



3rd WBF Online Women's Teams

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THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING

With play continuing until 23.00 tonight, there may be significant changes at the top of the leaderboard, but having completed four matches **Sunshine Sisters** (Aida Abu Jaber, Christina Audiche, Elvan Edis, Allison Freeland, Marille Hitti, May Sakr) have won them all, their total of 78.79 (including a 12 VP bye) leaving them at the top of the table.

Results are constantly updated, for the moment **Parker** (Katarzyna Dufprat, Christina Parker, Linda Robinson, Anam Tebha) with 76.23 are second followed by **Thunder** (Adi Asulin, Nancy Katz, Hila Levi, Dana Tal, Noga Tal, Migry Zur-Campanile) on 74.48 and **Ruya** (Asli Acar, Berrak Erkan, Yasemin Mercil, Irem Özbay, Nuray Sen, Dilek Yavas) with 71.92.

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RANKING LISTS


ROUND 1

OPENING MOVES

Mark Horton

The first session of the Online Women's Teams was from 08.00 to 14.00 saw 19 tables on screen, but only four tams were tackling the opening round.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Kiwi Ferns v Turquoise

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kotan</i>	<i>Turley</i>	<i>Zaim</i>	<i>Collins</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, 11-20

North led the ♣7 and South won with the ♠A and cashed the ♥A, North following with the ♥6. When South continued with the ♥2 declarer won with the ♥10 and played the ♥Q, establishing a ninth trick, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Ozan</i>	<i>Terry</i>	<i>Kurtoglu Z</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Dble
1NT	All Pass		

1♣ 13+
1♦ Up to a bad 6

North led the ♣Q and South took the ♣A, cashed the ♥K and switched to the ♠5. North won with ♠J and went back to hearts, so declarer had a route to nine tricks to flatten the board.

Deal With It v Japan Girls

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Horiguchi</i>	<i>Foaden</i>	<i>Yamazaki</i>	<i>Kenny</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	Rdbl	1♦	Dble*
Pass	2♣	2♦	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Rdbl 9-11
Dble Takeout

South led the ♥A and seeing North's ♥5 switched to the ♣A followed by the ♣3. Declarer won with dummy's ♣K, drew trumps and forced out the ♥K for +110.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adams</i>	<i>Wada</i>	<i>Francis</i>	<i>Mizobe</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	2♣	2♦	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

South led the ♥A and when North followed with an upside down ♥5 she continued with the ♥K followed by the ♥2. North ruffed and returned the ♣Q, South taking the ♣A and switching to the ♠3. There was no way to avoid a spade loser, one down, -50 and 4 IMPs to Japan Girls.

I had been hoping that someone would open the South hand 2♥, promising a limited three suiter that always contained 4♥ (a method outlined in The Mysterious Multi).

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Kiwi Ferns v Turquoise

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kotan</i>	<i>Turley</i>	<i>Zaim</i>	<i>Collins</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠4 and North won with the ♠Q and returned the ♠7 for the jack and ace. When South continued with the ♠5 declarer won with dummy's ♠9 and cashed her winners for +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Ozan</i>	<i>Terry</i>	<i>Kurtoglu Z</i>
1♠*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

1♠ 9-12 both minors or long diamonds
1NT Up to 15, asking

North led the ♠Q and South took the ♠A and switched to the ♦3, declarer winning with dummy's ♦K, pitching a spade on the ♣A, drawing trumps and playing the ♥10 for the queen, king and ace. She was sure of 10 tricks, +130 but 10 IMPs for Turquoise.

Deal With It v Japan Girls

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Horiguchi</i>	<i>Foaden</i>	<i>Yamazaki</i>	<i>Kenny</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦	All Pass		

North led the ♠Q and declarer won with the ♠K and played a heart for the jack and ace, South

returning the ♦3. Declarer finished with nine tricks, +110.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Adams</i>	<i>Wada</i>	<i>Francis</i>	<i>Mizobe</i>
1♦	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ General game force

South led the ♠4 and when declarer followed with dummy's ♠6 North won with the ♠Q. It was clear a switch was required, but when North went with the ♥2 declarer played the ♥3 and South could only win with the ace. She returned the ♥5 for the ten, queen and king and declarer could establish a tenth trick by playing the ♠J, +630 and 11 IMPs for Deal With It.

