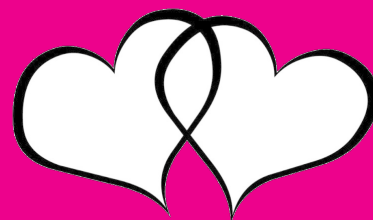


# MONTHLY MIXED TEAMS



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## Spring Win for Tulips+

The Tulips+ went undefeated through the Round Robin. In the last round they suffered their first (minor) defeat to Latinavians, yet the victory was never in danger. Congratulations to Betty Levin, Jan Jansma, Rene Stienen, Elly Schippers, Martine Verbeek, Berk Can, Renee Verdegaal and Mark Thiele with their first MMT-win. We are happy to have an excuse to bring more tulips on the front page.

Second were the Latinavians (Valerie Gamio, Guillermo Minutti, Antonio Palma, Andrea Nilsson, Christina Lund Madsen, Marcel Verhaegen) and the Turnips (Hilda Setton, Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric



Lorenzini, Anne Laure Tartarin) sprinted into third place.

We thank you all for a pleasant event with lots of entertainment and hope to see you all back in the future.

*Denis & Christina*

### Next Event

#### Christmas Mixed Teams December 16-19 2024

We are happy there is still interest for our events. We plan to host our traditional Christmas Mixed Teams in December and we are open to host another event before if we can find a time where enough teams can participate. September might be an option. Please let us know when you think would be a good time at [mmt@bridgeresults.org](mailto:mmt@bridgeresults.org).

# Final Ranking

## All Results

Ranking after round 8		
rk	team	VPs
1	 <u>TULIPS +</u>	120.05
2	 <u>LATINAVIANS</u>	106.41
3	 <u>TURNIPS</u>	82.33
4	 <u>RUBENSTEIN</u>	72.84
5	 <u>ALPERT</u>	70.75
6	 <u>LAST MINUTEMEN</u>	69.45
7	 <u>DINKIN</u>	64.81
8	 <u>FUGL</u>	53.36

# Closing Arguments

## Round 7 & 8



By Mark Horton

Going into the final day, Tulips + had won all their matches. Could they make it a full house and perhaps ensure overall victory with a round to spare?

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q 3 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ A Q J 10 5 3 ♣ 8 2</p> <p>♠ 10 5 4 ♥ A 8 6 4 2 ♦ 9 6 ♣ A J 6</p>	<p>♠ A K 8 6 2 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ — ♣ Q 9 4 3</p> <p>♠ J 9 7 ♥ J ♦ K 8 7 4 2 ♣ K 10 7 5</p>
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### Last Minutemen v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nilsson	Boyd Bowman	Palma	Bauer
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♠*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♠ 8-11

South led the ♥J and declarer won with the ♥K, cashed the top spades and played a club to the jack. When it held he exited with a spade and South won and played a diamond, declarer losing a second trick to the ♣10, +450.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P Herrera	Lund Madsen	G Herrera	Minutti
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♣*	3♦	4♠	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

3♣ Limit raise with 3♠

East led the ♠K, continued with the ♠A and switched to the ♥K. When that held he continued with the ♣3 for the five, jack and two and West cashed the ♣A, three down -800 and an 8 IMP loss.

### Alpert v Fugl

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Helness	Bianchedi	T Helness	Sultan
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

3♠ Invitational  
5♦ Control

South led the ♥J and declarer won in hand, cashed the top spades and played a club to the jack. A heart to the queen saw South ruff and switch to the ♦2 and in due course declarer lost a club for one down, -50. There is a way to arrive at 12 tricks, but it is not easy.

If declarer assumes the lead is a singleton, the strongest move is to take dummy's ace, unblocking a high heart from hand, ruff a diamond, cash the top spades and then play a club to the jack. That is followed by a second diamond ruff after which declarer plays on hearts. If South ruffs in at any point she is endplayed, but discarding down to ♠J ♣K10 allows declarer to exit with the ♠10 forcing a lead into the split tenace.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Brekka	Fruscoloni	Lindstrøm
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	Dble	3♦
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♦2 and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠K, played a club to the jack, a heart to the king and cashed the ♠A, finishing with 11 tricks, +450 and 11 IMPs.

