



NOT NEWS

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Advance Australia Fair

All Australians will want to congratulate the winners of yesterday's National Youth Selection Play-Off, **Gabby Feiler**, **Matt Porter**, **Paul Gosney** and **Nathan Van Jole**, who together with **Griff Ware** and **Daniel Geromboux** will be going for Gold at the World Junior Championships in Sydney later this year. Commiserations to the losers, **Daniel Krochmalik**, **Justin Williams**, **Adam Edgtton** and **Nabil Edgtton** who were defeated 187-125 IMPs.

There was plenty of excitement in both the Round Robins, with the qualification in doubt right until the last round.

In the Seniors, the team that qualified in last place – and that only by virtue of success in a four board play off, **Neill**, climbed all the way from last to second. In the final they will face **Noble**. Meanwhile the team that started the day leading, **Scott** fell away and failed to qualify for the final.

In the Women's event **Havas** appeared to be cruising into the final but when they were thrashed 25-5 by **Watts**, and **Bourke** lost twice, it was a wide open race going in to the last round. In a nerve jangling finish **Havas** and **Bourke** survived – tough on third place **Watts** who also defeated **Bourke** 22-8.

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TIMETABLE

Sun 16th - Friday 21st January

National Womens Teams final

Sun 16 January
at Rydges Lakeside Canberra
Session Times:
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Walk in Pairs

Sun 16th January
at Rydges Lakeside Canberra
Session times:
Sat 11:00, 3:00, 7:30
Sun 1:30, 7:30

National Swiss Pairs

Sun 16th January
at the National Convention Centre
Session times:
Sun 11.00, 2.00, 7.30

South-West Pacific Teams

Mon-Fri 17th-21st January
at the National Convention Centre
at Rydges Lakeside Canberra
Session times:
Mon-Thur: 10:30, 1:30, 4:00, 8:30
(no play Wednesday 8:30)
Friday: 10:30, 1:30

Tim Bourke's Daily Quiz

#4. DOYOU SEE IT?

Dealer South, NS Vul.

West North East South

2 NT

NORTH

[A K Q J 4 2

] 4 2

{ 9 4

} 6 4 3

SOUTH

[10 9 7 3

] A K J 8

{ A Q

} A K J

Pass 3] Pass 3 [

Pass 5 [Pass 6 [

All pass

After North's transfer bid and subsequent leap to 5[to suggest a slam, you accepted the invitation because you have a suitable hand. You have eleven top tricks so how do you propose to make a twelfth when West leads a trump and East follows?

National Seniors Team Stage II

No	Team	C/fwd	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Imps	Plc
1	Scott	178	-	10	18	19	0	10	235	186	5
2	Noble	173	20	-	13	24	12	16	258	264	1
3	Wyer	169	12	17	-	18	21	15	252	267	4
4	Chrapot	169	11	6	12	-	14	4	216	56	6
5	Newman	168	25	18	9	16	-	16	252	275	3
6	Neill	166	20	14	15	25	14	-	254	287	2

National Womens Teams Stage II

No	Team	C/fwd	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Imps	Plc
1	Bourke	183	-	20	19	19	9	8	258	249	1
2	Havas	182	10	-	16	15	18	5	246	233	2
3	Hewitt	162	11	14	-	7	14	18	226	141	6
4	Herries	162	11	15	23	-	17	15	243	154	4
5	Tucker	161	21	12	16	13	-	19	242	205	5
6	Watts	160	22	25	12	15	11	-	245	161	3

Men Pairs

Place	Players	Score
1	J Wocial, D Pietak	958
2	B O'Hara, S Burgess	936
3	J De Ravin, M Cullen	914

Mixed Pairs

Place	North South Players	Score
1	P Boulton, A Boulton	635
2	C Ritter, S Hans	599
3	J Gaspar, S Arber	582

Novice Pairs

Place	Players	Score
1	C Houghton, W Houghton	729
2	B Daghish, F Garrick	706
3	J Power, M Weate	693

Senior's Pairs

Place	Players	Score
1	D Croft, R Morawiecki	984
2	T Strong, A Tuxworth	965
3	T Marinos, G Danta	937

Women's Pairs

Place	Players	Score
1	P McLeish, T Lloyd	471
2	D Moir, L Leibowitz	448
3	P Wagner, H Motteram	430

Was It Something I Said?

