# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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# **European Replay**

Welcome to the April Mixed Teams.
We can hardly call it the Monthly Mixed
Teams anymore since we are down to
two-three events/year, yet we are happy
that we still have loyal participants who
repeatedly ask us to run these events.
Apart from our regulars, we have some
new faces this event, particularly from
South America. Two other debutants are
Andrea Nilsson and Antonio Palma (right).
In the first match they played against the
Turnips, and that was actually a replay
of the finals of the Mixed European
Transnationals in Strasbourg last summer,
won by the Turnips.

Andrea Nilsson was the youngest silver medalist ever in the competition only 18 years old.

Despite all the medalists it is the mainly



Dutch Tulips+ who are dominating after our first two matches with the Last Minutemen in second and Latinavians in third.

Let's hope for action and brilliancies today.

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**

April 23rd

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	TULIPS +	35.74
2	LAST MINUTEMEN	28.23
3	LATINAVIANS	20.24
4	ALPERT	19.80
5	DINKIN	18.22
6	TURNIPS	18.20
7	RUBENSTEIN	11.77
8	FUGL	7.80

# Round 3

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ALPERT	LATINAVIANS
2	FUGL	RUBENSTEIN
3	TURNIPS	TULIPS +
4	DINKIN	LAST MINUTEMEN

# **Round 4**

Tbl	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	LATINAVIANS	## FUGL
2	TULIPS +	ALPERT
3	RUBENSTEIN	<b>DINKIN</b>
4	LAST MINUTEMEN	<b>TURNIPS</b>

# **Major Trouble**

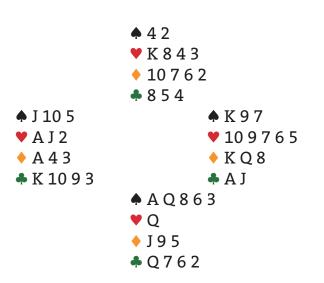
# **Round 1 & 2**



By Mark Horton

Having spent most of Monday travelling home from Alpe d'Huez, it was only this morning that I was able to look at the deals from the opening rounds of the April Mixed Teams.

#### Board 3 Dealer South. E/W Vul.



EW have the values for game and one was bid at all eight tables.

#### Turnips v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
L. Madsen	Franceschetti	Verhaegen	Setton
_	_	_	Pass
1.	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♦5 and declarer won in dummy and played a club to the jack and queen, South exiting with the ♦9.

Declarer won, unblocked the ♣A, went to dummy with the ♥A, pitched a spade on the ♣K and continued with the ♣10, overruffing North's ♥4 and playing the ♥9. North won and switched to a spade and declarer had to lose two more tricks, one down, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Palma	Tartarin	Nilsson
_	_	_	Pass
1.	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

#### Dble 3♥

South led the ◆5 and declarer won in hand, cashed the ♣A and ran the ♣J. Now she could cross to dummy with a diamond, pitch a spade on the ♣K, come to hand with a diamond and play a heart.

North could win the next heart, but there were only three defensive tricks, +620 and 12 IMPs.

#### Rubenstein v Last Minutemen

Dble 3♥



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Smirnov	Tebha	Bauer	Rubenstein
_	_	_	14
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣6 and declarer won with the ♣J and played two rounds of hearts. North won and switched to the ♠4 but declarer had 10 tricks, +630.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Grossack	Boyd- Bowman	Parker	Taylor
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

## 2 Artificial game force

South led the ◆5, played a heart to the ace, a club to the ace and the ♥9. North won and returned the ♥4 to dummy's ♥J and declarer cashed the ♣K and ran the ♣10 discarding a spade. South won and played a diamond and declarer won in hand and exited with a heart, North winning with the ♥8 and switching to the ♠4 for two down, -200 and a 13 IMP loss.

#### **Dinkin v Alpert**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Sobel	Versace	Nelken
_	_	_	14
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♣6 and having won with the ♣J declarer played the ♥10 for the queen and ace continued with the ♥J. North pounced on that with the ♥K and switched to the ♠4, three rounds of the suit giving the defenders four tricks, -100.

