



INTERPROVINCIAL TEAMS 2020

The Medwin & Berkowitz
25-27 July 2020

For the first time in many years we have all our provinces with the exception of the Free State participating in the Berkowitz with five major provinces taking part in the Medwin, so perhaps there are some advantages to playing online! The teams have finished their first day's sessions, and we wish them all good luck for the rest of the matches and look forward to some interesting bridge.

James Grant (SABF PRESIDENT)

Tournament Schedule

Saturday 25 July

Medwin Match 1

- First Half 18:30
- Second Half 19:50

Berkowitz Match 1

- 18:30

Berkowitz Match 2

- 20:20

Sunday 26 July

Medwin Match 2

- First Half 09:30
- Second Half 10:50

Medwin Match 3

- First Half 13:30
- Second Half 14:50

Medwin Match 4

- First Half 16:30
- Second Half 18:00

Sunday 26 July

Berkowitz Session 1

- Match 3 09:30
- Match 4 11:20

Berkowitz Session 2

- Match 5 14:30
- Match 6 16:20

Monday 27 July

Medwin Match 5

- First Half 18:00
- Second Half 19:20

Berkowitz

- Match 7 18:00

Day 1 - Results

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25 July Match 1

	VPs		VPs	
Gauteng	10.28	VS.	9.72	Kwazulu Natal
Eastern Cape	4.23		15.77	Western Cape
Southern Cape	12		0	Bye

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25 July Match 1

	VPs		VPs	
Eastern Cape	17.34	VS.	2.66	Northern Gauteng
Gauteng	5.36		14.64	Southern Cape
Kwazulu Natal	7.84		12.2	Border
Western Cape	12		0	Bye

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25 July Match 2

	VPs		VPs	
Border	0.44	VS.	19.56	Gauteng
Southern Cape	1.71		18.29	Eastern Cape
Western Cape	13.23		6.77	Northern Gauteng
Kwazulu Natal	12		0	Bye

Medwin Team Information

Gauteng		Western Cape	
Alon Apteker	alonap	Malcolm Siegel	tyzlor
Jude Apteker	judeap	Rob Sulcas	robsu
Noah Apteker	noahapteke	Imtiaz Kaprey	imtiaz1
Aras Apteker	arasap1	Maureen Narunsky	moremo
Craig Gower	craigy52	Daniar Minwalla	diniar
Hennie Fick	hcbfick	Nancy Minwalla	bojang7

Kwazulu Natal		Eastern Cape	
Linda Campbell	lindacam	Naomi Solomons	nomsie1
John Barlow	jb71634	Di Penlington	dip53
Di Knowler	jinja44	Chris Castelein	castelein
Wilf Sperryn	wgs1430	Dawn Palmer	palmerd
		Shirley Rubin	shirlrub

Southern Cape	
Heidi Atkinson	heidiatkin
Linette Gubb	Lin99
Mary Walter	mewalt
Gail Bezuidenhout	gailbez
Peter Ward	peter3202
Marc Smetryns	offthemark

Berkowitz Team Information

Western Cape

Suzette Mckerron	smck48
Pauline van der Vyver	paulinevdv
Phil King	impalaphil
Bryan Strydom	mel k

Eastern Cape

Ester Goosen	2000and01
Glynis Dornon	glynisd
Desmond Duckitt	dhld
John Roberts	jdschorn

Kwazulu Natal

Mary Mutch	marykins
Beth Oldacre	bethold
Tanya Rawson	tan 18
Ann Miller	chads

Northern Gauteng

Ice Peenz	ice 3
Adri Peenz	a3456
Hans Lombard	simbra
Albert Van Lier	albertels

Gauteng

Louise Berman	loulou18
Allan Berman	allanb
Ella Danilowitz	elladan3
Roy Danilowitz	roydan3
Sharon Taitz	natalie12b
Jennifer Matisonn	jmatisonn

Southern Cape

John Gibson	jughead2
Stephne Roche	bateleur
Mike Wright	mike1098
Viv Lloyd	viv1098
Dianne Klette	disey
Ann-marie Allen	annimari5

Border

Paul van Cittert	paulace9
Nash Kahn	farrahaar
Patsy Els	patels
Marilyn Nel	East Londo

Medwin Hands – First Half

Board 1

N-S arrive in 3NT giving nothing away in the bidding. What do you lead from:

♠ Q763

♥ J1074

♦ A864

♣ 10

If you answered a heart, and it doesn't matter which heart, then the contract is down. On any other lead the contract makes easily.

The full hand:

	♠ A 9 2											
	♥ 9 2											
	♦ K Q 7 5 4											
	♣ A K 8											
♠ K J 10 5	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 100%;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 7 6 3	
	N											
W		E										
	S											
♥ K 6 5 3		♥ J 10 7 4										
♦ —		♦ A 8 6 2										
♣ J 9 6 5 4		♣ 10										
	♠ 8 4											
	♥ A Q 8											
	♦ J 10 9 3											
	♣ Q 7 3 2											
West	North	East	South									
<i>wgs1430</i>	<i>judeap</i>	<i>jinja44</i>	<i>alonap</i>									
	1 NT	Pass	3 ♣ ¹									
Pass	3 NT	All pass										
	1. puppet											
	3 NT by North											

So first blood to Gauteng with a swing of 10 IMPs.

Board 8

Eastern Cape had a disaster letting 4♥ through where they had 4 top tricks to take.

Medwin Hands – Second Half

Board 1

In both rooms West ended up in 3H doubled by North. Natal decided to redouble, but the contract was always doomed to go 1 off so 4 IMPs for Gauteng.

