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TRUMPS MENTIONED AT THE SEVEN-LEVEL

Seniors Interstate 2, Match 11, Board 7, South deals, all vul

- ♠ AKJ7 ▼ AK872

- ♣ Q82
- **★** 532 Q 10 6 4 **♥** 63 110 K Q 9 5 3 2 11074 **984 ♠** | 105 98
 - Q954 A 6 **AK943**

WEST NORTH **EAST** SOUTH Tencer Gaspar INT 2NT³ **Pass 2**♦² **Pass Pass** 4NT⁴ Pass 5∳⁵ 5NT⁶ 6**♣**⁷ **Pass Pass** All Pass Pass **7**♥

- 1. 12-14
- Transfer 2.
- 3. Super accept
- 4. RKCB
- Two + trump queen
- Specific king ask

I touched on this deal yesterday in the Match of the Day, talking about a logical path to **7**♥.

George Gaspar—Boris Tencer had the following sequence to the

laydown grand slam—and the first time hearts were mentioned was at the seven-level.

Not bad for a deal where the pair in the other roo got all the way to 4♥!

George Gaspar

FRIDAY'S TIMETABLE

10:00am

Teams Final 2

1:30pm

Teams Final 3

7:00pm

Dinner/Dance at the venue

And on Saturday . . .

10:00am

Open & Women's Butler Stage I

2:00pm

Open & Women's Butler Stage I

That was a simple elegant sequence, but how about the sequence at the table where Richard Hills—Hashmat Ali sat NS:

WEST	NORTH Ali	EAST	SOUTH Hills I • ¹
Pass	 ♥ ²	Pass	INT^3
Pass	2♣ ²	Pass	2 v ⁴
Pass	2 ♠²	Pass	3♣⁵
Pass	3 ♦²	Pass	4 ♦ ⁶
Pass	4 ♥ ²	Pass	4NT ⁷
Pass	5♣ ²	Pass	5 ♦ ⁸
Pass	5 ♥ ²	Pass	6 ♦⁰
Pass	7♥	All Pass	

- 10-14, unbalanced
- Relays
- 3. Exactly four hearts
- 4. And 5+ clubs
- I-4-I-7 or 2-4-2-5
- 2-4-2-5 with 5 controls (A=2, K=1)
- ♣A or ♣K with neither ♥A or ♥K 7.
- 8. Neither **♠**A nor **♠**K
- ◆A or ◆K + 2 of top three club honours + ♥Q

At this point, (for the final round of passes, the bidding pad had to be turned over to complete the auction! **Richard Hills**









MATCH OF THE DAY-NEW SOUTH WALES V. SOUTH AUSTRALIA SENIORS' TEAM

Round 14	Team	5	NS	vs 3	Round 14	Team	5	EW	vs 3					
Pair: Do	ivid Par	rott -	Russ	el Harms	Pair:	David L	usk -	Peter	Chan					
Opps	: Bob R R	ichm Reinei		Indrew	Оррѕ	Opps: Paul Lavings - Marlene Watts							NS	EW
Bd	Cont	Dec	Ld	Score	Bd	Cont	Dec	Ld	Score	IMPs +	IMPs -	Datum	Datum IMPs	Datum IMPs
- 1	4♥	W	◆A	-480	1	4♥	Е	♦K	480			-480	0	0
2	4 💙	W	♣A	-420	2	INT	W	♣ 10	-150		П	-230	-5	-9
3	3NT	W	♣ 4	-690	3	6	W	٧J	1370	12		-1030	8	8
4	3NT	S	Q	630	4	3NT	N	V 6	-630			640	0	0
5	4♠	N	♦ 3	-200	5	2♠	S	♦K	100		3	10	-5	3
6	2♥	W	♦ 5	-140	6	2♥	Е	♦ A	140			-120	-1	I
7	7*	N	♣ 4	2140	7	7•	N	٧J	100	19		1390	13	16
8	4♠	N	∳Q	-50	8	3NT	N	V 5	-400		10	300	-8	-3
9	3NT	S	♣ 6	-50	9	3NT	S	♣ 6	-400		10	340	-9	-2
10	2NT	N	♠ 9	-200	10	2♠	S	♣ K	100		3	-90	-3	0
П	4♥	W	♣j	50	- 11	3NT	Е	♣ 2	430	10		-270	8	4
12	4♥	W	♠ 8	-450	12	4♥	Е	♦ 7	450			-370	-2	2
13	INTX	W	v 3	800	13	3♥	N	∳J	-140	12		210	11	2
14	5♥	S	\$ 2	450	14	5♥	S	v 2	-480		ı	380	2	-3
15	3♦	W	∳ 5	50	15	3♣	Е	♠ 10	110	4		30	ı	4
16	4♠	Е	♣ 5	-620	16	2♠	Е	v 2	170		10	-430	-5	-6
17	3NT	N	♣ 10	400	17	3NT	N	V 6	-400			410	0	0
18	3♠	S	♣Q	-200	18	2♠	S	♣Q	100		3	-60	-4	I
19	4♠	N	♥ Q	420	19	4♠	N	♥ Q	-420			240	5	-5
20	3NT	Е	♦ J	-630	20	3NT	Е	♦ J	630			-550	-2	2
									Total	57	51	Total	4	15