As the cards lie, to be sure of defeating 3NT South must lead a club honour at trick one. If it holds South must then continue with a counter intuitive ♣J (or switch to a spade). After the initial spade lead declarer must guess to put up dummy's ♠K and play a heart to the jack.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Kiwi Ferns v Turquoise

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kotan</i>	<i>Turley</i>	<i>Zaim</i>	<i>Collins</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠*	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

3♠ Preemptive, 0-6, usually 4♠

West led the ♥A and when East followed with the ♥J declarer ruffed with the ♠7, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a club for the two,

jack and queen. She ruffed the heart return and played the ♣K, West winning and cashing the ♥Q. She switched to the ♦4 and that was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Ozan</i>	<i>Terry</i>	<i>Kurtoglu Z</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠*	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

3♠ Weak

South's double allowed for the possibility that North might have a defensive trick, but was primarily intended to show a good hand that was short in hearts.

North led the ♦ and declarer won with the ♦Q, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a club to the queen. When it held she was sure of 10 tricks, +790 and 12 IMPs to Kiwi Ferns.

Deal With It v Japan Girls

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Horiguchi</i>	<i>Foaden</i>	<i>Yamazaki</i>	<i>Kenny</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	Dble*
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

North led the ♠5 and South won with the ♠K and continued with the ♠A, declarer ruffing, crossing to the ♥J and playing a diamond to the queen. When that held she drew trumps and played a diamond to the ten, South winning and exiting with a spade. Declarer ruffed with the ♥Q and exited with a diamond and when the ♣Q held the next trick she was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adams</i>	<i>Wada</i>	<i>Francis</i>	<i>Mizobe</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
2♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♥A and declarer ruffed and exited with the ♦2, East winning with the ♦10 and returning the ♥J. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond and played a club to the jack. West won, cashed the ♣A and exited with the ♥K but declarer ruffed, unblocked the ♠AK and crossed to dummy with the ♠10 to draw the outstanding trump, +420 and 8 IMPs for Japan Girls.

Four Spades can be defeated, but it is not easy. After winning with the ♦10 East must switch to a black suit. For example, after a club switch West wins, cashes a second club and then plays the ♠10 after which there is no route to 10 tricks.

Turquoise defeated Kiwi Ferns 16-14, 10.86-9.14, while Japan Girls outscored Deal With It 25-19, 12.42-7.58.

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ROUND 2

MAIN ATTRACTION

Mark Horton

This was the standout deal of a quiet second round:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Turquoise v Kiwis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boughey</i>	<i>Zaim</i>	<i>Richardson</i>	<i>Kotan</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The system card suggest that 2NT was invitational with four-card support. The meaning of 3♣ was not explained.

West led the ♦A and that was a rapid one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kurtoglu Zabci</i>	<i>Livingston</i>	<i>Ozan</i>	<i>Smith</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦*
Dble	6♣	All Pass	

4♦ Splinter

West led the ♦A and continued with the ♦K,

declarer ruffing, cashing the ♣K, playing a club to the jack, ruffing a diamond and overtaking the ♠Q to draw the remaining trump, +1370 and 16 IMPs to Kiwis, who won the match 17-8, 13.45-6.55.

Ruya v Kiwi Ferns

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Collins</i>	<i>Sen</i>	<i>Turley</i>	<i>Mercil</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT*

3♣ Asking

3NT 4♣

4♣ 4♣

4♦ Control

East led the ♠2 and declarer drew trumps and cashed four clubs ending in hand. East pitched a couple of hearts so that was +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Erkan</i>	<i>Terry</i>	<i>Acar</i>	<i>Somerville</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ 13+ any distribution

1NT Game forcing, not 5♥/♠

The alternative approach for North would be to bid 3♦ over 3♣ and then consider the matter when South bids 3♠. If North continues with 4♣ there is a fair chance that the club slam will be reached.

When East led the ♦9 the defenders had the first five tricks for -100 and 13 IMPs for Kiwi Ferns. Those were the only IMPs they scored in the match, but they were enough to win, 13-2. 14.09-5.91.

ROUND 3


ASIAN ADVENTURES

Mark Horton

SEARCHING FOR DIAMONDS

Our featured matches have a predominately Eastern flavour (and I can still taste the excellent curries I enjoyed on Thursday evening at the Long Melford Tandoori, four times voted best Indian restaurant in the UK).

