

# Swiss Teams – Playing IMPs



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# Time for a Joke

It's the Super Bowl, and a man makes his way to his seat down near the fifty-yard line. He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks the man on the other side of the seat if someone will be sitting there.

'No,' says the stranger. 'The seat's empty.'

'This is incredible,' said the man. 'Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Super Bowl and not use it?'

The stranger says, 'Well actually the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Super Bowl we haven't been to together since we got married.'

'Oh, I'm so sorry. That's terrible .... But couldn't you find someone else, a friend, a relative or even a neighbor, to take her seat?'

The man shakes his head. 'No,' he says. 'They're all at the funeral.'

# Matchpoint Scoring



Board #1

| N/S Pair# | Score | Matchpoints | Awards       |
|-----------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1         | 450   | 2           | Top Board: 4 |
| 2         | -100  | 0           | 2nd: 3       |
| 3         | -50   | 1           | 3rd: 2       |
| 4         | 460   | 3           | 4th: 1       |
| 5         | 800   | 4           | Bottom: 0    |

| N/S Pair 1 | Board # | Matchpoints |
|------------|---------|-------------|
|            | 1       | 2           |
|            | 2       | 1.5         |
|            | 3       | 3           |
|            | 4       | 4           |
|            | 5       | 0           |
|            | 6       | 2.5         |
|            | 7       | 1           |
|            | 8       | 1           |
|            | 9       | 3.5         |
|            | 10      | 4           |
|            | Total:  | 22.5        |

Avg = 20

56.25%

# IMP Scoring



## Round #1: Team #1 vs. Team #2

| Board # | N/S Score | E/W Score | NET  | IMPs |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------|------|
| 1       | +140      | -110      | +30  | +1   |
| 2       | -500      | +170      | -330 | -8   |
| 3       | +1430     | -680      | +750 | +13  |
| 4       | -100      | -100      | -200 | -5   |
| 5       | +400      | -150      | +250 | +6   |
| 6       | -1100     | +650      | -450 | -10  |

**-3** Total

| Difference in points | IMPs |
|----------------------|------|
| 20-40                | 1    |
| 50-80                | 2    |
| 90-120               | 3    |
| 130-160              | 4    |
| 170-210              | 5    |
| 220-260              | 6    |
| 270-310              | 7    |
| 320-360              | 8    |
| 370-420              | 9    |
| 430-490              | 10   |
| 500-590              | 11   |
| 600-740              | 12   |
| 750-890              | 13   |
| 900-1090             | 14   |
| 1100-1290            | 15   |
| 1300-1490            | 16   |
| 1500-1740            | 17   |
| 1750-1990            | 18   |
| 2000-2240            | 19   |
| 2250-2490            | 20   |
| 2500-2990            | 21   |
| 3000-3490            | 22   |
| 3500-3990            | 23   |
| 4000+                | 24   |

How much you win or lose each round by matters. It's possible to win all your matches and still not win the event.

# Another Joke

**Wife: Look at that  
drunk guy. Husband;  
who is he?**

**Wife: 10 yrs back he  
proposed to me & I  
rejected him.**

**Husband: Oh My God  
He's still  
celebrating...**

# Differences in Strategy



## Matchpoints

- Do NOT stretch to games, slams or grand slams. Making up a bottom board is difficult (you need 2 tops to get back to a winning game).
- Look for sacrifices more often.
- Seldom let the opponent's play in a partscore at the two level.
- Taking extra tricks, either as declarer or on defense is CRUCIAL.

## IMP's

- Stretch to games and small slams if Vul., but NEVER to grand slams. The risk is too high compared to the extra reward.
- Don't bid sacrifices as often unless you're sure you'll save points.
- Don't be as aggressive when trying to push the opponent's to the next level.
- Taking extra tricks is NOT that important. Make sure you make your contract.
- Be more cautious when entering the bidding and doubling the opponents.



**Time to Play**