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A TOUCH OF CLASS

by Tom Carr

I was lucky enough to be kibitzing Warren Lazer in the third session of the quarter finals after having seen him and Pauline play as close to a flawless game you would ever want to see in an earlier session.

Board 1 rolled up.

Dealer North, Nil Vul

♠ 10 9 8
♥ K 7 6
♦ 3 2
♣ J 8 7 3 2

♠ A 6 5 ♠ K J 7 3
♥ A 9 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 8
♦ J 9 ♦ 7 5
♣ 9 4 ♣ A Q 5

♠ Q 4 2
♥ -
♦ A K Q 10 8 6 4
♣ K 10 6

and the bidding proceeded:

West North East South

Pass 1♣ 2♦
2♥ Pass 3♥ 4♦
4♥ All Pass

Pauline led a diamond and after cashing the ♦Q and K, Warren paused for study. Three minutes later he produced the ♣10, the only suit to beat the hand. But there was still more to do.

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TEAM	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64
NEILL	29	68	124	147
KONIG	53	70	101	126
BRAITHWAITE	34	102	143	189
TRAVIS	40	64	102	141

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TEAM	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	Total
NEILL	32	29	45	23	129
BRAITHWAITE	30	33	7	53	123

Top 15 Mixed Teams Results after 10 Rounds

1st	1	M Bourke, M Willcox, E Ramshaw, J Hunt, S Bird, A Delivera	201
2nd	49	B Hoffeins, P Hoffeins, E Gallie, K Upson	188
3rd	21	A Sarten, K Crowe-Mai, K Cumpstone, J Hay, A Silver	187
4th	15	J Ebery, L Gold, L Gold, P Cundasamy	181
5th	13	A Creet, K Creet, N Ewart, D Wawn	175
6th	48	W Burrows, M Genc, M Perley, S Coleman	174
7th	3	C Snshall, H Snashall, L Levy, P Levy, V Muntz, K Muntz	173
8th	7	D. Weston, J Harkness, L Harkness, R Harkness	170
9th	8	J. Eddie, V. Mitchell, M. Harnett, M. Clapp	167
10th	23	L Stevenson, D Stevenson, N Croft, D Wiltshire, P Sherman, E Urbach	165
11th	11	B. O'Hara, A. Weber, J. Free, T. Free	164
12th	10	A. Marshall, D. Boga, M. Rabey, F. Budai	164
13th	33	K. Ozanne, A. Ozanne, K. Colbert, M. Hobbs	164
14th	2	R Hills, D Jesner, E Dudley, A Powell, H Ali, S Hurley	163
15th	37	T Wells, B Sondergaard, E Pugh, J Pugh	162

Declarer won the queen on board and played the queen of hearts to the ace, club to the ace and ruffed a club. Warren unblocked the king of clubs on the ace of course. When Pauline got in with the ♠K, the ♠10 put the contract to sleep.

A touch of class from two classy players.

by Tom Carr

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

JEFF TRAVIS – BRILLIANT!

by Barbara Travis

This was a board from the round of 16, the final session of the National Open Teams.

Board 14

Dealer East, Nil Vul

♠ K 8 4
♥ J 10 9 6 5 4 3 2
♦ K
♣ 4

♠ 3 ♠ A J 10 7 2
♥ K 7 ♥ A Q
♦ A 7 6 5 ♦ J 8 2
♣ K 10 9 6 5 2 ♣ A Q J

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ 8
♦ Q 10 9 4 3
♣ 8 7 3

East	South	West	North
1♠	Pass	2♣	4♥
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

I'd like to nominate Jeff Travis for a brilliancy on this board.

Entering this session our team

was trailing by 1 IMP. Jeff Travis (West) and Jill Courtney (East) bid to 6♣ by West.

On the ♥J lead Jeff won with the king. Realising he needed three diamond discards, Jeff immediately took a spade finesse – figuring he needed Hxx (H = honour) onside to provide the necessary tricks. When the cards behaved he duly racked up 920.

At the other table Elizabeth Havas was unusually silent with her 8 card heart suit. Declarer tried for a diamond endplay / miracle holding, going off when the second heart was trumped.

East	South	West	North
2NT	Pass	3♠ (1)	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

(1) minor suit stayman

We went on to win the match comfortably.

by Barbara Travis

BRILLIANT HAND FROM THE PAST

Marco Momigliano, 21, played the following hand at the Venice Festival, 1977.

♠ K 6
♥ A Q 7 3
♦ 6 2
♣ K Q 9 3 2

♠ 4	♠ A J 9 3
♥ 8 5 4 2	♥ J 10 9 6
♦ A J 10 7 4	♦ K Q 9
♣ J 6 4	♣ 10 8

♠ Q 10 8 7 5 2
♥ K
♦ 8 5 3
♣ A 7 5

The bidding went as follows:

West	North	East	South
		1♣ (1)	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

(1) Roman, an opening he would come to regret.

West led the ♦A and the second round of diamonds was taken by East, who then played the ♦K in order to ensure that he would make two trump tricks by forcing dummy. The significance of this play was not lost upon South.

Now Momigliano entered into action with a verve and style reminiscent of certain hands played by the late Johnny Crawford. The third round of diamonds was ruffed with dummy's ♠6. Next the ace of hearts was played, declarer dropping the king. The queen of hearts followed *on which declarer discarded the ace of clubs!*

A heart was ruffed by declarer, then a club to the queen and dummy's last heart was ruffed. Dummy was entered with the king of clubs and a third club led. East was forced to ruff and declarer over-ruffed.

The trap was now sprung with a lead to dummy's king of spades. East won and was forced to lead from his ♠ J-9 through declarer's Q-10 and South naturally finessed to land his contract.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