

Swiss Teams

Ranking After 10 Matches

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| <p>As the teams had not played against each other, the second tie-break came into effect: the number of matches won. ORAM had won 7 matches and FRANKLIN 6.5. The two unlucky non-qualifiers had only 6 wins each.</p> | | |
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Seniors Teams

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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Maureen Hiron reports this deal from the second session of the Seniors Teams:

Our pockets were comprehensively picked by Muriel Bailey on this deal. After two passes, Muriel opened the North hand 1♠ and I overcalled 2♠, hearts and a minor (weak or strong). Helen Schapiro, West, jumped to 4♥ and Muriel made an impassive, in tempo, pass as North. I continued with 4NT and learned that partner had no aces. North again passed nonchalantly and I subsided in 5♥.

Two passes followed and South was considering what to lead when Muriel sprang into life again, with an out of the blue call of 6♦. I doubled – well, wouldn't you? But I began to fear the worst when the club lead was ruffed.

A diamond to the ace drew trumps and a successful spade finesse was all that Muriel required to bring home her doubled slam and enter +1090 on her scoresheet. Bravo!

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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| | ♠ A 7 4 ♥ 4 ♦ J 10 6 2 ♣ 8 6 5 4 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West <i>Cohen</i> | North | East <i>Mitchell</i> | South |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| - | 1♥ | Pass | Pass |
| 1♠ | 2♦ | Pass | Pass |
| 4♣ | 5♥ | Dble | All Pass |

Bert Mitchell and Janet Cohen were very pleased with their result on this deal from the second session of the Seniors Teams – as who wouldn't be? Their North opponent went to the well once too often and got what he deserved when Bert doubled 5♥.

When the smoke had cleared, declarer was five down for -1100 and a large swing to Mitchell/Cohen's team. Alas, it was not enough for them to win the match.

Trivia Quiz 9 Real Names

By what names are the following people better known?

1. Marion Robert Morrison
2. Saloth Sar
3. Francis Ethel Gumm
4. Josif Vissiaronovitch Dzhughashvili
5. Edson Arantes Do Nascimento
6. John Lydon
7. Richard Starkey
8. Samuel Langhorn Clemens
9. Francois-Marie Arouet
10. Matsuo Kinsaku

Shopping

Don't forget to do your Bridge Shopping.
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 All items at Special Congress Prices
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Discuss it with an Expert

Our final session of Discuss it with an Expert once again features **David Stevenson**. As well as discussing interesting deals from yesterday, David will be happy to explain the intricacies of the new Orange Book, alerting, announcing etc.

The Swiss Teams

Session 1. Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|---------|------|-------|
| – | 4♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♦ | Pass |
| 6♠ | AllPass | | |

Pre-empts are supposed to cause problems and North's 4♥ opening did just that. West's solution, double for take-out then ask for key cards when partner removes to 4♠, seems the most practical approach.

The one key-card response of course meant that West raised to six.

On this auction, West must have a massive hand, and it is surely correct to lay down the ace of clubs. Peter Jones did just that against us and he continued with a second club for the ruff to defeat the contract.

Well done, and necessary to flatten the board. At the other table West was declarer in 6♠ and now the singleton club lead was much easier to find.

Session 1. Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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| ♠ J 7 6 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ A 9 8 2 ♣ 10 5 3 | <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 | | ♠ K Q 8 ♥ J 10 8 7 2 ♦ 10 6 5 3 ♣ J | ♠ A 9 5 3 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ J 4 ♣ 9 8 6 2 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
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| – | – | – | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

I led a low spade against 4♥. Declarer played the king and Espen Erichsen won the ace then switched to the jack of diamonds to the king and ace. I returned a second diamond to the queen.

Declarer crossed to the jack of clubs then played ace and queen of hearts, but that wasn't good enough as I could win the king and play a third diamond for Espen to ruff for one down.

Declarer got part way to the solution when he spurned the heart finesse, appreciating that there was the danger of a diamond ruff. However, he could have done much better. After unblocking the club and playing a heart to the ace, he should throw the two remaining diamonds from dummy before giving up the lead. Next he can play a spade to the queen and ruff the last spade low, then play the ♥Q. That avoids the diamond ruff and brings home the contract.

