	3.6			-33.7	-1.4	27.9	
=	Margarita Dolera gavina22	 MIXED GOODS	80	19.4	0.243	23.1	3.6			-33.7	-1.4	27.9	
20	Cenk Tuncok ctuncok	 PARKER	64	14.7	0.230	6.9		3.0		-2.0		6.9	
=	Selen Hotamisligil selenh	 PARKER	64	14.7	0.230	6.9		3.0		-2.0		6.9	
22	Lotte de Wijs wijs004	 MIKADINHO	128	29.3	0.229	22.0	23.0	-22.1	15.7	3.0	-17.1	-10.0	14.9
23	Nicolas Hammond nhammond	 MIXED GOODS	64	13.6	0.212			23.7	19.6	-24.9			-4.9
24	Simon de Wijs sm1	 MIKADINHO	32	4.9	0.152							-10.0	14.9

Battle Lines

Round 7



By Mark Horton

Having learned that Napoleon was involved in 61 battles that cost the lives of more than 3,000,000 French soldiers, I settled down to watch the action unfold in the penultimate round.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Parker v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pramotton	Tunçok	Fruscolini	Hotamisligil
—	—	—	2♦
2♥	2♠	Pass	3♥*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

East led the ♥Q and declarer ruffed in dummy, came to hand with the ♦A, unblocked the ♣A, ruffed a heart, pitched a heart on the ♣K, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, pitched a heart on the ♦K and took all the tricks, +1010.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Versace	Tebha	Alpert
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

5♣ Cue
5♦ Cue

The same lead and a similar line of play resulted in a push.



Alfredo Versace



Tim van de Paverd

Scandiscots v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Paske	M-Larsen	Nettleton	Poulsen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥*
Dble	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

3♥ 3♠, 10-15

4♣ Cue

4♦ Cue

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1/4 keycards

5NT Grand Slam try

Once more the ♥Q hit the table and declarer rattled off 13 tricks, +1010.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Punch	D Gold	Peterkin	Seale
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ Spade raise

That meant the loss of 11 IMPs.

Mikadinho v Mixed Goods

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	L de Wijs	Boyd-Bowman	Si de Wijs
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣*
2♥	4♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ 'Spade raise (I think)'

4♣ Splinter

I'll leave you to decide if South should make a move over 4♣. Were South to try 4♦ is North worth a Last Train 4♥?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sa de Wijs	Brenner	vd Paverd	Dolera
—	—	—	2♦
2♥	4♠	All Pass	

Facing a weak two in diamonds the prospects of a slam do not appear great, do they?

Turnips v Fawerites

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schargel	Franceschetti	Yoon	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	4♠	All Pass	

Facing a passed hand, how likely is a slam?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Tokay	Tartarin	Fawer
—	—	—	2♦
2♥	4♠	All Pass	

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Parker v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pramotton	Tunçok	Fruscolini	Hotamisligil
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♦*
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	5♥	Dble	All Pass

2♦ Transfer



Anam Tebha is another of our MMT-participants featured in the Bridge Pro Calendar 2024. This picture is an exclusive preview
Photo: Yoko Sobel

East led the ♠A and the combination of the ruff and dummy's hearts must have been a shock. In due course declarer reached dummy with the ♥K and ran the ♣9 for +850.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Versace	Tebha	Alpert
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
Pass	4♣*	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

4♣ Natural

South led the ♥9 and declarer won with the ♥Q and played three rounds of spades, South winning and continuing with the ♣10 for king and ace. Declarer ruffed the club return, cashed the ♥A and then played the ♦3 which meant she was one down, -100 but 13 IMPs richer.

Scandiscots v Netteale

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Paske	M-Larsen	Nettleton	Poulsen
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	5♠	All Pass

North led the ♥5 and South won with the king and switched to the ♣10, which saw declarer finish with 10 tricks, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Punch	D Gold	Peterkin	Seale
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
2♠	4♣*	4♠	All Pass

4♣ 'No agreement, only what I consider bridge'

North led the ♥7 and having won with the king South switched to the ♦6. When declarer put in dummy's ♦10 the king forced the ace and declarer suddenly had four losers, no swing.

