## MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS

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## Springtime for the Tulips

The Dutch Tulips+ are blossoming with an impressive 71.30 VPs after 4 matches. In second, 20 VPs behind, we find Latinavians closely followed by Last Minutemen.

Since we play a full Round Robin nothing is decided yet. In our first match today number 1 and 2 play each other. A big victory for the Latinavians would close the gap.
The match between our two American teams poreparing for the upcoming US trials ended in an almost-tie 58-57 in IMPs to Rubenstein vs Dinkin.


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 - R5 (16 boards)
12:15 EST / 18:15 CET - R6 (16 boards)
Same schedule throughout the week

## Results \＆Today＇s Draw

## Results

| Ranking after round 4 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rk | team | VPs |
| 1 | －TULIPS＋ | 71.30 |
| 2 | （3）LATINAVIANS | 51.45 |
| 3 | －LAST MINUTEMEN | 49.31 |
| 4 | －TURNIPS | 38.73 |
| 5 | 嘒 RUBENSTEIN | 35.60 |
| 6 | 飶 DINKIN | 30.74 |
| 7 | 嘒 ALPERT | 22.77 |
| 8 | FUGL | 20.10 |

## Round 5

| ты | Home Team | Visiting Team |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | －TULIPS + | ＋4．LATINAVIANS |
| 2 | 哿 DINKIN |  |
| 3 | 堙 ALPERT | 㖘 LAST MINUTEMEN |
| 4 | －TURNIPS | 嘒 RUBENSTEIN |


| Tbl | Home Team | Visiting Team |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | （4）LATINAVIANS | 哿 DINKIN |
| 2 | 嘒 LAST MINUTEMEN | －TULIPS＋ |
| 3 | N｜FUGL | －TURNIPS |
| 4 | 䝂 RUBENSTEIN | 䝂 ALPERT |

# Much Ado about Nothing Round 3 \& 4 

By Mark Horton



I have just bought for two of my grandchildren a wonderful book containing a precis of all the Bard's plays: Shakespeare's First Folio: All the Plays: A Children's Edition. So, good that I have a copy for myself and am working my way through the plays I have never seen.
Tuesday's deals were not especially exciting, but they were perhaps instructional.

## Round 3

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

| - A 74 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| $1086$ |  |
| +Q943 |  |
|  | - Q 8 |
|  | - K 643 |
|  | - KJ74 |
|  | \& KJ 6 |

- KJ 1063
$\bullet 92$
- A Q 5
- A 52


## Alpert v Latinavians

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nilsson | Pramotton | Palma | Fruscoloni |
| - | $1 \&^{*}$ | Pass | 14 |
| Pass | $1 N T$ | Pass | $2 \&^{*}$ |
| Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

1* 2+
2* Checkback

West led the $\Downarrow$ Jor the queen and king and East continued with the $\vee$, declarer winning with dummy's ace and playing a spade to the jack. When it held a club to the queen saw East win and switch to the $\diamond$ J. When the $\downarrow$ Q held declarer played two rounds of clubs, East winning and exiting with the $\vee 4$. Declarer ruffed, cashed the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ and claimed, +420 .

| WEST | NORTH | EASt | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alpert | Lund Madsen | Versace | Verhaegen |
| - | 14 | Pass | 14 |
| Pass | 1NT | Dble | Rdbl |
| Pass | Pass | 24 | Pass |
| $2 \checkmark$ | Pass | Pass | 30 |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |

If South had doubled $2 \&$ (presumably for takeout in these sometimes unenlightened times) the best EW can do is find their heart fit, but try playing $2 \checkmark$ doubled when the defenders start with three rounds of spades.

East led the $>3$ and declarer won with the $\checkmark$ Q, played a spade to the ten, a spade to the ace and a diamond to the queen. When that held she cashed her spade winners which was awkward for East, who was eventually thrown in with a diamond to lead away from the $\& \mathrm{~K}$, giving declarer an eleventh trick, +460 and an IMP.