Session 1. Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
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| – | – | – | 1♦ |
| 1♠ | Pass | INT | All Pass |

Our combination of light overcall and equally light response got Espen to a pretty unattractive contract of INT.

South led the king of spades, ducked, and switched to a low diamond. North won the ace and switched to a low heart. That was ducked to South's jack and back came the ♥K, which Espen won. He played a low club now and South won the king then played her last heart.

North cashed the two heart winners and switched to a diamond. Espen won the queen and cashed the long heart. After discarding on this trick, dummy was down to ♠A10 ♦K9. The long heart squeezed South, but she could have defeated the contract had she unguarded either of dummy's suits, as she still comes to a trick in the other suit at the end.

In practice, however, South threw the ace of clubs so Espen could cash club winners to make his contract.

Obviously, the defence could have done better at various stages of the play, quite apart from the final fatal discard. However, the point I wanted to bring up was that the club discard would have been fatal to the defence even had declarer had only one club trick to cash. The point is that cashing that club would have squeezed South again between spades and diamonds, and again the contract would have made,

In this sort of situation, where you are squeezed in three suits, it is important to give up your guard in one of the suits on your left. If you give up the guard in the suit on your right, declarer can switch his attention to that suit and the squeeze repeats against you.

Session 1. Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <p>♠ A 4 3 ♥ J 10 9 6 3 ♦ 7 3 ♣ 10 4 3</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

Blackwood is a wonderful thing. In my match this deal was flat in 6NT just making. Not so in some other matches, where Blackwood was not used, or at least not understood. How would you feel if you bid freely to 7♣ and went one off. You would be quite pleased to find that you had gained 3 IMPs on the board, would you not?

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|----------|----------------|-------|
| <i>Robson</i> | | <i>Allfrey</i> | |
| – | – | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 5NT | Pass | 6♣ | Pass |
| 7♣ | All Pass | | |

I am told that the 1♠ response denied a four-card major and that 2♠ showed diamonds. 5NT was pick-a-slam, and 6♣ selected that suit as trumps. The raise to 7♣ was a guess, I suppose. South, being a gentleman, did not double; one off for –100.

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| <i>Sutcliffe</i> | | <i>Chambers</i> | |
| – | – | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♥ | Pass |
| 7NT | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Here, everything was going swimmingly up to the 4♣ bid. Unfortunately, it was intended as Gerber, and the 4♥ response read as showing one ace, while at the other side of the table 4♣ was read as RKCB for clubs, with the response showing one key card. This South took a more practical approach and doubled, feeling that there was a good chance that 7NT would fail with him on lead; –200 and 3 IMPs to the ALLFREY team.

Session 2. Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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| <p>♠ AK 7 5 3 ♥ – ♦ KJ 9 8 3 ♣ A 6 2</p> | <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 | | <p>♠ – ♥ AKQ 8 7 5 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ 10 9 7 4</p> | <p>♠ Q 9 6 ♥ J 10 6 4 2 ♦ Q 5 4 2 ♣ 8</p> |
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| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <p>♠ J 10 8 4 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A ♣ KQJ 5 3</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| West | North | East | South | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Senior</i> | <i>Probst</i> | <i>Erichsen</i> | <i>Handley-Pritchard</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| – | – | – | 1♠ | | | | | | | | | |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ | | | | | | | | | |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | Pass | | | | | | | | | |
| Dble | Rdbl | All Pass | | | | | | | | | | |

When Ben Handley-Pritchard opened 1♠ in front of me, I could have overcalled 2♦, but I prefer to wait a while on potential misfits.

Eventually, Richard Probst made an invitational rebid of 3♥ and now I thought it was time to double for take-out. Richard had redoubled almost before the double had hit the table, and Espen stuck it out.

I think East should remove to 4♦. The N/S auction was entirely consistent from my point of view with North holding something like ♥KQ10xxx and East ♥AJ9xx, when 3♥ could be going a number down.

If you know Richard, you know that the redouble would have come out whatever his heart suit, just to show who was boss at the table. East knows that he does not have the lovely heart tenaces over declarer that West was looking for, and he should trust that West will have sufficient diamond length to give him a get-out, as the double would otherwise be very dangerous at this vulnerability.

