



NOT NEWS

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MISTAKES I HAVE MADE

By Neville Moses

The French call it a "idee fixe" and one of them sure fixed me on this hand.

Sitting East, I opened 1♠ and played 4♠X after NS bid to 4♥ and DW took the push to 4♠, which South doubled.

SWPT Session 2

Board 10

Vul: All

Dir: E

♠: K6
♥: AQJT93
♦: T5
♣: JT8

♠: T984 ♠: AJ7532
♥: 5 ♥: 64
♦: K62 ♦: Q843
♣: K9762 ♣: A

♠: Q
♥: K872
♦: AJ97
♣: Q543

South led a heart of course and North switched to ♠6! Well it was "obvious" that South held ♠KQ when the Queen dropped under the Ace.

So I cashed the ♣A, ruffed a heart to dummy and ruffed a club back to hand. I still needed two entries to dummy to set up the clubs. So I said a silent prayer that the ♦A was onside and led up to the King.

It held! So I ruffed another club to set up the suit and played a trump. And the roof fell in!

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SWPT Top Thirteen after 6 rounds

Rydgges Lakeside Hotel (138 teams)

				VP's
1st	5	CUMMINGS	(Cummings, Newman, Beauchamp, Chadwick, Klinger)	127
2nd	11	BOURKE	(Bourke, Bourke, de Livera, Jesner, Ramshaw, Smith)	126
3rd	57	PARROTT	(Parrott, Parrott, Colmer, Clarke)	120
4th	3	ZIGGY	(Ziggy, Konig, Wallis, Bach, Burgess, Dyke, Richman)	117
5th	1	BRAITHWAITE	(Braithwaite, Turner, Wright, Hallberg, Cornell, Jedrychowsky)	116
5th	10	GRYNBERG	(Grynberg, Evans, Buchen, Green, Malaczynski, Stern)	116
5th	28	FOLKARD	(Folkard, Folkard, Milward, Milward, Grewcock, Kolodziejczyk)	116
8th	45	WOOD	(Wood, Foster, Cowan, Goorevich, Yezerski)	115
9th	7	KOZAKOS	(Kozakos, Hans, Chadwick, Morrison)	113
9th	9	BRAYSHAW	(Brayshaw, Mulley, Clark, Rogers, ,Havas, Ewart)	113
9th	12	SCOTT	(Scott, Snashall, Kilvington, Fust, Frenkel, Reiner)	113
9th	19	GENC	(Genc, Perley, Burrows, Herries)	113
9th	22	PETTITT	(Pettitt, Pettitt, Hutton, Hutton)	113

Hyatt Hotel Canberra (120 teams)

1st	1	OTVOSI	(Otvosi, Borewicz, Erichsen, Romanski, Szymanowski)	136
2nd	2	NEILL	(Neill, Roberts, Mullanphy, Fruewirth, Smith, Yovich)	126
3rd	11	HOFFMAN	(Hoffman, Hoffman, Beale, Van Riel, Sawicki, Doran)	123
4th	4	THOMPSON	(Thomson, Hughes, Thomson, Bagchi, Rosendorff, Lilley)	122
5th	20	FRANCIS	(Francis, Croft, Moren, Strong)	120
6th	3	HAFFER	(Haffer, Reynolds, Peake, Kanetkar)	119
6th	8	COURTNEY	(Courtney, Gill, Dalley, Courtney, Lloyd)	119
8th	15	WESTLAKE	(Westlake, Stark, Howe, Gurfinkiel, Crowe-Mai, Leslie)	117
9th	12	ROBINSON	(Robinson, Smart, Quail, Hillman, Eggins)	116
9th	21	COLES	(Coles, Appleton, Wilkinson, Abraham)	116
11th	6	ROTHFIELD	(Rothfield, Rothfield, Browne, Blackstock, Henry)	113
12th	38	THORP	(Thorp, Back, Ascione, Skinner)	113
13th	9	GOLD	(Gold, Ebery, Thompson, Evans, Antoff, Simpson)	111
13th	10	DE LUCA	(De Luca, Fordham, Lasocki, Lusk, Lusk)	111

North won the ♠K and put a diamond through for one off.

I didn't need DW to tell me that it couldn't have cost to have played a spade before opening up the diamonds.

"Of course" she said, "if North taps dummy with a heart at trick 2 you can never set up the clubs. In effect you were Grosvenored!"

Funny, I never realised Grosvenor was a Frenchman.

