

# Trumps Friendly Pairs

9 June 2019 (Sun)



## Not to bid a tight game in matchpoints

*provided by Kinga Moses and Nazife Bashar*

The Trumps Friendly Pairs on 9 June was won by Kinga Moses and Nazife Bashar.

On the following deal, what should North do after West opens 1♦? With a stack in the enemy suit, you are pleased to pass, especially with both sides vulnerable.

What now from East? With four in each major, it seems reasonable to scrape up a 1♥ response, despite having only 5 HCP. However, West then has an obvious 1NT rebid and when that is passed out, the result is two down for -200 and no matchpoints. Those who played in 3♦ by North-South made ten tricks for 130 points but a below average matchpoint score.

When our winners played this hand, Nazife, sitting North, passed as recommended, but so did East. Kinga made the normal reopening 1♥ overcall on the South cards, and now Nazife, sensing the misfit, make a conservative 1NT reply. It was classic matchpoints – don't bid tight games, but get that extra trick; she played it well and managed to take nine tricks, +150 and a second top on the board.

### Board 20

Dealer W | Vul All

<p>♠ A86 ♥ K83 ♦ K542 ♣ A62</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W — E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W — E	S	<p>♠ K93 ♥ 5 ♦ AQJ9873 ♣ K8</p> <p>♠ J754 ♥ Q962 ♦ T6 ♣ QT5</p> <p>♠ QT2 ♥ AJT74 ♦ ♣ J9743</p>
N					
W — E					
S					

W	N	E	S
1D	P	P	1H
P	1NT	//	

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	4	1	1	2
S	2	4	1	1	2
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

[...More results can be found HERE](#)

*The Trumps Friendly Pairs on 9 June was won by Kinga Moses and Nazife Bashar (middle/right), pictured with best Trumps pair Robin Ho and Alex Cook (at rear) and best restricted pair Gill Raymond and Tim Bestelink (front).*