(Or the Unlucky Expert's Tale. Editor)

Ted Chadwick

(Bridge is often a case of making the right bid at the right time. It sometimes, as Edgar Kaplan once said, proves to be a situation where the maxim 'That's the right bid – but not on this hand,' applies. Editor.)

Coasting along in the Seniors, averaging 20 VPS per match, qualifying comfortably, all my suits breaking nicely, the sun was shining, everybody was happy, until!

Round 7 vs Neill (No. 1 seeds)

1st board out of the slot (Board 4)

Dealer W, Vul ALL

[Q62
] 9752
{ AJ7
} 875

[93
] AJ84
{ KQ
} AKJ96

[A54
] KQ6
{ T9532
} Q4

West North East South

1} Pass 1[Pass

2] Pass 3} Pass

3NT

I hold [Q62]9752 {AJ7 } 875
I pluck {J from my hand (standard expert lead) but decided that there was no reason for heroics, returned the {J to my hand and led a spade. Declarer won the jack, my partner ducking, hooked the club jack, played a spade to the ten which my partner won to play a belated diamond. Declarer won the second diamond, nodded appreciatively when the

} Q fell to present an entry to dummy and the score was 13 – 0. Next time it's the {J for me. *(But remember, you need to be an expert. Editor.)*

Board 5
Dealer N, Vul NS

[K4
] QJ7653
{ 97
} J84

[A93
] 942
{ AK83
} T93

[T76
] AKT8
{ QJ5
} KO7

[QJ852
]-
{ T642
} A652

Nineteen boards to go I thought as I picked up (Board 5) [K4]QJ7653 {97 } J84 and it seemed like a good idea at the time to open a weak 2] *(Standard expert bid? Editor).* Well actually I opened 2{ to show a variety of things, David Lilley doubled to show a good hand, my partner had to bid 2] the result was –1100. Perhaps it hadn't been such a good idea.

Score 28 – 0.

Board 6

Dealer E, Vul EW

[92
] AKJ4
{ QT73
} A76

[AT
] QT63
{ AJ98
} KJ9

[KQ753
] 2
{ K52
} QT32

[J864
] 9875
{ 64
} 854

Still 18 to go I thought when I picked up (board 6) [92]AKJ4 {Q1073 } A76, when David Lilley on my left opened 2[, the usual 5 card suit, 4 card minor variety and I thought at the time that I was a good idea to open with a takeout double. My poor partner, Martin Bloom, bid a miserable 3] and George expressed his opinion of the likely success of this contract. That was –500 and another 12 in the 'out' column. Score 40 – 0.

Board 7

Dealer S, Vul ALL

[KJ865
] KQ
{ AQT63
} 4

[QT74
] A972
{ 95
} AJ7

[3
] 654
{ KJ84
} K9653

[A92
] JT83
{ 72
} QT82

Had I said something to somebody that I shouldn't have? Had I upset the computer somehow? Anyway, still 16 to go I thought when I picked up (Board 7) [KJ865]KQ {AQ1063 } 4. After two passes I tried 1[. Was raised to 2[and 4[concluded the auction. David led a heart and dummy was a disappointment (isn't it always?) [A92]J1083 {72 } Q1082. George won the]A and switched to {9. I rose ace of course, cashed]K, entered dummy with [A, pitched my club loser on]J and led a diamond towards my queen. No luck, diamonds 4–2 offside, spades 4–1, down the poop again. *(Still, you must have been getting used to it by now. Editor.)*

We had a breather on the next board which we passed out. Then an easy 3NT making zillions of tricks, and with confidence restored, I picked up (board 10) [J97]8653 {10853 } A7 and Martin opened 1{ in second position and it was up to me.

Hand 10
Dealer E, Vul ALL

	[J97	
	]8653	
	{T853	
	} A7	
[KT63		[542
]AT9		]J7
{742		{A6
} 832		} KJT964
	[AQ8	
	]KQ42	
	{KQJ9	
	} Q5	

In my beginners classes (*Perhaps you should take one? Editor.*) I teach that you need 6 HCP's to respond to partner's 1 level opening. Perhaps I should listen to my own lessons. I've no idea why I bid 1], but still 1] is what I bid. Martin raised rather unsympathetically I thought, to 4] (he only had 19 HCP's), and sure enough, the A] was offside, the spade finesse failed and another – 200 was entered in the wrong column.

Only thirteen to go, so far so bad.

