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	LATINAVIANS	51.45	
3	LAST MINUTEMEN	49.31	
4	TURNIPS	38.73	
5	RUBENSTEIN	35.60	
6	DINKIN	30.74	
7	ALPERT	22.77	
8	FUGL	20.10	

Round 5

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

Round 6

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

Much Ado about Nothing

Round 3 & 4



By Mark Horton

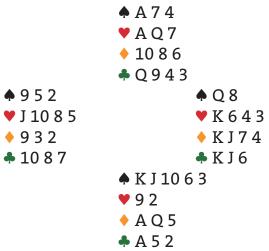
I have just bought for two of my grandchildren a wonderful book containing a precis of all the Bard's plays: Shakespeare's First Folio: All the Plays: A Children's Edition. So, good that I have a copy for myself and am working my way through the plays I have never seen.

Tuesday's deals were not especially exciting, but they were perhaps instructional.

West led the ♥J for the queen and king and East continued with the ♥3, 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 ♦J. When the ♦Q held declarer played two rounds of clubs, East winning and exiting with the ♥4. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠K and claimed. +420.

Round 3

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Lund Madsen	Versace	Verhaegen
_	1.	Pass	14
Pass	1NT	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	2.	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Alpert v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nilsson	Pramotton	Palma	Fruscoloni
_	1♣*	Pass	1•
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣

2. Checkback

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♥ doubled when the defenders start with three rounds of spades.

East led the ♥3 and declarer won with the ♥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 ♣K, giving declarer an eleventh trick, +460 and an IMP.

Fugl v Rubenstein

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Grossack	Brekka	Parker	LIndström
_	1.	Pass	1
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♦ Game forcing checkback

West led the ♥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 ♥4.

Declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace, a club to the ace and a club for the queen and king. East cashed the \$\\$J\$ for one down, and could have secured an extra undertrick by exiting with the \$\\$J\$ (or \$\\$K). The \$\\$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♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠*	Dble	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ 2+♣ 1♥ 4+♠ 1♠ 1-3♠, 11-14 2♦ Artificial game force

Another opportunity for a significant penalty was spurned.



East led the ♥4 and declarer won with the queen, played a diamond to the queen and ran the ♠J, East winning and switching to the ♠K. Declarer took dummy's ♠A, played a spade to the ace, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart and exited with a diamond, East winning with the ♠J. At this point if East exits with his remaining diamond, declarer must lose two tricks, but when he played the ♣J declarer could win with the ♣Q and draw the outstanding trump, +420 and 10 IMPs.

The winning line is to cash the last two spades, putting the pressure on East, who will be thrown in with a diamond to lead into the split club tenace.

Turnips v Tulips+

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verbeek	Franceschetti	Ozen	Setton
_	Pass	1.	1
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

2♦ Spade raise

South needs to do more than rebid 2♠ - 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 ♠K and ran the ♠J, finishing with nine tricks, +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Jansma	Tartarin	Levin
_	1.	Pass	1
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2 Game forcing

West led the ♥J for 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 ♦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
_	1NT*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1NT 12-14 2♥ Transfer

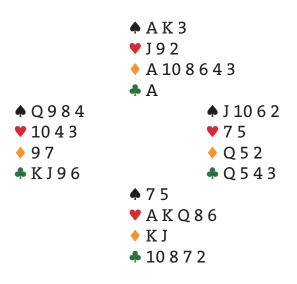
When South bids 3NT there is a good case for North to opt for the nine trick game.

East led the ♥4 and having won with the ♥Q declarer cashed the ♥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 ♣K, cashing the ♣J and exiting with the ♥K. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a diamond for the nine, ten and jack and when East returned the ◆4 he went up with the ◆A – and down went the contract as Edgar Kaplan was wont to say, -50.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Bauer	Ferro	Boye
_	1.	1♥	1
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♦4 and when the ♦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 ♣A and played a club for the nine and king for +460 and 11 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Alpert v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nilsson	Pramotton	Palma	Fruscoloni
_	_	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4 ♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	



4♣ Control

4♦ Control

4NT RKCB

5♠ 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 Alpert	NORTH Lund Madsen	EAST Versace	south Verhaegen
_	_	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

4NT RKCB

5♠ 2 keycards +♥Q 5NT Grand Slam try



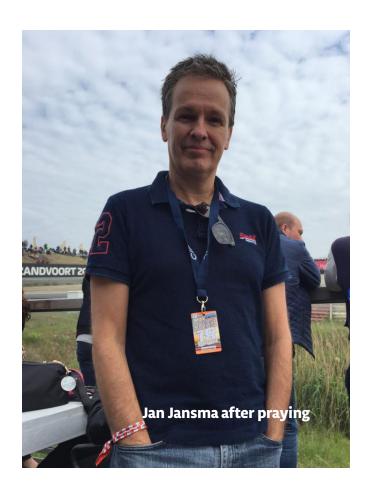
Whatever the precise meaning of 6♦, it was enough for North to bid 7♥. That was +2210 and 13 IMPs.