In the remaining matches EW played peacefully in game, three in 4♠, one in 4♥, all taking 11 tricks.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## Last Minutemen v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nilsson	Boyd Bowman	Palma	Bauer
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥*	Pass	5♣	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣  
 1♥ 4+♠  
 1♠ 11-13 with 2/3♠  
 1NT Relay  
 2♣ 6♣+3♠  
 3♥ Stopper

That was well bid!

North led the ♦3 and South won and returned the ♦2, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♥A, ruffing a heart and playing the ♣J, claiming shortly afterwards, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P Herrera	Lund Madsen	G Herrera	Minutti
—	Pass	Pass	2♥
3♣	3♥	4♣	All Pass

2♥ 5+♥ and a minor

East might have doubled 3♥ to get spades into the picture – you can always make 4♠ as the cards lie.

When North led the ♥8 declarer could score 12 tricks, ruffing two hearts in dummy, playing a round of trumps and then four spades to ditch the ♦J, +170, but a 6 IMP loss.

## Turnips v Dinkin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Franceschetti	Ferro	Setton
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ♠J and played two rounds of clubs, North winning and switching to the ♦3. South took the ace and switched to the ♥7 but declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ♠A and claimed, +420.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Sobel	Tartarin	Dinkin
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥4 and declarer won with the ♥A, played a spade to the king and two rounds of clubs. North won and the defenders cashed all their red winners, three down, -150 and an 11 IMP swing.

## Tulips + v Rubenstein

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Grossack	Jansma	Parker	Levin
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	All Pass



Martine Verbeek

Declarer took 9 tricks, +140.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verbeek	Tebha	Can	Rubenstein
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

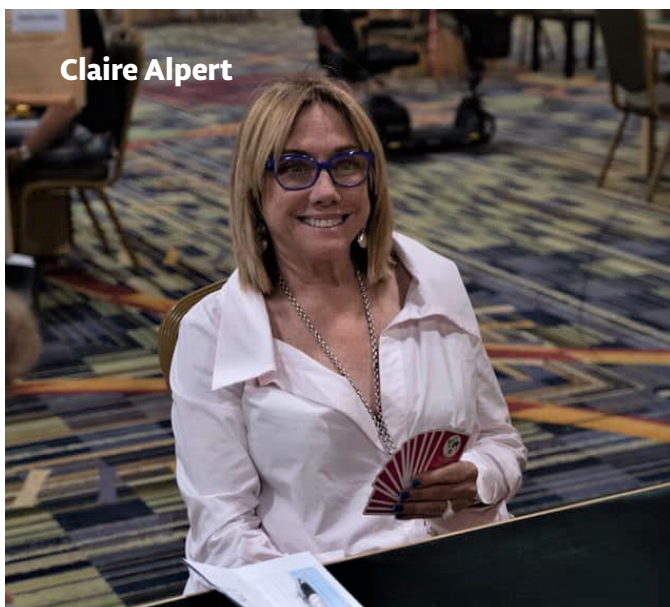
1♥ 4+♠

My au pair thought East might have tried a mini splinter of 3♥.

Declarer scored 11 tricks, +150, no swing.

## Alpert v Fugl

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Helness	Bianchedi	T Helness	Sultan
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	All Pass		



Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Here declarer managed 12 tricks, +170.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Brekka	Fruscoloni	Lindstrøm
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

North led the ♥4 and declarer played as I have previously described, ruffing two hearts and getting rid of the ♦J on the fourth spade, +420 and 6 IMPs.

On Board 7 NS held ♠ - ♥ A754 ♦ AJ1096 ♣ AKQ6 opposite ♠ J10743 ♥ K86 ♦ K52 ♣ 32. Leven and Jansma bid: Pass-1♦-1♠-2♥-3♦-4♣\*-4♦-6♦.