A couple of easy ones went by when (board 13) I picked up [KQJ68]AQ6 {AQJ3 } A. We arrived in 4[, David led a club and I counted 4 spades, a couple of hearts, at least 2 diamonds and a club. I put the K[on the deck, sure enough they were 4 – 0 and another 12 IMPS were entered in the wrong column. Maybe they didn't split 4 – 0 at the other table, 'cos teammates were –620!!! I must talk to

them.
Only nine to go now
THANKFULLY.
My apologies to the computer for what I may have said to upset it.
Looks like golf on Saturday.
P.S. we lost 24 – 6
(*You were lucky to get 6. Editor.*)

Should I Change the Colour of My Spots?

Laurie Kelso

Many of you may be unaware that the ABF recently revised the System Regulations. These new regulations are in effect at the Summer Festival and whilst the changes should not materially affect your ability to employ any of your favourite methods, they could still result in a reclassification of your system colour.

There remain four categories of system colour coding (Green, Blue, Red and Yellow). The sole criterion however is now your system's 1-level opening structure. This means that many pairs who previously categorised themselves as 'Red' because they used weak 'unanchored' opening bids at the two and three-level, may now be able to revert to a Green or Blue classification!

GREEN

Natural systems: All one-level opening bids are natural, not conventional. Exception:- A 4432 shaped hand 4 may be opened 1} .

Typical Green systems will include **Goren, STD American** (both 4- and 5-card major varieties) and **Acol**.

BLUE

Strong Club / Strong Diamond Systems, including systems where

- (a) one club / one diamond is artificial and always strong; and
- (b) one of a major and 1NT are natural; and
- (c) the one-level opening in the other minor may be artificial with various possibilities not covered by the other opening bids.

This Blue category encompasses **Precision, Shenken Club, Blue Club** and the like.

RED

Artificial Systems including:

- (a) All systems employing artificial one-level openings that do not fall under the definition of Yellow (HUM) systems (see below) other than Strong Club / Strong Diamond (Blue) systems.
- (b) Any system in which the basic structure (other than the no trump range) varies according to position and/or vulnerability

Common Red systems include variants of **Moscito, Polish Club** and **Power** as well as methods that employ **1-level transfer opening bids**.

YELLOW Systems which exhibit Highly Unusual Methods (HUM)

Predominately these would include (but are not limited to) **'Forcing Pass'** and **'Intermediate Pass'** methods.

Please however note that the concept of **'Opening Points' (OPs) has been abolished**. Consequently, an agreement to open the bidding naturally at the 1-level on below average hands or employ very weak two and three-level opening bids is no longer considered to be a criteria for 'Yellow' classification. This does not however negate the requirement that any such partnership

agreement must be fully disclosed to the opponents.

BROWN STICKER conventions and treatments: This is a separate new category which relates specifically to **weak unanchored multi-meaning 2- and 3-level opening bids** as well as certain **unanchored overcalls** (when employed against non-conventional openings).

Typical Brown Sticker Conventions include **RCO twos**, **Myxomatosis twos** and **Twerb** or **Suction** overcalls.

If your partnership uses these types of gadgets then **in addition** to the coloured spot that identifies your system classification, you will need to affix a **second Brown** spot to indicate the use of 'Brown Sticker' methods.

PROTECTED PAIR STATUS:

A pair, playing a **Green** system without the use of any **Brown Sticker** conventions throughout the National Non- Life Masters Teams, National Novice Teams or any Pairs event at the Summer Festival, which has both of its players below the rank of National Master or one player below Local Master, may apply to the Senior Tournament Director to be a Protected Pair identified by a **ORANGE** sticker on the front of its system card for that event.

Pairs playing **Brown** Sticker methods or a **Red** system must ascertain before the start of each round whether their opponents are a 'Protected Pair'. If so, the pair playing the Brown Sticker or Red methods must revert to a Green or Blue system for that round. Pairs who have been granted Protected status will be easily identified by the presence of both

Green and Orange spots on their System Cards.

Finally, the onus rests with all players to re-classify their systems appropriately. If, after reading this article, you are still unsure of your new system colour, the full regulations are available on the ABF's Web site (abf.com.au)

Really Easy Mistakes

'The mistakes are all there, waiting to be made'.

Polish/Franco chess grandmaster Dr. Saville Tartakower

In *The Mammoth Book of Bridge* I suggested that apart from skill the most important factor in becoming a champion was the ability to concentrate. You may judge for yourselves to what extent the players followed that dictum as we follow the action from the second Round Robin match between Watts and Herries, where the players were confronted by an awkward set of boards that demonstrated yet again what we all know, that bridge is the toughest game in the world.