Team Rank	I of 8
Next Opps	6

VPs	6
Total VPs	185.4

NS Pair Rank	I of 22
EW Pair Rank	6 of 22



Peter Chan, Marlene Watts, David Lusk and Paul Lavings

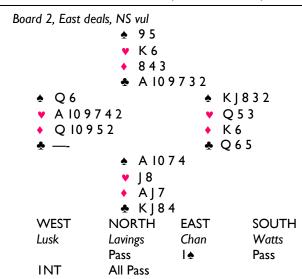
Last match of the double round robin, with everything to play for, the South Australian Seniors Team took on the New South Wales Seniors. First up was a difficult decision for East, Peter Chan:

Board I, North deals, nil vul **★** 72 ♥ J52 ♦ A 2 198652 ♠ 65 AKQ1098 AQ87 K964 9854 6 ♣ A 10 3 K 7] 4 3 103 KQ | 1073 ♣ Q 4 WFST **EAST SOUTH** NORTH Lusk Lavings Chan Watts **Pass** 3 DЫ All Pass **Pass 4** 🕶

West has magic cards for East, and with no nasty surprises in either major suit, 6 ♥ or 6♠ is cold. It is pretty hard to get there after the3♦ interpose, however. Chalk up another victory for the weak jump overcall.

lust another flat board.

Lusk's decision to bid INT on the next board was severely punished:

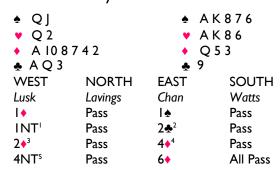


When Paul Lavings led \$10 to trick one and Lusk showed out, Chan asked "No clubs?" Lusk confirmed that he had not bid clubs. It is a curious hand—both sides can make game, NS in notrumps and EW in hearts. Lusk was three down in INT.

You make your own luck—I guess Lusk was expecting Chan to rebid clubs over INT, but essaying 2♥ on the slightly substandard West hand would have been a better idea—this time.

That this was the case is reflected by the fact that West reached, and made 4, for 11 IMPs to New South Wales.

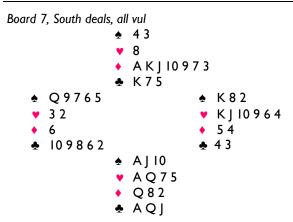
EW bid effortlessly to 6♦ on the next board:



- 1. 15-17
- 2. Checkback
- 3. 5 diamonds
- 4. Minorwood
- 5. 2 Key Cards, no ◆Q

The play proved no problem on a heart lead, when J dropped under the ace, with the NS diamonds 2-2.

In the Closed Room, EW did not manage to find their great diamond fit, playing in 3NT for +690, but 12 IMPs to South Australia.



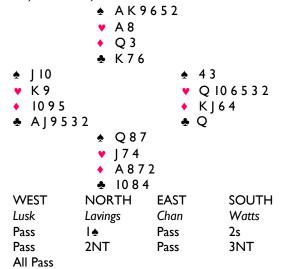
This was a disastrous board for Paul Lavings, the unlucky expert. He bid all the way to 7 ildas from the North seat after Marlene Watts opened a Multi 2 ildas, and he bid a positive 2 ildas.

Peter Chan expected VAQ to be sitting over his heart holding, and put Lavings to the test at trick one. Lavings had a good look at the lead, and eventually decided to play for VK to be short, or for a squeeze to develop. He won VA and ruffed a heart high, crossed to a top diamond and ruffed another heart high, his shoulders slumping when West showed out.

