

Bulletin 10

ANC TEAMS - STANDINGS AFTER SIX MATCHES

<u>OPEN</u>			<u>YOUTH</u>		
1	NSW	191.6	1	NSW	70.5
2	QLD	53.2	2	SA	45.0
3	WA	50.0	3	VIC	44.0
4	VIC	19.4	4	TAS	-25.3
5	ACT	13.0	5	WA	-59.1
6	SA	-7.6	6	ACT	-82.6
7	NT	-157.9			
8	TAS	-168.9			

<u>SENIOR</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
1	VIC	113.0	1	QLD	123.6
2	ACT	103.0	2	NSW	95.6
3	SA	101.8	3	WA	-5.4
4	WA	98.8	4	NT	-16.5
5	NSW	-77.2	5	ACT	-28.6
6	QLD	-81.1	6	VIV	-29.9
7	TAS	-130.0	7	TAS	-63.6
8	NT	-132.5	8	SA	-80.0

DID YOU BID 6C ?

ANC Pairs July 17 1999

Board 28 Session 2

Dir W N/S vul.

AK842

J754

Q105

4

QJ106 5

86

AK1032

7

AK3

Q108632

AK75

973

Q9

J98642

J9

(Ed) There were dozens of exciting stories on this board. At one table in the Tim Seres Invitational Pairs, Phil Markey(S.A) sitting North, opened 1S (!), East (Paul Yovich - W.A.) doubled and West (Linda Stern - NSW) jumped to 3C. Paul rolled RKB and (barely) subsided in 6C.

At my table after two passes, Kinga Moses (NSW) elected to open 2C G/F and without any aces or kings I felt obliged to respond 2D negative.

North, Jim Borin (VIC) interposed 2S (*gutsy at this vul !*) and Kinga rebid 3H. I had two choices 3NT or 4C. Since it was match point pairs I decided to show my fine spade stopper(s) within my 2D negative, with 3NT.

Kinga judged that slam was unlikely on the bidding to date and passed. Jim led a spade and that was +460

but since most pairs in the Invitation Pairs reached 6C this was a bad score for Kinga and me.

What a timely 2S bid by Jim Borin..If he passes, Kinga will bid 2H and now I bid 3C and we reach 6C.

Over in the Women's Pairs one East opened 1H (there are good arguments for opening 1H) ,after 2 passes North re-opened 1S (BIG MISTAKE !) East bid 3C but West, suffering from "match pairs-itis" (?) bid 3NT for +460.

(Ed) Enough with this board!

PROVISIONAL PLAY OFF POINTS

as at Monday 19th July 1999

OPEN		WOMEN	
Gue Phil	116	Lusk Sue	85
Brown Terry	110	Tully Therese	70
Newman Peter	101	Bourke Margaret	66
Browne Seamus	78.5	Butts Joan	61
Peake Andrew	77.5	Vincent Lindy	61
Mullamphy Matthew	66	Beech Lidia	60
Thomson Matthew	61	Nailand Rita	60
Bilski George	60	Pitt Helen	60
Noble Barry	6	Brown Margot	56
Del'monte Ishmael	58.5	Kaplan Rena	56
Mayer Malcolm	55	Clayton Robbie	36
Fruewirth Robert	55	Millar Margaret	36
Yovich Paul	46	Folkard Berri	30
Smolanko George	42	Lloyd Tania	30
Chadwick Ted	38.5	Moses Kinga	30
Courtney Michael	37.5	Beale Felicity	21
Middleton David 36		Havas Elizabeth	21
Nagy Zoli	36	Evans Pauline	20
Seres Tim	36	Thompson Jenny	20
Spooner John	36	Gumby Pauline	18
Fordham Peter	35	Chadwick Marilyn	17.5
Jacobs Bill	32.5		
Thompson Ben	32.5		
Burgess Stephen	30		
Kozakos George	30		
Lester Stephen	30		
Lloyd Tania	30		
Marston Paul	30		
Willsmore Avon	30		

These unofficial lists were compiled by M. Bourke and M. Willcox

ROAST DUCK

by Hilda Lirsch

YOUTH TEAMS

SESSION 4 BOARD 20

Adam Robinson

K10964

	J54	
	K62	
Q82		A75
AKJ2		Q75
976		KQ1032
A75		Q8
Christy Bridgland		
	J3	
	10643	
	A8	
	J10953	

Against West's 3NT contract, Adam led a low spade to the Jack and Queen. Declarer played a diamond to the King, and Christy smoothly ducked, so declarer crossed back to hand with a heart and led a diamond to the Queen - but his goose was cooked by the duck.

