

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009



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Open Stage 3 Round 4

A. De Livera	I. Robinson	83
P. Gumby	W. Lazer	79
N. Giura	N. Hughes	71
B. Haughie	A. Braithwaite	69
R. Van Der Hoek	N. Van Vucht	64
K. Morrison	M. Wilkinson	64
P. Lavings	T. Leibowitz	64

Women's Stage 3 Round 4

S. Weal	K. Yule	83
M. Millar	G. Tucker	77
M. Bourke	K. Boardman	75
M. Jakes	R. Green	73
R. Kaplan	P. Schroor	66
K. Moses	N. Bashar	66
S. Bird	K. Creet	65

Seniors Stage B Round 4

H. Ali	P. Kahler	78
J. Rocks	J. Marks	73
R. Grenside	S. Grenside	73
T. Davis	G. Rippon	73
J. Brockwell	J. Ashworth	69
P. Rasilainen	M. Zurawel	65
K. Bailey	G. Bailey	62

Swiss Pairs Round 4

S. Tishler	P. Gosney	84
T. Sharp	M. Chadwick	77
P. McLeish	D. McLeish	74
W. Driscoll	S. Futaesaku	72
A. Mill	A. Hegedus	71
S. Richman	A. Richman	70
C. Ritter	J. Courtney	70

"Diamonds are forever" by Hills, Richard Hills

The bidding has gone:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
---	Hills		Quail
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2NT(1)	3D	Pass	Pass
3S	4D	Pass	5D
Pass	Pass	Pass	

(1) Balanced game invite with spade support

You, East, hold:

♠98762
♥QT2
♦---
♣AQJ93

What is your opening lead?



FORM GUIDE

By Peter Gill

I asked some leading players their tips for the Interstate Teams Events. Michael Wilkinson from NSW selected NSW to win all four—Open, Women's, Senior and Youth—a feat never previously achieved. He admitted to being a "statriotic"

Neville Francis from Queensland thought the Queensland women had a very good chance and Neil Ewart from Victoria said to put your money on Victoria in the Youth.

A trend had been developing so I asked two Western Australians who bucked the trend. "I couldn't honestly tip any of our teams to win with great confidence—but we're hopeful" I was told.

After all that research, here's my form guide.

Open

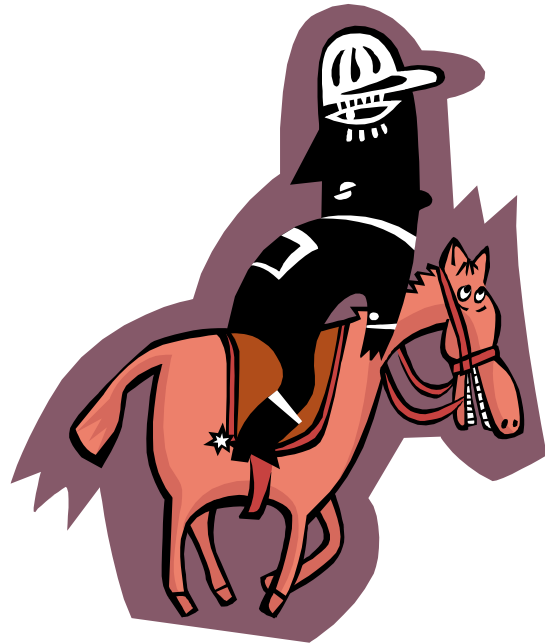
NSW have a very strong team of three top pairs and their NPC, Nye Griffiths, is going for a rare treble—he won the event as a player for ACT in 2007 and for NSW in 2008. The team to beat. **ACT**, **Victoria** and **SA** all have capable squads but some of the partnerships look a bit untested at the premier level. The playing return of David Anderson—an International star player as a youth in the 1970s/1980s—in the SA team adds interest.

Tasmania has a solid team with no weak links, and could be the surprise packet. Most of the **NT** pairs did quite well in the Butler, qualifying from Stage 1, and it's quite possible that Tassie or NT could finish ahead of Qld or WA, but any of these four teams would be delighted to reach the grand final.

Women's

NSW and **Qld** have strong squads, and **ACT** on home soil must be a chance. **Victoria's** team includes some new blood, and **WA** can be dangerous. **SA** has a rough show but **Tassie** usually finds the event a tad too tough.

