

SABF

MIXED TRIALS 2023

20th - 25th March 2023

Despite the threats of widespread disorder the real excitement was at the bridge table. The teams still have a long way to go before we know who will be eliminated.

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 1 - Results

ROUND ROBIN Mixed Trials Teams 2023

20 March 2023 - Match 1 - 12:00pm

	VPs	vs	VPs	
Holdsworth	7,99		12,01	Hingle
van Vught	10,00		10,00	Balkin
Alexander	4,63		15,37	Fick
Zimet	5,78		14,22	Rabie

20 March 2023 - Match 2 - 13:40pm

	VPs	vs	VPs	
Alexander	9,29		10,71	Holdsworth
Balkin	16,18		3,82	Rabie
Zimet	15,37		4,63	van Vught
Fick	14,70		5,30	Hingle

20 March 2023 - Match 3 - 15:30pm

	VPs	vs	VPs	
Holdsworth	18,41		1,59	Zimet
Rabie	2,44		17,56	Hingle
Fick	11,38		8,62	Balkin
van Vught	15,37		4,63	Alexander

DAY 1 - TEAM POSITIONS

Team	Total VPs	Position
Fick	41,45	1
Holdsworth	37,11	2
Hingle	34,87	3
Balkin	34,80	4
van Vught	30,00	5
Zimet	22,74	6
Rabie	20,48	7
Alexander	18,55	8

Session 1

Board 6

Not a lot of excitement in the first set of boards though this board caused a few swings

North

♠ AJ98
♥ K9875
♦ QJ5
♣ 5

South

♠ Q652
♥ A
♦ K1082
♣ QJ42


With no bidding from the opposition you as South end up in 4 ♠

West leads the A ♣ and on seeing dummy switches to a diamond. This is won by East who returns a diamond. Good technique would have been to play the queen at trick 2 which gives you the opportunity of winning the second trick in hand with the ♦ 8 if East holds the ♦ 9 but no matter, you win this trick in dummy. Plan your play.


You have two sure heart tricks and unless the defence can ruff a diamond you have three tricks in this suit. You need another 5 tricks, how do you plan to get them? Well, assuming trumps are 3-2 you will always make at least 5 tricks in this suit if West holds the king. If he started with 3 you can play on diamonds after drawing 2 rounds of trumps and should West trump at some stage reducing your diamond tricks to 3, you will now make 6 spade tricks and your contract. So return to your hand with the ♥ A and play a spade to the jack. This loses and a spade comes back, now what? Now you can still make 5 spades tricks by cross ruffing but if you adopt this line you will have to hope that the defender holding the last trump started with 4 diamonds and can't over ruff you at any stage. A much more promising line is to draw the last trump and play West for the K ♣ setting up a club for your tenth trick. Those declarers that simply tried to cross ruff the hand found themselves a trick short in the end

Here is the full hand

Board 6 **D**




N North: craigy52




W West: deebee2

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



E East: rurban1



S South: kimedn

4♠ South NS 0 EW 0

Session 2

Board 12

Here's an instructive hand

North

♠ J985
♥ KQ975
♦ A5
♣ Q7

South

♠ AK2
♥ A862
♦ 87643
♣ 6

West opens 3 ♣, doubled by partner, pass from East and you try 4 ♥

West leads his top two clubs, East showing up with a doubleton. You ruff the second trick, how do you now proceed?

If the trumps break 2-2 this hand presents no problems and if they are 4-0 you will probably go down, but what if they are 3-1? It seems tempting to draw trumps hoping for a 2-2 break, and if they split 3-1 cashing the top two spades and playing a third round towards dummy hoping something good would happen. This is the line Laureen took at the table. But on this hand where West has turned up with eight clubs a far better line of play presents itself. Start with two rounds of diamonds and see what happens; West follows with the ten and jack East winning this trick with the queen. East now exits with a low heart, you follow low and West puts in the jack. At this stage the hand is virtually cold

Here is the position now with 5 tricks played

North

♠ J985
♥ K975
♦ -
♣ -

South

♠ AK2
♥ A8
♦ 876
♣ -

Play a heart up to your ace, on this trick West throws a club. Now ruff another diamond in dummy as West throws another club. West's distribution is now known to be 2-1-2-8. Draw East's last trump, play a spade to the ace, ruff another diamond in dummy establishing your last diamond as a winner then return to hand with another spade to enjoy your master diamond. If West had the misfortune of starting with a doubleton queen of spades you end up making an overtrick.

In the unlikely event that West started with 4 diamonds and a void in spades, East is marked with all of the spades and the spade play is clear.

Here is the full hand

D 12	N dunx	W	N	E	S
	♠ J985 ♥ KQ975 ♦ A5 ♣ Q7	3♣ P	X P	P P	4♥
W deebee2		E rurban1			
♠ 43 ♥ J ♦ J10 ♣ AK1098532		♠ Q1076 ♥ 1043 ♦ KQ92 ♣ J4			
	S stanlau				
	♠ AK2 ♥ A862 ♦ 87643 ♣ 6				
		4♥ S		NS: 0 EW: 0	

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