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SWPT Hyatt Datums

BD	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
1	-90	210	850
2	-350	10	-290
3	40	-140	260
4	-140	440	640
5	-60	-40	200
6	-30	270	-210
7	-520	-560	400
8	-60	-230	680
9	510	390	630
10	60	-290	170
11	90	80	0
12	-210	0	-150
13	1050	400	160
14	450	-10	50
15	-40	590	-200
16	490	380	-90
17	-360	-190	-410
18	540	-400	410
19	-300	-430	450
20	690	110	0

SWPT Rydges Datums

BD	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
1	-130	150	990
2	-260	-40	-370
3	80	-150	330
4	10	310	570
5	-60	-90	120
6	110	60	-140
7	-350	-570	330
8	-50	-280	550
9	280	230	560
10	-30	-140	300
11	30	-50	-50
12	-90	60	30
13	900	340	40
14	400	-80	-40
15	40	690	-60
16	480	380	120
17	-290	-110	-340
18	620	-600	390
19	-60	-400	450
20	590	-60	-50

GRAND MISTAKES BY GRAND MASTERS

by GM Grandler

Exhibit A

SWPT Session 1

Board 3

Vul: EW

Dir: S

♠: 9642

♥: J4

♦: 965

♣: JT73

♠: T

♥: A7653

♦: 7432

♣: A94

♠: AJ853

♥: 8

♦: AKQT8

♣: K6

♠: KQ7

♥: KQT92

♦: J

♣: Q852

W	N	E	S
			1♥
P	P	2♥(1)	P
3♣(2)	P	4♦(3)	P
5♣(4)	All Pass		-200

- 1 Michaels
- 2 Intended as 'Pass or Correct' (thinking 2NT would show a better 'Pass or Correct' hand)
- 3 East thought this showed big hand ♠ + ♦
- 4 West thought 4♦ was splinter + huge ♠ + ♣ hand (4♥ now would have kept the position boiling)

TABLE TALLY

as of Midnight 22/1/02

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Exhibit B

SWPT Session 2
Board 17
Vul: Nil
Dir: N

♠: QJT972
♥: Q9
♦: T2
♣: J85

♠: - ♠: A863
♥: AJ72 ♥: T8653
♦: AQJ98 ♦: 7
♣: Q942 ♣: AK6

♠: K54
♥: K4
♦: K6543
♣: T73

W	N	E	S
	2♦(1)	X(2)	2♥(3)
X(4)	2♠	P	3♠
5♦(5)	P	P	X(6)
P	P	5♥	All Pass

- 1 European multi 2♦ weak 2 in a major or 22 - 23 balanced
- 2 Intended as 'want to be in auction'
- 3 System on, Pass or Correct
- 4 Cards
- 5 West 'knew' East had some diamonds based on previous discussions
- 6 Big mistake

Result +450

HOW ARE YOUR GENERAL PRINCIPLES?

by Paul Marston
AB Publisher

You are in 5♦ on the lead of the ♣K. You win dummy's ace – then what?

Dummy
♠: J72
♥: K
♦: J854
♣: A7542

Declarer
♠: AK6
♥: J76
♦: AK7632
♣: J

The bidding with all vulnerable and West the dealer has been:

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1♦
1♥	3♦	3♥	5♦
All Pass			

While you are thinking about that.. The February issue of Australian Bridge Magazine will have a full coverage of the Canberra Festival of Bridge. You can subscribe at the bridge bookshop at either the Hyatt or Rydges or go to www.australianbridge.com.

Also, if you come across Peter Jamieson, you can ask him to take your subscription. Peter is the new editor, taking over from Stephen Lester who has retired after 12 years in the job. It is just \$66 for 11 issues.

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The amount of material in each magazine is much the same and AB has the reputation of being one of the best bridge magazines in the world, thanks mainly to the fantastic support we receive from the top players in this country and overseas.

The list of the panelists in the bidding forum reads like a who's who of bridge. Do take a look – it is a great read for all tournament bridge players.

Back to the problem...

You will romp home if diamonds are 2-1 but what if they are not? You will need to apply pressure to the opponents by reducing your trump length. The way to do this is to trump clubs. To make the hand you have to trump a club at trick two. This is what Phil Gue did in Round 3 of the National Swiss Pairs. By the way, Phil is a regular moderator of the Bidding Forum in AB.

