

## SABF Mixed Trials Bulletin Number 10

**Board 3**

**N** imtiaz1

♠ Q82  
♥ K8532  
♦ A4  
♣ 976

**W** deebee2

♠ AK964  
♥ AJ6  
♦ QJ7  
♣ J2

**E** Fann4

♠ J3  
♥ 94  
♦ 109832  
♣ AKQ10

**S** larobe

♠ 1075  
♥ Q107  
♦ K65  
♣ 8543

1NT Pass 3NT Pass  
Pass Pass

3NT West

0 0

Diana Balkin played this hand well to earn her side a swing of 14 imps. After a straightforward auction that was duplicated in both rooms, North led the 3♥. Diana made the first good decision to win the first trick and played a low spade to the Jack. Imtiaz erred by ducking than that was 10 tricks for declarer. Had Imtiaz won the Q♠, he needed to find the diamond switch to beat the contract. Not easy.

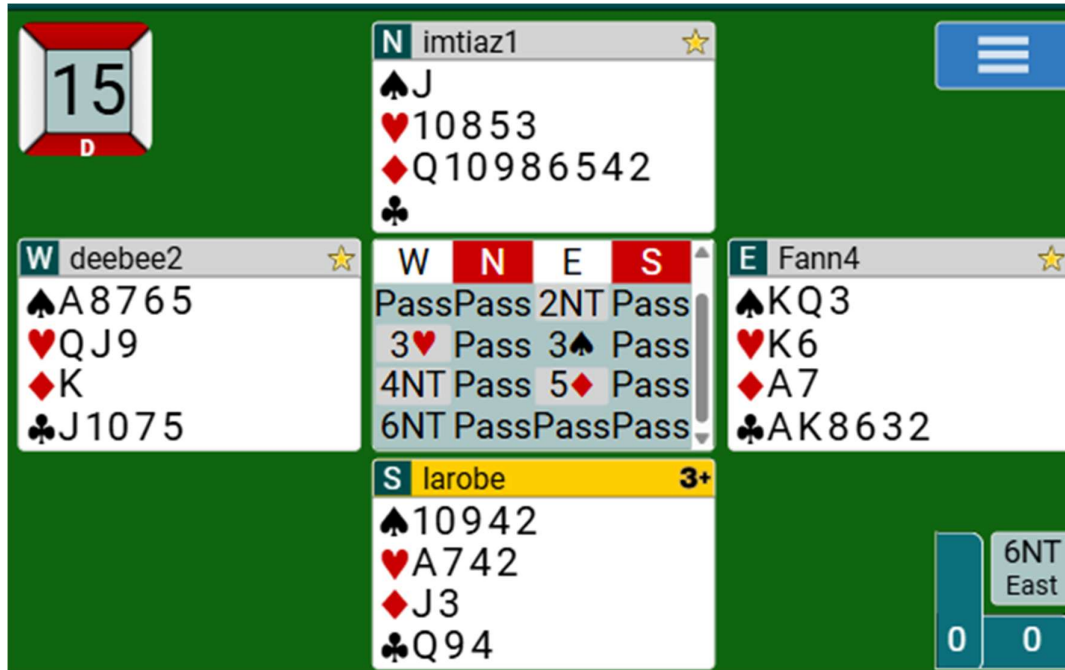
In the other room declarer erred by ducking the first heart trick. This could be the winning play if the South hand has both the A and K♦. Ducking led to an easy 3 down and -300. 14 imps to Rosslee.

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<b>W</b> chris1756 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♠</span> KQ875 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♥</span> 76 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♦</span> J64 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♣</span> KJ7	<b>S</b> rottiefan <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♠</span> J62 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♥</span> Q4 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♦</span> AK1095 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♣</span> 652	<b>E</b> banditos <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♠</span> A10943 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♥</span> AJ2 <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♦</span> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">♣</span> A10943																				
		5♠ E      NS: 0 EW: 0																				

A very aggressive game forcing 2NT bid by Chris Child sitting West should have got her side to the reasonable 6♠ contract. Anton, East, recognised the slam potential and made 2 slam tries. When Chris failed to cue bid after either of these tries, he should have appreciated that her values must be in spades and clubs. This should have pushed him to bid the slam.