## Fugl v Rubenstein

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A Grossack | Brekka | Parker | LIndström |
| - | 14 | Pass | $1 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | $2 \downarrow^{*}$ |
| Pass | $2 \uparrow$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

## 2. Game forcing checkback

West led the $\vee 10$ for the queen and king
 and declarer won the heart continuation with the ace, played a spade to the king and ran the jack, East winning and exiting with the $\vee$.

Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace, a club to the ace and a club for the queen and king. East cashed the $\% \mathrm{~J}$ for one down, and could have secured an extra undertrick by exiting with the $>\mathrm{J}$ ( or $\diamond \mathrm{K}$ ). The $\downarrow 4$ allowed declarer to run it to dummy's $\$ 10$ for one down, -50.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A Fuglestad | Tebha | O Fuglestad | Rubenstein |
| - | $1 \oplus^{*}$ | Pass | $1 \nabla^{*}$ |
| Pass | $1 \boldsymbol{Q}^{*}$ | Dble | $2 \downarrow^{*}$ |
| Pass | $2 \uparrow$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ |

All Pass
Turnips v Tulips+

|  |  | WEST | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | $2+4$ | Verbeek | Franceschetti | Ozen | Setton |
| 10 | $4+$ - | - | Pass | 1 | 14 |
| 14 | 1-34, 11-14 |  | Pas | 1 |  |
| 2 | Artificial game force | Pass | $2{ }^{*}$ | Pass | 24 |
|  |  | All Pass |  |  |  |

Another opportunity for a significant penalty was spurned.

South needs to do more than rebid $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ 2NT would probably see North raise to 3NT, offering South a choice of games. West led the $\$ 2$ and declarer took East's king with the ace, cashed the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ and ran the $\uparrow \mathrm{J}$, finishing with nine tricks, +140 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lorenzini | Jansma | Tartarin | Levin |
| - | $1 \&$ | Pass | $1 \uparrow$ |
| Pass | $1 N T$ | Pass | $2 \downarrow^{*}$ |
| Pass | $2 \uparrow$ | Pass | $4 \uparrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

## 2* Game forcing

West led the $\Downarrow$ Jor the queen and king and having won the heart continuation with the ace declarer played a diamond to the queen, a spade to the ace and a spade. After drawing the outstanding trump she played a club to the queen but East won and returned the $\downarrow \mathrm{K}$. Ther was no way to avoid the loss of two more tricks, -50 and a 4 IMP swing.

Dinkin v Last Minutemen

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Schafer | Sobel | Mahendran | Dinkin |
| - | $1 N T^{*}$ | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{N}^{*}$ |
| Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{4}$ | Pass | $3 N T$ |
| Pass | $4 \uparrow$ | All Pass |  |

1NT 12-14
2v Transfer
When South bids 3NT there is a good case for North to opt for the nine trick game.

East led the $\vee 4$ and having won with the $\checkmark$ Q declarer cashed the $\vee$ A, ruffed a heart and played a spade to the ace and a spade. After drawing trumps declarer played two rounds of clubs, East taking dummy's queen with the $\$ \mathrm{~K}$, cashing the $\$ \mathrm{~J}$ and exiting with the $\checkmark$ K. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a diamond for the nine, ten and jack and when East returned the $\diamond 4$ he went up with the $\star \mathrm{A}$ - and down went the contract as Edgar Kaplan was wont to say, -50 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOuTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Barry | Bauer | Ferro | Boye |
| - | 14 | $1 \%$ | 14 |
| Pass | $1 N T$ | Pass | $3 N T$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

East led the $\downarrow 4$ and when the $\downarrow Q$ held declarer played a spade to the ace and a spade. When she cashed the remaining spades East pitched a club and declarer took the $\& \mathrm{~A}$ and played a club for the nine and king for +460 and 11 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

- AK 3
- J 92
-A108643
\& A
-Q984 - J 1062
$-1043$
$\checkmark 75$
- 97
- Q 52
- Q 543
- 75
- AKQ86
- K J
- 10872


## Alpert v Latinavians

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nilsson | Pramotton | Palma | Fruscoloni |
| - | - | Pass | 10 |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | 20 |
| Pass | 30 | Pass | 3NT* |
| Pass | 4\%* | Pass | 4** |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 54 |
| Pass | 6 | All Pass |  |



3NT Minimum

4\% Control
4 ${ }^{4}$ Control
4NT RKCB
5ヶ 2 keycards + + Q
That was a surprise, but no doubt North was worried about the third round of diamonds.