<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>south</b>
Barry	Bianchedi	Ferro	Sultan
—	–	_	1♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After the \$6 ran to the \$J declarer unblocked the \$A, played a heart to the ace, pitched a spade on the \$K and played a second heart, easily securing 10 tricks and 12 IMPs.

### Fugl v Tulips +

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verbeek	Brekka	Ozen	Lindström
_	_	_	Pass
1.	Pass	1♦*	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

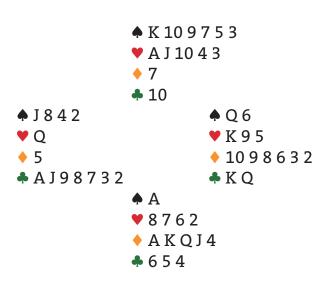
North led the ♠4 and three rounds of the suit meant the defenders had four winners, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Fuglestad	Jansma	O Fuglestad	Levin
_	_	_	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥	14
Dble*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣ Dble3♥

South led the \$6 and having won declarer played two rounds of hearts and North went up with the king and switched to a spade to flatten the board.

#### Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



This time NS have 11 tricks playing in hearts and can also survive if they play in spades.

#### **Turnips v Latinavians**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
L. Madsen	Franceschetti	Verhaegen	Setton
_	_	Pass	1•
3♣	3♠	All Pass	



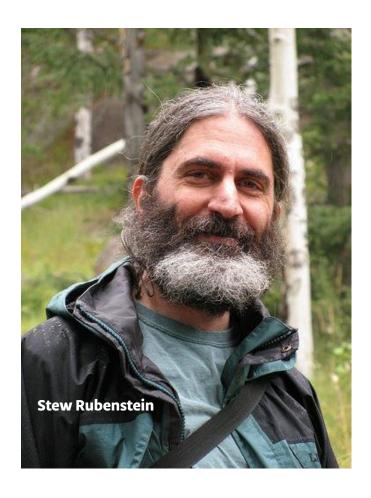
On this layout, doubling 3♣ works like a charm, as South has a four-card major, but if you do that and South rebids 3♦ you are more or less committed to taking another bid when you might have no fit at all.

However, I imagine North considered 3♠ to be forcing – he could bid 4♥ were South to rebid 4♠.

West led the ♣K and continued with the ♣Q, declarer ruffing, playing a spade to the ace, a heart to the ace and two rounds of spades, apparently claiming only nine tricks, +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Palma	Tartarin	Nilsson
_	_	Pass	1.
2♣	2♠	3♣	Pass
4♣	4♥	All Pass	

- 1♦ Unbalanced
- 2♠ Non forcing



East led the ♣K and switched to the ♦2, declarer winning in dummy and playing two rounds of hearts, soon claiming 11 tricks, +650 and 11 IMPs.

#### Rubenstein v Last Minutemen

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Smirnov	Tebha	Bauer	Rubenstein
_	_	2 🔷	Pass
Pass	3 ♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

### 3♦ Majors

West led the ♦5 and declarer won in dummy and played two rounds of hearts, claiming 11 tricks, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Grossack	Boyd- Bowman	Parker	Taylor
_	_	Pass	1♦
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♣K and West overtook it with the ♣A and continued with the ♣2. Declarer ruffed with the ♠3 and could organize three rounds of spades, eliminating all danger, +620 to lose an IMP.

### Dinkin v Alpert

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WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Sobel	Versace	Nelken
_	_	Pass	1.
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
3♣	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♣K and declarer ruffed the second round o the suit, crossed to the ♠A and played two rounds of hearts, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Bianchedi	Ferro	Sultan
_	_	2 •	Pass
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

3♦ Majors



West led the ♣A and when East followed with the ♣K, the ♣8 saw declarer ruff with dummy's ♥3, come to hand with the ♠A and play a heart, +650.

