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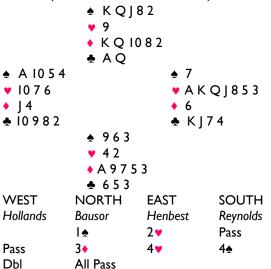
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MATCH OF THE DAY-VICTORIAN V. **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN YOUTH**

atch I provided the opportunity to kibitz Victorian Youth Team members Max Henbest—Peter Hollands in their match against Jane Reynolds—Mike Bausor from Western Australia. The match for the table in the Open Room started at Board 17:

Match I, Interstate Teams: North deals, nil vulnerable



Henbest started with a simple 2♥ overcall. After Bausor showed the strength and shape of his hand with a 3 bid, Henbest leaped to the heart game. Reynolds, encouraged by her fit for partner's second suit, competed to 44, doubled by Hollands.

First board nerves saw a misplay, and compensating misdefence. Declarer ruffed the second heart, when it might have been good practice to discard a club on the second heart. Now he is protected from the probable 4-1 spade break, as long as he plays for West to hold \$10.

He continued with ♠K and ♠Q from hand. Hollands grabbed the second spade and gave declarer a ruff and sluff in hearts. Declarer pitched away ♣Q and was in control now, allowing the defence two trump tricks and the doubled contract.

TOMORROW'S TIMETABLE

10:00am

Walk-in Pairs W02

ANC Interstate Teams

10:30am

Supervised Session

1:30pm

ANC Interstate Teams

2:00pm

Metro Swiss Pairs C02 (2 of 2)

4:30pm

ANC Interstate Teams

7:00pm

Hospitality: NSW & WA Seniors,

Vic Youth, Qld & ACT Open, SA & NT

Women



Open Room, Victoria v. Western Australia Youth: Jane Reynolds, Peter Hollands, Mike Bausor, Max Henbest





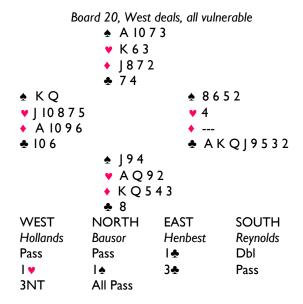


Both tables bid the good heart slam on Board 18, then a burst of youthful exuberance:

Воа	rd 19, South	deals, EW vul	nerable
◆ Q J 4 3		♠ A k	(72
v 1087		♥ A K	
• AK 10 6		• Q J	5
♣ A Q		♣ J 4	3 2
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hollands	Bausor	Henbest	Reynolds
			Pass
I 🔷	Pass	l♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT ¹	Pass
5 ♠²	Pass	5NT ³	Pass
6 ♦⁴	Pass	7♠	All Pass

- I. Key Card
- 2. 2 Key Cards plus trump queen
- 3. King ask
- 4. I extra king

Despite the lack of the vital AK, the contract still largely relies on the club finesse—which lost: down one and 13 IMPs to Western Australia.



Nine tricks on a diamond lead, but I IMP out when declarer in the Closed Room brought in +620 from 5♣ making six.

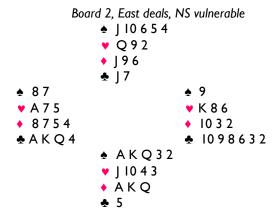
5♣ made 11 or 12 tricks at many tables, but can be easily defeated on an initial trump lead. Declarer wins in dummy, cashes ◆A discarding the losing heart, then plays a spade to dummy. North wins ◆A and exits a second trump, leaving declarer a trick short.

On Board I, the Victorian EW bid a good non-vulnerable game, not found by the opposing pair: 6 IMPs to Victoria.

On Board 2, good judgment brought in 8 more IMPs for Victoria when Henbest saved in 5♣ after the following sequence:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hollands	Bausor	Henbest	Reynolds
		Pass	اٰی
DЫ	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dbl
All Pass			

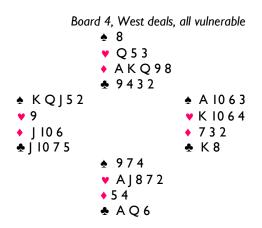
The full hand:



Jane Reynolds, South started with ◆A, then ♠A, ♠K. Henbest ruffed and drew trumps before playing a diamond from dummy. Reynolds belatedly shifted to ♥J, but Henbest was able to win in hand, force out the last diamond honour with ◆8, establishing ◆7! (not a beer card, Max, when it doesn't win the last trick!) for down two and 8 IMPs to Victoria when 4♠ was undisturbed at the other table.

