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# Finals today, Vugraph tonight

The four finals are on today. Three 20 board segments at 9.30, 1pm and 4.10. Screens and bidding boxes throughout. In one match – probably the open – the final 20 boards will be on Vugraph at 7.30. Wine, nibbles, expert commentary! All action is at the NSWBA.

All 60 boards of the Open final will also be on BBO.

The five **Pairs events** are on Friday at the Masonic Centre – Cnr Goulburn & Castlereagh – which is also the venue for tomorrow night's **Victory Dinner**.

# Who's playing whom

In the Open & Seniors, Queensland had heavy final round losses to dip out. Favourites NSW and ACT made the **Open** final, surprise packets WA will play NSW in the **Seniors**.

Although the **Women's** was close most of the way, the final was decided with one round to go. Favourites Victoria missed out – it's NSW vs Queensland.

In the **Youth**, Queensland will need to beat South Australia by 19 IMPs this morning to make the 40-board final against ACT.

#### **If Only** by David Hoffman

This is the first hand of the second round robin:

N/Nil	♠ K8 ♥ A9 ♦ 52 ♣ 107	6 5	
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◆ A Q 10	9753	<b>•</b> -	_
♥ Q103		ØΚ	(4
♦ 96		♦ A	(Q3
<b>4</b> 8		🚓 A	KQJ9632
	<b>♦</b> J2		
	♡ J8	72	
	♦ K.J	10874	
	<b>♣</b> 5		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lee M		Ken M	Wawn
	2♣ majors	dbl	3♡
4♠	no	5♣	no
5♠	no	6♣	end

After Ken Miller doubled my 2♣, David Wawn pre-empted to 3♥ and Lee Miller, even given my announced spade length, felt that 4♠ was worth trying.

Not surprisingly, Ken felt that this might not be the best contract, so tried 5♣. Worried that Hubby was showing minors, Lee corrected to 5♠. When Ken re-corrected, Lee knew enough was enough.

David led the  $\heartsuit 2$  and I played the ace. When I switched to a diamond, a fuming Ken was forced to finesse. The upshot was two down.

Ken was upset because he realised – moments after contributing the  $\heartsuit 4$  to the first trick – that he had blown the contract. If he's done that, he could win the  $\diamondsuit A$  and take the heart finesse to throw his losing diamonds on the  $\heartsuit Q$  and  $\clubsuit A$ .

Of course the real culprit was I, who can guarantee beating the contract by inserting the ♥9 to the first trick. Ken and I compared opportunities lost later over a drink at the bar.

#### "6-5, come alive!"

This a phrase I associate with RDK, though Google attributes it to Grant Baze. This hand produced a double game swing in over half the matches:

Teams 2/6, Bd 14					
E/Nil	<b>♠</b> Q6	3			
	♡ A4	2			
	♦ K Q	J 9 7			
	♣ K8				
♠ A 10 8	75	<b>♠</b> k	(J942		
♡ K 9		۵ ۷	١7		
♦ 85		♦ 6	6		
♣ A J 10	6	<b>♣</b> (	9743		
<b>♠</b> —					
	♥ Q108653				
♦ A10432					
	<b>♣</b> 52				
WEST	NORTH	EAST 2♠	SOUTH no ?		
4♠	no	no	?		

This was a common auction, with 2♠ showing spades and a minor. In

Final Teams standings			
Open 1st 2nd	NSW ACT	252.2 178.7	
3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	Qld Vic SA Tas WA NT	166.3 112.3 20.4 -132 -144 -463	
Women	ı's		
1st 2nd	Qld NSW	161.4 99.9	
3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th	Vic ACT Tas WA SA	21.9 -28.1 -76.3 -89.5 -91.1	
Seniors 1st 2nd	WA NSW	187.5 162.3	
3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	Qld Vic SA ACT NT Tas	149 90.8 58.6 3 -306.4 -362.4	
Youth ( 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th	with 1 rou ACT SA Qld Vic NSW WA	150.3 98.3 62.2 -60.2 -78.7 -178.2	

NSW vs Queensland Open, Warren Lazer passed throughout as South. Peter Hainsworth passed first up then backed in with 4NT, reaching 5\$\partial x\$. +550 & +420 meant 14 IMPs to Queensland.

Par is -100 EW in 5♠x. To reach this, West needs to make fit-jump to 4♣. This might backfire by making it easier for North-South to enter the auction.

#### "6-7. bidders' heaven"

Or so people seem to think. Here's the one from the final wild set:

#### Teams 2/7, Bd 10 E/Both ♠ AKQJ986 Δ — ♦ Q108754 2 ♠ 10 7 5 4 ♥ A10753 ♥ KJ64 ♦ AK92 ♦ — ♣ Q83 ♣ AKJ54 **♠** 3 ♥ Q982 ♦ J63

The NSW Youth team – finishing a lot better than they started - picked up 19 IMPs here.

