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The early market

In the **Open**, NT won their first two but NSW are the odds-on favourites. SA hold the title, while Victoria look the other challengers.

In the **Women's**, the last few finals have been between NSW and ACT. As a guide, WA were soundly beaten by ACT then turned it around to thrash NSW.

In the **Seniors'**, Queensland are the defenders while ACT and Victoria look dangerous, possibly to themselves ...

In the **Youth**, Victoria are defenders and favourites, with either WA or SA expected to play them in the final.

Captains note

Put up the line-ups for the first-named teams at least half an hour before start time. Pam Crichton is the recorder, David Hoffman the Appeals Advisor. Any appeal must come through the Captain. It's okay to kibitz your team.

Life can be dull for an NPC. I quite like the Tasmanian and SA idea of one captain for all four teams, partly to economise. Four teams have playing captains. I recall that Dick Cummings was often playing captain of the NSW Open team.

Gallus-cam

There was a slight kerfuffle at the start of the Seniors' match between

ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

ANC teams (4 categories)

Sun - Wed 10.30, 2.30, 8pm Thur 10.30 & 2.30

ANC finals

Thur 8 pm Fri 27th 10 am, 1.30 (Vugraph at 2.30)

Victory Dinner – Fri at 7pm at Great Hall, Uni House, ANU Victoria and SA on bridge-cam, with Bob Gallus expressing an aversion to cameras and bidding boxes.

He started by fumbling with his box for a few minutes, playing that great new game, 35-pickup.

It was hard to bid this grand:

Teams 2, Bd 3 (rotated) W/NS

♠ A65
♥ AQ764
♦ AK6
♣ K8
Smyth
1♥
2♣

None of the 30 pairs who held these cards bid this one. (Presumably George & Hashmat sat out or the other way) Trumps broke and the heart hook worked so the notrump junkies would score +1520.

Teams 2. Bd 10

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E/Both	4		
9	უ J92		
<	♦ K982		
4	Q1053	2	
♠ 3		\spadesuit	AK10876
♥ AK743		\Diamond	65
♦ 10 6 3		\Diamond	QJ7
♣ J986		•	A 4
4	♠ QJ952	2	
9	♥ Q108		
<	♦ A 5 4		
<u> </u>	№ K7		

David White rebid just 2♠ over Gallus' 1NT response and played it there. He won the heart lead in dummy, cashed two top trumps then started diamonds. North was understandably reluctant to broach clubs so declarer was able to strip the red suits then exit with ♣A-another. South didn't unblock so the ♠10 won trick 13 for +110 EW.

Then Gallus shuffled his bidding cards again and opened a weak 2♦ on ♦J6432. He'll probably say he meant to reach for the green card. Partner led an innocent ♦Q but it



ANC Teams after 3 Rnds		
Open 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	NSW SA ACT Qld NT Tas Vic WA	94.2 56.0 6.8 2.2 -7.0 -26.0 -44.2 -82.0
Women 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	NSW WA ACT QId SA Vic NT Tas	23.0 22.5 21.0 18.0 -7.0 -16.5 -25.0 -36.0
Seniors 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	ACT Vic SA NSW Qld WA Tas NT	45.5 29.5 27.5 11.0 -7.9 -17.0 -39.5 -52.0
Youth 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th	Vic SA NSW ACT WA Colts	82.4 70.7 -11.6 -16.2 -22.3 -109.4

Monday's Matches

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(All categories except Youth)			
10.30	ACT vs Vic		
	NSW vs Qld		
	SA vs Tas		
	NT vs WA		
2.30	Vic vs WA		
	Qld vs Tas		
	ACT vs NT		
	NSW vs SA		
8pm	Tas vs Vic		
	WA vs Qld		
	SA vs ACT		
	NT vs NSW		

only cost an overtrick.

The match was tight and predictably last to finish, with SA winning by 6 IMPs

In the Open, NSW played Victoria in Round 3 and dealt harshly with them. Early on, Ish was doubled in 3♠ on consecutive boards and determined to avoid a repeat:

Teams 3. Bd 4

★ KQ106543
 ★ A97
 ♥ 953
 ♥ J876
 ♦ AQ9
 ★ K2
 ★ AJ5

▼ — ♡ AKQ1042 ◇ K8632 ♣ Q3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH d'Monte Richman Dyke Gaspar 5♠? 5♡! 4♠! No 6. Dbl 60 No Nο Dbl 6♡ Nο 70 Dbl End Dbl

The match was played in a casual, friendly atmosphere, a change from the dour competitiveness of the Butler.

5♥ asked opener to bid 6♠ with a heart control. George could have doubled this for a possible +100 against 5♠. When he chose Michaels instead, Bobby couldn't escape below the 7-level.

1990 - Adelaide

The start of playoff points. Previously the Butler place-getters made a team. Bourke & Beech won the Women's , Courtney & Gill the Open. Stage 3 was still 5 tables. NSW beat Queensland in all three teams events.

Monday's bridge cam

10am Seniors – NSW vs Qld 2.30 Open – Vic vs WA 8pm Women – WA vs Qld

ACT Bureau of Sport Tms (17 tms)

1st J Murray & R Erskine
P & F Grant
2nd E Berger & B Sear
M Monteleone & G Fallon





Bureau winners with Bev Carmichael (caretaker convener!)



Pauline & Ann Seniors' Pairs winners from WA

Team Profile - WA Seniors

by David Schokman (npc)

Our team has come to Canberra with a view to improving our previous best performance of third-but our opposition seems to be awesome!

JOHN AND RUTH HANSEN - I think that every club secretary in Australia knows John as he is the super efficient master points secretary of the ABF. Ruth and John are the most established partnership of the team, and Ruth has a National Women's Title under her belt.

DOREEN JONES has an excellent competitive record as a State representative.

She is a sound player and is also the hard working executive officer and secretary of the Bridge Association of WA.

Her partner is MARGARET ABRAHAMS, a fairly new pairing which can only improve. Margaret is the Chairperson of the Bridge Association's tournament committee and a strong captain from last year.

PAULINE HAMMOND is known as the "laughing lady" of Perth bridge, so if you hear peals of laughter emanating from a corner of the room, you will know where the WA team is.

ANN OHLSEN is her partner, also a new pairing, and making their debut as State representatives. Ann has been very involved in promoting country congresses.

Yesterday Pauline and Ann won the Seniors' Pairs, at their first ever representative outing.

NPC - David Schokman, who wishes that he was playing rather than captaining the team. He has loads of books to read while the sessions are on! The team rules include no sex outside marriage and everyone to be in bed straight after the evening match.

Phone the Chifley on **6249 1411**.

Congress Events

Walk-in Pairs every morning at 9.30

Barton Graded Pairs Mon & Tue at 1.30
Chifley Teams Mon & Tue at 7.30
Social Players' Day Wed 25th, 10am - 3pm
Hurry Back Teams Wed & Thur at 1.30
ACTEW Swiss Pairs Wed & Thur at 7.30