Other Norths chose to bid 4* at their first turn, so it is surprising that this did not provoke a 5* save at some of those tables.

Western Australia did not take advantage of the opportunity to inflict an 800 point set on Victoria two boards later:

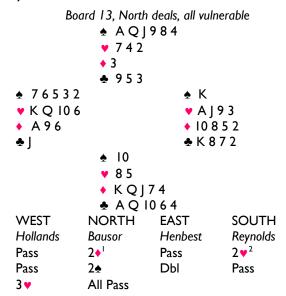


WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hollands	Bausor	Henbest	Reynolds
	I.	DЫ	l 🔻
4♠	All Pass		

The decision not to double Hollands' 4♠ was costly for NS, with game in hearts easy once East has disclosed his major suit length. The defence to 4♠ faltered: North led ♠A then switched to ♥Q, covered with the king and ace. A second diamond to North and another heart meant that a third diamond trick was inaccessible to the defence when Hollands played on clubs after ruffing the second heart. +200 to NS, when it could have been +800 from 4♠ doubled. 10 IMPs to Victoria when the contract was 4♥ making five at the other table.

Victoria lost II IMPs when they reached too high on Board II, bidding slam missing an ace plus the king of trumps.

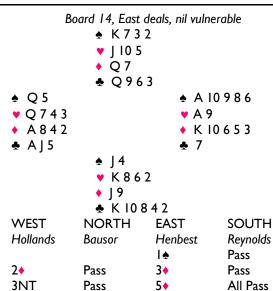
They also lost 9 IMPs on the next curious deal:



- I. Multi
- 2. Pass or correct

Hollands took the seven tricks available to him by scoring his high trumps separately—six of them—plus •A, to be –200. In the Closed Room, declarer was two down in 2• from the North seat. +400 and 9 IMPs to Western Australia.

On Board 14, the contract was 5• in the Open Room and 3NT in the Closed Room. Deep Finesse states that 11 tricks are available in both contracts, but 5• was a much safer spot:



Hollands had an easy ride in 5. J was led, ducked to South's king, and a club was returned. Hollands rose ace, cashed A, and when no singleton honour appeared, played a second diamond to the ace with gratifying results. He played a spade towards his queen, losing to the king, but was able to claim, even if spades had broken badly.

On Board 15, Western Australia missed a vulnerable game that could be beaten on best defence, giving Victoria another 10 IMPs.

The final result was a 65—45 IMP win for Victoria.

The participants in the Closed Room were Lucy Henbest—Angus Munroe for Victoria and Renee Cooper—Kirsten Fuller for Western Australia.

Victoria won the Youth Interstate last year, with four of the same team members as this year. Lucy Henbest, Max's older sister, has joined the team as well as Pascale Gardiner. Lucy and Max are the children of Cathy Lachman, who is playing in the Victorian Women's Team with Helen Snashall.



OPEN AFTER 3 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	IMPs
1	5	NSW	45	45
2	1	WA	12.5	26
3	6	VIC	8.7	6
4	4	QLD	4	4
6	2	TAS	-3	-3
7	7	ACT	-12	-12
8	3	SA	-55.2	-66

SENIORS AFTER 3 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	IMPs
1	6	SA	56.7	72
2	5	VIC	32	32
3	7	ACT	14	14
5	2	TAS	-19	-19
6	1	QLD	-20.7	-36
7	3	NSW	-29	-29
8	4	WA	-34	-34

WOMEN AFTER 3 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	IMPs
1	8	QLD	45.7	52
2	2	ACT	34	34
3	7	NSW	-1.2	15
4	1	WA	-4.7	-11
5	5	SA	-10.5	-24
6	6	VIC	-13.8	-3
7	4	NT	-19.8	-36
8	3	TAS	-29.7	-27

YOUTH AFTER 3 ROUNDS

Place	Team	Name	Score	IMPs
1	2	NSW	63	63
2	4	QLD	45.8	81
3	3	VIC	35.3	38
4	5	WA	-14	-14
5	6	ACT	-43.3	-46
6	1	SA	-87.8	-122



Hospitality suite: Queensland and NSW Seniors mingle



Hospitality suite: the happy hostesses

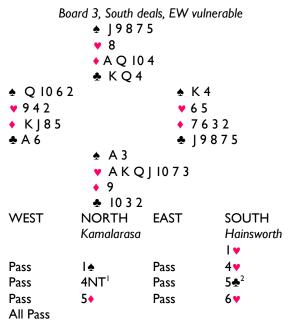


MATCH REPORT – OPEN SERIES MATCH 2

he second match of the Open series pitted the two leaders, Victoria and Queensland, against each other.