Board 2

But Natal were quick to profit on this board when they doubled North in 1NT for a swing of 11 IMPs.

The full hand:

	♠ K 10 3		
	♥ A Q 8 5		
	♦ A 7		
	♣ K 10 5 3		
♠ J 9 4		♠ A Q 8	
♥ 9		♥ K J 4 3 2	
♦ K Q 2		♦ 10 9 8	
♣ A Q 9 8 4 2		♣ J 7	
	♠ 7 6 5 2		
	♥ 10 7 6		
	♦ J 6 5 4 3		
	♣ 6		
West	North	East	South
<i>wgs1430</i>	<i>Hcbfick</i>	<i>jinja44</i>	<i>arasapl</i>
		Pass	Pass
1 ♣	1 NT ¹	Dbl	All pass
1. 15-18			
1 NT× by North			

It's good to have some agreement with partner as to how to handle these situations. I play that all artificial bids are on, so 2C Stayman would be my first choice here, passing whatever partner responds. Another useful convention is a redouble asking partner to bid 2C over which you would bid 2D to play.

In the other match which saw Western Cape pitted against Eastern Cape, the first 2 boards passed reasonably quietly and they remained neck and neck. Things hot up somewhat in the second match on Board 5 where Eastern Cape stopped in 3♠ and made an overtrick, while in the other room their opponents bid on to 4♠ and went 1 off. Isn't that always the way? But on the very next board Western Cape pulled 3 IMPs back when both sides went down in a spade contract.

Board 6

This hand proved to be a comedy of errors.

The full hand:

♠ QJ987	♠ 64	♠ A 10 3
♥ 65	♥ 10 7 4 3	♥ K 9
♦ 87	♦ A Q 5 4	♦ K J 6
♣ K Q 8 7	♣ J 4 3	♣ A 10 6 5 2
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	♠ K 5 2	
	♥ A Q J 8 2	
	♦ 10 9 3 2	
	♣ 9	

On the lead of a small heart South cashed 2 heart winners then switched to his singleton club. This was won by declarer who proceeded to play the Q♠ low from dummy and taken by the king. Looking at all the hands one can see the contract is now about to go 2 off, but at this juncture South returned another heart! It is equally clear that now declarer couldn't fail to make the contract by discarding a diamond from hand and ruffing in dummy. Which is exactly what he did but he ruffed in dummy with the 10 leaving him no clear way back to hand!

Berkowitz Hands – Match 1

Board 1

Lots of excitement next door when Natal let through what should have been an unmakeable 3NT, and then the following hand arrived:

Board 2

Often a good start (or bad one) influences the outlook of players.

The full hand:

	♠ A Q 3 ♥ A K J 7 ♦ A 7 ♣ Q 8 3 2		
♠ J 9 8 6 ♥ 9 8 6 5 4 ♦ K J 8 ♣ 10		♠ K 10 7 5 ♥ 3 2 ♦ Q 10 9 6 5 2 ♣ 9	
	♠ 4 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ 4 3 ♣ A K J 7 6 5 4		
West <i>chads</i>	North <i>PaulAce9</i>	East <i>Tan 18</i>	South <i>farrhtaar</i>
		Pass	1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♦
Pass	6 NT	All pass	
	6 NT by North		

After their success on Board 1, Borders had no problem bidding to the small slam making all 13 tricks. Natal however, took a much more conservative view of the hand and stopped in 3. Borders are now ahead by 23 IMPs. In the match Southern Cape versus Gauteng, Gauteng also failed to bid the slam so Southern Cape took an early lead of 13 IMPs, as did Eastern Cape versus Northern Gauteng.

Board 14

	♠ Q J 4 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ K Q 7 4		
♠ K 7 6 5 ♥ A K ♦ J 10 9 8 2 ♣ J 9	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ 5 ♦ A K Q 3 ♣ A 6 5 3	♠ — ♥ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 4 2 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 8 2
West	North	East	South
<i>chads</i>	<i>PaulAce9</i>	<i>Tan 18</i>	<i>farrahaar</i>
		1 ♦	4 ♥
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	5 ♥
Dbl	All pass		
5 ♥ × by South			

Finally, this hand. South made a fine overcall over the opening bid putting West under pressure. When West bid game in diamonds and his partner failed to double, he decided to push on. It's always easy when you can see all of the hands to find the right course of action. Here 5♥ works but on another day 5♦ goes off or you have just pushed them into a slam that's making. In the other room the overcall was a timid 3♥ allowing the opponents to find their game in spades. On a heart lead this should make, but it needs an amazing safety play. On the basis that if anyone has long spades it is North, at trick 2 declarer must play a small spade from table and cover whatever North plays. This may lose to a singleton honour in South's hand but there is no return from South that can embarrass declarer. When on the actual hand declarer discovers the 5-0 break, he simply plays off his top diamonds. North will ruff the 4th round but will be unable to defeat the contract. In the other room North in fact doubled 4♠ guaranteeing the bad break but declarer still went off.

Berkowitz Hands – Match 2

Board 6

This hand produced a flurry of swings where the good guys lost out.

The full hand:

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

A slam in diamonds or no trumps looks a reasonable place to be, but it didn't work out.

Board 12

Then we had this:

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

At least one pair managed to arrive in 6♣. If the suit had broken 1-1 they would have been fine.

On a set of boards which seemingly held a lot of flat hands there were some cricket scores.

But tomorrow is another day...

More Information

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