

**SABF**

# INTERPROVINCIAL TEAMS

## Medwin Teams 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

KwaZulu Natal have built up a useful lead in the Medwin but must play their nearest rivals Eastern Cape in the first match of the day the outcome of which might go a long way in determining the final winners. In the Berkowitz it's anybody's guess as all teams are still in with a chance.

**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 Bouwer	Duncan Keet
Di Knowler	Carol Stanton
Mary Mutch	Stephen McBride
Beth Oldacre	Paul Lawrence

## Day 2 - Results

### INTERPROVINCIALS Medwins Teams 2023

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

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	6,96		13,04	Eastern Cape
Gauteng	6,72		13,28	Western Cape

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

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	13,04		6,96	Gauteng
Western Cape	6,96		13,04	Eastern Cape

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

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	9,69		10,31	Western Cape
Gauteng	9,69		10,31	Eastern Cape

### INTERPROVINCIALS Berkowitz Teams 2023

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

	VPs	vs	VPs	
KwaZulu Natal	7,97		12,03	Eastern Cape
Gauteng	7,71		12,29	Western Cape

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

	VPs	vs	VPs	
Gauteng	15,19		4,81	Eastern Cape
Western Cape	15,56		4,44	KwaZulu Natal

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

	VPs	vs	VPs	
Western Cape	5,20		14,80	Eastern Cape
Gauteng	7,71		12,29	KwaZulu Natal

#### DAY 2 RESULTS

Team	Total VPs	Position	Team	Total VPs	Position
Eastern Cape	39,39	1	Western Cape	33,05	1
Western cape	30,55	2	Eastern Cape	31,64	2
KwaZulu Natal	29,69	3	Gauteng	30,61	3
Gauteng	23,37	4	KwaZulu	24,70	4

OVERALL RESULTS					
Team	Total VPs	Position	Team	Total VPs	Position
KwaZulu Natal	79,44	1	Western Cape	74,72	1
Eastern Cape	70,97	2	Gauteng	68,89	2
Western Cape	48,99	3	KwaZulu Natal	50,83	3
Gauteng	40,60	4	Eastern Cape	45,56	4

## Round 2 - Match 1

I am sure you will all agree that in big matches we would like to start with a couple of easy boards so that we can warm up as it were. No such luck in this tournament as the first board threw up a difficult bidding problem for West. Some solved the problem by taking a lucky guess, others failed to solve the problem at all but first prize goes to Di Adrain who was the only one who approached the problem scientifically.

Hand 1

### Bidding

No one vulnerable Dealer North

West	N	E	S	W
♠ J94	2D (1)	pass	2H(2)	?
♥ AK7				
♦ KJ3				
♣ KQJ3				

(1) 5 way multi

(2) Relay pass or correct

What would you bid? A big but flat hand containing 18 high card points, too strong for a simple 2NT for most partnerships so many Wests now doubled. This was the action Di took and the bidding proceeded 2S by North, 3D by East. Given that partner had made a free bid Di now bid 3S asking for a spade stop and was quite happy to pass when partner bid 3NT.

Other tables landing in this contract bid game with their fingers crossed

Here is the full hand

AK10853

Bd 1, Dlr N  
3NT+1 E

W Diana Adrain

♥ 432  
♦ 2  
♣ 987

N Ester Goosen  
3 NT E  
Tricks taken: 10  
Save adjustment

Vanessa Armstrong E

♠ J94  
♥ AK7  
♦ KJ3  
♣ KQJ3

♠ Q76  
♥ 86  
♦ A9654  
♣ A104

0  
0

♠ 2  
♥ QJ1095  
♦ Q1087  
♣ 652

	W	N	E	S
		2♦*	P	2♥*
X	2♠	3♦	P	
3♠	P	3NT	P	
P	P			

Glynis Dornon S

Hand 2

This time it was NS who risked getting their wires crossed

**Bidding**

NS vulnerable Dealer East

South	N	E	S	W
♠ J4		pass	1D	1S
♥ AK	dbl	2S	?	
♦ AKJ63				
♣ Q1082				

You know your partner surely holds at least 4 hearts and some points so what would you bid now with South's hand? Have you sat down with your partner and discussed what various bids mean after this sequence? Does 3C promise a strong hand like this, or an opening hand with 5-4 shape? What does 2NT mean? If you double what does that show? Most NS struggled with this hand and looking at the results had no clear agreement as to how best to proceed. Glynis Dornon made a valiant but unsuccessful attempt to solve this riddle by bidding 3♠ and joined many other pairs sitting her way that went down in a contract of their choice.