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 4 2 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ A J 5</p>		<p>♠ A Q 9 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 10 7 6 3 ♣ 8 6</p>	<p>♠ J 7 3 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 9 7 4 3 2</p>
<p>♠ K 10 6 5 ♥ A 10 5 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ K Q 10</p>			

The Incredibelles v Shree

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Dravitzki</i>	<i>Mathias</i>	<i>Moss</i>
—	—	—	1NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

1NT 11-14 5♥/♠ 6♣/♦ possible

3♣ Diamonds

East led the ♣4 but the ♣A was the defenders only trick, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>Stephanos</i>	<i>Rees</i>	<i>Mohta</i>
—	—	—	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	All Pass	

1NT (14+)15-17, balanced/unbalanced, can be 5♥/♠, 6♣/♦, singleton possible

2♣ Stayman

The system card indicates that North had a transfer to diamonds available.

It looks like 5NT was intended as 'pick a slam'. West led the ♠8 and declarer was credited with all the tricks, +520 but 9 IMPs to The Incredibelles.

CBLT U21 v Chocolate and Lokum

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nikitine</i>	<i>Chotmongkhoh</i>	<i>Langer</i>	<i>Boonmee</i>
—	—	—	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

1NT 15-17, can have 5♥/♠

2♣ Puppet Stayman 8+, 3+♠/♥

2♦ Not 5♥/♠, at least 4♥/♠

3♣ Shape asking

3NT Not 4♣/♦

4♣ Ace asking

4♥ 1 ace

West led the ♥Q and declarer lost only to the ♣A, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Phongpha</i>	<i>Elmas</i>	<i>Kraikitrat</i>	<i>Ilicak</i>
—	—	—	1NT*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1NT 14+-17

2NT Diamonds


3♥ Control

4NT RKCB

5♠ 2 keycards +♦Q

The same lead and an identical number of tricks.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ 8 ♦ K J 10 8 5 4 3 2 ♣ A J 7		♠ K J 10 9 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ 6 ♣ K 10 9 8 6	♠ A 8 5 4 ♥ A J 4 2 ♦ A Q 9 7 ♣ 3
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The Incredibles v Shree

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Dravitzki</i>	<i>Mathias</i>	<i>Moss</i>
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♥	5♦	All Pass	

East led the ♥K, +440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>Stephanos</i>	<i>Rees</i>	<i>Mohta</i>
—	—	1♣	Dble
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

4♣ Control

North might have done more over 4♣, perhaps asking for key cards. Over the response North can at the very least invite a grand slam with 6♣.

CBLT U21 v Chocolate and Lokum

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nikitine</i>	<i>Chotmongkhol</i>	<i>Langer</i>	<i>Boonmee</i>
—	—	1♣*	Dble
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣
 2♦ 4+♦, 8+

That was a disappointing +190.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Phongpha</i>	<i>Elmas</i>	<i>Kraikitrat</i>	<i>Ilicak</i>
—	—	1♣*	Dble
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣, or 4441 12-20

Although that was a disappointing +940 it delivered 13 IMPs to Chocolate and Lokum.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Dravitzki</i>	<i>Mathias</i>	<i>Moss</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣4 to dummy's ♣Q and declarer cashed the ♥K and ruffed the ♥10, South winning and switching to the ♦4. Declarer won in dummy, cashed a second diamond and then took the top spades before exiting with a diamond. That meant dummy took the rest, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>Stephanos</i>	<i>Rees</i>	<i>Mohta</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

2♥ Fourth suit forcing

I wonder what would have happened if West had bid 6♦ over 5♣.

North led the ♠5 and declarer won, discarding dummy's ♦2. She continued with three rounds of diamonds, South winning and returning the ♠J. Declarer won, unblocked the ♣Q, cashed her diamonds and took the top hearts, losing a trick to South's ♥Q at the end for one down, -100 and a push.

Having won the spade lead suppose declarer runs the ♥10 at trick two. South wins and returns a spade, but declarer wins in dummy, cashes a top diamond, unblock the ♣Q, overtakes the ♥K and cashes the ♥J. When the suit divides declarer can cash three more hearts, squeezing South in the minors. If the hearts don't behave declarer still has the chance of a 2-2 split in diamonds.

Incredibles won 31-11 16.46-3.54.