It is fair to say that all of that is easier to see after the event. On the actual lay-out, we could start with a club to the ace and a club ruff, but Richard had no trouble in making his contract for the rather tasty score of +760. As N/S sold out to 3♦ in the other room, that was worth 13 IMPs.

Session 2. Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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| ♠ K 6 4 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ A K 7 ♣ K Q 9 8 | ♠ Q 8 5 3 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ J 9 4 2 ♣ J 5 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 2 ♥ 10 9 4 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A 10 7 6 3 2 | ♠ J 10 9 7 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5 ♣ 4 | |
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Frances Hinden and Graham Osbourne had a long sequence to the poor contract of 6♣, played by West. North led the queen of hearts to South's ace and South switched to a diamond, Osbourne winning the ace.

Declarer cashed a couple of clubs, plus the red-suit kings, then rattled off the remaining clubs. On the penultimate club, North let go his diamond guard, thinking that he needed to keep the heart and spade guards. Declarer was down to three spades and a diamond in hand, and two spades, a heart and the last club in dummy. When he now cashed the last club, South was squeezed in diamonds and spades, and North was squeezed in hearts and spades – a double squeeze. South chose to throw the diamond guard, so the seven of diamonds, the Beer Card to some, won the last trick and the slam was home.

Had North held on to a diamond guard, leaving South to look after the spades, the contract would have failed. In this sort of ending, it is good to keep the defensive guards, wherever possible, in the hand sitting over declarer's menaces.

Had South returned a heart at trick two, declarer could have won the king and played a different squeeze, with the diamond suit having its own entry to the long card, and now the squeeze is legitimate and the contract cannot be defeated.

Session 2. Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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| ♠ 8 7 2 ♥ – ♦ K J 9 8 5 ♣ J 10 9 6 2 | ♠ 9 5 ♥ K 10 9 7 6 4 ♦ Q 6 ♣ Q 7 3 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A K Q 6 3 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ 10 ♣ A K 5 4 | ♠ J 10 4 ♥ J 8 5 3 ♦ A 7 4 3 2 ♣ 8 | |
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| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| Senior | Cope | Erichsen | Haring |
| Pass | 2♥ | Dble | 5♥ |
| Pass | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6♥ | Pass | 6♠ | All Pass |

Simon Cope and Stuart Haring put us under a lot of pressure on this deal, when Haring raised his partner's weak two opening to the five level. When Espen now bid 5♠ on his own, I expected a hand that was too good for either a 3♠ or 4♠ overcall of 2♥, so went on, even inviting seven along the way.

Haring led ace and another diamond against 6♠. Espen put in the jack and ruffed out the queen. Then he cashed two top spades and thought for quite some time. Finally, he cashed a top club, drew the last trump, and played the second top club, going down one when the queen did not fall.

This was a flat board as 6♣ failed by a trick at the other table. But, of course, there were ways to make the slam. As North is out of both diamonds and spades, a real possibility is to draw two trumps then ruff a heart and take three discards on the diamonds, cross to a club and draw the last trump then claim. This is surely better than relying on the club finesse, which also happens to succeed.

What do you think – what is the best line?

Trivia Quiz 9

Solutions

1. John Wayne (actor)
2. Pol Pot (Cambodian ruler)
3. Judy Garland (actress)
4. Joseph Stalin (Soviet ruler)
5. Pele (footballer)
6. Johnny Rotten (lead singer with the Sex Pistols)
7. Ringo Starr (drummer with The Beatles)
8. Mark Twain (writer and humorist)
9. Voltaire (French writer and philosopher)
10. Basho (17th century Japanese Haiku poet)

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While I was typing up the deals we have just discussed, a couple of stories came in from the first session, so time for a quick rewind.

Session 1. Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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| M. Gritt | | D. Gritt | |
| – | – | – | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

Two Clubs was Crowhurst and the 3♠ response promised at least queen to three spades and a maximum.

The opening lead was the six of hearts, David Gritt winning the ace in dummy and following with a falsecard seven from hand. He led dummy's low spade at trick two to retain control of the hand, North winning the jack.

