



INTERPROVINCIAL TEAMS 2021

The Medwin & Berkowitz
31 July – 2 August 2021

After day 1 Gauteng are leading both leader boards, but can they maintain their position? With the Berkowitz matches finished, there's one game left in the Medwin tomorrow.

James Grant (SABF PRESIDENT)

Tournament Schedule

Saturday 31 July

- Medwin Match 1**
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- Medwin Match 5**
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Session 2**
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Day 2 - Results

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End of Day 2 Overall Positions

	Team	Total VPs	Position
1	Gauteng	62.53	1
2	Western Cape	60.95	2
5	Kwazulu Natal	39.59	3
3	Eastern Cape	31.41	4
4	Southern Cape	13.52	5
6	Bye	0.00	6

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OVERALL RESULTS

	Team	Total VPs	Position
1	Gauteng	101.77	1
7	Southern Cape	77.16	2
6	Border	74.17	3
3	Northern Gauteng	71.83	4
5	Kwazulu Natal	65.65	5
4	Eastern Cape	58.01	6
2	Western Cape	55.41	7
8	Bye	0.00	8

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1 August Match 3

	VPs		VPs	
Gauteng	16,88	VS.	3,12	Kwazulu Natal
Western Cape	20		0	Southern Cape
Eastern Cape	12		0	Bye

1 August Match 4

	VPs		VPs	
Southern Cape	7,05	VS.	12,95	Eastern Cape
Western Cape	12,18		7,82	Kwazulu Natal
Gauteng	12		0	Bye

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1 August Match 5

	VPs		VPs	
Western Cape	4,34	VS.	15,66	Southern Cape
Northern Gauteng	10		10	Kwazulu Natal
Eastern Cape	9,03		10,97	Gauteng
Border	12		0	Bye

1 August Match 6

	VPs		VPs	
Kwazulu Natal	13,23	VS.	6,77	Eastern Cape
Gauteng	14,64		5,36	Border
Western Cape	10,33		9,67	Northern Gauteng
Southern Cape	12		0	Bye

1 August Match 7

	VPs		VPs	
Gauteng	18,41	VS.	1,59	Kwazulu Natal
Eastern Cape	3,28		16,72	Western Cape
Southern Cape	7,29		12,71	Border
Northern Gauteng	12		0	Bye

Medwin Team Information

Gauteng		Western Cape	
Aras Apteker	arasap1	Maureen Narunsky	moremo
Craig Gower	craigy52	Imtiaz Kaprey	imtiaz1
Val Bloom	valfb	Martin Grunder	em_ge
Neville Eber	eeps	Carol Grunder	cassandrax

Kwazulu Natal		Southern Cape	
Brian Thomas	duiker	Peter Ward	peter3202
Roger Wilson	rogerjw	Vernon Rice	vernon6101
Frank Chemaly	chemaly	Linette Gubb	Lin99
Mark Oliff	rurban1	John (Sc) Gibson	jughead2
Di Adrain	seaview193	Dianne Klette	Disey
Vanessa Armstrong	supervan	Ann-Marie Allen	annimari5

Eastern Cape	
Ester Goosen	2000and01
Glynis Dornon	glynisd
Desmond Duckitt	dhld
Carol Shaw	Polo999

Berkowitz Team Information

Western Cape

Duncan Keet	dunx	Norman Kennelly	norm44an
Jimmie Potgieter	jimpot55	May Kennelly	maykenn
Stephen McBride	scsm1963	Allan Berman	allanb
Paul Lawrence	letaba23	Louise Berman	loulou18

Gauteng

Kwazulu Natal

Linda Campbell	lindacam	Ice Peenz	ice 3
John Barlow	jb71634	Adri Peenz	a3456
Di Knowler	jinja44	Albert Van Lier	albertels
Wilf Sperry	wgs1430	Hans Lombard	simbra

Northern Gauteng

Eastern Cape

Alison Puggia	ali345	Paul van Cittert	paulace9
Lana Soutar	eastcape	Patsy Els	patels
Wendy Tee	teemw	Jenny Farr	jenfa
Richard Etherington	richarde	Maree Connell	Maree101
Iain Sutherland	isjock	Peter Connell	pc2972

Border

Southern Cape

Karin Van Der Merwe	karinvdmer
Marguerite Badenhorst	marge46
Paula Grobbelaar	paula0609
Barbara May	skittle
Mike Wright	mike
Viv Lloyd	viv1098

Berkowitz Hands – Match 5

The opening boards of this match contained some important lessons

Board 2

Non vulnerable against vulnerable first in hand you hold:

♠ 10

♥ Q8

♦ 8432

♣ QJ10983

Weak 2 openings have become increasingly popular over recent years but 2♣ has still remained a strong bid. As a result more and more experts are tempted to make the semi-psychoic opening of 3♣ on this sort of hand. Here it would have paid dividends as it would allow E-W to reach the good save of 5♣ against their opponents' 4♠ contract.