CBLT U21 v Chocolate and Lokum

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nikitine</i>	<i>Chotmongkhol</i>	<i>Langer</i>	<i>Boonmee</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

North led the ♣10 and declarer won with the ♣Q, ruffed a spade and cashed the ♦AK, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Phongpha</i>	<i>Elmas</i>	<i>Kraikitrat</i>	<i>Ilicak</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT*	All Pass		

2NT 18+ any
4NT Invitational to 6NT

Having rebid 2NT West might have tried 4♦ on the next round.

North led the ♣10 and declarer won and played three rounds of diamonds, taking 11 tricks, +660 but 12 IMPs for Chocolate and Lokum who won 37-6 18.53-1.47.

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ROUND 4

HIGH NOON

Mark Horton

Don't worry, there is no imminent gunfight involved, my title merely reflects the fact that I started working on this report on round 4 shortly before midday.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K J 10 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ K 10 3 2</p>		<p>♠ Q 7 5 4 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ A J 5</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 3 ♥ Q 10 4 3 ♦ 10 7 6 4 ♣ 6 4</p>
<p>♠ A 9 ♥ J 9 6 5 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ Q 9 8 7</p>			

Maak v Jemisakikily

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Muntz</i>	<i>Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Frazer</i>	<i>Kelly-R</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♣	Stayman
2♦	One major
2♠	Hearts

Knowing dummy had hearts persuaded East to lead the more testing ♦7. Declarer won with the ♦A and played the ♣A followed by the ♣J. West took that (ducking is a good move, as if declarer plays another club the contract should fail) and returned the ♦3, declarer winning with the ♦Q. When East discarded on the ♣5 there was no way to generate nine tricks – indeed declarer finished with only seven for -100. Having won the second diamond in dummy declarer might have tried a spade towards the queen. If West takes the ♠A and exits with a diamond declarer wins, plays a spade to the

ace, a heart to the king, cashes the ♠Q and can exit in a major to endplay West. Not at all easy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hassan</i>	<i>J Carter</i>	<i>Millership</i>	<i>L Carter</i>
—	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1NT	14-17
2♣	Extended Stayman
2NT	16-17, no five card suit
3♦	Asks for four-card majors
3♠	4♠, denies 4♥

East led the ♥3 for the king and ace and declarer continued with a spade to the ace, a club to the jack, a diamond to the king and a club for the ten and ace. West won the next club and returned the ♥8, East winning with the ♥Q and switching to the ♠8. West won with the ♠K, but declarer took the rest, +430 and 11 IMPs for Jemisakikily.

Team Lotus v ADV Ladies

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esposito</i>	<i>Khot</i>	<i>Spinetti</i>	<i>S Karmar.</i>
—	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

1♣	16+ any
1♠	11-12 balanced
2♣	Checkback

East led the ♥3 for the five, king (putting in the ♥8 is an option) and ace and declarer returned the ♥7, East taking the ♥Q and exiting with the ♥4. When dummy's ♥9 held declarer was in control and finished with 10 tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Karmarkar</i>	<i>Cassetti</i>	<i>Deole</i>	<i>Gravili</i>
—	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 1NT 15-17
- 2♣ Puppet Stayman
- 2♦ Not 5♥/♠
- 2♠ 4♥

East led the ♣6 for the seven, king and ace and declarer cashed the ♣J before running the ♠Q. West won and returned the ♣3, East ruffing and switching to the ♦6. Declarer won with dummy's ♦K and played the ♥J covered by the king and ace. A spade to the ace was followed by a diamond to the queen, a spade ruff and the ♣Q, East ruffing and cashing the ♥Q for one down and 10 IMPs for Team Lotus.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Maak v Jemisakikily

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Muntz</i>	<i>Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Frazer</i>	<i>Kelly-R</i>
—	—	1♠	Dble
1NT*	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

- 1NT 6 to a bad 12

At some point South explained her double as a 'mistake', but it got her side to the apparently unbeatable 4♥.

South started with the ♥K and when North followed with the ♥9 she continued with

the ♥A (not so easy to find a club switch!). Declarer ruffed and played two rounds of clubs, but North ruffed and exited with the ♠6. South won and played a heart, declarer ruffing and returning the ♠7. North won with the ♠J and switched to the ♦Q, ensuring three down, -800.