There was nothing to the play, +1460 .

| WEST | nORTH | EAST | south |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Alpert | Lund Madsen | Versace | Verhaegen |
| - | - | Pass | $1 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $2 \downarrow$ | Pass | $2 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $3 \downarrow$ | Pass | $4 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $4 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass | $5 巾^{*}$ |
| Pass | $5 \mathrm{NT}^{*}$ | Pass | $6\rangle^{*}$ |
| Pass | $7 \downarrow$ | All Pass |  |

4NT RKCB
54. 2 keycards + + Q

5NT Grand Slam try

Whatever the precise meaning of 6 , it was enough for North to bid $7 \vee$. That was +2210 and 13 IMPs.

## Fugl v Rubenstein

| WEST | NORTH | EASt | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A Grossack | Brekka | Parker | LIndström |
| - | - | Pass | 10 |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | $2{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 5** |
| Pass | 6 | All Pass |  |

That looks like a mouse click problem for South, +1460 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A Fuglestad | Tebha | O Fuglestad | Rubenstein |
| - | - | Pass | 10 |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | 20 |
| Pass | 30 | Pass | 34* |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | $4{ }^{*}$ |
| Pass | 44* | Pass | 50* |
| Pass | $7{ }^{\circ}$ | All Pass |  |



| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lorenzini | Jansma | Tartarin | Levin |
| - | - | Pass | 10 |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | 20 |
| Pass | 30 | Pass | 4 |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 54 |
| Pass | 5NT* | Pass | 6** |
| Pass | 70* | All Pass |  |

4NT RKCB
5^ 2 keycards $+\backsim$ Q
5NT Kings?
6 $\stackrel{\text { K }}{ }$
7 7 'Praying'
North's prayer was answered, +2210 and 17 IMPs.

## Dinkin v Last Minutemen

3^ Artificial, non-serious
4 ${ }^{*}$ Control
4ヶ RKCB
5 2 keycards + + Q
That translated into a 13 IMP swing.
Turnips v Tulips+

| WEST | nORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Verbeek | Franceschetti | Ozen | Setton |
| - | - | Pass | $1 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $2 \downarrow$ | Pass | $2 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $3 \downarrow$ | Pass | $4 \downarrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

A disappointing +710.

| west | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Schafer | Sobel | Mahendran | Dinkin |
| - | - | Pass | 10* |
| Pass | 24* | Pass | 2『* |
| Pass | 24* | Pass | 3** |
| Pass | 44* | Pass | 54* |
| Pass | $6 \checkmark$ | All Pass |  |


| 17 | 9-14 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 29 | Game forcing, atrificial |
| 20 |  |
| 24 | Asking |
| 30 | 2524 |
| 4¢ | Optional RKCB for hearts |
| 4 | 'Like hand, 2 keycards + ${ }^{(1)}$ |

Only +1460 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Barry | Bauer | Ferro | Boye |
| - | - | Pass | $1 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $2 \downarrow$ | Pass | $3 母$ |
| Pass | $3 \downarrow$ | Pass | $4 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | $4 N T$ | Pass | $5 巾^{*}$ |

North led the $\$ 5$ and declarer won with the $\Downarrow Q$, cashed three rounds of clubs and played a spade for the jack and king and heart, establishing a ninth trick, +600. On a spade lead, South can win and switch to a diamond.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alpert | Lund Madsen | Versace | Verhaegen |
| 14 | 1 | 10 | 14 |
| 30 | Pass | 4 | 44 |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | 5 |
| Dble | All Pass |  |  |

East led the $\vee \mathrm{K}$ and declarer won, played the $\vee 9$, covered and ruffed and a diamond, West taking the ace and cashing two clubs. Playing a third club allowed declarer to discard a spade from hand while ruffing in dummy, now only one down, -100 and an 11 IMP swing.

