

Seniors Swiss Teams

After 4 Matches (52 Teams)

Position		Total
1	Jim Luck, Kath Nelson, Bernard Goldenfield, Rhona Goldenfield	71
2	Tony Gordon, Roger Jackson, Phil Thornton, Richard Palmer	65
3	David Dickson, Mike Hill, Roger Edmonds, David Stimson	61
4	Brian Crack, Robert Jones, Diana Avis, Colin Wilson	58
5	Jimmy Ledger, Gina Dunn, Barry Wennell, Beth Wennell	57
6	Peter Aubeck, Zizi Covrigaru, Kate Pausey, Susan Gregory	56
7	Manny Marks, Martin Hoffman, Andrew Thompson, Ross Harper	55
8=	David Wing, Sheila Evans, Robert Turnham, Michael Wiles	54
8=	Chris Bainham, Jean Smallwood, Michael Kingsland, Diane Rogers	54
10	Nissan Rand, Irving Gordon, Joe Angseesing, Derek Rue	53
11=	Andrew Petrie, Patrick Collins, David Kendrick, John Cullingworth	51
11=	Peter Collins, Ian Watt, Dilys Jones, Ian Macgregor	51
13	Alan Reid, Madeline Lawson, Mahmood Nurmohamed, John Jones	50
14	Wendy Pollard, Eryl Howard, Alan Sparkes, Eric Campbell	49
15=	Ian Moss, Beryl Kerr, Peter Oake, Alan Green	48
15=	Lawrence Gaunt, Malcolm Pollack, Sandra Berkovi, Jenny Tauber	48
17	Roy Garthwaite, Heather Hobson, Ted Latham, Janet Latham	47
18=	John Holland, Alan Nelson, Bill Hirst, Patrick Jourdain	46
18=	Chris Jones, Peggy Moss, John Thrower, Ursula Henzell	46
20=	John Taylor, Thelma Scott, Wendy Lancaster, Lindsay Springate	45
20=	Janet Cattermole, Diane Johnstone, Shirley Moore, Penny Phipps	45
22	Malcolm Morris, Elsa Nelson, Mike Wren, Chris Chorley	44
23	Mary Smith, Mo Etherington, Linda Southward, Vivian Howell	43
24=	Jonathan Hinden, Jackie Hinden, Shirley Pritchard, Graham Hudson	41
24=	Roger New, Steve Burton, Rob Shepherd, John White	41
26	Muriel Bailey, Valerie Benson, Amanda Bolton, Ann Goss	40
27	Keith Baker, Anthony Whiteway, Tilly Hennings, Roger Pyart	39
28	Jack Woodard, Avril Light, Valerie Chandler, Geraldine Springer	38
29	Marit Langston, Peter Langston, Joy Mayall, Andrew Willard	37
30=	Dave Franklin, Martin Pool, Mick Carrington, Mike Keeping	36
30=	Christina Backholer, Mary Curtis, Iris Lee, Tony Wilcock	36
32	Derek Eneas, Paul Whitehurst, John Cruickshank, Tony Turnage	35
33=	Martin Holcombe, Judy Holcombe, Terence Clark, Ann Clark	34
33=	Christine Dyer, Rosemary Fellows, Roger Fellows, Chas Fellows	34

Really Easy Congress

Tuesday Afternoon – Orange Section (8 Tables)

North/South

1	Tina Anderson & Roy Vining	65.00%
2	Rhys Horlock & Felix Dibb-fuller	60.00
3	Anna Gent & Eleanor Brookes	57.50

East/West

1	Florence & Headley Moses	65.83%
2	Leona Steenhuis & June Heard	64.17
3	Tim Butler & Anna English	55.00

Tuesday Afternoon – Red & Yellow Sections (17 Tables)

1	George Wysocki & Margaret O'Donnell	70.15%
2	Maurice Hughes & Janet Rushworth	67.89
3	Pam Duffield & Maggie Dyer	66.59

Tuesday Evening – Orange Section (6 Tables)

North/South

1	Michael & Carol Brocklehurst	66.67%
2	Trish Bobbin & Felicity WYer	54.17
3	Roy Vining & Marian Monaghan	48.61

East/West

1	Florence & Headley Moses	75.00%
2	June Heard & Leona Steenhuis	58.33
3	George & Angie Ferris	56.94

Tuesday Evening – Red & Yellow Sections (17 Tables)