#### Fugl v Tulips +

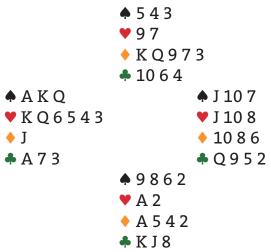
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verbeek	Brekka	Ozen	Lindström
_	_	Pass	1.
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣A and continued with the ♣J \*East having followed with the ♣K). When declarer ruffed with dummy's ♥10 there were two trumps to lose, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Fuglestad	Jansma	O Fuglestad	Levin
_	_	Pass	1.
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Two rounds of clubs saw declarer ruff and organise three rounds of spades, ensuring +620 and a 12 IMP gain.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



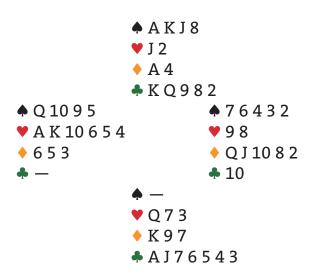
On this deal, everyone played in hearts, three pairs stopping in 3♥, the other taking a shot at 4♥. It looks like there are four losers, but there is a nasty trap the defenders must avoid.

If North starts with two rounds of diamonds declarer ruffs and plays a heart, creating an entry to dummy. That allows declarer to eliminate the diamond suit, cash three rounds of spades and play a club, covering North's card and endplaying South.

Pierre Franceschetti was the only defender to see the danger, switching to a spade at trick two, after which declarer could not avoid the loss of four tricks and 10 IMPs.

In the second round the major continued to play a significant role:

#### Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



On this deal NS have enough tricks to make a slam, but two losing hearts mean they must play in 5. or 3NT.

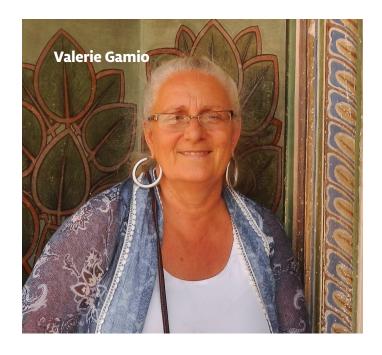
Alpert and Turnips stopped in 5♣, no swing. Last Minutemean and Fugl both tried 6♣, another way to flatten the deal.

#### Latinavians v Rubenstein

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hotamisligil	Palma	Tunçok	Nilsson
_	_	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West cashed two hearts, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gamio	Tebha	Minutti	Rubenstein
_	_	Pass	<b>1♣</b> *
1♥	Dble*	Pass	2♣
2♥	3♥*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠*	All Pass	



1♣ 2+♣ Dble4/5 ♠

There is plenty to consider here.

Some pairs play that North can jump to 4♣ over 2♣, asking for keycards.

South might have bid 3NT over 3♥ and then considered his options should North continue with 4♣ (which can also be employed as asking for keycards).

Why North did not bid 4♦ over 4♠ is unclear.

From South's point of view he clearly had no idea that his side had a huge fit in clubs. East led the ♥9 and the severe breach of Burn's Law resulted in -400 and a 14 IMP loss.

#### Tulips + v Dinkin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Jansma	Ferro	Levin
_	_	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
All Pass			

4NT RKCB 5♣ 1 keycard West cashed two hearts, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verdegaal	Sobel	Thiele	Dinkin
_	_	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2 🔷	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	<b>4</b> ♦*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- 2♣ 6+♣, not 4♥/♠, 10-14 2♦ Asking
- 2♠ 0-2♠, one suiter
- 3♣ Asking
- **4** 0337
- 4♦ Asking
- 4♠ 3 controls, A=2, K=1

West led the ♥K and continued with the ♥A for -100 and 12 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

This is a playable 4♠ for EW, although two pairs stopped in 2♠ and a third tried 3NT which was one down after a heart lead and a diamond switch, worth 6 IMPs scoring up with +170.