Fugl v Rubenstein

,	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	A Grossack	Brekka	Parker	LIndström
	_	_	Pass	1♥
	Pass	2 •	Pass	2♥
	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	1♥
Pass	2 🍑	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4 ♦*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	7♥	All Pass	



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Jansma	Tartarin	Levin
_	_	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♦*
Pass	7♥*	All Pass	

4NT RKCB

5♠ 2 keycards +♥Q

5NT Kings?

6♦ **♦**K

7♥ 'Praying'

North's prayer was answered, +2210 and 17 IMPs.

Dinkin v Last Minutemen

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schafer	Sobel	Mahendran	Dinkin
_	_	Pass	1♥*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

- **3**♠ Artificial, non-serious
- **4**♦ Control
- **4**♠ 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♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

A disappointing +710.

1♥ 9-14

2. Game forcing, atrificial

2♥ 4+♣

2♠ Asking

3♥ 2524

4♣ Optional RKCB for hearts

5♣ 'Like hand, 2 keycards +♥Q'

Only +1460.

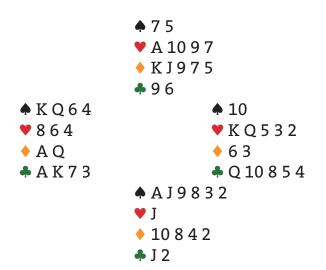
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Bauer	Ferro	Boye
_	_	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

4NT RKCB

5♠ 2 keycards +♥Q

A no-score draw.

Board 16 Dealer West. E/W Vul.



Alpert v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nilsson	Pramotton	Palma	Fruscoloni
1.	1♦	Dble*	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥	3♦
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣ Dble4+♥ Dble3♥ North led the ♦5 and declarer won with the ♦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 Alpert	NORTH Lund Madsen	EAST Versace	south Verhaegen
14	1.	1♥	14
3♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♥K and declarer won, played the ♥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
1.	1♦	1♥	14
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Dble	4♣	All Pass

North led the ♠7 and South won and switched to the ♠10, declarer taking the ace and discarding a diamond on the ♠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♥	1
2NT	Pass	3NT	4
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass



North led the ♠7 and South won and switched to the ♠4. After taking the ♠A and the ♠K for a discard declarer cashed the ♣A but then played a heart, North taking the ace and returning the ♥10, South's ruff preventing the game swing and delivering a 6 IMP gain.

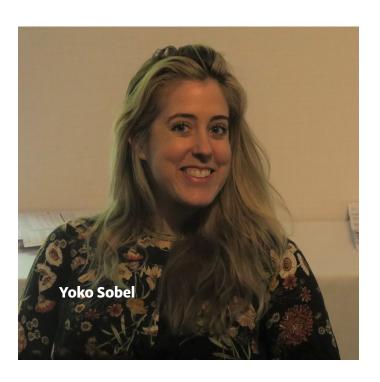
Turnips v Tulips+

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verbeek	Franceschetti	Ozen	Setton
1.	Pass	1♦*	2♠
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 ♠7 and South took the ace and switched to the ♦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
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♠

North led the ♠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
2♣	Pass	2♦*	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♦ 0/1 control

3♦ Hearts

South won the spad lead and switched to the ♦8, 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 5 2
- **9**86
- **♦** 7 2
- ♣ A Q 8 6 5 4
- **♠** K 9 3
- **V** 10 9 3 2
- **9** 3
- **10932**

- ♠ Q 7 6 4
- ♥ Q J 4
- ♦ KQ84
- 🐥 K J
- **♠** J 10 8
- ♥ A K 7 5
- ♦ AJ1065
- **7**



Latinavians v Fugl

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Fuglestad	Palma	O Fugelstad	Nilsson
Pass	14	Dble	Rdbl
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gamio	Brekka	Minutti	Lindström
Pass	1.	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	1♦	3NT
All Pass			

North led the ◆7 for the king and ace and South returned the ◆10, Declarer winning in dummy and playing the ♠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 ♠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 ♥6 and played the
♣Q, ruffed with the ♥J and overruffed
by South who exited with the ♥J. When
declarer ruffed with the ♥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 ♥2 and declarer won with the ♥A and played a club to the queen and king, East returning the ♥Q followed by the ♥4, West winning with the ♥9.

