





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

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ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE							
DAY 1	_	DAY 2					
Match 1 - 12:00 Match 2 - 13:40 Match 3 - 16:00	Match 4 - 10:00 Match 5 - 11:30 Match 6 - 14:30 Match 7 - 16:00						
Team Information							
Jill Rabie	Diana Balkin	Greg Hingle					
Imtiaz Kaprey	Mark Oliff	Di Rosslee					
Laureen Harris	Lotte Sorensen	Tanya Rawson					
Duncan Keet	Frank Chemaly	Anton Der Kinderen					
Erica Zimet Bryan Strydom Hilary Nick David Beinart	seniors & mixed	Michele Alexander Glen Holman Merle Modlin Peter Ward					
lan Holdsworth	Lex Van Vught	Hennie Fick					
Susan Botha	Craig Gower	Carol Stanton					
Mark Kenyon	Joy Rothenberg	Zela Stern					
Merle Bracher	Rita Gawron	Jude Apteker					
Selwyn Gersowsky	Janine Masojada	Machelle Shapiro					
Gail Gersowsky	Tim Cope	Brent Shapiro					

Day 2 - Results					
ROUND ROBIN					
Mixed Trials Teams 2023					
21 Ma	arch 2023 - Match 4 - 10:00a	m			
	VPs 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 Ma	arch 2023 - Match 5 - 11:30a	m			
	VPs VPs				
Holdsworth	6,29 9 13,71	van Vught			
Alexander	18,90 1,10	Zimet			
Balkin	8,95 11,05	Hingle			
Rabie	11,05 8,85	Fick			
21 Ma	nrch 2023 - Match 6 - 12:30pl	m			
VPs VPs					
Balkin	4,85 <u> 15,15</u>	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 VPs				
Holdsworth	12,31 <u></u> 7,69	Rabie			

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		

3,82

16,55

18,41

16,18

3,45

1,59

van Vught

Zimet

Balkin

Fick

Hingle

Alexander

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

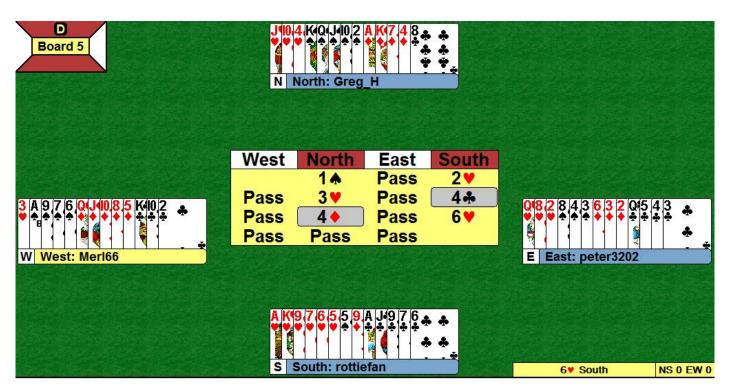
- **★** KQJ102
- ♥ J104
- ♦ AK74
- **8**

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



Session 5

Board 8

Bidding

Dealer West No one vul

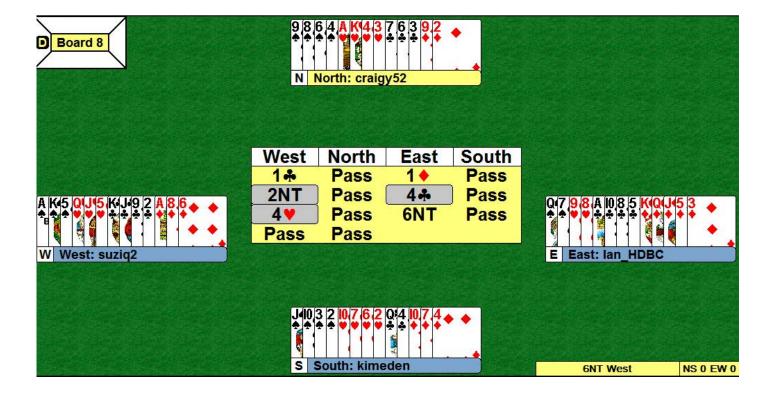
North	W	N	Е	S
◆ 9864	1C	pass	1D	pass
♥ AK43	2NT	pass	4C(1)	pass
♦ 92	4H(2)	pass	6NT	pass
♣ 763	pass	?		

- 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



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 petering 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 anther club which you win in dummy. Now ruff a club in hand all following.

This is the position with 5 cards left

South

♠ -

♥ J

♦ A1074

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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