Mikadinho v Mixed Goods

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Bauer	L de Wijs	Boyd-Bowman	Si de Wijs
Pass	1♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South found the unfortunate lead of the ♥K and declarer won, played three rounds



Peter Boyd-Bowman

of trumps and in due course laid down the ♦A for +850.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Sa de Wijs	Brenner	vd Paverd	Dolera
Pass	1♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♠K and was soon inscribing -850 on his card, a massive 17 IMP swing.

Turnips v Fawerites

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schargel	Franceschetti	Yoon	Setton
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥9, and declarer did not go wrong in diamonds, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Tokay	Tartarin	Fawer
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
2♠	4♥	6♠	All Pass

How best to describe 6♠?

Bold, courageous, imaginative, gambling. I'm sure you can think of many alternatives. North led the ♣A and switched to the ♥3, declarer taking the ♥A, cashing the top spades and the ♦A and then playing a diamond to the ten to pitch a heart on the ♣K for one down, -100 and a 13 IMP loss.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

On this deal everyone reached 3NT by East, South leading the ♣3 three times, the ♥5 three times and the ♥9 and ♦3 once. Before I tell you what happened, how do you rate your chances (and you have the advantage of being able to see all four hands).

You only have five top tricks, but chances of more in every suit.

On a club lead suppose North takes the ace and switched to the ♥2, South winning with the jack and returning the ♥9. That gets you up to six tricks. Suppose you go to dummy with a diamond and play a spade to the queen, South winning and exiting with the ♥5.

Now you can afford to play a club, but let's assume you are not brave enough to risk everything by putting in dummy's eight. When the ♣Q holds you play a spade to the ace and South follows with the ten. At this point you might think you only need to guess the spades (does the phrase restricted choice ring any bells?) or find diamonds 3-3. At this particular table declarer cashed the ♠A and was left with only eight tricks, which cost 12 IMPs.

What declarer might have done is cash the ♦K and then cross to dummy's ace. When North discards on the third round you can be reasonably confident his shape is 4-4-2-3 so you have every reason to finesse in spades.

A heart lead is more testing. If it is the ♥5 you can take North's king (note the situation in the heart suit) and play a club. If you get the spades right you should emerge with nine tricks.

However, the ♥9 is much more testing. If you fail to cover with dummy's ♥10 North withholds the ♥K and you win and play a club. An alert South hops up with the ♣K and continues with the ♥J and you have no way to get to nine tricks. Playing the ♥10 forces North to play the king and now you

can win and play a club when it does not help South to hop up with the ♣K because you are the player with the ♥8. At the table where the ♥9 was led declarer played perfectly (covering with the ♥10) to reach a three-card ending where only a spade guess was required.

The play made it virtually certain that South held the ♣K and two other clubs, three hearts, four diamonds and the ♠K10 while North was known to have four hearts, only two diamonds and at least three clubs. Was South's unknown card a club or a spade? Declarer played for it to be the ♠9.

A diamond lead is also awkward as if declarer wins in dummy and takes a

spade finesse, South wins and plays back a diamond. Its better to win in hand and play a club, but if North wins and returns a diamond to dummy declarer must play a spade to the ace and a second club to dummy, only then playing a second spade. South wins and exits with a diamond to dummy, but a winning view in spades allows declarer to endplay South with a diamond and score two hearts at the end.

3NT was made on three occasions, the only swing coming in the match between Parker and Albert.

At the end of this round Scandiscots had 98.29, Mixed Goods 91.72. Their head-to-head encounter in the final round would determine this year's winners.