Declarer won the next heart and tried exiting with the ◆10, but East won and played the ♣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	3NT	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 ♥Q. Declarer won and cashed her diamonds, West discarding a spade and two clubs. Now declarer could play the ♠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	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pas			

West led the ♠9 and when East contributed the ♠6 declarer won with the ♠10 and played a club to the queen, East winning and returning the ♥J.

Declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♦J, East winning with the ♦Q and continuing with the ♥Q. Declarer ducked that and the next heart, took the fourth round of the suit, played a spade to the ace, cashed the ♣A took a diamond finesse and cashed the ace for a seventh trick, -200 and a 13 IMP loss.



Rubenstein v Dinkin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Z Grossack	Ferro	Botta
Pass	1.	Dble	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♣ 5+♦

East led the ♥Q and declarer won with dummy's ♥A and took the club finesse, East winning and continuing hearts.

Declarer took the third round and exited with the ◆J, East winning with the ◆Q and returning the ◆K. Declarer won, cashed the ◆10 and exited with the ◆5. When West pitched the ◆9 (having already parted with the ◆3) declarer suddenly had a route to eight tricks, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Sobel	Parker	Dinkin
Pass	2♣*	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♣ 10-14, denies 4♥/♠

I'm not convinced that doubling with the East hand is a good move opposite a passed partner, especially over 2♣.

North led the ♣A and continued with the ♣8, South ruffing and switching to the ♣J which North took with the ace to play the ♣4, declare ruffing with dummy's ♥Q as South pitched the ♠8. A spade for the ten and king was followed by the ♣10, ruffed by the ♥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 ♦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			

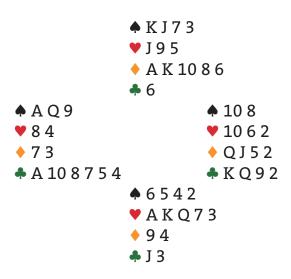
West led the ◆9 for the queen and ace and declarer exited with the ◆J, East winning and switching to the ♥Q. When it held she tried the ♠4 for the jack, king and ace and declarer played a heart to the ace followed by two rounds of diamonds, East winning and playing a heart. Declarer won, cashed a diamond,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



WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schafer	Franceschetti	Hane	Setton
Pass	Pass	1.	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦Q and when it held switched to the ♠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.



Latinavians v Fugl

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Fuglestad	Palma	O Fugelstad	Nilsson
_	1.	Pass	1♥
2♣	Dble*	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Dble 3♥

East led the ♣K and continued with the ♣2, declarer ruffing, playing a heart to the ace and a spade. West took the ♠A and switched to the ♠7, declarer winning with the ♠A, cashing the ♠K and the ♥J and claiming 10 tricks, +170.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gamio	Brekka	Minutti	Lindström
_	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	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 ♠8. A heart to dummy was followed by a spade, West taking the ♠A and switching to the ♠7, Declarer winning and claiming 11 tricks, +650 and 10 IMPs.

Tulips + v Alpert

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Jansma	Versace	Levin
_	1.	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



The play was identical to that of Brekka, described above, +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verdegaal	Bianchedi	Thiele	Sultan
_	1.	Pass	1♥
2♣	Dble*	2♥*	Dble
3♣	Dble*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Dble 3♥
2♥ Good ♣ raise
DbleTakeout

West led the ♣A and switched to the ♠3, declarer winning in dummy, cashing the ♠K and ruffing a diamond with the ♥7. West overruffed and exited with the ♣8 (a heart is best) declarer ruffing in dummy, ruffing a diamond high (a trump to hand and a spade works) and cashing the ♥AK.

When the suit failed to divide he played a spade to the jack and the ◆10, East ruffing. When West discarded a club rather than the ♠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♥
2♣	Dble*	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Dble3♥

West led the ◆7 and declarer won in dummy and played a club, East winning with the ♣Q and switching to the ♥6. Declarer won with the ♥Q, ruffed a club, drew trumps, played a spade to the jack and ducked a spade, soon claiming 10 tricks, +620.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Rubenstein	Sobel	Parker	Dinkin
_	2♦*	Dble	2NT*
2♥	3NT	All Pass	

2♦ 10-14, 5+♦ could have 4♥/♠ 2NT 5+♥, invitational, non-Forcing

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	1♥
2.	Dble*	2♦*	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Dble 3♥

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 one down, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schafer	Franceschetti	Hane	Setton
_	1.	Pass	1♥
2♣	Dble*	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	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 ♠K, and ruffed a diamond. West overruffed, cashed the ♠A and played a club but declarer had the rest, +620 and 11 IMPs.



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