Here is the full hand:

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ 9 8 4 2	
	♥ A 6 4	
	♦ Q 9 5	
	♣ 7 5 2	
♠ J		♠ 10
♥ K J 9 7 5 2		♥ Q 8
♦ K 10 7		♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A 6 4		♣ Q J 10 9 8 3
	♠ A K Q 7 6 5 3	
	♥ 10 3	
	♦ A J 6	
	♣ K	

West	North	East	South
<i>maykenn</i>	<i>ali345</i>	<i>norm44an</i>	<i>teemw</i>
		Pass	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

4 ♠ by South

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♦ 7	<u>9</u>	4	6
2. N	♠ 2	10	<u>A</u>	J
3. S	<u>♠ K</u>	♣ 4	4	♣ 3
4. S	♥ 3	7	<u>A</u>	8
5. N	♣ 2	8	K	<u>A</u>
6. W	♣ 6	7	9	<u>♠ 3</u>
7. S	♥ 10	J	4	<u>Q</u>
8. E	♣ Q	<u>♠ 5</u>	♥ 2	5
9. S	♠ 6	♥ 5	<u>8</u>	♣ 10
10. N	♦ 5	2	J	<u>K</u>
11. W	♥ K	6	♦ 3	<u>♠ 7</u>

Made 4 — NS +620

Board 3

Vulnerable against non-vulnerable the player on your right opens the bidding with a strong NT.

You hold:

♠ A7432

♥ 76

♦ AQ1064

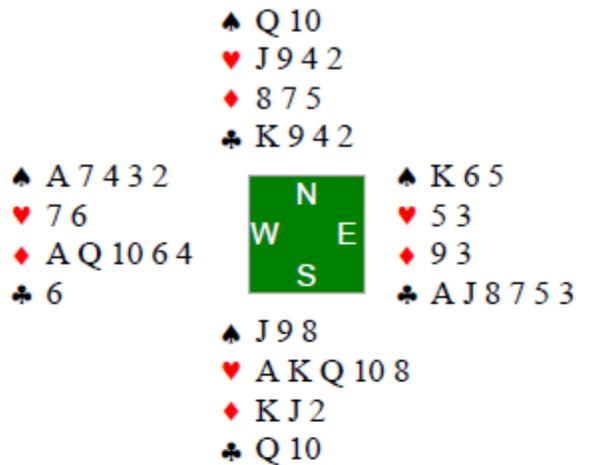
♣ 6

Do you compete? Although it may seem tempting to pass given the adverse vulnerability and the fact that you have only 10 points in your hand, this is a no-brainer – of course you bid! You have distribution and your RHO doesn't so a lot of his high card

points will be wasted if you are playing the hand. Bid 2♠ promising 5 in this suit and at least 4 in a minor suit. You are probably not going to reach it, but 4♠ makes your way.

The full hand:

Board 3
 South Deals
 E-W Vul



West <i>maykenn</i>	North <i>ali345</i>	East <i>norm44an</i>	South <i>teemw</i>
			1 NT

All pass

1 NT by South

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. W	♦ 6	5	9	<u>J</u>
2. S	♥ 8	6	<u>J</u>	3
3. N	♥ 2	5	<u>A</u>	7
4. S	♥ <u>K</u>	♠ 2	9	♣ 3
5. S	♥ <u>Q</u>	♠ 3	4	♣ 5
6. S	♥ <u>10</u>	♠ 4	♣ 2	♣ 7
7. S	♣ 10	6	K	<u>A</u>
8. E	♦ 3	K	<u>A</u>	7
9. W	♦ <u>Q</u>	8	♠ 5	2
10. W	♦ <u>10</u>	♣ 4	♣ 8	♠ 8
11. W	♦ 4	♠ 10	♣ J	♠ 9
12. W	♠ <u>A</u>	Q	6	J
13. W	♠ 7	♣ 9	<u>K</u>	♣ Q

Down 1 — NS -50

Board 5

Again you are vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents. Your partner opens 1♠ overcalled by 2♣ on your right.

What do you bid with the following?

♠ AQ976

♥ J62

♦ 964

♣ 93

Your initial reaction is one of delight – your partner has opened in your 5-card major. If there had been no overcall and you played the Bergen convention where 3♣ promises at least 4 card support and 7-9 points you would already be at the 3 level but the overcall has clipped your wings somewhat so you must content yourself with a bid of 2♠ thinking perhaps that you might be given the opportunity to bid again. But a word of caution here; your spade holding is lovely but the rest of your cards are tram tickets. Given that your RHO was able to overcall, if your partner needs finesses to make his contract it's almost certain that most of them won't work. LHO finds a 3♣ bid and this is passed around to you and it's decision time. Has your hand improved? No it hasn't, it has just become decidedly worse! The only advantage your hand offers your partner is its ability to ruff and the only suit where this seemed possible was in clubs, but now it is quite likely that your partner is also sitting with a doubleton. And perhaps even more telling was his inability to bid on over 3♣. If you bid on now then know that you are going down.