Declarer won the club lead, cashed two more clubs ditching a heart, took three rounds of hearts ruffing (they were 3-3), ruffed a spade, ruffed a club with the ♦K and played a diamond to the jack for +1370 and 13 IMPs. They were the only pair to bid it.

### Last Minutemen v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Nilsson	Boyd Bowman	Palma	Bauer
—	Pass	1♠	2♥
All Pass			

West led the ♠10 for the queen and king and East continued with the ♠A, declarer ruffing and playing a club to the queen. East ruffed and returned the ♠4, West ruffing as declarer pitched the ♣3.

A diamond saw East win and exit with the ♥8 declarer putting up the ♥A, cashing the ♦K and playing the ♣K. West won, cashed the ♣J and played the ♦Q which meant declarer took only five tricks, three down, -150.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
P Herrera	Lund Madsen	G Herrera	Minuttie
—	Pass	1♠	2♥
Dble*	All Pass		



The play started in identical fashion, declarer ruffing the second spade and playing a club to the queen. After East's ruff a third spade was ruffed and over-ruffed and West exited with the ♦Q, East winning and returning the ♥6.

Declarer put in the ♥9, cashed the ♦K and played the ♣K. He was assured of six tricks, but -300 meant the loss of 4 IMPs.

### Turnips v Dinkin

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Franceschetti	Ferro	Setton
—	2♠	3♥	All Pass

If South had doubled 3♥ I suspect West would have retreated to 4♦.

South led the ♠6 and declarer won with the ♠A and played a heart, South taking the ♥Q and switching to the ♦K. Declarer won, played the ♥10 and when it held continued with the ♠K. South ruffed and exited with a diamond and declarer could not be denied seven tricks, --200.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Sobel	Tartarin	Dinkin
Pass	2♠	3♥	Dble
4♦	All Pass		

Told you so!

North led the ♥5 and South won and switched to the ♠6, declarer winning with dummy's ♠A, cashing the ♦A and claiming 11 tricks, +150 along with 8 IMPs.



Cedric Lorenzini

### Tulips + v Rubenstein

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
A Grossack	Jansma	Parker	Levin
—	Pass	1♠	2♥
Dble*	All Pass		

West led the ♠10 and East won and returned the ♠7, declarer discarding the ♦4 and having won in dummy she exited with a diamond, East winning and switching to the ♥6. Declarer put in the ♥7 and West won and played a diamond.

When declarer tried cashing the ♥A she could no longer avoid three down, West winning the next trick with the ♣A and playing another diamond, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Verbeek	Tebha	Can	Rubenstein
—	2♠	All Pass	



Anam Tebha photographed by Yoko Sobel for her Bridge Pro Calendar 2024

Should West have bid 5♦?

If time permits I'll consult the man on the Clapham Omnibus.

(I did and he wanted to bid 5♦ over the double.)

East led the ♠A and switched to the ♦9! Declarer put up dummy's ♦K, ruffed a diamond and played a club to the king.

West took the ♣A but that was the last trick for the defence, -550.

East led the ♥3 and when dummy's queen held declarer continued with the ♥A, overruffing West's ♠10 and playing the ♣10 for the ♦10, the ♣K and the ♣A. A diamond saw East take the ace and exit with the ♠7, declarer winning and returning the ♠J.

East won and could have played the ♥K for three down, whereas the ♦9 allowed declarer to win with the ♦K and play a club, escaping with six tricks, dummy taking trick 13 with the ♥9. -100 was worth 9 IMPs.

### Alpert v Fugl

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Helness	Bianchedi	T Helness	Sultan
—	3♣	4♣*	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Brekka	Fruscoloni	Lindstrøm
—	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

North led the ♥5 and South won with the ♥Q (how about trying the ♣A followed by a low heart – it shouldn't work but...) and continued with the ♥7.