Upon winning the diamond Ace, Christy established Adam's spade suit and now Adam had a sure entry with the diamond Jack.

One off.

(Asst-Ed - Bring on the gravy !!)

DEFENCE PROBLEM

PERTH JULY 1999

Dealer S N/S VUL

With you and your partner passing throughout, you are on lead to 3NT with J853 A64 432 1076 after this bidding

1C(W) - 1D: 1H -1S : 3D - 3NT //

What do you lead ?

Some experts eschew the lead of low from Jxxx arguing that it costs a trick more often than it gains.

I tend to agree with this philosophy but there are exceptions and on this bidding I would say a spade lead is indicated. So Do It!

Dummy comes down —

Dummy(W)

9
KQ105
AK6
QJ983

You (South)

J853
A64
432

Play continues S9, SK, SA; HJ -4 - 5- 3; H2- 6 -10-7; HK - 8 -C2 -your Ace.

What do you play at Trick 5 and what are your reasons?

There are two clues present in the play to date. Why hasn't declarer tried to develop the promising looking club suit? Why develop a 4 card suit (hearts) when a 5 card suit can be developed.

The second clue is that on the 3rd round of hearts, partner had a choice of which heart to play - the 8 or the 9.

The actual card played, as you will have noted above, was the H8 which being the lower card indicates a desire for the lower suit to be played, (clubs on this occasion).

If partner had played the H9 then this would have been a higher suit request card which in the context of this hand would have said "lead spades" -which would be the right thing to do if North had the S10 and a likely minor suit winner. Alas at the table in the Invitation Pairs, South continued a spade after winning HA which meant 11 tricks and a top for E/W.

This was Board 31 ANC Pairs

Session 2 —D W N/S vul.

K764	
9873	
107	
AK5	
9	AQ102
KQ10 5	J2
AK6	QJ985
QJ983 42	
J853	
A64	
432	
1076	



OVERHEARD

"Gee if that's what the good players are like, I'm going to play State bridge from now on! "

She had been kibbitzing Phil Gue and Terry Brown in the Butler. Oh if only the State players really were all as well behaved as those two gentlemen.

EIGHT TALES

by David Lusk

When SA Junior, Marc Deaton, found himself in 3NT, as South, on the following deal in his debut match, he must have wondered where nine tricks were coming from. The defence was not necessarily sharp but Marc gave his opponents a subtle push in the right direction.

Board 13 Session 1

Dir N All vul.

A863
Q642
6

	A874	
K42		1095
J953		A108
A63		10875
KQJ		532
	QJ7	
	K7	
	KQJ92	
	1096	

The bidding is best left in obscurity, thus protecting the innocent and guilty alike. West led the King of clubs which Marc won in dummy. Dummy's diamond six went to the King and Ace and West cashed two top clubs. The spade switch was welcome, running to the 9 and Queen. Marc tried top diamonds and was left at the crossroads when the 10 failed to appear. What to do next? Twice the opponents had led his suits, so what about leading theirs. A low heart went to dummy's Queen and East's Ace.

If East had pushed back any heart, South would have had no play but was that logical?. East thought that the attack on spades was now urgent and tried the 10.....

Somehow, dummy's black eights had come into their own as crucial tricks. South took 4 spade tricks (including the 8), two diamonds, one heart and the Ace and 8 of clubs.

(Ed 3NT just making E/W must 'ave 'eighted' this result!)

COME TO THE VU-GRAPH ON FRIDAY AT 1.30PM TO SEE THE FINAL SET OF BOARDS IN THE ANC TEAMS

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MONDAY JULY 19

WALK IN PAIRS

1. K Daws & C Schwabeggar
2. J Browne & M Thunder
3. D Davis & H Snashall

UNDERCROFT BRIDGE CLUB PAIRS

1. A Booth & J Del Piccolo
2. J Hansen & R Hansen
3. C Fensome & G Kitch

VILLA BIANCHI/DYSONS PAIRS

1. M Chadwick & Watts
2. K Daws & C Schwabeggar
3. M Miller & D Schokman



THE COUP THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

by David Lusk

Most players in the East seat on this hand from round 4 of the ANC Teams declared the hand in clubs at a high level, usually enthusiastically doubled by North.