1	Emma Jackson & Pat Lewis	69.44%
2	Leoni Pulford & Angela Adams	65.33
3	Sarah Lyons & David Atkins	64.14

Tuesday Evening Midweek Pairs Championship

1	Karen & Malcolm Prior	66.35%
2	Tim Randall & Paul Gibbons	59.85
3	Robert Miller & Mark James Hodgson	59.54

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

1	Mylene Encontro & John Frederic Teodosio	61.90%
2	Lorna Swadling & Alastair Gidman	59.07
3	Jens Toft & Ann de Guzman	58.70

Midweek Knockout Teams Round 3

Luke Porter	Beat	Bob Drijver	by	25 IMPs
Michael Byrne	Beat	Sam Punch	by	38 IMPs
Jon Williams	Beat	Gareth Bartley	by	64 IMPs
Robert Miller	Beat	Marian Michielsens	by	8 IMPs

Round - Up

We have gathered together several interesting hands from various competitions but please keep the stories coming so we can make these bulletins as interesting as possible.

The English Open Trials are being played here this week and there is a vugraph show on BBO in the Cambridge room. Tuesday saw the completion of the round robin phase, which had a pretty close finish. This was one of the decisive boards from the TOWNSEND v WATERLOW encounter.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 9 8 7 ♥ K J ♦ K 10 8 ♣ K Q J 7	♠ A K 6 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ 9 6 5	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 5 4 3 ♥ 6 4 3 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 10 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>McIntosh</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Holland</i>
–	–	–	1♦
INT	Dble	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

Andrew McIntosh's INT overcall was a borderline action and it seemed to have got his side into trouble when the doubling began. Certainly, Gunnar Hallberg cannot have felt too good about things with his balanced nought-count. However, 2♠ doubled proved to be much better than Hallberg would have imagined.

Paul Hackett kicked off with a top spade then switched to a low diamond to John Holland's ace.

Holland switched to a low club. McIntosh won the queen and played king then ruffed a diamond and played a club. Holland won the ace, McIntosh unblocking the jack, and returned a club to dummy's ten. McIntosh led a heart to the jack and ace, won the heart return and laid down the queen of spades, pinning the jack; +670.

The contract could not be defeated after the diamond switch at trick two. It is dangerous to switch to a diamond, for precisely the reason that we saw on the actual lay-out, with declarer unable to get to dummy to lead to the ♦K himself then take his ruff.

I like the low spade at trick two. This caters to partner's holding doubleton queen and is a less committal play. Declarer wins the spade queen and may return a spade to put North back in. North will now have the benefit of seeing a signal from partner.

Of course, how easy that signal will make the subsequent defence is another matter, but the winning play is to switch to clubs – you don't want to risk giving declarer a heart trick. South must not permit dummy's ♣10 to become an entry, so best is to switch to the ♣9 to make the position clear. Eventually, declarer can be forced to lead diamonds from hand and will be one down – a bit sweaty.

West	North	East	South
<i>Waterlow</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Panto</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Dble	Rdbl	1♥	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Tony Waterlow led the ♣K then the queen and a low one as Tom Townsend ducked until the third round. After winning the third club, Townsend led a low diamond towards the queen and Waterlow made the fatal error of ducking. Two more rounds of diamonds put him in to cash the ♣J but then he was endplayed. He exited with a low spade but Townsend ran it to his jack and that was the ninth trick; +400 and 14 IMPs to TOWNSEND.

West must go in with the king on the first round of

Today's Schedule

10.30 am	Tournament Director Training Course
10.45 am	Open Trials Set 4
1.00 pm	Seniors Swiss Teams, Session 2
2.00 pm	Open Trials Set 5 (Final set)
2.00 pm	Afternoon Knock-out Teams, Semi-final
2.00 pm	Open Pairs
8.00 pm	Mixed Pairs Championship

diamonds and cash his club winner. then he can exit passively with a diamond and sit back. As long as East can guard the third round of spades, there is no squeeze and the contract must fail by a trick.

Two tight defences could have netted WATERLOW 6 IMPs instead of the actual 14 away, and that would have seen them into the final.