In the other room, after West made the more normal invitational raise in spades, slam was out of the picture and East bid 4♠ after North's 3♥ interference. South did not appreciate that North's 3♥ bid may not be based on values and doubled looking at A,K♦. This was not a success. Both rooms made 13 tricks but +710 vs +1390 for 4♠X was worth 12 imps to the Rosslee team. It is interesting to note that 7♠ is as good a contract as 6♠. Both will need declarer finding the Q♣ after the standard Q♥ lead on the bidding.





This board was a very unlucky for the Rosslee team. After Jeff, in third seat, opened with 2NT (20-21), Diana transferred to spades and then made a quantitative 4NT bid. There was a misunderstanding and Jeff answered blackwood. (I think he would have accepted a quantitative try as well, holding a long side suit, good fit and sharp cards in the red suits). 6NT was an excellent spot beaten only by a 3-0 break in clubs with the queen offside. In the other room after the same auction, West settled for 3NT which East converted to 4♠ which made easily (I think East should have cue bid on the way to 4♠ because as little as 2 aces in the West hand gives good play for 6♠). 11 imps to Kaprey.

Team #:	Name	Total IMPs	Carry-over	Pos.	Seg 1 IMPs	Seg 2 IMPs	Seg 3 IMPs	Seg 4 IMPs
1	Kaprey	148.43	3.43		28	33	48	36
2	Rosslee	200			43	66	45	46

## Segment 5

The screenshot shows a bridge game interface for board 7. The board number '7' is in a red-bordered box with a 'D' below it. The players and their cards are as follows:

- North (N):** imtiaz1 (12 HCP)
  - ♠ 7 2
  - ♥ A K 8 7 4
  - ♦ J 8 2
  - ♣ A 4 3
- West (W):** Greg\_H (4+)
  - ♠ A Q 9 8 3
  - ♥ 1 0 9 2
  - ♦ K
  - ♣ K Q 1 0 9
- East (E):** rottiefan (6 HCP)
  - ♠ J 1 0 6 5
  - ♥ J 5
  - ♦ 1 0 9 5 4
  - ♣ 8 5 2
- South (S):** larobe (3+ HCP)
  - ♠ K 4
  - ♥ Q 6 3
  - ♦ A Q 7 6 3
  - ♣ J 7 6

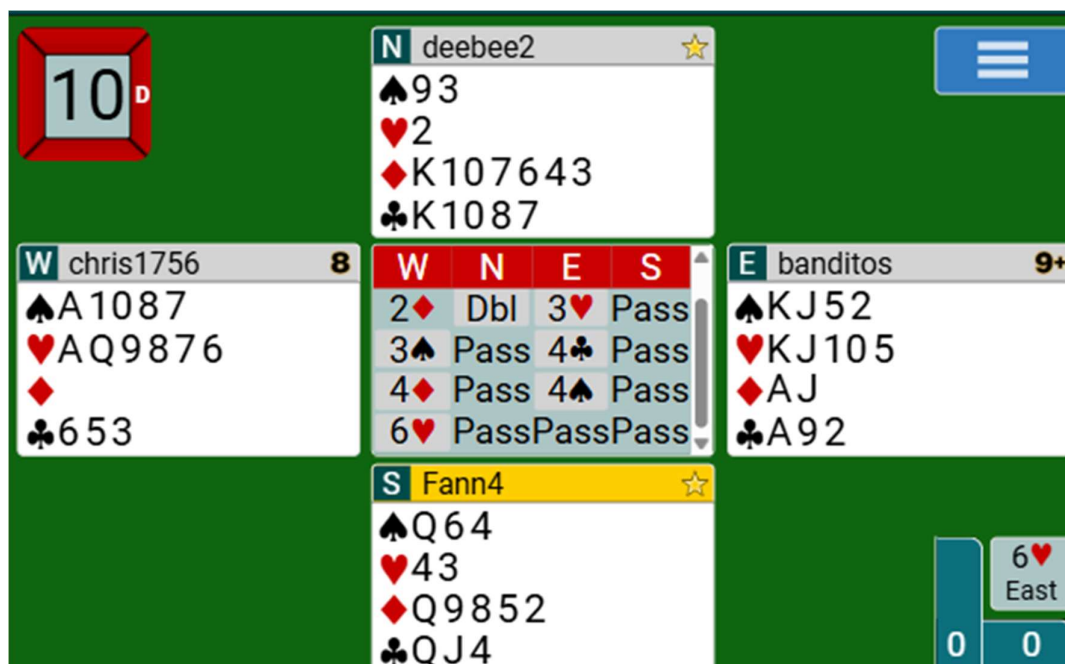
The bidding history is shown in the center:

W	N	E	S
			1♦
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Score: 3♥ North, 0 South. A menu icon is in the top right.

The first big swing came on board 7. Imtiaz judged very well to pass 3♥ even though he had 12 HCP's. It looks as though he would have to drop the K♦ to make even 9 tricks. As though he could see through his opponent's cards, he did just that. A misdefence allowed him to make 10 tricks - +170. How did he manage to drop the singleton King? He knew E/W had a good spade fit but East did not raise to 2♠ making it unlikely that she would have the King of diamonds.

In the other room North bid to 4♥ on the same auction. This had no play and went 2 off for -200 and 9 imps to Kaprey.



6♥ was reached at both tables on the above hand. This is a marginal slam as it needs the spade finesse and there may be a second spade loser if the suit breaks badly. Anton showed good technique when he left the spade finesse till last and this resulted in North erring by switching to a spade which located the queen easily for declarer. It looked like a straight guess but 17 imps went to Kaprey when the spade finesse was taken the wrong way in the other room.

Students of the game should note that if say you decide to play South for the Q♠, you should start with the King and then lead the **Jack** for the finesse. This will pick up Q9XX in the South hand. Playing low to the 10 will not.

Hand 12

<b>N</b> deebee2	♠ Q753 ♥ A8632 ♦ 32 ♣ Q3
<b>W</b> chris1756	♠ A10962 ♥ K7 ♦ 98 ♣ KJ86
<b>E</b> banditos	♠ K4 ♥ QJ4 ♦ QJ754 ♣ A92
<b>S</b> Fann4	♠ J8 ♥ 1095 ♦ AK106 ♣ 10754

Bid sequence: W Pass, N 1NT, E Pass, S Pass, W 2♣, N Pass, E 3NT, S Pass, W Pass, N Pass.

Score: 0 - 0 (3NT East)

With East on lead, it was natural to start off with the A♦. Partner's signal (low encouraging) was difficult to read and diamonds were continued which was fatal for the defence.

Hand 12

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<b>S</b> larobe	♠ J8 ♥ 1095 ♦ AK106 ♣ 10754

Bid sequence: W 1♠, N Pass, E 2♦, S Pass, W 2NT, N Pass, E 3NT, S Pass, W Pass, N Pass.

Score: 0 - 0 (3NT West)

With 13 HCP's, Di Rosslee made the more normal 2♦ game forcing bid with the East hand. This led to West being declarer in 3NT. The normal heart lead proved fatal and the defence took 3 diamond tricks, 1 spade and 1 heart for +50 and 10 imps to Kaprey.

**Board 14**

14<sup>D</sup>

N deebee2

♠6  
♥AQ743  
♦97  
♣KQJ72

W chris1756 8

♠AJ10532  
♥1052  
♦J4  
♣A10

W	N	E	S
		Pass	1♦
2♠	3♥	5♠	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

E banditos 9+

♠K9874  
♥8  
♦Q106  
♣8653

S Fann4

♠Q  
♥KJ96  
♦AK8532  
♣94

6♥ North

0 0

An excellent 5♠ jump by Anton as East made it difficult for N/S to not bid 6♥. With 2 aces missing there was no play. -50

**Board 14**

14<sup>D</sup>

N imtiaz1

♠6  
♥AQ743  
♦97  
♣KQJ72

W Greg\_H 4+

♠AJ10532  
♥1052  
♦J4  
♣A10

W	N	E	S
		Pass	1♦
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

E rottiefan 6

♠K9874  
♥8  
♦Q106  
♣8653

S larobe 3+

♠Q  
♥KJ96  
♦AK8532  
♣94

4♥ North

0 0

The timid 2♠ bid in this room did not paralyze N/S and they stopped easily in 4♥. +450 and 11 imps to Kaprey.