This is the full layout:

Swiss Pairs Session 3
Board 23
Vul: All
Dir: S

♠: QT83
♥: A954
♦: QT9
♣: 63

♠: J72 ♠: AK6
♥: K ♥: J76
♦: J854 ♦: AK7632
♣: A7542 ♣: J

♠: 954
♥: QT832
♦: -
♣: KQT98

If you play a trump at trick two, as most declarers did, you cannot recover. Next you play a heart to the King and North's Ace. North exits with a heart to your Jack, South's Queen and you trump in dummy. You ruff a club, ruff the last heart and ruff another club while North pitches a spade. Now you can put East in with King and another trump but he still has a heart to get him off play.

If you trumped a club at trick two, you would next play a top diamond and discover the bad break. Once again you play a heart to the King and Ace and East exits with a heart, trumped in dummy. You trump another club while East throws a spade, trump the last heart and play a fourth club.

This time East has to throw his remaining heart. So when you put him on play with King and another diamond, he has to play spades and you have your game.

Bravo if you trumped a club at trick two.

Plays of this sort are more to do with observing good general principles than having a specific vision of this ending.

FOLLOWING YOUR NOSE

by Earl Dudley

What is the difference between the expert and the average bridge player?

The following hand from Stage 2 of the National Women's Teams Championship gives us some insight into the answer to this question.

Womens Stage 2 Session 5
Board 1
Vul: Nil
Dir: N

♠: J75
♥: 82
♦: J876
♣: AK52

♠: T4
♥: AJ74
♦: QT93
♣: JT8

♠: K9863
♥: QT96
♦: K5
♣: 93

♠: AQ2
♥: K53
♦: A42
♣: Q764

The NS pairs at both tables in one match bid to the paper thin 3NT. At first sight, it looks as if this contract does not have a prayer. There are six tricks available in the black suits (thankfully, the clubs split 3-2) and the diamond suit can be managed for two tricks but the heart suit offers no joy.

Declarer at one table showed how 3NT can succeed. She received the ♦3 opening lead and played low from dummy capturing East's King with the Ace. A club to dummy was followed by a spade to ♠Q, East playing ♠6. (reverse count). Declarer now played a diamond towards dummy, West allowing the ♦J to score.

Declarer now cashed four clubs, East discarding ♥9 and ♠3 (completing the echo in spades to show an odd number of spades) while West discarded a heart. The position was now:

♠: J7
♥: 82
♦: 87
♣: -

♠: T ♠: K98
♥: AJ7 ♥: QT6
♦: QT ♦: -
♣: - ♣: -

♠: A2
♥: K53
♦: 4
♣: -

Declarer could still play a heart towards ♥K but her nose told her that West held ♥A. Fortunately, the revealing signalling by the East defender gave declarer another option. She cashed the ♠A to remove West's remaining spade and exited with a diamond. After cashing her diamond winners, West was endplayed and forced to concede a trick to ♥K.

The fact that the EW pair did not defend optimally on this hand does not detract from declarer's fine play.

Well played, Barbara!

♠♥♦♠♥♦♠♠♥♦♠

INVITATION

Paul Lavings invites any bridge player to have their favourite hand analysed by Deep Finesse at the Post free Bridge Books stand at the Rydge's. Just drop by and arrange it with Richard.

THE ADVENTURES OF CRAZY DAVE

Anonymous

In the last 8-board match of the Swiss Pairs, David Wiltshire (aka "Crazy Dave") pulled off a nice coup against a top Australian player:

Swiss Pairs Session 8
Board 27
Vul: Nil
Dir: S

North: David Wiltshire
South: Griff Ware

♠: J9876
♥: T2
♦: J762
♣: QT

♠: Q432
♥: K753
♦: 85
♣: J96

♠: A5
♥: AJ
♦: KT94
♣: AK742

♠: KT
♥: Q9864
♦: AQ3
♣: 853

W	E
P	2NT
3♣	3♦
3NT	All Pass

2NT was 20 – 22ish, 3♣ was simple Stayman showing a 4-card major and 3♦ denied a 4-card major. South led the ♥6. Declarer now has a spade, 3 hearts and 5 clubs because the ♣Q drops doubleton. But Dave found the play of the ♣Q under East's ♠A at trick 2. Now East had to unblock ♥A before "finessing South for the ♣T". Dave won, played a diamond to ♦Q and South cleared hearts. South still had the ♦A as an entry for two heart tricks. The ♦J in the wash made the contract 2 off.

♠♥♦♠♥♦♠♠♥♦♠

OFF-BEAT BUT ON TRACK

by David Lusk

Youth Pairs Final, Round 1

Arian Lasocki found an off-beat bid on this hand from the Youth Pairs final. Nic Croft did the rest in clinical demolition, earning another top on the way to the title.