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- 14.30-18.00 Bronze 1, handicap
- 15.30-21.00 Silver 1, gold bonus MPs, i-a-f*
- 19.00-22.30 Bronze 2, strata

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

Ae Fond Kiss

Final Round



By Mark Horton

The famous poem by Robert Burns (which provides my byline) describes a final parting, so one could argue that it has some minor relevance as the 2023 Christmas Mixed comes to an end. However, in this case I trust that we will all return to the lists in 2024.

Scandiscots and Mixed Goods were far enough ahead of third-placed Turnips that the outcome of their rematch in Round 8 would determine the result. Mixed Goods needed a good win.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q 9 5 ♥ A 6 4 3 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ K 9 3</p>	<p>♠ J 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ Q J 5 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ 10 9 8 7 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ Q J 10 8 7 2</p>	<p>♠ A K 2 ♥ K ♦ A K Q J 3 ♣ A 6 5 4</p>
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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Justman	M-Larsen	McAllister	Poulsen
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

- 2♠ 5+♠ and 4+♥
- 2NT Asking
- 3♣ Good hand
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 0 keycards
- 5♥ ♠Q?

East led the ♣Q and declarer must have been concerned when dummy appeared. However, when East discarded on the first round of trumps 12 tricks turned into 11, +650.

A club lead does not immediately doom 6♠, as after discovering there is a trump loser declarer can play on diamonds, trying to discard three more hearts from hand. With the suit breaking 3-3 it proves to be a forlorn hope.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Herrera	Bauer	P Herrera	Hammond
Pass	2♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 0 keycards

East led the ♥10 and that was a rapid one down, -100 and a 13 IMP loss.

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Herrera	Bauer	P Herrera	Hammond
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the ♠2 and when declarer played dummy's ♠4 South won with the ♠A and switched to the ♦4. Declarer won perforce in dummy, played a heart to the king and a heart and could claim 10 tricks, +420 and 10 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Justman	M-Larsen	McAllister	Poulsen
—	—	—	1♣
1♥	2♥*	Dble	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♥ Good raise

West led the ♥3 and declarer won with dummy's queen, East unblocking the ♥J, and cashed six clubs. When West pitched the ♠Q declarer ducked a spade to the ace but West exited with the ♦10 and East won and played the ♥10 giving the defenders the rest for two down, -100.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Justman	M-Larsen	McAllister	Poulsen
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the ♠Q for the king and ace and when South returned the ♠7 she won and continued with the ♠2, South carefully ruffing with the ♥J. Declarer overruffed, went to dummy with a diamond and played a heart for the eight, ten and queen and was one down, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Herrera	Bauer	P Herrera	Hammond
—	—	—	1♣
1♥	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Here East contributed the ♥10 to the first trick. When declarer cashed the clubs East pitched the ♥4 and West decided to discard three hearts. Now declarer could play dummy's ♦Q and then cover East's ♥J. West won and played two rounds of spades. In the excitement declarer forgot the ♥7 was a winner, but he still had nine tricks, +400 and an 11 IMP lifeline.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Justman	M-Larsen	McAllister	Poulsen
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♣4 for the three, jack and ace and declarer cashed the ♥K and then ran the ♦J, South winning with the queen



and switching to the ♠5. North won with the ♠Q and went back to clubs, locking declarer in dummy. After cashing four hearts a diamond saw South win, cash the ♦A and exit with a spade, North taking the setting trick with the ♣Q, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Herrera	Bauer	P Herrera	Hammond
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here the play diverged at trick three, as declarer cashed the ♥J before playing the ♦7 to the king and ace. When South returned the ♦10 declarer had a ninth trick and claimed, +400 and 10 IMPs that sealed the deal for our champions, Scandiscots.

Oddly enough, the only genuine way to make 3NT is to develop a ninth trick in clubs. Once South has played the ♣J at trick one you can play a club to the king at trick two, collecting South's ♣9, come to hand with a heart and play a club. If the ♣9 does not appear at trick two you still have the chance of finding the ♦A onside.



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