Kaprey had an excellent set and won this 16-board segment by a whopping 58 imps. They were now the new leaders. With only 7 imps separating the 2 teams, the match was open and with only 16 boards to play, either team could win.



## Final Segment

The first 6 boards were quiet but Kaprey won 7 imps in over and undertricks. Was this a bad omen for the Rosslee team?

### Board 7

The image displays two screenshots of a bridge game interface for Board 7. Both hands have identical card distributions:

- North:** ♠AKQ942, ♥J963, ♦K2, ♣53
- South:** ♠A8, ♥AK2, ♦AQ63, ♣9764
- West:** ♠53, ♥Q854, ♦J1054, ♣A82
- East:** ♠J1076, ♥107, ♦987, ♣KQJ10

**Left Screenshot:** North (imtiazi1) and South (larobe) are playing 4♥. West (rottiefan) and East (Greg\_H) are playing 1NT. The bidding sequence is: Pass 2♥, Pass 2♠, Pass 3♥, Pass 4♥, PassPassPass.

**Right Screenshot:** North (Fann4) and South (deebee2) are playing 3NT. West (chris1756) and East (banditos) are playing 1NT. The bidding sequence is: Pass 2♣, Pass 2♦, Pass 3♥, Pass 3NT, PassPassPass.

Neither 4♥ nor 3NT should make but in 3NT, E/W blocked the club suit and N/S took 9 tricks – 4 Spades, 2 Hearts and 3 Diamonds.

12 imps to Rosslee. Kaprey remained in the lead by 2 imps.

# Board 8

8

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<b>N</b> imtiaz1 <span style="float: right;">★</span> ♠ 3 ♥ KQ1082 ♦ A106 ♣ Q765															
<b>W</b> rottiefan <span style="float: right;">6</span> ♠ AQJ95 ♥ 95 ♦ K5 ♣ A983	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">W</th> <th style="width: 25%;">N</th> <th style="width: 25%;">E</th> <th style="width: 25%;">S</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1♠</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4♠</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	W	N	E	S	1♠	Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass			<b>E</b> Greg_H <span style="float: right;">4+</span> ♠ 874 ♥ AJ764 ♦ QJ874 ♣	
W	N	E	S												
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<b>S</b> larobe <span style="float: right;">3+</span> ♠ K1062 ♥ 3 ♦ 932 ♣ KJ1042			<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-right: 5px;">0</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-right: 5px;">4♠ West</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">0</div> </div>												

Board 8 was a tricky 4♠ from both declarer's and defender's perspective. The defence and declarer play at both tables were good and both declarers emerged with 10 tricks for no swing. Well done.

**Board 9** ✕

D  
9

N Fann4 ★  
 ♠ K6  
 ♥ 98742  
 ♦ 1072  
 ♣ K32

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W chris1756 8  
 ♠ AJ84  
 ♥ 1063  
 ♦ AQJ43  
 ♣ 10

W	N	E	S
	Pass	3♣	Pass
	Pass		Pass

E banditos 9+  
 ♠ Q53  
 ♥ QJ  
 ♦ 86  
 ♣ AJ8765

S deebee2 ★  
 ♠ 10972  
 ♥ AK5  
 ♦ K95  
 ♣ Q94

	3♣
	East
0	0

The vulnerable, 2<sup>nd</sup> seat, 3♣ pre-empt on a threadbare 6 card suit with playability in the majors got what it deserved. It went 2 down for -200. 2♥ in the other room drifted one off for -100. This sent 7 imps to the Rosslee team.

The lead had changed and Rosslee were now up by 4 imps

An overtrick imp went to Rosslee on board 10.