Declarer ruffed with the ♦Q, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart with the ♦6, ruffed a club, cashed the ♦A and had 11 tricks, +600 along with 15 IMPs.

Tulips + recorded their seventh win, but Latinavians stayed in the hunt with a good win. They would need an even better one as the top two met in the final round.



## Round 8

Although Tulips + had won all their matches, they were not yet certain to be crowned as champions. However, the win prediction factor which has become popular in so many sports was heavily in their favour.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



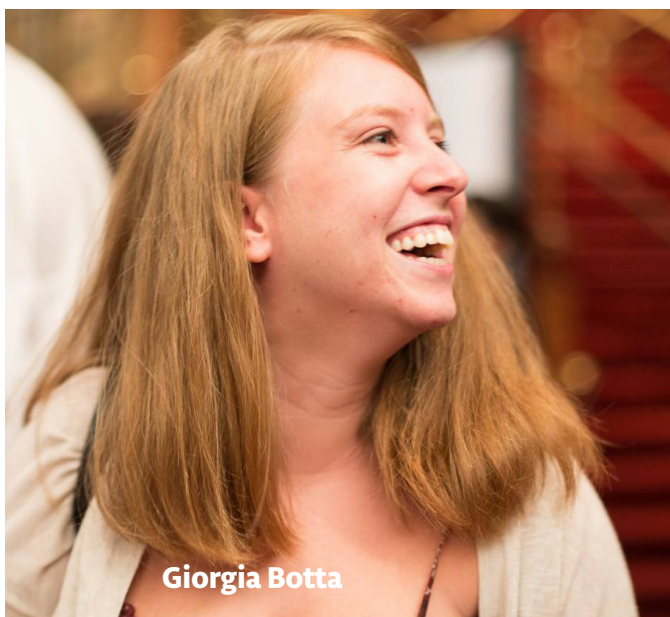
## Tulips + v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gamio	Jansma	Minutti	Levin	Schippers	Palma	Stienen	Nilsson
—	—	—	Pass	—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♥	2♠	2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
				4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
				4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
				6♣	All Pass		

One possibility for East would be to bid 5♠ over 5♣. Another for West to bid 4♦ over 4♣. These might or might not provide a route to 7♣, but they would keep the ball in play.

Declarer ruffed the lead of the ♠A, came to hand with a diamond and ran the ♠Q, +1370.

- 2♣ 6♣ or 5♣ + 4♥/♠, 11-15
- 2♦ Relay
- 4♦ Control
- 4♥ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♠ 2 keycards +♣Q



Giorgia Botta

6♦ would show 2 without the ♣Q (but takes you past 6♣).

North led the ♦J and declarer won, ruffed the ♠Q and drew trumps, taking all the tricks, +1390.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Spellman	Franceschetti	McNay	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♠	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Declarer took 11 tricks, +650, but lost 12 IMPs.

East might have considered responding 5NT, promising 2 keycards and a useful void, but its not clear that partner would know it was in spades.

Declarer ruffed the spade lead and drew trumps, taking all the tricks, +1390 to win an IMP.

### Alpert v Rubenstein

### Last Minutemen v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Boyd Bowman	Tartarin	Taylor
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Botta	Bianchedi	Z Grossack	Sultan
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	2♠	3♥	4♠
Dble	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

East might have tried 5♠ over West's double, but it would be difficult for West to bid 7♣.

Declarer ruffed the spade lead, drew trumps and claimed 12 tricks, +1370.

- 4♦ Control
- 5♠ Exclusion Blackwood

If you play 1430 responses to RKCB, then 5NT shows 1 or 4 keycards (6♣ would be 0 or 3).

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tebha	Fruscoloni	Rubenstein
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♠	3♥	3♠
3NT	All Pass		



Gunn Helness

North led the ♠A and declarer took all the tricks along with 12 IMPs.

