

INTERPROVINCIAL TEAMS

Medwin Teams 30th 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 29th	Sunday 30th		
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 Tea	am 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			
Di Knowler Mary Mutch	Carol Stanton Stephen McBride			

Day 2 - Results					
INTERPROVINCIALS Medwins Teams 2023					
30 J	luly 2023 - Match 1 - 10:00am				
	VPs VPs				
KwaZulu Natal	6,96 0 13,04	Eastern Cape			
Gauteng	6,72 13,28	Western Cape			
30 J	uly 2023 - Match 2 - 13:30pm				
	VPs VPs				
KwaZulu Natal	13,04 6,96	Gauteng			
Western Cape	6,96 13,04	Eastern Cape			
30 J	uly 2023 - Match 3 - 15:30pm				
	VPs VPs				
KwaZulu Natal	9,69 10,31	Western Cape			
Gauteng	9,69 > 10,31	Eastern Cape			
	INTERPROVINCIALS Berkowitz Teams 2023				
30 J	luly 2023 - Match 1 - 10:00am				
	VPs VPs				
KwaZulu Natal	7,97 " 12,03	Eastern Cape			
Gauteng	7,71 22,29	Western Cape			
30 J	uly 2023 - Match 2 - 13:30pm				
	VPs VPs				
Gauteng	15,19 4,81	Eastern Cape			
Western Cape	15,56 4,44	KwaZulu Natal			
30 July 2023 - Match 3 - 15:30pm					
	VPs VPs				
Western Cape	5,20 14,80	Eastern Cape			
Gauteng	7,71 > 12,29	KwaZulu Natal			

DAY 2 RESULTS		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.

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♣ KQJ3

Bidding

No one vulnerable Dealer North

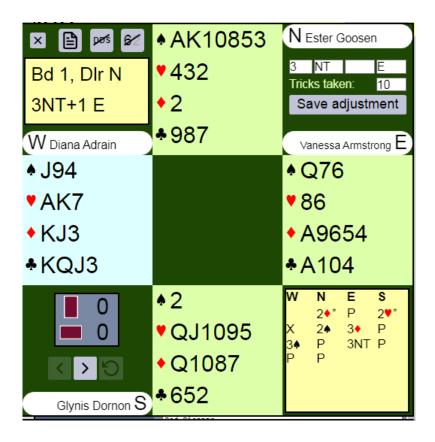
West	N	E	S	W
▶ J94▼ AK7◆ KJ3	2D (1)	pass	2H(2)	?

- (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



Hand 2

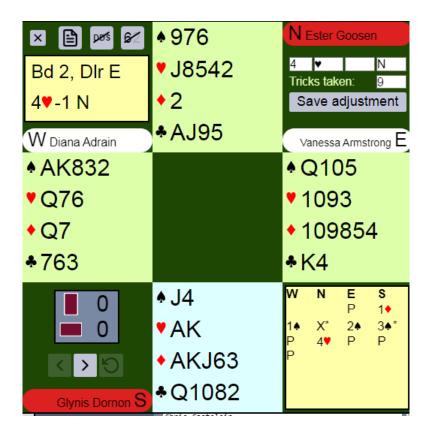
♣ Q1082

This time it was NS who risked getting their wires crossed

NS vulnerable Dealer East			ı	Bidding
South	N	Е	S	W
▲ J4▼ AK◆ AKJ63	dbl	pass 2S	1D ?	1S

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.

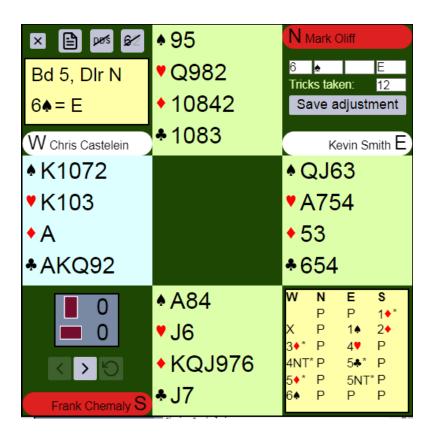
Here is the full hand



Hand 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



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

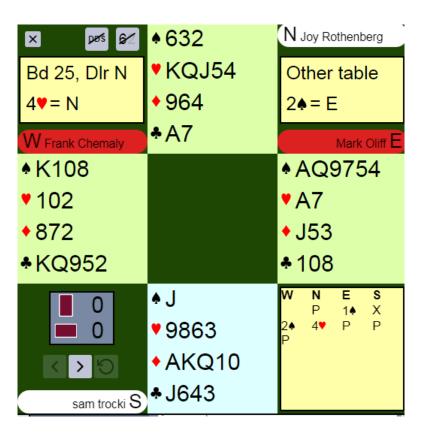
Hand 25

With North/South vulnerable North opens 1S



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.



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!