

SABF

MIXED TRIALS 2023

20th - 25th March 2023

What an exciting finish! Out of nowhere the Alexander team put in an amazing final spurt to qualify in fourth position.

James Grant (SABF PRESIDENT)

ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE

DAY 1

Match 1 - 12:00
Match 2 - 13:40
Match 3 - 16:00

DAY 2

Match 4 - 10:00
Match 5 - 11:30
Match 6 - 14:30
Match 7 - 16:00

Team Information

Jill Rabie

Imtiaz Kaprey

Laureen Harris

Duncan Keet

Diana Balkin

Mark Oliff

Lotte Sorensen

Frank Chemaly

Greg Hingle

Di Rosslee

Tanya Rawson

Anton Der Kinderen

Erica Zimet

Bryan Strydom

Hilary Nick

David Beinart



Michele Alexander

Glen Holman

Merle Modlin

Peter Ward

Ian Holdsworth

Susan Botha

Mark Kenyon

Merle Bracher

Selwyn Gersowsky

Gail Gersowsky

Lex Van Vught

Craig Gower

Joy Rothenberg

Rita Gawron

Janine Masojada

Tim Cope

Hennie Fick

Carol Stanton

Zela Stern

Jude Apteker

Machelle Shapiro

Brent Shapiro

Day 2 - Results

ROUND ROBIN Mixed Trials Teams 2023

21 March 2023 - Match 4 - 10:00am

	VPs	VS	VPs	
Fick	10,36		9,64	Holdsworth
Hingle	10,71		9,29	Alexander
van Vught	11,38		8,62	Rabie
Balkin	15,37		4,63	Zimet

21 March 2023 - Match 5 - 11:30am

	VPs	VS	VPs	
Holdsworth	6,29		13,71	van Vught
Alexander	18,90		1,10	Zimet
Balkin	8,95		11,05	Hingle
Rabie	11,05		8,85	Fick

21 March 2023 - Match 6 - 12:30pm

	VPs	VS	VPs	
Balkin	4,85		15,15	Holdsworth
Zimet	2,44		17,56	Fick
Rabie	5,07		14,93	Alexander
Hingle	2,29		17,71	van Vught

21 March 2023 - Match 7 - 16:00pm

	VPs	VS	VPs	
Holdsworth	12,31		7,69	Rabie
Fick	3,82		16,18	van Vught
Hingle	16,55		3,45	Zimet
Alexander	18,41		1,59	Balkin

DAY 2 - TEAM POSITIONS

Team	Total VPs	Position
van Vught	88,98	1
Fick	82,14	2
Holdsworth	80,50	3
Alexander	80,08	4
Hingle	75,47	5
Balkin	65,56	6
Rabie	52,91	7
Zimet	34,36	8

Session 4

Board 5

With no bidding from the opposition you arrive in the excellent contract of 6♥
 The lead is the Q♦, plan your play

North
 ♠ KQJ102
 ♥ J104
 ♦ AK74
 ♣ 8


South
 ♠ 5
 ♥ AK9765
 ♦ 9
 ♣ AJ976

At first sight it seems tempting to discard a spade on the second master diamond and then establish the spade suit for discards of clubs in hand. This will work if East holds the ace in that suit and the trump suit breaks 2-2. Even if the trump suit breaks 3-1 this line will work as long as the opponent holding 3 hearts has at least 3 spades in his hand. However if West holds the A♠ declarer will have to fall back on finding trumps 2-2 or felling a singleton queen. At the table Di Rosslee found a better line of play. She discarded a spade on the top diamond then played a club to her ace and ruffed a club. Next she tried the K♠ and when this wasn't covered ruffed this trick and ruffed another club all following suit. This was followed by another spade ruff and another club ruff. When the ♥J held this trick she returned to hand with a diamond ruff, cashed her top two hearts and when the suit broke 3-1 claimed 12 tricks.


Here is the full hand

D

Board 5




N North: Greg_H




W West: Mer166

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	



E East: peter3202



S South: rottiefan

6♥ South NS 0 EW 0

Session 5

Board 8

Bidding

Dealer West
No one vul

North	W	N	E	S
♠ 9864	1C	pass	1D	pass
♥ AK43	2NT	pass	4C(1)	pass
♦ 92	4H(2)	pass	6NT	pass
♣ 763	pass	?		


- 1) Ace asking
- 2) 0-3

What do you bid now? Take a tip from a maestro, Craig Gower, and pass quickly. Of course you know this contract is going down, what you don't know is what action East may take if you double. If he now tries 7 in a minor suit and turns up with a void in hearts and makes the contract you are going to feel very silly indeed. When doubling a slam you should be sure they are going at least 2 off and more importantly they have nowhere else to go. You should never double because you think you might have 1 trick and your partner might produce another.


Oops! Susan might have got her response to the ace asking bid wrong, but these are the things that happen to all of us in the heat of battle

Here is the full hand

D Board 8




N North: craigy52




W West: suziq2

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		



E East: lan_HDBC



S South: kimedn

6NT West NS 0 EW 0

Session 6

Board 7

Nearly everyone ended up in a contract of 4 ♥ after West had overcalled in spades. Everyone misplayed it going one light (except where the defenders misdefended). The one player who found the correct line and made his contract was Hennie Fick, but he was playing in 3NT!

North

♠ AK7
♥ 10852
♦ J63
♣ A53

South

♠ 86
♥ AQJ76
♦ A1074
♣ 84

West leads the Q ♠ which you win in dummy. You take the heart finesse which loses and the J ♠ is played to the third trick which you also win in dummy, East peterring to show an even number of cards in the suit. How do you continue?

You have lost a heart, you will lose a club so you must reduce your diamond losses to one trick. In the unlikely event that East is sitting with both missing honours in the suit you could at some stage play a diamond towards your hand and finesse but a much better line is a strip play. For this to have a chance play a third spade from dummy East discarding the K ♣, ruffing in hand then cash the A ♥ both defenders following. Now play a small club towards dummy and duck. East wins and returns another club which you win in dummy. Now ruff a club in hand all following.

This is the position with 5 cards left

North

♠ -
♥ 108
♦ J63
♣ -

South

♠ -
♥ J
♦ A1074
♣ -

West played the 6, 7 and 9 and as they are playing standard count she most certainly started with three of them. You know West started with six spades and two hearts along with her three clubs so that leaves her with exactly two diamonds. Nothing is certain in life but you could either play West for a doubleton honour by cashing the ace and playing a small diamond to dummy forcing a ruff and discard, or you can revert to your original plan of playing East for the two honours where leading a small diamond to the jack will work. Psychologically the best play is to play a small diamond from hand as sitting with an honour doubleton few players can resist going up in this situation.

Here is the full hand

Board 7
D

10 8 5 2 A K 7 J 6 3 A 5 3
 ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠
 N North: gersy

K 4 Q J 10 9 5 2 Q 9 9 7 6
 ♥ ♥ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠
 W West: lvsrn

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	4 ♥	Dbl	1 ♥
Pass	Pass		Pass

9 3 4 3 K 8 5 2 K Q J 10 2
 ♥ ♥ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♥ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠
 E East: chemaly

A Q J 7 6 8 6 A 10 7 4 8 4
 ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠
 S South: gailgers

4♥ x South NS 0 EW 0

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