On Board 4 West held ♠AKJ4 ♥A9876 ♦5 ♣Q42 and opened 1♥. If partner raises to 2♥ your hand has improved (because your fifth heart has gained in importance – think of it as an additional king) and at the very least you should make a try for game. Partner had ♠Q107 ♥QJ2 ♦Q983 ♣K105 and 10 tricks were available.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

North led the ♠5 and South won and returned the ♠9. North ducked that, but declarer only took 11 tricks, +660, a loss of 12 IMPs.

### Dinkin v Fugl

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Helness	Sobel	F Helness	Dinkin
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♠	3♥	3♠
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

We have already seen something similar. Would it be so bad for East to bid 4♣ over 3NT? It was another +650.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Brekka	Ferro	Lindstrøm
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	3♠	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

### Tulips + v Latinavians

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Gamio	Jansma	Minutti	Levin
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

### 3♣ Natural

North led the ♠3 and declarer put in dummy's ♠9, played a diamond to the king and a diamond, South taking the ace and switching to the ♣4.



Declarer played the ♣7 and North won with the ♣Q and exited with the ♦9. Declarer won and played three rounds of clubs, South winning and exiting with the ♥K. Declarer won and cashed her winners, +600.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Schippers	Palma	Stienen	Nilsson
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♣2 for the jack and ace and declarer played the ♦K followed by a diamond to the jack. When that held she continued with the ♥J for the queen and ace and forced out the ♦A, South exiting with the ♠7.

Declarer won with dummy's ♠9 and played two more rounds of spades, but North won, cashed another spade and played a heart, South's ♥K9 ensuring one down and a 12 IMP swing.

Having taken the ♠9, declarer must exit with a heart. South can win, cash the ♥K and exit with a heart but then declarer can exit with a spade to endplay North.

### Last Minutemen v Turnips

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lorenzini	Boyd Bowman	Tartarin	Taylor
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass



South unerringly led the ♥K and declarer won in dummy, cashed the top clubs discarding diamonds and played a spade to the queen.

When it held declarer cashed the ♠A and played the ♥J but South won and returned the ♦J. Declarer ruffed, but had to lose two spades and a heart, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Spellman	Franceschetti	McNay	Setton
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

North led the ♦3 and South won and returned the ♦2, declarer winning with dummy's jack and playing the ♥4.

When South played the ♥Q declarer could win, draw trumps and play a heart to the ten, establishing a ninth trick, and finishing with 10, +130 and 6 IMPs.

### Alpert v Rubenstein

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Botta	Bianchedi	Z Grossack	Sultan
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	All Pass

South cashed the ♦A and could not be denied two trump tricks, -100.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Alpert	Tebha	Fruscoloni	Rubenstein
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
2NT*	Pass	3♠	All Pass

### 2NT Minors

South led the ♥Q and declarer won with dummy's ace, pitched hearts on the top clubs and played a spade to the nine and a diamond to the king. When it held he ruffed a club and played the ♥10.

When that also survived he continued with the ♥J and South won and exited with the ♥9. Declarer ruffed, exited with a diamond and was assured of two more tricks, +170 along with 7 IMPs.

### Dinkin v Fugl

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
G Helness	Sobel	F Helness	Dinkin
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

The defence started with two rounds of diamonds and declarer won with the ♦Q, cashed the ♦K, played a spade to the queen, pitched a heart on the ♠A, ruffed a spade and played three rounds of clubs, taking 10 tricks, +130.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Barry	Brekka	Ferro	Lindstrøm
—	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

### 2NT Asking

3♦ Good suit, bad hand

South led the ♥K and having won with dummy's ace declarer played a spade to the nine and the ♦6. When that got past South's ace he won with the queen, discarded a heart and a diamond on the top clubs, ruffed a club and exited with the ♥J. South won and played the ♣J, but declarer ruffed and played the ♥10. North could ruff, but declarer ruffed the diamond return and exited with the ♥8, sure of taking the last two tricks with the ♠AQ for +620 and 10 IMPs.

Although Tulips + finally tasted defeat in this round, they were deserving winners.





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