#### Latinavians v Rubenstein

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hotamisligil	Palma	Tunçok	Nilsson
Pass	Pass	1.	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ◆2 to dummy's ◆A and declarer ran the ♥Q, North winning and witching to the ♣9, South playing three rounds of the suit. When North had to follow all the way declarer had 10 tricks, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gamio	Tebha	Minutti	Rubenstein
Pass	Pass	1.	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Appreciating that an attacking lead was required, North started with the ♥3 and when dummy's ♥10 held declarer cashed the ♠KQ and then played the ♣J for the nine, three and queen. South exited with a diamond to dummy's ace and declarer cashed the ♠A and ran the ♥Q. North won and played a diamond forcing dummy to ruff and South took the next trick with the ♣A and played the ◆10, the setting trick, +50 and 10 IMPs.

There were various ways in which the contract could be made. Having drawn the outstanding trump declarer can afford to play a heart to the ace and a third heart. North wins and plays a diamond but declarer ruffs in dummy, pitches a diamond on the ♥Q and forces out the ♣A for 10 tricks.

## Teams / Players / Nicknames

#### **ALPERT**

Claire Alpert (clairee2)
Alfredo Versace (nevaio)
Leonardo Fruscoloni (frusco)
Emanuela Pramotton (manu76)
Perla Sultan (perlita)
Alejandro Bianchedi (alecuque)

#### DINKIN

Sam Dinkin (shdinkin) Yoko Sobel (YokoSobel) Jeff Ferro (ferrocious) Jean Barry (jeano) Ron Nelken (abbydani)

#### **FUGL**

Ole Fuglestad (fuglen) Ann Karin Fuglestad (annkafu) Mona Lindstrøm (kathinka) Geir Brekka (kaninen)

#### **LAST MINUTEMEN**

Peter Boyd Bowman (pjbb)
Alix Taylor (alixtay)
Tracey Bauer (marinTLC)
Patricia Herrera (bulock)
Gonzalo Herrera (gonzalo h)
Walter Schafer (schafer)
Terry Hanes (TerryHane)
Ramani Ravikandan (ramaniM25)
Alexis Smirnov (smirny)
Metin Given (meto)
Barbara Spellman (bobbies75)
Ewan McNay (ewan)

#### **LATINAVIANS**

Valerie Gamio (valerie)
Guillermo Minutti (guillemin)
Antonio Palma (apalma)
Andrea Nilsson (andrea Io)
Christina Lund Madsen (christinas)
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#### **RUBENSTEIN**

Stewart Rubenstein (stewr)
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Zach Grossack (zgbridge)
Adam Grossack (nevereast)
Giorgia Botta (gio 89)
Emma Kolesnik (ekolesnik)
Chris Parker (cmp56)
Linda Robinson (Saba)
Selen Hotamisligil (selenh)
Cenk Tuncok (ctuncok)

#### **TULIPS+**

Betty Levin (levin123)
Jan Jansma (jan\_jansma)
Rene Stienen (baaxpee)
Elly Schippers (eltje)
Martine Verbeek (sissy88)
Berk Can (berkcanpf)
Renee Verdegaal (mrs\_m)
Mark Thiele (mrxxx)

#### **TURNIPS**

Pierre Franceschetti (gewd) Cedric Lorenzini (pierced) Hilda Setton (Idase) Anne Laure Tartarin (Ioudy)





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# **Conditions of Contest • April Mixed Teams**

- 1. The 2024 April Mixed Teams will be hosted in Bridge Base Online from 22nd to 25th of April, 2024.
- 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, 22 April 2024 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR1 (16 boards) 12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – RR2 (16 boards)

Tuesday 23 April 2024 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR3 (16 boards) 12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – RR4 (16 boards)

Wednesday 24 April 2024 10:00 EST / 16:00 CET – RR5 (16 boards) 12:15 EST / 18:15 CET – RR6 (16 boards)

Thursday 25 April 2024 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

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	V	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	VI	2
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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