The full hand:

Board 5
 North Deals
 N-S Vul

♠ K 3 ♥ Q 10 9 4 ♦ Q 7 3 2 ♣ 10 8 7	♠ J 10 8 4 2 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ A K		♠ 5 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ A K 5 ♣ Q J 6 5 4 2
	♠ A Q 9 7 6 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ 9 6 4 ♣ 9 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>maykenn</i>	<i>ali345</i>	<i>norm44an</i>	<i>teemw</i>
	1 ♠	2 ♣	2 ♠
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	4 ♣	All pass

4 ♣ by East

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. S	<u>♠ A</u>	3	8	5
2. S	♣ 9	7	<u>K</u>	2
3. N	<u>♣ A</u>	4	3	8
4. N	♠ 2	♥ 6	6	<u>K</u>
5. W	♥ 4	<u>A</u>	7	2

Down 1 — EW -50

Medwin Hands – Match 3

Board 4

Here is an excellent example on evaluating hands.

You hold:

♠ AJ8

♥ A94

♦ AQ975

♣ A4

What do you open with this hand?

You have 19 high card points and a balanced hand so you might be forgiven for opening 1♦ and bidding 2NT on your next turn, but you have a good 5-card suit and 4 aces so this hand deserves an opening bid of 2NT.

Now here's another hand

♠ K65432

♥ Q108

♦ K10

♣ K8

Your partner opens 2NT promising a balanced hand with 20-21 points. What do you bid?

With most of your points in kings, a slam in spades is not out of the question if your partner holds at least 3 of them, but with a doubleton, 3NT will suffice.

Bid 3♥ and over 3♠ bid 3NT.

If you have a partner who likes to hog the hands even with 3-card support this is where you will rest but if he makes any kind of move you should try 4NT.

This hand resulted in a swing of 12 imps to Gauteng.

Board 4
 West Deals
 Both Vul

♠ Q 7 ♥ K J 7 5 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ 10 6 5 3	♠ A J 8 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ A Q 9 7 5 ♣ A 4		♠ 10 9 ♥ 6 3 ♦ 6 4 3 2 ♣ Q J 9 7 2
	♠ K 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ K 10 ♣ K 8		

West	North	East	South
<i>RogerJW</i>	<i>arasap1</i>	<i>Duiker</i>	<i>craigy52</i>
Pass	2 NT ¹	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣ ²	Pass	6 ♠

All pass

1. 20-22
2. 1-4

6 ♠ by North

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. E	♣ Q	<u>K</u>	5	4
2. S	<u>♠ K</u>	7	8	10
3. S	♠ 2	Q	<u>A</u>	9
4. N	♦ 5	2	<u>K</u>	8
5. S	♦ 10	J	-	-

Made 7 — NS +1460

Berkowitz Hands – Match 5

Gauteng have this sewn up as long as they keep their cool and don't lose their final match by more than 15 imps.

Board 2

Sometimes a 6-2 fit proves preferable to a 4-4 fit. Here is an example.

What slam would you prefer to be in on the following hand?

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ 10 2	♠ AK9753	♠ J 8 4									
♥ J 3	♥ Q 10 9 7	♥ A 6 4									
♦ 10 8 6 4	♦ K 9 5	♦ 3									
♣ K Q 8 6 5	♣ —	♣ A J 10 7 4 2									
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
♠ Q 6	♠ Q 6										
♥ K 8 5 2	♥ K 8 5 2										
♦ A Q J 7 2	♦ A Q J 7 2										
♣ 9 3	♣ 9 3										

West <i>wgs1430</i>	North <i>allanb</i>	East <i>jinja44</i>	South <i>loulou18</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦
4 ♣	4 ♥	2 ♣	Pass
		All pass	

4 ♥ by North

Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th
1. E	♦ 3	2	10	<u>K</u>
2. N	♥ 7	<u>A</u>	2	3
3. E	♣ 7	3	Q	<u>♥ 9</u>
4. N	<u>♥ Q</u>	4	5	J
5. N	♥ 10	6	<u>K</u>	♣ 5
6. S	<u>♠ Q</u>	2	3	8
7. S	♠ 6	10	<u>A</u>	4
8. N	<u>♠ K</u>	J	♣ 9	♣ 6
Made 6 — NS +680				

Board 7

The match between Gauteng and Kwazulu Natal has been close so far but then this board arrives. With all his points working, Norman makes an imaginative leap to game whilst in the other room the opponents languish in a part score. 10 imps to Gauteng.