A lesser player would have had no trouble making the grand slam, with the heart finesse looking to be the best chance of a thirteenth trick. All credit to Chan for his effective lead against a grand slam. In the Closed Room the bidding started with a simple $I - I \rightarrow$, and East interposed $I \lor$, making it much easier for NS.

19 IMPs to South Australia for 7♦ bid and made.

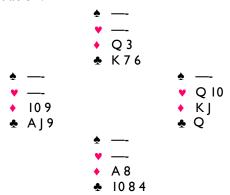
Board 8, West deals, nil vul



Both North and South recognized that 3NT might be easier than 4\(\Delta\) on this deal. Marlene Watts' hand was dead flat, and she had full confidence in her partner's ability, raising him to 3NT.

On a heart lead, Lavings put in VJ in case Chan had underled both heart honours, ducked Lusk's VK, and won the second heart perforce.

Lavings ran his spades, watching the EW discards carefully. West had signaled for clubs, and East for diamonds, and in the five-card ending, this was the situation:



Lavings unerringly exited with a low club from hand. East won ♣Q and cashed his two heart tricks, but on the ♦J exit, Lavings, who had bared his ♣K and retained both diamonds, ducked the diamond around to his queen, making nine tricks. It is true that Lavings could have played a club from dummy when he was there with ♠Q but

from dummy when he was there with $ext{-}Q$, but how much more elegant—and satisfying—was his actual line. IO IMPs to New South Wales, when $ext{-}4$ was defeated a trick in the Closed Room.

Board 9, North deals, EW vul ♠ AKQ96 A 5 4 3 K 9 5 2 ◆ J108543 7 K 109862 QJ754 10 ♣ AQ1063 2 QJ7 A8632 KI87 **WEST EAST SOUTH NORTH** Lusk Lavings Chan Watts **Pass** 2 | 🌲 **Pass** 2 🕶 **Pass** 3NT All Pass

This time it was Marlene Watts' turn to shine. Lusk led a low club against 3NT to the nine and Marlene's jack.

Marlene played a diamond to *10 and *K and a second diamond. Chan split his diamond honours and Marlene won her *A, as Lusk discarded a fatal spade.

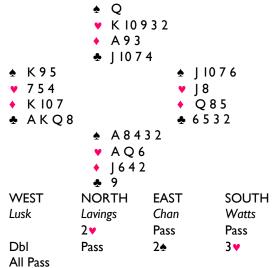
Now she played •Q, covered perforce with the king and won by the ace. She cashed dummy's top three spades and gave Lusk the lead. With only clubs remaining, Lusk did not have enough spades left to defeat the contract, and had to give her two more tricks with •K and •I.

10 IMPs to New South Wales, when 3NT was down in the Closed Room.

New South Wales gave 10 IMPs back on Board 11, playing in 4, which should have only three losers due to the favourable heart split and winning diamond finesse. Instead it was one down, while 3NT in the other room made 10 tricks.

The next major swing was also to South Australia, when INT doubled went for sticks and circles:

Board 13, North deals, all vul

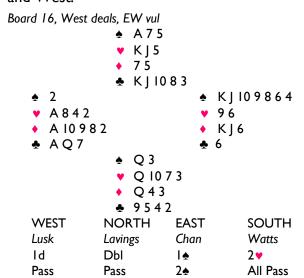


This was the auction in the Open Room. On ♠J lead, Lavings played very carefully. He won ♠A, ruffed a spade at trick two and exited with a low club from hand. Lusk, in with a club honour switched to a trump. Lavings put in ♥10 and won East's ♥J with dummy's queen. Another spade ruff and a club ruff with dummy's low trump followed. Now a diamond to the ace and a club ruff with dummy's second heart honour set up five trump

tricks in hand, $\triangle A$ and A, plus two club tricks for +140. In the Closed Room, West was -800 in INT doubled after South opened A in third seat and West overcalled INT—doubled by North.

I don't like the INT overcall much—partner is a passed hand, so where is the upshot in bidding with a marginal hand.

The last major swing in the match occurred when Peter Chan downgraded his hand, perhaps not surprising given the interference from both East and West:



Who would expect West to have such a suitable hand given the EW bidding? Chan lost two trump tricks and a heart for +170, 10 IMPs to New South Wales when 4♠ made +620 in the Closed Room.