Juniors, and Bulletin Editors, like to amuse themselves with trying to make the last trick with the seven of diamonds, the beer card. Frazer Morgan, partnering Alex Wilkinson, managed that feat, via a double squeeze, during Tuesday afternoon's Open Pairs competition.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q 3 ♥ AKJ 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ QJ754	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ A 10 9 7 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A 7 5 4 ♣ AK 10
N	E					
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	♠ K 8 4 ♥ Q 10 9 7 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ 9 8 6					

Frazer declared 4NT as West on a heart lead to the queen and ace. He ran the queen of spades to South's king and back came a heart. Frazer won and led a spade to the ten. Now he cashed the ace of spades, throwing the ♦8 from hand, and ran the clubs, pitching the four and five of diamonds from the dummy.

The last club forced South to come down to a singleton diamond to keep the heart guard, and now declarer cashed the jack of hearts. This in turn forced North to come down to a singleton diamond to keep the ♠J, so away went the ♠10 and the ace and seven of diamonds took the last two tricks for a handy +690.

Of course, if you are really into this seven of diamonds thing, then North should have pitched the ♠J and allowed declarer to make the last trick with the ♠10. It is the same number of tricks, but you have prevented the ♦7 winning the last trick.

While making the last trick with the ♦7 wins you a drink from all those who have agreed to get involved before the session, allowing this to happen when you could prevent it means you have to pay up with a round of drinks – as does failing to win the last trick with the ♦7 when you could have done so. It can add some interest to an otherwise dull hand, to say nothing of offering an excuse for an extra drink – if you need an excuse.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 6 ♥ – ♦ AKJ853 ♣ AK762	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td><td style="padding: 2px;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W</td><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ K 7 4 ♥ J 9 7 6 4 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ Q 9
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You may remember this one from Monday's Play With The Experts Pairs. Not surprisingly, a whole host of different contracts were reached. If your opponents got to 7NT, you might curse your luck as that contract cannot be defeated, or can it?

Lara Russo found herself declarer in the very poor but lucky contract of 7NT on a heart lead. She won and played a diamond up, intending to finesse the jack, and Tom Marriott put in the queen. That gave Lara a serious problem. If the diamond play was to be believed, she had only three diamond tricks and would have to try to bring in the club suit. And, with a potential blockage in clubs, she would need a diamond entry to her club winners so could not afford to test the diamonds before playing on clubs.

Of course, Lara was aware that the diamond queen was a possible falsecard but, after some thought, she crossed to hand with a spade finesse and ran the ten of clubs. And that was one down in a 'cold' grand slam. Well defended.

Trivia Quiz 6

Capital Cities

What is the capital of each of these countries?

1. Angola
2. Bangladesh
3. Colombia
4. Laos
5. Malta
6. Moldova
7. Cameroon
8. Rwanda
9. Trinidad & Tobago
10. Georgia

BBO Spectator: 'Do Townsend/Gold play Support Doubles?'
 Commentator and English Coach, David Burn: 'They'd better not do if they want to play for England!'

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 7 ♥ AK 10 9 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ 8 6 4 3	♠ Q 4 ♥ Q 8 7 2 ♦ AK 6 ♣ AKJ 10	♠ 10 8 3 2 ♥ J 6 5 3 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ 9 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S	
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West	North	East	South
<i>E. Jones</i>	<i>Amos</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>P. Jones</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Mike Amos brought this one in, from the Play With The Experts Pairs. Against Mike's 3NT contract, Simon Cope led a passive seven of diamonds. Mike won in hand and ran the queen of spades to Ed Jones' king. Ed switched to the ten of hearts and Mike ducked. When Ed continued with the ♥9, Mike was in a very difficult position. If the ace-king of hearts were onside, he had to put up the queen, while if East had ace or king to three he had to play low to leave the suit blocked. Obviously, if the suit was four-four with East holding at least one top honour, nothing could be done.

The play began in the same fashion at my table and declarer put up the queen on the second round so made 11 tricks, and that is what Mike did, after going through some agonies. It is a close call. My gut feeling is that declarer should duck again, but it is very close and I am not at all confident that this is correct.

Meanwhile, let's go back a bit and ask how declarer should play the hand after a diamond lead.

There seem to be three possible lines. The technical line is to cash three diamonds to see if they divide evenly. If they do, you have nine top tricks and can just cash out for your contract. If diamonds provide only three tricks, take the spade finesse.