Fugl v Rubenstein

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A Grossack | Brekka | Parker | LIndström |
| 14 | 1. | 10 | 14 |
| 2NT | Pass | 3\% | 3 |
| Pass | Pass | 30 | Pass |
| 3NT | Dble | 4* | All Pass |
| North led the $\uparrow 7$ and South won and switched to the 10 , declarer taking the ace and discarding a diamond on the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ before playing a heart. North hopped up with the ace and returned the 10 , South's ruff giving the defenders a third trick, +130 . |  |  |  |


| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A Fuglestad | Tebha | O Fuglestad | Rubenstein |
| 1\&* | $1 *$ | $1 \downarrow$ | $1 \uparrow$ |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | $4\rangle$ |
| Pass | Pass | $5 \&$ | All Pass |

1\% $2+4$

North led the $\boldsymbol{\uparrow} 7$ and South won and switched to the $\forall 4$. After taking the $\forall A$ and the $\uparrow K$ for a discard declarer cashed the \&A but then played a heart, North taking the ace and returning the $\vee 10$, South's ruff preventing the game swing and delivering a 6 IMP gain.

Turnips v Tulips+

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Verbeek | Franceschetti | Ozen | Setton |
| 1\& | Pass | $1 \iota^{*}$ | $2 \boldsymbol{2 4}$ |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

North led the $\$ 5$, presenting declarer with the contract, when a heart slipped past the ace declarer managed an overtrick, +630 .

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lorenzini | Jansma | Tartarin | Levin |
| 1\& | $1 \%$ | Dble* $^{*}$ | 14 |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |

North led the $\uparrow 7$ and South took the ace and switched to the $\vee 2$ for the queen and king, the diamond continuation leaving declarer with only eight tricks, -100 and a 12 IMP loss.


## Dinkin v Last Minutemen

| WEST | nORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Schafer | Sobel | Mahendran | Dinkin |

North led the $\uparrow 7$ but when South put in the jack declarer won and played a heart to the king, a club to the king and another heart, finishing with nine tricks, +600 .

| west | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barry | Bauer | Ferro | Boye |
| 24 | Pass | 2** | 24 |
| 2NT | Pass | $3{ }^{*}$ | Pass |
| 30 | Pass | 64 | All Pass |

## 2• 0/1 control

3. Hearts

South won the spad lead and switched to the $\checkmark$, so declarer could win, cash the \&AK, pitch a diamond and then play a heart for one down, -100 and a 12 IMP loss.

Round 4
Board 12. Dealer West. E/W Vul.
© A 52
$-86$

- 72
\& A Q 8654

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- K 93
A Q 764
- 10932
- Q J 4
- 93
\& 10932
- KQ84
\& K J
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© J 108
-AK75
A J 1065
\& 7
Latinavians v Fugl

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A Fuglestad | Palma | O Fugelstad | Nilsson | Gamio | Brekka | Minutti | Lindström |
| Pass | 14 | Dble | Rdbl | Pass | 1\& | Dble | Rdbl |
| 10 | Pass | Pass | Dble | Pass | Pass | $1 /$ | 3NT |
| All Pass |  |  |  | All Pass |  |  |  |

North led the $\vee 7$ for the king and ace and South returned the $>10$, Declarer winning in dummy and playing the $\uparrow \mathrm{Q}$ for the ten(!) three and ace. North's spade exit went to the jack and king and North took the club continuation with the ace and exited with a spade, declarer winning with the $\uparrow 9$ and playing a club to the king, South ruffing and exiting with the $>5$.

When declarer discarded dummy's $\$ 9$ North ruffed with the $\checkmark 6$ and played the \&Q, ruffed with the $\vee J$ and overruffed by South who exited with the $>$ J. When declarer ruffed with the $\geqslant 2$ North could overruff for two down, -300 .