Did you spot the neat possibility at the end? If North cashes the ♠A and then exit with a heart declarer has to ruff. If she tries cashing her last spade North discards a diamond and gets an extra trick with the ♥J for four down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hassan</i>	<i>J Carter</i>	<i>Millership</i>	<i>L Carter</i>
—	—	3♠	All Pass

South started with her top hearts and declarer ruffed and played a spade, South winning and playing another heart. Declarer ruffed and tried the ♠Q, North winning and playing the ♥J. Declarer ruffed and went after the clubs, but North's ruff meant she was two down, -200 but 12 IMPs for Maak.

Team Lotus v ADV Ladies

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esposito</i>	<i>Khot</i>	<i>Spinetti</i>	<i>S Karmar.</i>
—	—	2♠*	Pass
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♠2 to dummy's ♠K and declarer played a heart to the queen, cashed the ♥J (East discarding the ♦4) and exited with a club, West winning and continuing with the ♣K. Declarer ruffed, played a heart to the king and a diamond for the king and ace. She must have been slightly surprised when East produced the ♦A but she won the return of the ♦10 with the ♦Q cashed the ♠A and ruffed a diamond. She was a trick short, -100.

East's diamond discard on the ♥J meant that declarer could have held on the ♠A, as exiting with a low spade would force East to win and return a spade into the ♠AJ.

Having come to hand with a heart declarer could have ruffed a spade and exited with a club, eventually ruffing another spade high.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Karmarkar</i>	<i>Cassetti</i>	<i>Deole</i>	<i>Gravili</i>
—	—	1♠*	Dble
2♣	2♥	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

1♠ 11+ or a 7 loser hand

East started with two rounds of clubs and declarer ruffed, played a heart to the king, unblocked the ♠K, played a heart to the queen, ruffed a spade with the ♥7 and played a diamond for the queen and ace. East exited with the ♠4 and declarer pitched a diamond from dummy, allowing West to score the ♥6. She ruffed the club return and, undoubtedly getting ahead of herself forgot to ruff a diamond, losing a diamond at the end. No swing.

Team Lotus pitched a shut out winning 37-0 19.37-0.63.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Maak v Jemisakikily

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Muntz</i>	<i>Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Frazer</i>	<i>Kelly-R</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♣4 and North won with the ♣K, cashed the ♣A and exited with the ♣6, declarer ruffing in dummy, cashing the top hearts and pitching a spade on the third round of diamonds, +620.

The point to remember is that once West has supported hearts, East's hand has improved because of the fifth heart. Think of it in terms of holding an extra king, which makes the East hand worth a raise to game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hassan</i>	<i>J Carter</i>	<i>Millership</i>	<i>L Carter</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

That was +170 but 10 IMPs for Jemisakikily who won 28-12 15.50-4.50.

Silvia Esposito and Fiorella Spinetti were the only other pair to reach 4♥.

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ROUND 5

THE SLAM ZONE

Mark Horton

Slams have a habit of turning IMPs over. In Round 5, the players had plenty to think about.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 8 5 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ 9 5 4 ♣ Q 10 4</p>		<p>♠ K 6 ♥ A 10 ♦ A 8 6 2 ♣ A J 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ J 3 ♥ K 9 8 6 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ K 9 7 2</p>
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Swimming Dragons v Jordan Aces

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreidieh</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Abdul-Hadi</i>	<i>Erichsen</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♥ Transfer

South led the ♥6 and North put in the seven, declarer winning with the ♥10 and playing a diamond to the king followed by a spade for the five, king and three. When the ♠6 saw South's ♠J appear declarer was assured of nine tricks, +400.

If South can find a passive diamond lead declarer has some work to do, but the defence is not easy. If Declarer wins in dummy and plays a spade to the king South must drop the ♠J under the king!


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Salem</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Dajani</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass
2♥ Transfer 3♣ Diamonds 3♠ Short club 4♣ Control			

South led the ♥2 for the queen and ace and the contract was already dead in the water. In due course North won the ♠A and played a heart for -50 and 10 IMPs for Jordan Aces.