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

	♠ K 7 3 2		
	♥ J 10 4		
	♦ Q		
	♣ J 8 6 4 2		
♠ J	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 9 6	
♥ A 8 7 3		♥ K 6	
♦ A K 7 6 4		♦ J 10 8 3 2	
♣ A 7 3		♣ K 9 5	
	♠ A Q 8 5 4		
	♥ Q 9 5 2		
	♦ 9 5		
	♣ Q 10		

West <i>maykenn</i>	North <i>lindacam</i>	East <i>norm44an</i>	South <i>JB71634</i>
			Pass
1 ♣! ¹	Pass	1 ♦! ²	1 ♠
2 ♦	2 ♠	5 ♦	All pass
1. 16plus			
2. 0-7			

5 ♦ by East

<i>Trick</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>
1. S	♦ 9	<u>A</u>	Q	2
2. W	<u>♦ K</u>	♠ 2	3	5
3. W	♠ J	3	6	<u>Q</u>
4. S	♠ 4	<u>♦ 4</u>	7	9
5. W	♥ 3	4	<u>K</u>	2
6. E	♥ 6	5	<u>A</u>	10
7. W	♥ 7	J	<u>♦ 8</u>	9
8. E	♠ 10	5	<u>♦ 6</u>	K
9. W	♥ 8	♣ 2	♣ 5	<u>Q</u>

Made 5 — EW +600

Board 8

You hold the following hand and open the bidding with 1♦.

♠ 6
♥ 10432
♦ KJ86
♣ AKQ7

Your partner bids 1♠, what is your next bid?

An increasingly popular practice is to bid 1NT with this shape – not something that I would recommend.

In room 1 this was the bid made and partner sitting with 6 good spades closed the auction with a jump to 4♠. In room 2 Opener bid 2♣ and they eventually arrived in a contract of 3NT.

Both contracts made exactly 9 tricks, so another swing to Gauteng of 11 imps.

		♠ 6		
		♥ 10 4 3 2		
		♦ K J 8 6		
		♣ A K Q 7		
♠ 7 4 3 2			♠ A 10	
♥ A 7 5			♥ K 9 6	
♦ 10 7			♦ A 5 4 3 2	
♣ 6 5 4 3			♣ 10 9 2	
			♠ K Q J 9 8 5	
			♥ Q J 8	
			♦ Q 9	
			♣ J 8	

Board 8 West Deals None Vul

		♠ 6		
		♥ 10 4 3 2		
		♦ K J 8 6		
		♣ A K Q 7		
♠ 7 4 3 2			♠ A 10	
♥ A 7 5			♥ K 9 6	
♦ 10 7			♦ A 5 4 3 2	
♣ 6 5 4 3			♣ 10 9 2	
			♠ K Q J 9 8 5	
			♥ Q J 8	
			♦ Q 9	
			♣ J 8	

West	North	East	South
<i>maykenn</i>	<i>lindacam</i>	<i>norm44an</i>	<i>JB71634</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>wgs1430</i>	<i>allanb</i>	<i>jinja44</i>	<i>loulou18</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥ ¹
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All pass			

4♠ by South

Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th
1. W	♦ 10	6	<u>A</u>	9
2. E	♦ 5	<u>Q</u>	7	8
3. S	♠ K	2	6	<u>A</u>
4. E	♦ 4	♥ 8	<u>♠ 3</u>	J
5. W	♥ <u>A</u>	2	6	J
6. W	♥ 5	3	<u>K</u>	Q
7. E	♦ 3	<u>♠ 8</u>	♥ 7	K
8. S	<u>♠ Q</u>	4	♥ 4	10
9. S	<u>♠ J</u>	7	♥ 10	♦ 2
10. S	<u>♠ 9</u>	♣ 3	♣ 7	♥ 9

Down 2 — NS -100

3NT by South

Trick	Lead	2nd	3rd	4th
1. W	♥ 5	2	<u>K</u>	8
2. E	♥ 9	J	<u>A</u>	3
3. W	♥ 7	4	6	<u>Q</u>
4. S	♦ <u>Q</u>	7	6	2
5. S	♠ <u>K</u>	2	6	<u>A</u>
6. E	♦ <u>A</u>	9	10	8
7. E	♦ 3	♠ 5	♠ 3	<u>J</u>
8. N	♦ <u>K</u>	4	♠ 8	♠ 4
9. N	♥ <u>10</u>	♠ 10	♠ 9	♠ 7
10. N	♣ 7	9	<u>J</u>	3

Made 3 — NS +400

After that everything went Gauteng's way, and they came out worthy winners of the Berkowitz – well done Gauteng!

Not that I'm biased of course... 😊

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