Here is the full hand

Hand 4

Bd 2, Dlr E  
4♥ -1 N

W Diana Adrain

♠ 976  
♥ J8542  
♦ 2  
♣ AJ95

N Ester Goosen

4♥ N  
Tricks taken: 9  
Save adjustment

Vanessa Armstrong E

♠ AK832  
♥ Q76  
♦ Q7  
♣ 763

♠ Q105  
♥ 1093  
♦ 109854  
♣ K4

Glynis Dornon S

♠ J4  
♥ AK  
♦ AKJ63  
♣ Q1082

	W	N	E	S
			P	1♦
1♠	X*	2♠		3♠*
P	4♥	P	P	
P				

### Hand 5

In the key Medwin match of this morning KwaZulu Natal vs Eastern Cape, Eastern Cape produced a 12imp swing on this hand being the only team to arrive at the excellent slam

Here is the full hand

Hand 5

Bd 5, Dlr N  
6♠ = E

W Chris Castelein

♠ 95  
♥ Q982  
♦ 10842  
♣ 1083

N Mark Oliff

6♠ E  
Tricks taken: 12  
Save adjustment

Kevin Smith E

♠ K1072  
♥ K103  
♦ A  
♣ AKQ92

♠ QJ63  
♥ A754  
♦ 53  
♣ 654

Frank Chemaly S

♠ A84  
♥ J6  
♦ KQJ976  
♣ J7

	W	N	E	S
			P	1♦*
X	P	1♠		2♦
3♦*	P	4♥		P
4NT*	P	5♣*		P
5♦*	P	5NT*		P
6♠	P	P		P

## Round 2 - Match 2

One of the tenets of modern bridge is to compete in the bidding as often as possible. The following hand demonstrates this point

Hand 25

With North/South vulnerable North opens 1S

**East**

♠ J  
♥ 9863  
♦ AKQ10  
♣ J643

Should you bid with this hand? This doesn't qualify as an opening hand and your ♠ J is probably worth nothing but once RHO has opened and the vulnerability is in your favour the pundits agree that this is definitely worth a double. If you decide to pass and South bids 2S and this is passed around to you then a double with this hand is mandatory. If North had opened 2S should you double? Well, if you're feeling frisky.....

The moral of this story is that those that doubled ended up in a stone cold heart game while those that didn't, well they didn't.

x    pers    ✍ Bd 25, Dir N 4♥ = N W Frank Chemaly	♠ 632 ♥ KQJ54 ♦ 964 ♣ A7	N Joy Rothenberg Other table 2♠ = E Mark Oliff E																
♠ K108 ♥ 102 ♦ 872 ♣ KQ952		♠ AQ9754 ♥ A7 ♦ J53 ♣ 108																
0 0 < > ↻ sam trocki S	♠ J ♥ 9863 ♦ AKQ10 ♣ J643	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>W</th> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>P</td> <td>1♠</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♠</td> <td>4♥</td> <td>P</td> <td>P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	W	N	E	S		P	1♠	X	2♠	4♥	P	P	P			
W	N	E	S															
	P	1♠	X															
2♠	4♥	P	P															
P																		

The final set of boards produced little of interest with no slams and few games so it remains only to congratulate the KwaZulu Natal team consisting of Mark Oliff, Frank Chemaly, Di Adrain, Vanessa Armstrong, Brian Thomas and Roger Wilson for winning the Medwin and Carol Stanton , Duncan Keet, Stephen McBride and Paul Lawrence for winning the Berkowitz. Well done to both teams!