Board: 17
Dir: N
Vul: Nil

♠: Q
♥: AK986
♦: AQT62
♣: K3

♠: J98543 ♠: T76
♥: J2 ♥: T543
♦: — ♦: K4
♣: A9874 ♣: QJT5

♠: AK2
♥: Q7
♦: J98753
♣: 62

West: K. Dalley
North: Lasocki
East: Wyner
South: Croft

W	N	E	S
—	1♥	P	2♦
2♠	3♣(!)	P	3NT
P	P	X	XX

All Pass

Lasocki chose to bid 3♣ to keep the auction alive and see how much more he could learn before committing beyond 3NT. The diamond slam is poor odds if bid by South and would have failed on the ♣A lead*. When East doubled, Croft's redouble arrived on the pad in perfect tempo.

On this auction, it was hard for Dalley to lead anything other than a spade. This allowed adequate time for declarer to establish the diamonds and accumulate 12 tricks.

You could say that this was a typical 'Youth Bridge' hand but it is worth pointing out that the score took far too long to be calculated. Apparently none of the players knew off the top of their head what 3NTXX, non vulnerable with two overtricks scored. Shame!

*On a non club lead in 6♦, South can play one round of diamonds and establish the hearts for two discards. With East holding the winning diamond and four hearts, declarer can get two clubs away from hand in time.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

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MADE TO ORDER

by Ross Folkard

On the way to Canberra Mark Kolodziejczyk and Les Grewcock were refining the system for their new partnership. Playing basically Precision with Multi-Two's they decided that 2♦ – 2♥ – 2NT with Baron and transfers to the majors left the 3♠ bid with nothing to do.

"How about we try 3♠ to show 5-5 in the minors?"

"OK, but it will never come up!"

SWPT Session 4
Board 13
Vul: All
Dir: N

♠: 65
♥: 7
♦: Q7643
♣: A5432

♠: QJ742 ♠: KT9
♥: QJ95 ♥: 8432
♦: T5 ♦: 92
♣: J7 ♣: Q986

♠: A83
♥: AKT6
♦: AKJ8
♣: KT

North: Mark Kolodziejczyk
South: Les Grewcock

S	N
2♦(1)	2♥(2)
2NT(3)	3♠(4)
4♦(5)	5♣(6)
7♦	All Pass

- Multi-weak major/strong balance
- Pass or correct
- Strong balanced
- 5-5 Minors
- Sets trumps
- Cue

The bidding sequence took less than a minute (very fast for Mark). The convention only took one day to come up with. 3NT making four at the other table paled into insignificance.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

DRAMA AFTER A MISSED SPLINTER IN SESSION 2

by Don Pryde

Narooma's Margaret Henniker, having just put her partner into a cold 6NT played her part in reaching slam on the next board.

SWPT Session 2
Board 17
Vul: Nil
Dir: N

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♣: J85

♠: - ♠: A863
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♣: Q942 ♣: AK6

♠: K54
♥: K4
♦: K6543
♣: T73

Margaret opened 1♥ and bid 4♠ in response to her partner Don Pryde's 3♠ splinter. Realising the situation, partner Roman Key Carded and bid 6♥ after the 5♥ response to 4NT. Margaret brought the contract home courtesy of the 2-2 split.

Kiwi Director Richard Bland adjudicated that no one was disadvantaged by the splinter not having been alerted. Scoring up, this board brought high fives from Graham Hill and Jan Tunks as the 11 IMPs for the slam led to a tight 8 imp win.

GREAT PIPS, PARTNER!

by Andrew Struik

Swiss Pairs Session 8
Board 25
Vul: EW
Dir: N

♠: 93
♥: T8
♦: AT943
♣: K652

♠: KQ87 ♠: J2
♥: AJ432 ♥: Q6
♦: Q62 ♦: KJ875
♣: A ♣: Q943

♠: AT654
♥: K975
♦: -
♣: JT87

This looks like a reasonable 3NT contract for EW. Having had 600 scored against us, I wondered why the datum was only 160 to EW. This hand lost us the match.

For EW, the ♠87 and ♦87 are very useful cards, and 3NT by East looks fairly straightforward.

Played by West, a rather unlikely heart lead by North looks threatening as NS have good heart pips. But even on this lead declarer can prevail as defenders get squeezed and haven't got the communication to cash their winner near the end.

Deep finesse confirms that there is no defence to 3NT from either side. So why the low datum?

MISPLACED AT THE HYATT

Medallions from the Spring Nationals have gone missing from behind the desk at the Hyatt. They were wrapped in bubble-wrap.

