

**SABF**

# INTERPROVINCIAL TEAMS 2023

## The Medwin and Berkowitz - 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

This year we again have our four largest provinces entering teams for both Medwin and Bekowitz so a four cornered fight for the title. Last year Western Cape took the honours in the Medwin while Gauteng won the Berkowitz, but will they be able to do it again? We look forward to a royal battle this weekend!

**James Grant (SABF PRESIDENT)**

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>
Match 1 - 10:00	Match 1 - 10:00
Match 2 - 13:30	Match 2 - 13:30
Match 3 - 15:30	Match 3 - 15:30

### Medwin Team Information

Gauteng	Eastern Cape
Lex van Vught	Chris Castelein
Robert Stephens	Kevin Smith
Sam Trocki	Ester Goosen
Joy Rothenberg	Glynis Dornon
Kwa-Zulu Natal	Western Cape
Brian Thomas	Andre van Niekerk
Roger Wilson	Rose Duff
Mark Oliff	Glen Holman
Frank Chemaly	David Beinart
Di Adrain	
Vanessa Armstrong	

### Berkowitz Team Information

Gauteng	Eastern Cape
Jenny Matisonn	Wendy Tee
Rita Gawron	George Raymer
Harold Wilensky	Lana Soutar
Aviva Wilensky	Jack Kalogeropoulos
Kwa-Zulu Natal	Western Cape
Johan Bouver	Duncan Keet
Di Knowler	Carol Stanton
Mary Mutch	Stephen McBride
Beth Oldacre	Paul Lawrence

## Day 1 - Results

### INTERPROVINCIALS Medwins Teams 2023

#### 29 July 2023 - Match 1 - 10:00am

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	18,55		1,45	Eastern Cape
Gauteng	4,26		15,74	Western Cape

#### 29 July 2023 - Match 2 - 13:30pm

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	13,75		6,25	Gauteng
Western Cape	0,15		19,85	Eastern Cape

#### 29 July 2023 - Match 3 - 15:30pm

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	17,45		2,55	Western Cape
Gauteng	6,72		13,82	Eastern Cape

### INTERPROVINCIALS Berkowitz Teams 2023

#### 29 July 2023 - Match 1 - 10:00am

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	15,19		4,81	Eastern Cape
Gauteng	9,39		10,61	Western Cape

#### 29 July 2023 - Match 2 - 13:30pm

	VPs	vs	VPs	
Gauteng	16,09		3,91	Eastern Cape
Western Cape	16,26		3,74	KwaZulu Natal

#### 29 July 2023 - Match 3 - 15:30pm

	VPs	vs	VPs	
Western Cape	14,8		5,2	Eastern Cape
Gauteng	12,8		7,2	KwaZulu Natal

#### DAY 1 RESULTS

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Team	Total VPs	Position	Team	Total VPs	Position
KwaZulu Natal	49,75	1	Western Cape	41,67	1
Eastern Cape	34,58	2	Gauteng	38,28	2
Western Cape	18,44	3	KwaZulu Natal	26,13	3
Gauteng	17,23	4	Eastern Cape	13,92	4

## Round 1 - Match 1

Round 1 produced some big swings some of them deserved and some of them the luck of the Irish. Here are a couple of examples

Hand 8

### Bidding

No one vulnerable Dealer West

West	N	E	S	W
♠ A92 ♥ AJ ♦ J65 ♣ KJ843	2NT(1)	pass	4H	1C all pass

(1) Hearts and Clubs

What do you lead as West? Never mind about what card you might choose, let's rather simply decide on which suit you will start with. I think it is fair to say that most of us would lead a club, our second choice might be hearts, followed by spades and last of all diamonds. As the cards were a diamond lead was best followed by spades, hearts and last of all clubs. In fact a diamond lead is the only lead that holds this contract to 9 tricks

Sam Trocki led a club and Glen Holman was soon wrapping up 10 tricks. Winning this trick in dummy he led a spade to his king and Sam could do no better than win this trick and continue clubs. With everything breaking and the cards lying nicely it was all downhill from there. This was a 9imp swing to Western Cape. At other tables North got to be declarer in 4♥ and after a club lead from East most managed only 8 tricks.

Here is the full hand

The screenshot shows a bridge hand interface with the following details:

- Hand Information:** Bd 8, Dir W, 4♥ = S.
- Players:**
  - North: David Beinart
  - West: sam trocki
  - East: Joy Rothenberg
  - South: Glen Holman
- Tricks:** 4♥ = S, Tricks taken: 10.
- Card Layout:**
  - North (David Beinart):** ♠ 3, ♥ KQ965, ♦ Q10832, ♣ Q9.
  - West (sam trocki):** ♠ A92, ♥ AJ, ♦ J65, ♣ KJ843.
  - East (Joy Rothenberg):** ♠ 1086, ♥ 1083, ♦ A974, ♣ 1076.
  - South (Glen Holman):** ♠ KQJ754, ♥ 742, ♦ K, ♣ A52.
- Bidding Summary:**

	W	N	E	S
1♣		2NT*	P	4♥
P		P	P	

# Round 1 - Match 1

Hand 13

## Bidding

All vulnerable Dealer North

East	N	E	S	W
♠ 10	2C	pass	2D	pass
♥ 9742	3S (1)	pass	4NT	pass
♦ J106	5D (2)	pass	5S	pass
♣ 108753	6S	all pass		

- 1) Strong suit 20-21 pts
- 2) 0-3

Again you are on lead. A trump can often be right if declarer needs ruffs in dummy to make the contract and has the advantage that it rarely costs a trick. A heart might work unless declarer has a 2 way finesse to take in this suit in which case this might cost a trick. A diamond looks safer but might also prove costly and a club might also give a trick away. Top players might have a second level of arguments now as to which card to lead but I haven't a clue.