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After 1♣ - no - 1♥,

Michael Hanaghan bid 4♠, which East doubled. West was delighted to pass this but he threw an encouraging ♦2 on a trump. Ouch! Good not to show that second "suit"! +990.

Everyone kept bidding at the other table until North took a unilateral save over the failing 6♥ for -1100.

#### **Trusting Partner**

Sartaj Hans

Instead of the routine whine about the hands partner stuffed up, I'd like to share a couple of hands on the theme of partnership synchronicity.

## Teams 2/4, Bd 14



Tony Nunn as North led the ♥9 against 4♠/W. Declarer won the ♥K and played off the three top trumps and another to Tony's jack as I threw an encouraging club.

He switched to the ♣9-J-Q-4. I needed to decide whether the second club would cash; or whether I should play partner for ♦AQ.

At first, it felt like a blind guess. I thought that partner might have led a club with a singleton but ♠JT98 is not the sort of trump holding with which one leads a side singleton.

Then it hit. If partner had ♦Axxxx (no queen), he would have cashed it before switching to a club. So his club play marked him with \$AQ. I returned a diamond. Tony duly produced the goods.

A few hands later, Tony returned the compliment:

## Teams 2/4, Bd 22 (rotated)

HANS	NUNN	TONY'S HAND	
1♦	1♡	$\spadesuit$	•
1NT 15-17	3♠ splinter	$\Diamond$	AKJ1084
3NT	?	$\Diamond$	94
		٠	K 6 4 2

Opposite a strong notrump, it's very tempting to play 4♥ with a nice suit and a singleton. However, partner heard you announce that. Tony trusted the call and let me play 3NT. I had

**♠** AKJ5 ♥ 32 ♦ AJ52 **♣** A95

3NT was easy while 4♥ ran into a 5-0 trump break and needed 3-3 clubs to come home.

Both these hands gave each of us a few grey hairs. Despite my faith, I hope stuff like this doesn't come up again!!

### Appeal # 2

E/NS

Women's RR2, Match 4, Bd 18 NSW vs ACT ♠ AQJ86

J32		
A 10		
762		
	$\spadesuit$	K 5
	$\Diamond$	K965
	$\Diamond$	KQ52
	*	KQ9
10 4 2		
10 8 7		
93		
J854	3	
	A 10 7 6 2 10 4 2 10 8 7 9 3	A 10 7 6 2 \$\frac{1}{2}\$

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Stephens	Bashar	Pettigrew	Liepins
		1NT	no
3NT	no*	no	no

\* disputed hesitation

Director: I was called by East after the play in 3NT. South had led a spade and the contract was defeated. East alleged that North had passed out of tempo over 3NT. This was disputed. We ruled that it was likely that North had not called in tempo and that South's short suit lead may have been suggested by

the break in tempo. Score adjusted to +460 EW.

Committee (R Grenside, N Francis, P Gue, B Jacobs, C Snashall):

Under Law 12C3, the Committee varies the assigned adjusted score in order to restore equity. Adjusted to 3.5 IMPs to NS (NSW).

In the other room, 3NT made 12 tricks. 3.5 IMPs to NSW reflects the Committee's belief that South basically had a 1 in 4 chance of finding the spade lead anyway. - Ed

# First trophy decided

The Steve Hurley Sheild (that's the way it's spelt on the trophy) has been won by Victorians lan McCance and Ben Thompson. It goes to the Open pair with the best raw score against datums.

Final scores in 3 Categories:

#### Open

	I McCance - B Thompson	+249
2nd	P Gumby - W Lazer	+208
3rd	S Hans - T Nunn	+152
Wom	ien's	
1st	N Bashar - R Liepins	+165
2nd	R Lachman - P Rankin	+153
3rd	S Collins - M Woods	+90
Senio	ors	
1st	L Dixon - G Riszko	+178
2nd	G Kilvington - C Snashall	+155
3rd	J & R Hansen	+153

### Timetable – at NSWBA

## **Interstate Finals**

Thu 9.30 am, 1pm, 4.10 Vugraph at 7.30

### then, at Masonic Centre

**Interstate Pairs** (5 categories) 10.30 & 2.30 Fri

#### **Victory Dinner**

Fri 7.30

#### Stage 1 Butler

Sat 30th 10am, 2pm, 8pm Sun 10am, 2pm

Stage 3 finishes Friday 5 Aug

#### Youth triathlon at NSWBA

5-7 August, Fri - Sun Teams, Pairs then Individual!

# **World Youth Championships**

7-17 August

at Olympic Park Homebush