North now switched to the ten of clubs for the jack and king and South reverted to hearts, dummy's jack winning the trick. Gritt cashed the ace of spades and played on hearts, losing just two spades and one club as he could ruff the third club in the dummy.

Session 1. Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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| | Dickinson | | Morris |
| – | 1NT | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Adam Dickinson played in 3NT on the lead of the queen of diamonds. He ducked, and ducked again when the ♦J was continued. Dickinson won the third diamond, pitching two spades from the dummy.

Dickinson led the queen of hearts, which was correctly not covered, cashed the ace of clubs, then realised that the club suit would be blocked if it did not break two-two – maybe he should have thrown a club from dummy on the diamonds. Dickinson bravely finessed the ten of clubs next, allowing him to cash all five club tricks.

The run of the clubs squeezed West, who threw a heart. Now Dickinson read the position accurately and led the jack of hearts to the king and ace, and down came the ♥10 to allow him a third heart trick and nine in all. A very nice recovery and worth 10 IMPs to his side.

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Session 3. Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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| ♠ 7 5 ♥ 10 9 5 4 2 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ K J 4 | ♠ A 8 6 ♥ A Q J 3 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ 9 8 5 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ K J 10 3 2 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ A 3 ♠ Q 9 4 ♥ 6 ♦ A 8 3 2 ♣ Q 10 7 6 2 |
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| – | INT | Pass | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Ben Green told me about this one. 2NT showed a minimum. Ben led a spade against 3♣ and declarer ran it to Duncan Happer's king. Back came the jack of spades to dummy's ace and declarer played the ♣9, Happer rising with the ace to lead a third spade.

Green discarded a heart rather than take an unnecessary ruff, so declarer won the queen and crossed to the ace of hearts to lead a club. Green won and cashed his other club and had to decide with what to exit.

If West counts declarer's hand, he can see that a heart is safe. The king is ruffed out, but that only gives one discard and declarer still has to lose a diamond at the end. But Green switched to a diamond. Once you are going to do that, which is the correct card?

Green actually switched to the ♦9 and survived because partner held the seven. Had declarer held the seven as well as the eight, he could have covered the nine with the ten and captured the queen with the ace then finessed against the jack on the way back to make his contract. The correct diamond to switch to is the jack.

Session 3. Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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| ♠ K Q J 8 2 ♥ 7 ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ J 9 4 | ♠ 10 9 6 3 ♥ A K 10 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ 10 8 7 <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A ♥ Q 9 8 6 5 ♦ 9 ♣ A K Q 6 5 2 | ♠ 7 5 4 ♥ J 3 2 ♦ K J 10 8 6 4 ♣ 3 |
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| – | – | – | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | Dble | 2♠ | 3♠ |
| Dble | 4♣ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Is there a way to get to slam on this one? South at our table showed a good 4♥ bid by going via 3♠ but it was very tough for North to do more with only the bare 7-count that he had already promised. It was flat at +710. The double fit means that there are a lot of tricks to be had, with E/W having a paying save should N/S find a way to get to slam.

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| Senior | A. Priday | Erichsen | V. Priday |
| – | – | – | 1♦ |
| 2♥ | 3♣ | 3♥ | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 7♦ | All Pass | |

Tony and Vivian Priday bid the grand slam with some confidence on this one. Our bidding merely confirmed for Tony that Vivian had to have six diamonds – she could have just passed 3♥ or made a take-out double with fewer – so he checked on key cards and bid the grand slam; +1440.

Our team-mates had a poor auction to stop in six. With no opposition bidding, it started 1♦ – 2♣ – 2♦, and North could not yet be sure that she was facing a six-card suit – South could have been 4-3-5-1 or 3-4-5-1, for example, when seven would not be good. However, there was plenty of time in which to find out.

How many people got to a grand slam? I would have thought that, in an uncontested auction, North could continue with 2♠ and, if South bids 3♦ or 2NT, can bid 4♦ to set trumps and invite cuebidding. South has an easy 4♥ cuebid now and seven should be reached. For example, if North uses RKCB over 4♥, he hears 5♥, two key cards but no trump queen, and can continue with 5NT to invite seven. The ♠K should be sufficient for South to accept the invitation, after all, for slam purposes, it is a lot more useful than, say, ♠QJ.