Lana Soutar chose a club, Mary Mutch won this in hand and after knocking out the ♠A was able to ditch her losing heart on a diamond when that suit broke 3-3. That was a 13imp swing to Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Mary and her partner Beth Oldacre were the only ones to end in a slam on this hand

Here is the full hand

The screenshot shows a bridge hand interface with the following details:

- Hand Information:** Bd 13, Dir N, 6♠ = N. Tricks taken: 12.
- Players:** N: Mary Mutch, W: Wendy Tee, E: Lana Soutar, S: Beth Oldacre.
- North's Hand (Mary Mutch):** ♠ KQ9732, ♥ 103, ♦ AKQ, ♣ AJ.
- West's Hand (Wendy Tee):** ♠ A54, ♥ KQ6, ♦ 743, ♣ Q962.
- East's Hand (Lana Soutar):** ♠ 10, ♥ 9742, ♦ J106, ♣ 108753.
- South's Hand (Beth Oldacre):** ♠ J86, ♥ AJ85, ♦ 9852, ♣ K4.
- Bidding Summary:**

	W	N	E	S
2♣*	P			2♦
3♣*	P			4NT
5♦*	P			5♠
6♠	P			P

## Round 1 - Match 2

The first hand of the second round saw you sitting with this hand as South

Hand 17

With no one vulnerable your partner opens a multi two diamonds and on enquiry shows a weak 2 in spades. You are holding the following hand

### South

♠ KQ95  
♥ A9764  
♦ AJ97  
♣ -

What do you bid? Are you feeling lucky? Chris Castelein did when he bid 6S!

Rose Duff got off to a good lead when she led a trump won in your hand when West played low. Plan your play

### South

♠ KQ95  
♥ A9764  
♦ AJ97  
♣ -

### North

♠ A108762  
♥ J  
♦ 862  
♣ QJ5

Kevin played around with the hearts for a while but eventually had to hope something good would happen in diamonds. The correct way to play this suit for 3 tricks is to hope your left hand opponent started with ♦10 and at least one honour higher, this is about a 40% chance.

The full hand is below

## Round 1 - Match 2

Bd 17, Dir N  
 6♠ = N

W Andre Van Niekerk  
 ♠ 4  
 ♥ Q83  
 ♦ K543  
 ♣ K10943

N Kevin Smith  
 6  
 Tricks taken: 12  
 Save adjustment  
 rose duff E

Chris Castelein S  
 ♠ A108762  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ 862  
 ♣ QJ5

W	N	E	S
	2♦*	P	2♥
P	2♠	P	6♠
P	P	P	

So the slam made and an 11imp swing to Eastern Cape. Not surprisingly this was the only table to bid the slam. Things didn't improve for Western Cape in this session with Eastern Cape running out with a near 20-0 win.

## Round 1 - Match 3

It's not only the men who can make aggressive bids. Have a look at this

Hand 33

With no one vulnerable your partner opens a 1♥ and holding the following hand you try a Jacoby 2NT. Much to your annoyance West (a man!) comes in with 5D over which your partner passes. What now?

**South**

♠ KJ873  
 ♥ K763  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ KQ10

You're short of a few aces but on the bright side you hold the singleton ace of diamonds. Aviva Wilensky decided that this hand was worth a slam so bid 6♥

## Round 1 - Match 3

Now over to Harold

### South

♠ KJ873  
♥ K763  
♦ A  
♣ KQ10

### North

♠ A965  
♥ QJ982  
♦ Q8  
♣ A4

You win this trick with the ace and on playing a low heart from dummy West discards a diamond. On the 3rd Heart East wins with the ace and plays a 4th round West all the time discarding diamonds. You play 3 rounds of clubs discarding a diamond from hand, all following then a small spade to your ace again all following. What now? Do you play for the drop in spades or take the finesse?

Knowing that West held at least 8 diamonds for his bid and had shown up with at least 3 clubs Harold took the finesse and when this succeeded claimed 12 tricks. Well done the Wilenskys!

The slam was bid at 5 tables and made at 3

Here is the full hand

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## Round 1 - Match 3

Hand 45

And finally you hold

### South

♠ A75  
♥ K9  
♦ J762  
♣ J1082

Your partner passes in first position RHO bids 1♥, LHO bids 1♠, 2♠, 4♠. Your partner leads his 4th highest diamond the 3 and this is what you see

### East

♠ KQ106  
♥ Q108763  
♦ Q  
♣ K9

### South

♠ A75  
♥ K9  
♦ J762  
♣ J1082

The queen holds the first trick and declarer plays the ♠ K. You duck this but cover the queen with your ace on the next round partner discarding a diamond. Plan your defence.

Is there a defence? Well you know that declarer started with 5 spades and 4 diamonds....and perhaps that's the clue. If declarer holds more than one heart there is no hope for the defence and with the singleton ace he would have cashed this already intending to set up the hearts in dummy. Play a third round of spades and when declarer plays a small heart from dummy insert your king.

This hand was played in 4♠ at every table but no South found this defence

Here is the full hand



# Round 1 - Match 3

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