If you can help ring Jo Waters the Festival Secretary at the Hyatt. Ph: 62698838

ANOTHER GOOD HAND FOR INT: 2♣ PUPPET

by Ron Klinger

From the Women's and Seniors'
Final
Session 2
Board 31
Vul: NS
Dir: South

♠: KJ2
♥: J9853
♦: 872
♣: K10

♠: Q9764
♥: KQ
♦: J3
♣: 7653

♠: A83
♥: A1076
♦: KQ95
♣: Q4

♠: 105
♥: 42
♦: A1064
♣: AJ982

Women:

West: F. Beale
East: D. Smart

WEST	EAST
P	1♦
1♠	1NT
2♣ (1)	2♥
2♠	3♠
All Pass	

(1) Checkback

One down, -50

West: A. Clark
East: V. Biltoft

WEST	EAST
P	1♦
1♠	1NT
2♣	2♠
All Pass	

8 tricks, +110.

Seniors:

West: B. Haughie
East: J. Borin

WEST	EAST
P	1♦
1♠	1NT
2♣ (1)	2♥
2♠	3♦
4♠	All Pass

(1) Checkback

West: H. Bettman
East: L. Kalmin

WEST	EAST
P	1NT
2♥ (1)	2♠
2NT	4♠
All Pass	

(1) Transfer

Thus three of the four pairs were too high, two seriously overboard. Playing 2♣ Puppet makes these hands simple:

After a strong 1NT:

WEST	EAST
P	1NT
2♣ (1)	2♦ (2)
2♠ (3)	P (4)

(1) Puppet, forces 2♦

(2) Forced

(3) Inviting game with 4 or 5 spades

(4) Passes with minimum and 3 spades

The identical approach can be used after a 1NT rebid, whether the rebid shows a minimum or a strong hand. Thus the same set of responses will do for the 1NT opening and for the 1NT rebid.

At the other tables where the 1NT rebid showed 15-17 or 15-18 points, the auction would go:

WEST	EAST
P	1♦
1♠	1NT
2♣ (1)	2♦ (2)
2♠ (3)	P (4)

(1) Puppet, forces 2♦

(2) Forced

(3) Inviting game with 4 or 5 spades

(4) Passes with minimum and 3 spades

Playing Puppet produces positives.

(For more on this area and much more after your side opens 1NT, see *Bid Better, Much Better* from The Bridge Shop or Paul Lavings Postfree Books.)

0-49 CATEGORY WINNER

We reported the Category winners in the Seniors Teams Championship in NOT News #4. The winner of the 0-49 Category was the O'Donnell Team. The members of the Team listed in NOT News #4 were as originally entered into the event. However, a pair withdrew and were replaced by another pair, initially as substitutes, but subsequently as full members of the Team. The O'Donnell Team, who won the 0-49 Category were:

J. O'Donnell
M. Morrison
F. Tagletti
E. Longo
S. Potts
E. Hay

SORRY

We welcome Espen Erichsen from Norway to the Summer Festival of Bridge and apologise for the error in the listing of overseas players in NOT News #6.

COLUMN 8 (NOT)

From the Mouths of Babes..... (as reported by David Lusk)

Overheard at the Under 16s Competition:

"Can you find me a partner? Amy won't partner me 'cos she's got much more experience. She learn't two days ago!"

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Someone provided us with a copy of Zia Mahmood's column in the Guardian Weekly of 27 September 2001 featuring Margaret Courtney and Sally Brock playing for England in the European Championships. It is worth reading. Zia comments on Margaret's meteoric rise as a bridge player as well as the Michael Courtney School of Overbidding.

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Overheard at breakfast this morning:

Person 1: "How are you going?"
 Person 2: "Oh, not too bad one loss and two wins so far. How about you?"
 Person 1: "Three losses and lucky to get those!"

From Andrew Struik

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

Is there no justice in the world? Watching Table 1 at the Hyatt, I saw a strong 1♣ opening passed out when responder absent-mindedly passed with 6HCP and ♠43. Playing in a 3-2 fit resulted in -50. At the other table the same hand was played in 4♠, one off – a gain of 2 IMPs!

♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣♠♥♦♣

DEALER SUGGESTS OPENING LEAD!

SWPT Session 1, Board 2; Bob Gallus was East his ♠A was a red coloured backing and all other cards had blue backs.

North declared 3♥ after Gallus had called for Director (David Anderson) to check if the red back card was valid etc.

Against 3♥ Gallus was thinking, thinking, thinking about the opening lead. The match had been very friendly, North jokingly said "Why don't you lead a red card!" Bob said "Why not" and led ♠A ... end of story.

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