South's lead against 5C is crucial to the defence's chances of success. It's now time to commit yourself: if South leads a spade, would you rather back the defenders or the declarer?

Board 7

Dir S All Vul

AK6
10976
J2
AJ109

J1074 -
KQ42 A85
KQ94 A85
7 KQ85432

Q98532
J3
10763
6

Imagine that South leads the S5 to East's 5C^x. East will ruff and enter dummy with a red card and lead a club towards hand. (At this juncture, in the absence of a spade lead, a number of North players fell from grace by rising with the trump ace in a futile attempt to cash some uncashable spade winners).

North will, of course, play low on this lead and East will win with the Queen. Now East can enter dummy with three remaining red winners, ruffing spades each time.

With these cards remaining and the lead in dummy, we can see just what could have happened.

	97	

	AJ10	
J		—
42		A
94		A
—		K85
	Q98	
	—	
	107	
	—	

On the lead of the last spade from dummy, North can gain nothing by trumping, and so discards a heart. East now ruffs down to a shorter trump holding than North and is simply left to decide the order in which to play his red Aces.

After the Ace of hearts comes the Ace of diamonds and North's bones have been picked clean. North must

ruff the DA and concede a trick to East's CK.

Note that the timing assistance lent by the spade lead is not available on the lead of either red suit.

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On a Roll (by PBJ)

Session 6 of the ANC Teams saw Ishmael Del'Monte pick up K532 **K104 Q1076** 63.

RHO passed and Ish could pass oropen 2S which shows a 'normal' weak 2S OR a weak multi 5+spades & 4+ minor. Ish and Seamus have been putting together some hot sessions. lately and when your hot...your hot.

OK after all this pre-amble you guessed itIsh did open 2S planning, tentatively (I assume) to show a spade diamond 2 suiter if Seamus had "asked".

In the event, the bidding continued pass, 3S from Seamus and every one passed.

Board 22

Dir E E/W Vul

QJ107

Q72

852

J108

A964

8

98

AJ653

AKJ4

93

KQ9

A7542

K532

K104

Q1076

63

The result of -150 was a huge pick up for at the other table Matthew Thomson and Avi Kanetkar , playing a big club relay system, barely stopped in game -actually their chosen contract of 5C made 12 tricks when everything behaved.



EVERY HAND AN ADVENTURE Jim Borin

KQ	
AT2	
KT5	
KQJ63	
AJ64	T875
765	3
AQJ4	82
97	AT852
	93
	KQJ984
	9763
	4

Dealer South Vul: N/S

Nothing in my many years experience in the tournament bridge world prepared me for the situation I found myself in last Sunday. A hour before sitting down for the first session of the Australian Championships I was advised that my partner in the Victorian Open Team, Robert Fruewirth, had to fly home immediately and was unlikely to be able to return for the week-long event. Fortunately Felicity Beale, our non-playing captain, agreed to step into the breach. She and Rob van Riel had run second in the Open Pairs the previous day and it was decided that these two would play together while I would partner van Riel's original partner, Bobby Richman.

I was, of course, more than happy to sit opposite a player of the latter's calibre and had no hesitation in suggesting we play his preferred system. That was unlikely to be much of a problem since he had always been a staunch advocate for the KISS approach (Keep It Simple Stupid) to bidding. When he presented me with four pages of closely typed notes and explained that it was a strong club system with no relays but lots of specialised treatments I sensed trouble ahead. If that was not enough he then informed me that in third and fourth seat we were to revert to Standard. On top of that in our first match we had to contend with Forcing Pass.

I had to keep reminding myself – it's only a game (ha ha!)

It was not long before Richman seized a 'brilliancy' opportunity. Sitting West he was on lead against 4H after an artificial sequence in which nothing was known about the North hand other than it was very strong and South had shown a good 6-card heart suit with around 6-8 HCP. Rejecting a passive trump or what appears a fairly normal top of a doubleton club, Richman went for the throat by placing the D Q on the table. What was South to do ? Clearly the Ace was sitting over the King and it appeared that declarer's only legitimate chance was for that card to be singleton. He duly called for the 5 only to suffer the ignominy of having Richman cash the ace and give me a ruff which, with the two black aces still to come, meant 200 to Victoria. The datum (the average of the results across the field) was +380 to North/South.

(Ed. This article will be appearing in the Melbourne Age but Jim agreed that the ANC Bulletin could publish it first)