Quite a few IMPs traded over these 20 boards for a small win to South Australia, now both in the final of the Seniors' Interstate.



The Vugraph team hard at work, first session of the Final

Australian Interstate Teams at conclusion of round robins (three in Youth field)

Open

	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total	MPs
ı	5	ACT	13	0	ı	420	297.8	-7	290.8	39.13
2	ı	VIC	10	0	4	287	167.7	7	174.7	29.26
3	6	SA	8	0	6	135	53.7	-9	44.7	20.9
4	4	NSW	8	0	6	19	18.1	9	27.1	16.6
5	3	QLD	7	0	7	-18	-21	30	9	14.45
6	2	WA	4	0	10	-111	-122.3	I	-121.3	9.43
7	8	TAS	4	0	10	-237	-147	-1	-148	9.1
8	7	NT	2	0	12	-495	-261.4	-30	-291.4	5.82

Women's

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total	MPs
ı	4	NSW	11	0	3	202	139	30.2	169.2	28.15
2	2	WA	10	0	4	151	139.1	20	159.1	21.55
3	5	QLD	10	0	4	212	162.9	-20	142.9	17.67
4	ı	VIC	7	0	7	51	61.1	-20	41.1	12.05
5	7	ACT	7	0	7	72	4.5	20	24.5	10.44
6	3	SA	6	0	8	-44	-7.8	-30.2	-38	9.07
7	6	TAS	3	0	П	-230	-219.2	30.6	-188.6	6.03
8	8	NT	I	0	13	-414	-283.5	-30.6	-314.1	3.57

Seniors'

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total	MPs
ı	5	SA	10	2	2	289	179.4	6	185.4	26.46
2	3	NSW	7	2	5	200	142.8	-6	136.8	18.92
3	4	ACT	7	2	5	28	0.1	30.6	30.7	14.43
4	ı	QLD	6	2	6	79	-15.6	32.5	16.9	10.95
5	7	WA	5	2	7	16	14.8	-30.6	-15.8	9.01
6	6	VIC	6	2	6	-113	-21.8	-33.6	-55.4	8.09
7	2	TAS	ı	2	11	-499	-305.5	0	-305.5	3.88

Youth

Place	Team	Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	B/Fwd	Score	Total	MPs
I	5	VIC	12	0	3	414	270	31.5	301.5	28.05
2	2	ACT	9	0	6	-8	3.2	5	8.2	20.24
3	4	SA	7	0	8	-1	34.7	-31.5	3.2	15.43
4	I	WA	7	0	8	29	-42.7	30.8	-11.9	13.94
5	3	QLD	6	0	9	-19	-45.9	-5	-50.9	13.37
6	6	NSW	3	0	12	-415	-225.9	-30.8	-256.7	5.61

Running scores in Final I of Open, Women's and Seniors'

Open Final

Team	C/F	Set I	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Total	Set 6	Total	Scored
ACT	12	12	24	3	27									5
VIC		41	41	I	42									

Team members

ACT Mark Abraham - Griff Ware - Hashmat Ali - Richard Hills - Richard

Brightling - David Hoffman

VIC Jamie Ebery - Leigh Gold - Bill Jacobs - Ben Thompson - Simon Hinge -

Peter Hollands

Women's Final

Team	C/F	Set I	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Total	Set 6	Total	Scored
NSW	I	45	46	20	66									5
WA		9	9	I	10									

Team members

NSW Helen Lowry - Berenice Folkard - Lorna Ichilcik - Lynn Kalmin - Judy

Mott - Giselle Mundell

WA Lauren Shiels - Annabel Booth - Leone Fuller - Val Biltoft - Joan Touyz -

Viv Wood

Seniors' Final

Team	C/F	Set I	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total	Set 5	Total	Set 6	Total	Scored
SA	5	34	39	33	72									6
NSW		23	23	17	40									

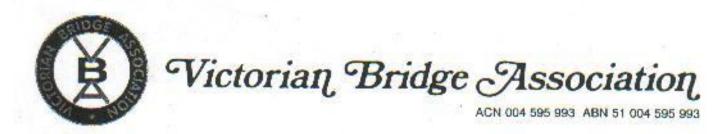
Team members

SA John Zollo - Roger Januszke - David Parrott - Russel Harms - David

Lusk - Peter Chan

NSW Nicky Strasser - George Bilski - Paul Lavings - Marlene Watts - Bob

Richman - Andrew Reiner





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