Although West had described her shape perfectly, she was perhaps a little short on values. Even if South had started with ♠J53 and South had not led a heart declarer would have had no way to generate 12 tricks. Everyone else scored +400 in 3NT.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ J 7 5 ♥ 7 6 4 3 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ Q J 3</p>		<p>♠ 10 3 2 ♥ A K J ♦ A J 8 7 6 ♣ A 6</p>	<p>♠ A K 8 6 ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ K Q ♣ K 10 7 5</p>
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Swimming Dragons v Jordan Aces

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreidieh</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Abdul-Hadi</i>	<i>Erichsen</i>
1NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

North led the ♥7 and declarer won with dummy's ♥A, unblocked the diamonds, went to dummy with the ♣A and cashed three diamonds

pitching a heart and two clubs. She ducked a spade to North's ♠7, won the heart return with dummy's ♥K and cashed the top spades, +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Salem</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Dajani</i>
1NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

North led the ♠5 for the nine and ace and declarer unblocked the diamonds, played a heart to the ace, cashed two diamonds pitching a club and a heart and then ran the ♠10. North won and switched to the ♣Q but when the spade divided declarer had the rest, +1440.

At one table North led the ♣Q and declarer won with dummy's ♣A, unblocked the diamonds and played the ♥10 to dummy's ♥J. There was no squeeze, and one down meant the loss of 17 IMPs.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Swimming Dragons v Jordan Aces

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreidieh</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Abdul-Hadi</i>	<i>Erichsen</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

EW were employing inverted minors but West preferred to go down a different route.

South led the ♦3 and declarer won with dummy's ♦A and played three rounds of clubs, South discarding the ♥7. Declarer cashed dummy's ♠A and continued with a spade for the nine and

queen, South returning the ♦7. When dummy's ♦J held declarer cashed her red winners before playing spades, +990.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Salem</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Dajani</i>
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

1♣ 2+♣, balanced or natural

1♠ Transfer

1NT 12-14 balanced

South led the ♥3 and declarer won with dummy's ♥A, played a club to the king, cashed the ♠K and continued with a spade to the eight, North winning with the ♠J and returning the ♥4 to dummy's ♥Q. Declarer had time to discover that spades were 3-3 and when the clubs did not break she eventually took the diamond finesse to flatten the board.

My computer tells me that the best line in the spade suit is to play low to the eight. If that loses you run the ten on the next round. Overall it offers an 81.59% chance of securing three tricks in the suit and if South happens to have started with a singleton honour you score four tricks. Jordan Aces won 17-7 13.78-6.22.

Aberdeen Angus v Jemisakikily

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Muntz</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Frazer</i>	<i>Collier</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

2NT 16+, no major

3♣ Minimum

4♣ RKCB for ♣

4♠ 2 keycards

North led the ♥8 and declarer won with the ♥A, cashed the ♠A and ran the ♠8. South won and switched to the ♦3 and declarer won, cashed three clubs, then found spade breaking, took two hearts and finessed in diamonds for +990.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Glass</i>	<i>J Carter</i>	<i>Dearden</i>	<i>L Carter</i>
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣*	All Pass		

- 1♣ Better minor
- 4♣ Ace asking

Declarer took 12 tricks for +170, but it meant the loss of 13 IMPs. It was Jemisakikily's only swing, but it was enough to win, 13-8 12.05-7.95.



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ROUND 6

TOP AND TAILS

Mark Horton

In the sixth round the dramatic deals were wide apart.

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 5 ♥ A J 5 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ 9 6 5 3</p>		<p>♠ 10 9 6 3 2 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ A J 4 ♣ J 4</p>	<p>♠ A K ♥ 9 2 ♦ 10 9 6 3 2 ♣ A K Q 10</p> <p>♠ Q J 4 ♥ K Q 10 8 6 ♦ Q 7 ♣ 8 7 2</p>
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Castells v Asja

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kutlay</i>	<i>Cuadrillero</i>	<i>Sen</i>	<i>Martinez</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♣6 and declarer won with dummy's ♣A and played a heart to the king, West taking the ♥A and switching to the ♠7, declarer winning in dummy as East followed with the ♠6. Declarer continued with the ♥9, overtaking it with the ten and West won and played the ♠8 to dummy's ♠A, East following with the ♠2. Declarer tried a diamond to the queen and West won and returned the ♠5. Alas, it was declarer who produced the ♠Q and she cashed three clubs and three hearts for +430.


The system card says that on partner's lead high low is encouraging, with leads against notrumps being second and fourth. If East had played discouraging cards in spades West would have exited in a minor suit leaving declarer with no way to reach her hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hernandez</i>	<i>Turusel</i>	<i>Castells</i>	<i>Isim</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠9 and declarer won and played a heart to the king, West making the excellent ♠play of ducking. A club to the king saw declarer continue with a heart to the ten, West winning and exiting with the ♠8. Declarer won and played a diamond to the queen, West winning and returning her remaining spade. Having won in dummy declarer decided to play a diamond to the nine, but that lost to the jack and the defenders cashed out for three down, -300 and 11 IMPs for Castells.

Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ 10 7 6 3 ♦ 8 ♣ A K J 7 5 3</p>		<p>♠ Q J 10 4 3 ♥ A ♦ A 10 5 4 3 ♣ 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ K J 2 ♦ K Q J 9 6 2 ♣ Q 9 8</p> <p>♠ A K 8 6 2 ♥ Q 9 8 5 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 10 2</p>
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Castells v Asja

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kutlay</i>	<i>Cuadrillero</i>	<i>Sen</i>	<i>Martinez</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble*
1NT*	2♦	Pass	2♥
3♣	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

1NT Transfer

West led the ♠A and switched to the ♦8 for the king and ace. When East returned the ♦5 declarer discarded the ♠2 from dummy and West ruffed and played two rounds of clubs. Declarer was allowed to win with the ♣Q and she continued with the ♥K East won and switched to the ♠Q. Declarer won with the ♠A, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♥J and ruffed a diamond, but West's ♥10 had been promoted, three down, -300.

West led the ♣A, cashed the ♣K and switched to the ♥3. East's ♥A collected thin air and declarer won the spade switch, cashed the ♠K, ruffed a spade, pitched a diamond on the ♣Q, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade and ruffed a diamond with the ♥8. West could overruff but the ♥Q9 had to score for +470 and 12 IMPs to Asja who won 13-12 10.44-9.56.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hernandez	Turusel	Castells	Isim
Pass	1♦	1♠	1NT
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



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ROUNDS 7, 8, 9

THREE CARD TRICK

Mark Horton

Rounds 7, 8 and 9 all contained a spectacular deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Driti v Las Camelias

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zalaquett</i>	<i>Desai</i>	<i>Lama Barna</i>	<i>Toolsidas</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1/4 keycards

Given that North had not doubled 5♣, South did well to lead the ♣3 ensuring that declarer had no chance of making the contract, -50.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Bs</i>	<i>Mina</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Marangunic</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♣6 and when South withheld the ♣K declarer won with the ♣J and rattled off ten major suit winners. On the last of these North blanked her ♦K which meant -520 and 11 IMPs for Driti.

Two pairs tried 6NT, but North led the ♣A for a rapid one down.

Las Camelias won 23-18 12.05-7.95.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Diamonds and Hearts v Thunder

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>N Tal</i>	<i>Saiprasad</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Jalan</i>
—	1♥	2♦	Dble*
2♥*	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
2♥	Good raise		


East led the ♠7 for the queen and king and declarer cashed the ♠A and then played on clubs, discarding the losing diamonds for two overtricks, +1190.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Krishna</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>	<i>Atluri</i>	<i>Katz</i>
—	1♥	2♦	Dble*
2♥*	2♠	3♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass
2♥	Good raise		

South led the ♣A and declarer ruffed cashed dummy's ♦KQ and the ♥K and then played a heart to the ten. A spade went on the ♥A and a crossruff gave declarer 11 tricks, +600 and 18 IMPs for Diamonds and Hearts – their only consolation as they lost to Thunder 24-18 12.42-7.58.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

South led the ♣A and continued with the ♣3, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♠A, drawing trumps and claiming, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zalaquett	Ozturk	Lama Barna	Yilmaz
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Las Camelias v Dante Istanbul

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gumrukcuoglu	Marangunic	Ergin	Mina
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- 3♣ Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ No five card major
- 3♥ 4♠
- 4♣ Control
- 4♦ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 keycards

- 2♦ Positive
- 4♦ Control
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 1 keycard

South led the ♦2 and declarer won with the ♦K, cashed the ♥AK, played a spade to the king and a heart to the ten, one down and 17 IMPs to Dante Istanbul.

If you take the heart suit in isolation, cashing the ♥AKQ gives you a 60% chance of avoiding a loser. Dante Istanbul won 28-3 17.50-2.50.

13 pairs bid a slam, the three exceptions to 6♠ being the 6♥ we have seen, a 6♦ from Dilek Yavas and Irem Özbay and a 6NT that survived when South led the ♠9. 6♠ failed on three occasions, once after the lead of the ♠J and twice after a low club lead from North, South winning and switching to the ♦2.

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