# Board 11

11  
D

**N** imtiaz1 ★

♠ J85  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ 532  
 ♣ AQ7652

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<p><b>W</b> rottiefan <span style="float: right;">6</span></p> <p>♠ KQ9        ♥ KQJ87        ♦ KJ106        ♣ K</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">W</th> <th style="width: 25%;">N</th> <th style="width: 25%;">E</th> <th style="width: 25%;">S</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1♥</td> <td>2♦</td> <td>2♥</td> <td>3♦</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </table>	W	N	E	S				1♦	1♥	2♦	2♥	3♦	3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass	<p><b>E</b> Greg_H <span style="float: right;">4+</span></p> <p>♠ 107643        ♥ 942        ♦ 94        ♣ J98</p>
W	N	E	S															
			1♦															
1♥	2♦	2♥	3♦															
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass															

**S** larobe 3+

♠ A2  
 ♥ A1063  
 ♦ AQ87  
 ♣ 1043

3♥  
West

0 0

Bidding with no high card points is usually not effective. East was restrained when she just competed to 3♥ with her 18 count. This went 1 down.

In the other room,

An effective weak jump response by Jeff Sapire in the North seat propelled E/W too high. 4♥ drifted 2 off. The 3-imp swing to Rosslee meant that they were up by 10 imps.

**Board 13**

**D** 13

**N** Fann4

♠ 52  
♥ KQJ2  
♦ A104  
♣ AK98

**W** chris1756 **8**

♠ 108  
♥ 1097  
♦ K92  
♣ Q10632

W	N	E	S
	1NT	Dbf	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

**E** banditos **9+**

♠ AQJ9  
♥ 543  
♦ QJ875  
♣ 5

**S** deebee2

♠ K7643  
♥ A86  
♦ 63  
♣ J74

3NT North  
0 0

After a fairly standard auction, N/S reached a hopeless 3NT when the hands did not combine well. This went 1 off for -100

In the other room, East showed 5+ of a minor and 4+ of a major over North's opening 1NT. The South hand, strangely did not compete at all and she was right. 2♦ by E/W went off 1 for +100 and 5 imps to the Kaprey team.

Rosslee now up by 2 imps with 3 boards to go

Board 14 was played in 1NT by N/S in one room (down 1) and E/W in the other (making 9 tricks). The Kaprey team gained 3 imps. New leaders by 1 imp

Board 15 was a standard 3NT contract in both rooms. The Kaprey team made 2 extra overtricks for 2 imps. Now up by 3 imps.

Board 16. Both teams bid to a normal 4♥ contract and the match was over. An overtrick imp went to Rosslee.

# ♠♥♣♦ SABF Mixed Teams Trials Final 2025 ♠♥♣♦

Final (16 board segments) 19-20 March

Team #:	Name	Total IMPs	Carry-over	Pos.	Seg 1 IMPs	Seg 2 IMPs	Seg 3 IMPs	Seg 4 IMPs	Seg 5 IMPs	Seg 6 IMPs
1	Kaprey	234.43	3.43		<a href="#">28</a>	<a href="#">33</a>	<a href="#">48</a>	<a href="#">36</a>	<a href="#">69</a>	<a href="#">17</a>
2	Rosslee	233			<a href="#">43</a>	<a href="#">66</a>	<a href="#">45</a>	<a href="#">46</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">22</a>

A remarkable recovery by the Kaprey team in the 5<sup>th</sup> segment meant that they will represent SA in the African Zonal championships and hopefully later in the World bridge event in Denmark.

Very well done to Imtiaz Kaprey, Lorraine Weers, Chris Child and Anton der Kinderen.

Bad luck to the losers, the Rosslee team Diana Balkin, Jeff Sapire, Greg Hingle, Di Rosslee.

The Kaprey team have selected Di Rosslee and Greg Hingle to join them in the African Zonal. We wish them lots of luck in that event.



## The Winners !!!

Clockwise from left:  
Imtiaz Kaprey, Chris  
Child, Anton der  
Kinderen, Lorraine  
Weers