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# **Today's Program**

The finals conclude today with a vu-graph at Chifley at 2.30, then it's over to University House for the VD at 7.30.

Yesterday, NSW warmed up for the **Open** final against SA by blitzing them in the last qualifying round.

In the **Women's**, NSW and WA scared themselves (and the Editor who said they were certs to make the final) with big losses in the morning game. A small win to NSW in their last round clash saw them advance to the final, locked together.

In the **Seniors**', ACT beat Queensland to make the final against a rampant Victoria, albeit 15 IMPs adrift.

The **Youth** triple round robin ground on with WA sneaking in by beating NSW as Victoria drew with SA. Their 40-board final started at 10am today.

# **Toiling Territorians**

NT had a better year than 2000. This time, their three teams were collectively -859.6 VPs, on par with Tassie. Doesn't sound so great but each team had some good wins and they were -1,235.7 last year.

# **Next stop Hobart**

The ANC circus moves to Hobart

## Finals after 20 of 60 boards

	c/f	1-10	11-20	Total	
Open					
NSW	7	17	56	80	
SA		36	22	58	
Women					
NSW	1	20	19	40	
WA		16	9	25	
Seniors					
Vic	15	17	32	63	
ACT		16	21	36.5	
Vic fined 1 IMP & SA fined 0.5! Go figure.					
Youth					
Vic				18	
WA					

next year, Wrest Point Casino. Get a taste by flying down for the Australian Swiss Pairs in October, also at Wrest Point.

# The finals

In the Open, SA took an early lead with four 10+ IMP swings. Two were ... accidents and one was a bit unlucky:

## Finals 1, Bd 10

•	103				•	J 8		
$\Diamond$	97	54	2		$\Diamond$	—		
$\Diamond$	A 9	4			$\Diamond$	87	6 5	32
•	A 8	5			•	ΚJ	10 9	4
				K 9 2	2			
			$\Diamond$	AK(	21083			
			$\Diamond$	O				

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For once, it's better to play in the suit that breaks 5-0. Ish played 4♠ after East had opened 2NT minors. John Zollo won the diamond lead and fired back the ♥2 for a quick +200 to go with +680 in the other room.

There was a slam swing the other way:

## Final 1, Bd 8

◆ 94 W/Nil ♥ Q9532 ♦ QJ9 A 10 6 **★** KJ63 ♠ 10 8 5 ♥ 4 ♥ J106 ♦ 7642 ♦ K1085 ♣ QJ85 743 ♠ AQ72 ♥ AK87 ♦ A3

♣ K92

6♥ looked a lot better when West led a diamond to the Q-K-A. Kieran drew trumps then took the spade finesse. When this lost, things looked grim but West was squeezed in the blacks for +980. Why do squeezes gravitate to this guy?



ANC Teams after qualifying				
<b>Open</b> 1st 2nd	NSW SA	247.1 174.7		
3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	Vic Qld ACT WA Tas NT	139.8 47.3 34.0 -139.0 -209.9 -307.6		
Women 1st 2nd	' <b>s</b> NSW WA	161.2 155.5		
3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	ACT Qld Vic SA NT Tas	124.1 102.3 36.8 32.9 -195.2 -429.8		
Seniors 1st 2nd	Vic ACT	321.9 174.7		
3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	Qld NSW WA SA Tas NT	87.3 56.9 -8.2 -77.3 -223.9 -356.8		
Youth (excluding Colts) 1st Vic 221.8 2nd WA 45.5				
3rd 4th 5th	SA NSW ACT	28.7 -128.7 -168.8		

# **ABF** events

## **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 Balmain Crescent, Acton In the Seniors', Victoria maintained their lead after a bit of aggro and some slow play fines.

The Women traded less than half the IMPs of the Open. Does that suggest they were careful and cautious? You be the judge:

### Final 1, Bd 1 N/Nil **★** K87 ♥ 7 ♦ A85 K109764 94 ♠ QJ653 ♥ AQ653 ♥ K10982 **♦ KQ974** ♦ — **8** ♣ Q53 ♠ A 10 2 ♥ J4 ♦ J10632 ♣ AJ2

WEST Nailand	NORTH Frankel	EAST Pitt	SOUTH Krasenstein
	No	No	No
1♡	2♣	3♣	Dbl
4♡	5♣	5♡	End

-50 instead of +300. If Helene bids  $4\heartsuit$  straight away, the auction will probably end. Another thought is for Rita to bid  $4\diamondsuit$  instead of  $4\heartsuit$ , to help partner's 5-level decision.

At the other table, the contract was 3. Hmm.

After 10 boards, Michael Prescott turned to the volatile and dangerous Al Simpson and Theo Antoff.

This time the Southerners were at sea as the favourites recouped 34 IMPs to lead by 22.

## Hands from earlier

Okay, who made 4♥ here:

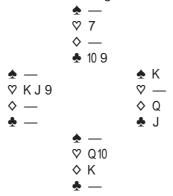
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♥ Q10864 ♦ K9742 ♣ 6

Many declarers would have kicked themselves after this one. You play 4♥/S on the ♠J lead. You take your spade pitch on the top clubs and

choose to cash the  $\heartsuit A$  (maybe not best).

Then the brain should go "trump endplay" as you picture West's hand. East covers the ♦10 and you duck (otherwise West wins to lead ♥K-another). Cross-ruffing produces this ending:



You pitch the ♦K on the ♣10 as the crowd erupts. You had to pick West's shape. If he's 3-4-2-4, you have to time things differently.

This hand helped WA Youth to the final:

### **Teams 12, Bd 1** N/Nil **♠** Q ♥ K10 ♦ QJ4 ♣ AKJ8432 ♠ 10975 **♠** 642 ♡ 3 ♥ J9762 ♦ K98763 ♦ A 5 2 **9** 9 7 **4** 10 6 ♠ AKJ83 ♥ AQ854 ♦ 10 ♣ Q5

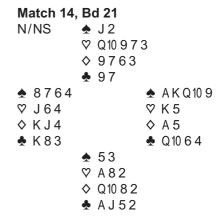
6♣ is cold but Leigh Gold played 6♥/S on a club lead. He won the ♣Q, played a trump to the king and called for the ♥10. He honest, wouldn't you cover with ♥J976 left?

Simon Brayshaw ducked, declarer naturally played the ♥Q and had to lose two trump tricks. If East cover the ♥10, declarer makes on a trump coup, running clubs through East, using the ♠Q for a late entry.

Special thanks to Narelle from Kwik Kopy and Cathy Cummings for uploading to the web page:

www.abf.com.au/events/anc/2001

Making it tough for Tony:



David Hoffman led a trump against Tony Jackman's 4♠/E, the only lead to give the defence a chance. After drawing trumps, declarer naturally played a club to the king and club to the 10 and jack. South got out with ♣A-another, leaving declarer to guess the ending. With nothing much to guide him, Jackman cashed the ♦A-K and played a heart up for one off. One small clue — with four small diamonds, South might have led a diamond at trick one.

## **Postscript**

That's more or less it, though there will be a Saturday internet edition with the final results and some pics from the dinner.

I'm told the weather's been mild, even sunny in the first week. The Butler was a great success; everything went well, as you'd expect from an organised committee in an organised city.

From us, thanks to all the contributors. I still have good unused stuff from Richard Hills, David Lusk, Brian Thorp. Sorry guys.

# **ACTEW Swiss Pairs (40 prs)**

1st Kerrin Daws &
Charlie Schwabegger
2nd David & Jill Hill



Hurry Back Teams (11 teams)
1st Brian Thorp, Wayne Smith
Pat Back, Jim Ascione