In the Open Room, Sanmugaras Kamalarasa—Peter Hainsworth, Queensland, were in combat with Victoria's youthful pair Ben Kingham—Jeremy Rosen. The first five boards featured some optimistic overbidding, with 7 of the 10 contracts failing – 2-4 to Victoria.

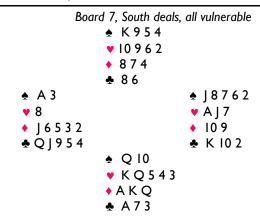
However, I I IMPs came the way of Queensland with a slam bid and made on:



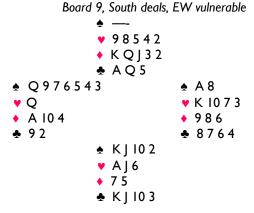
- I. Key Card
- 2. 0 or 3 Key Cards

This is not the best slam ever bid, needing A and K onside, or some favourable short J or diamond honours to make, but as the cards lie this 30% slam came home.

Board 7 gave both pairs chances they did not take. Hainsworth opened 2NT, 20-21 HCP, and Kamal passed. Personally, I am a great believer in avoiding 2NT on any hand with a possible improved spot – even 3NT on occasions! If North tries 3* and partner can now show five hearts, this hand is surely worth 4*, vulnerable. As 2NT was down two, the pass option was not a success, but only a 3 IMP loss when 4* was down one at the other table (no one is prepared to tell me how).

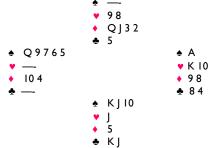


Board 9 gave declarer many opportunities to shine – even when the hand was being misplayed!



Both Norths received a club lead against 4, but whereas Terry Strong double finessed hearts, Kamal was under pressure when he played •K at trick two and a spade was returned.

He decided to play for VQ offside doubleton, having played a trump to V6 the first time (with a club now returned). When he cashed VA, however, West showed out and the following end position was reached:



North has no option but to hope that diamonds are 3-3. Now the contract is cold! A club is cashed, a spade ruffed, crashing A, and diamonds run. I makes en passant for the tenth trick!

With two boards to play, the score was tight, with Queensland 21—29 IMPs in Victoria's favour.

ANC TEAMS OPEN RR1 Session 3

Board	Score
1	-20
2	620
3	-280
4	520
5	-60
6	-50
7	-100
8	-90
9	-120
10	-70
11	360
12	-20
13	630
14	20
15	-440
16	-110
17	-430
18	-190
19	-170
20	50

ANC TEAMS SENIORS RR1 Session 3

Board	Score
1	-30
2	630
3	-680
4	150
5	-430
6	20
7	80
8	10
9	-120
10	50
11	260
12	-40
13	500
14	-30
15	-430
16	-80
17	-310
18	-30
19	60
20	90

ANC TEAMS WOMEN RR1
Session 3

Board	Score
1	70
2	430
3	-480
4	210
5	-270
6	-50
7	-110
8	-80
9	-130
10	-50
11	390
12	-110
13	640
14	30
15	-420
16	-100
17	-280
18	-160
19	0
20	80

However, Boards 16 and 17 proved volatile. On Board 16, Kamal made a bid on the North hand after the bidding started 1. I v from the opponents (the I v bid showed four or more spades). When the doubling stopped, he was down 800 in 2. doubled for 12 IMPs to Victoria.

Board 17, North deals, nil vulnerable ♠ Q92 **v** 109 K J 7 109853 **♠** 3 ♠ AK|64 **V** Q 8 6 3 A 7 5 4 2 AQ854 **♦** 3 ♣ A 6 2 ♣ Q 7 ♠ 10875 K J 10962 ♣ K J 4

II of these IMPs came back when Kingham - Rosen bid a punchy 6. Although this is cold double dummy, with short honours in diamonds and spades in the North hand.

Hainsworth found the best opening lead of •10. Rosen, now not able to test spades before making a decision on his play in the diamond suit, finessed •Q for down one.

The final score, 32—41 IMPs put the Victorian Open Team into a clear lead at the end of Round 2. At the end of the first day's play, Victoria were

in third place, with Queensland in fourth position.

Andrew Braithwaite, Captain