Then there is the psychological line: lead the ♠Q at trick two. It will be hard for East not to cover if he holds the king. If he covers, you are home, while if he plays low without a care in the world you rise with the ace and rely on an even diamond split. The main problem with this is that East may duck with king to four.

Finally, you can play the way we have already seen,

relying on either the spade finesse or just to get lucky in the heart suit.

Because East will not cover the spade with length in the suit, I have a slight preference for the first, technical line, but I'm sure you will find contrary opinions among the top players.

I don't have the full deal for this next one. It comes from the Trials and Gunnar Hallberg liked the symmetry of the auction.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hallberg</i>		<i>McIntosh</i>	
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♦
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

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Once South cuebid to show a good spade raise, how could one resist cuebidding in turn to show a good diamond raise? With diamonds two-two, 3NT rolled in.

The Seniors Pairs

David Dickson tells us a story from the Seniors Pairs Qualifying round.

'I met up with an old rubber bridge friend. He opened 3♦ and, after two passes, I held:'

♠ 9 8 6
 ♥ A Q 9 8 7
 ♦ –
 ♣ K 10 9 5 4

'Well, Pass, Double and 3♥ all seemed to be possible and, eventually, I bid 3♥. Partner was less than happy when this wandered five off for –250. This was the full deal:'

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 10 7 2 ♥ – ♦ Q 10 6 5 4 ♣ Q J 8 2	♠ K J 5 4 3 ♥ K 10 6 3 2 ♦ 9 8 ♣ A	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 8 6 ♥ A Q 9 8 7 ♦ – ♣ K 10 9 5 4
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Partner said after the board, 'Couldn't you have doubled 3♦?' 'My counter was that 3♦ doubled makes, and with an overtrick unless West leads diamonds.'

'We were caught by South's incredible 3♦ opening. It's about two and a half years since I had seen my old friend and, with a bit of luck, it will be another two and a half years before I run into him again.'

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ QJ85 ♥ QJ1096 ♦ 75 ♣ 84	♠ 102 ♥ 3 ♦ 98642 ♣ QJ976	♠ 976 ♥ K7 ♦ QJ3 ♣ K10532	♠ AK43 ♥ A8542 ♦ AK10 ♣ A
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West	North	East	South
Williams	Hoffman	Kaplan	Marks
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
All Pass			

When South was passed out in 1♠ he was probably concerned that his side might have missed a game. Far from it! He didn't even go plus in 1♥.

John Williams found the killing lead of the queen of hearts, preventing declarer from taking a spade ruff in dummy, and he had to lose four hearts, a diamond and two spades for down one.

Any other lead allows declarer to unblock the ace of clubs, ruff a spade in dummy and ruff a club in hand for plus one.

Trivia Quiz 6

Solutions

1. Luanda
2. Dhaka
3. Bogota
4. Vientiane
5. Valletta
6. Chisinau
7. Yaounde
8. Kigali
9. Port-of-Spain
10. Tbilisi

Red-faced Blackout Blues

By Gareth Bartley

This deal from the first round of the Midweek KO Teams illustrates just how important colour is at bridge.

Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 9x ♥ x ♦ xxx ♣ AK109xxx	♠ Ax ♥ xx ♦ AKQxx ♣ xx	♠ K8x ♥ AQJxxx ♦ 10xx ♣ x	♠ QJ10x ♥ K109x ♦ Jx ♣ QJx
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At both tables dealer passed and West pre-empted in clubs. North bid Three Diamonds and East passed. One South took a somewhat pessimistic view and passed, while the other converted to 3NT.

After cashing two top clubs against the latter contract, West should simply follow his partner's McKenney (eight of spades) and switch to his singleton heart. This would give South an opportunity to shine, continuing as follows: win the ♥J with the king and cash ♣Q and five rounds of diamonds to strip-squeeze East and endplay him in the four-card ending.

That is not what happened. West, either colour-blind or semi-comatose, recognised the fact that his partner had discarded an eight, but not *which* eight, and switched to spades. That meant 7 IMPs out against the +110 at the other table.

Vugraph Show

The final match in the **English Open Trials** is being shown on BBO Vugraph today in the Cambridge room.

The two remaining sessions begin at 1045 and 1400 today, Thursday.