Given the average strength of an opening bid these days I would be happy to double 1 and hope for a plus score, but the lure of the vulnerable game is hard to resist.

West led the $\vee 2$ and declarer won with the $\vee A$ and played a club to the queen and king, East returning the $\vee \mathrm{Q}$ followed by the $\vee 4$, West winning with the $\vee 9$.

Declarer won the next heart and tried exiting with the 10 , but East won and played the $\% \mathrm{~J}$, ensuring the contract finished three down, -300 and 12 IMPs away.

Tulips + v Alpert

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Alpert | Jansma | Versace | Levin |
| Pass | Pass | 1 | Pass |
| Pass | $2 \&$ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | $3 N T$ | All Pass |  |

West led the $>9$ for the queen and ace and declarer played a club to the ace and a diamond, East taking the king and switching to the $\vee$. Declarer won and cashed her diamonds, West discarding a spade and two clubs. Now declarer could play the $\uparrow \mathrm{J}$ ensuring two spade tricks, enough to get her up to nine for +600 .

To hold declarer to eight tricks, West must hold on to all her major suit cards and discard three clubs on the diamonds.

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Verdegaal | Bianchedi | Thiele | Sultan |
| Pass | $1 \&$ | Dble | Rdbl |
| $1 \%$ | $2 \&$ | Pass | $2 N T$ |
| Pass | $3 \%$ | Pass | $3 N T$ |


| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rubenstein | Sobel | Parker | Dinkin |
| Pass | $2 \&^{*}$ | Dble | Pass |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

2* 10-14, denies 4 4 / $\uparrow$
I'm not convinced that doubling with the East hand is a good move opposite a passed partner, especially over 24 .
North led the $\&$ and continued with the $\% 8$, South ruffing and switching to the 4 J which North took with the ace to play the $\$ 4$, declare ruffing with dummy's VQ as South pitched the $\uparrow$. A spade for the ten and king was followed by the $\$ 10$, ruffed by the $\boxtimes$ J and overruffed by South (better to discard a diamond) who cashed his red aces before exiting with the $\$ 5$. Declarer won with dummy's queen but pitched a spade on the $\vee Q$ and North's ruff meant two down, -300 and a 9 IMP loss.

Last Minutemen v Turnips

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lorenzini | Bauer | Tartarin | Boye |
| Pass | Pass | 1 | Pass |
| 1 | $2 \&$ | Pass | 2NT |

All Pass

West led the $\downarrow 9$ for the queen and ace and declarer exited with the $\downarrow$ J, East winning and switching to the VQ . When it held she tried the $\uparrow 4$ for the jack, king and ace and declarer played a heart to the ace followed by two rounds of diamonds, East winning and playing a heart. Declarer won, cashed a diamond, went to dummy with the 4 A and played a spade to the ten,+120 .


| WEST | north | EAST | south |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Schafer | Franceschetti | Hane | Setton |
| Pass | Pass | 1 | Dble |
| Pass | $3 N T$ | All Pass |  |

East led the $\vee \mathrm{Q}$ and when it held switched to the $\uparrow 4$ for the ten, king and ace. A diamond to the six was followed by two more diamonds, East winning and playing two rounds of spades. Declarer cashed his winners for one down, -100 and 6 IMPs away.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

- KJ73
- J 95
- AK 1086
\& 6

| - A Q 9 | - 108 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark 84$ | -1062 |
| - 73 | - QJ 52 |
| \&A108754 | * KQ92 |

- 6542
- AKQ7 3
- 94
\& J 3


## Latinavians v Fugl

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A Fuglestad | Palma | O Fugelstad | Nilsson |
| - | 1 | Pass | $1 \downarrow$ |
| 24 | Dble* $^{*}$ | $3 \%$ | Dble |
| Pass | 34 | All Pass |  |

## Dble 3

East led the $\& \mathrm{~K}$ and continued with the \&2, declarer ruffing, playing a heart to the ace and a spade. West took the $\uparrow A$ and switched to the $\vee 7$, declarer winning with the $\triangle \mathrm{A}$, cashing the $\uparrow \mathrm{K}$ and the $\geqslant \mathrm{J}$ and claiming 10 tricks, +170 .