An interesting team is **NT**. Before their year off in 2008, they were 2nd in 2007 after the first Round Robin, and in 2006 NT came 2nd in the



second Round Robin, so they have the ability. Can they believe in themselves enough to make the final, despite losing two of their women to the NT Open Tam? Perhaps ...

Youth

Victoria won the event easily last year and have two members of the team which won the Pacific Asian Youth Teams Championship last month. **NSW** have three members of the victorious PABF team, and Paul Gosney who has played in Australia's Open Team. All the other teams have at least one Under 21 international, but it's a safe bet, at very short odds, that the Grand Final will be Victoria vrs NSW

Seniors

NSW has a top team, with that name, Paul Lavings shining like a beacon. Paul came 2nd in the PABF Senior Teams in Macau in June with the current World Champions, Japan, 3rd. **ACT** also has very strong line-up, and **Qld** look strong this year. **Victoria** has some new names in its team.

SA traditionally does well in this event (won in 2008 and 2007) and their Whyalla pair are leading the Seniors' Butler at the time of writing. **WA** and **Tas** will win matches, but the field looks particularly strong this year.

The Form Guide 3 - Your Guide to the Stars

NAME	YEARS PLAYED	FORM	PARTNER	SYSTEM	STAR SIGN	BEST BRIBE	OTHER LIFE	AT BEST IN
Helen Lowry NSW Women	About 20 on and off but started to work at the game seriously for last 5 or 6 yrs	NSW Commonwealth Games teams 2004 NSW Women's Team 2007	Berri Folkard	A modified Acol system	Really? Leo of course!	Hard cash always works best but drinks at the bar is also a goody	I teach and coach music at home. A lot (I need to fund my addiction to bridge)	My opponents will have to work that one out
Bev Stacey Qld Women	30+	Once before	Rosa Lachman	Standard American	Libra	Millions \$	None	Any time
John Zollo SA Seniors	About 35 yrs	1 st time Seniors but SA Open in 1984, 1993, 1999, 2001, 2003 & 2008	Roger Jasnuszke in this event. I have four "serious" partners	Whatever partner is most comfortable with – mostly Acol or Precision – slightly prefer Acol	In the cusp, but usually Capricorn	Good red wine	Retired from full-time work but still do 10-15 hrs paid work and keep pretty busy rest of the time	Any time of the day or night is good for me
Warren Lazer NSW Open	Began at uni in 1975	1993 and 2006 PABF. 2007 Bermuda Bowl. Many x State Open since 1987	(bridge + life) Pauline Gumbly	Has changed over the years – currently 2 over 1 GF	Born on Empire Day (Queen Victoria's birthday) – will let you figure it out	Unbribable – can't afford to make flippant answer due to ...	Looking after 1800 first year chemistry students at Sydney Uni	Cannot function properly before 10 am. Usually wide awake around 11 pm in time to watch Wimbledon or the Ashes
James Higgins ACT youth	Been playing since I was 13 (11 yrs) but only properly for 2 and a half years	ACT Youth Team 2007 and 2008	Normally Bec Thornberry – for this ANC Robin Stevenson (getting married to my non-bridge partner in Aug – Simon Rowland)	(Radical social democracy) Mini-SCV. Mini-NT, short club with transfer responses, gadget/transfer heavy over 1 M openings	Cancer. And I like long walks on the beach	Beer and intellectual flattery	Union organiser	Evening

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Please help the editor and give us your interesting hands or general commentary like Peter Gill's article today - on backs of envelopes, downloaded on the computer in the administration room or emailed to historian@abf.com.au

Diamonds are forever from p1

At the table East chose the "obvious" lead of the nine of spades. The complete deal:

Stage One Butler Pairs, Match 10, Board 6
Dlr: East, Vul: East-West

	♠AT3		
	♥854		
	♦KT8765		
	♣8		
♠KQJ4		♠98762	
♥KJ6		♥QT2	
♦J943		♦-	
♣42		♣AQJ93	
	♠5		
	♥A973		
	♦AQ2		
	♣KT765		

Now Hills, Richard Hills, demonstrated that he had a licence to kill 4-0 trump breaks.

1: ♠A 2. Club to the ♣A. 3. Too late switch to a heart won by the ♥A. 4. ♣K cashed for a heart discard. 5. Club ruff. 6. Spade ruff. 7. Club ruff. 8. Spade ruff. 9. ♦A. 10. Club ruff 11: Heart exit, East's winner ruffed by West Trick 12: Diamond, marked finesse of the ten Trick 13: ♦K = +400

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