|  |  |  |  | WEST | NORTH | EASt | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| west | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | Verdegaal | Bianchedi | Thiele | Sultan |
| Gamio | Brekka | Minutti | Lindström | - | 1. | Pass | 10 |
| - | 1 | Pass | 10 | 24 | Dble* | 2** | Dble |
| Pass | 14 | Pass | 44 | 3* | Dble* | Pass | 30 |
| All Pass |  |  |  | Pass | 4 | All Pass |  |

Two rounds of clubs saw declarer ruff, go to dummy with a heart and play a spade for the nine and jack, East following with the $\uparrow 8$. A heart to dummy was followed by a spade, West taking the $\uparrow A$ and switching to the $\downarrow$, Declarer winning and claiming 11 tricks, +650 and 10 IMPs.

## Tulips + v Alpert

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Alpert | Jansma | Versace | Levin |
| - | $1 \downarrow$ | Pass | $1 \downarrow$ |
| Pass | 14 | Pass | 34 |
| Pass | $4 \uparrow$ | All Pass |  |

Dble 3 -
2 Good \& raise DbleTakeout

West led the \&A and switched to the $\geqslant 3$, declarer winning in dummy, cashing the $\checkmark K$ and ruffing a diamond with the $\vee 7$. West overruffed and exited with the $\%$ (a heart is best) declarer ruffing in dummy, ruffing a diamond high (a trump to hand and a spade works) and cashing the $\vee$ AK.

When the suit failed to divide he played a spade to the jack and the $\forall 10$, East ruffing. When West discarded a club rather than the $\uparrow Q$ declarer was only one down, --100 but a 13 IMP loss.


Rubenstein v Dinkin

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Barry | Z Grossack | Ferro | Botta |
| - | 1 | Pass | $1 \downarrow$ |
| $2 \downarrow$ | Dble ${ }^{*}$ | $3 \&$ | Dble |
| Pass | $3 \downarrow$ | Pass | $4 \downarrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Dble $3 \boldsymbol{}$
2 . Club raise
Probably South should double 3\&, getting his spades into the picture.

North cashed two diamonds but then
played a third round, so declarer was only
North cashed two diamonds but then
played a third round, so declarer was only one down, -100 .

| west | NORTH | EAST | south |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Schafer | Franceschetti | Hane | Setton |
| - | 1. | Pass | 17 |
| 24 | Dble* | 3\% | 34 |
| Pass | 44 | All Pass |  |

## Dble3 ${ }^{*}$

Declarer took the diamond lead in dummy, came to hand with a heart, played a spade to the jack, and exited with a club, West winning and returning the \&3. Declarer ruffed in dummy, cashed the $\vee \mathrm{K}$, and ruffed a diamond. West overruffed, cashed the $\uparrow A$ and played a club but declarer had the rest, +620 and 11 IMPs.
West led the $\% 7$ and the defenders took the first seven tricks, -300 along with 14 IMPs.

Last Minutemen v Turnips

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lorenzini | Bauer | Tartarin | Boye |
| - | 1. | Pass | 10 |
| 24 | Dble* | 2** | 20 |
| Pass | Pass | 3\% | 30 |
| Pass | Pass | 4* | All Pass |

SOUTH
Dinkin
2NT*

| WEST | nORTH | EAST | south |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rubenstein | Sobel | Parker | Dinkin |
| - | $2 \downarrow^{*}$ | Dble | 2 NT $^{*}$ |
| $2 \downarrow$ | $3 N T$ | All Pass |  |

Dble3*
West led the $\downarrow 7$ and declarer won in dummy and played a club, East winning with the $\& \mathrm{Q}$ and switching to the $\vee$. Declarer won with the $\vee Q$, ruffed a club, drew trumps, played a spade to the jack and ducked a spade, soon claiming 10 tricks, +620 .

2* $10-14,5+$ could have 4 4 / $\uparrow$
2NT 5+■, invitational, non-Forcing


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