Board 24

Dealer W, NIL Vul
 [973
] QT8
 { T4
 } QT642
 [AT8654
] 3
 { AQ72
 } 98
 [QJ2
] K7642
 { 853
 } 53

[K
] AJ95
 { KJ96
 } AKJ7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Herries	Folkard	Henry	Watts
1 [	Pass	2 }	Pass
2 {	Pass	2] *	Pass
2 [	Pass	4NT *	Pass
5] *	Pass	6 {	All Pass

There are so many hands where West will deliver the cards that make a grand slam easy that one has to question East's development of the auction. However, Six Diamonds was quite high enough, and you might like to consider how you would play it if spades were 4-2 rather than 3-3.

Declarer won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace, unblocked the king of spades, cashed the king of diamonds, crossed to a diamond, ruffed a spade, drew the last trump and cashed the ace of spades, claiming when the suit divided, +940.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lowry	Russell	Hay	Simpson
2 [*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

It was the first board at both tables and West, not quite up to speed concentration wise, opened with a 'weak' (sic) bid, which left East with no rational alternative to the no trump game. She made ten tricks, but lost 12 IMPs.

Board 25

Dealer N, EW Vul
 [KT984
] K9743
 { 86
 } 3
 [2
] A8652
 { 932
 } KT82
 [AQJ73
] JT
 { QJT4
 } 75
 [65
] Q
 { AK75
 } AQJ964

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Herries	Folkard	Henry	Watts
	Pass	1 [	2 }
All Pass			

I'm surprised North did not have a way to open, but as the auction went she may have been pleased she didn't. I would have said it was

automatic to reopen with the East hand, but in view of the way the play went it was probably just as well she didn't.

West led her spade and East won with the jack and failed to find the trump switch which would have led to a one trick defeat, preferring to try the queen of diamonds. Declarer played three rounds of that suit, ruffing in dummy and a heart to the jack, queen and ace. West played back a heart and declarer won with dummy's king, pitching a spade, ruffed a heart and played the ace of clubs, followed by the queen. West won and played a heart and declarer could win, discarding her losing spade for nine tricks and +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lowry	Russell	Hay	Simpson
	2{*}	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4}*	Pass	4{*}
Pass	4[	All Pass	

North showed her major two suiter with a club shortage and the only reason East didn't double Four Spades was that she was hoping to catch an even bigger fish if the auction continued. No joy, but the contract was three down, -150 and 6 IMPs back for Watts.

Board 26

Dealer E, ALL Vul

	[K82		
	] KJ2		
	{ QT53		
	} A74		
[T		[AQ9754	
] AT6543		] Q	
{ J982		{ 4	
} T3		} QJ986	
	[J63		
	] 987		
	{ AK76		
	} K52		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Herries	Folkard	Henry	Watts
		1[	Pass
Pass	1NT	2}	Pass
2]	Pass	2[	All Pass

Facing the protective 11-14 notrump bid the South hand is not easy to describe – certainly you need better trumps to double either black suit – so unless you can make a card showing double you probably have to be content with 2NT, invitational if partner is at the top of the range.

2NT might well be made, but as it was it was East/west who were plus, Two Spades being an easy make, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lowry	Russell	Hay	Simpson
		1[	Pass
Pass	1NT	2}	Dble
All Pass			

Here South did introduce a double which ended the auction. It's not easy to defeat Two Clubs, as the defenders have to resist the temptation to get rid of both dummy's trumps, instead adopting a forcing game by leading diamonds. When they started with two rounds of clubs declarer was comfortable placed, and with spades 3-3 and the king inside she emerged with an overtrick, +380 and 7 IMPs.

Board 27

Dealer S, NIL Vul

	[AKQT4		
	] KJT		
	{ 5		
	} KJ86		
[J5		[86	
] A5		] 762	
{ KJ8763		{ AQT4	
} QT7		} 9532	
	[9732		
	] Q9843		
	{ 92		
	} A4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Herries	Folkard	Henry	Watts
			2]*
3{	4]	5{	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Do you consider West's overcall to be unsound? With a broken suit it was asking for trouble and it arrived in a big way when she found she had hit partner's suit.

There was no way to avoid the loss of six tricks, down four, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lowry	Russell	Hay	Simpson
			2{*}
3{	4[	5{	Pass
Pass	5[	All Pass	

North passed up a chance to flatten the board and although she was +450 it was another 6 IMPs to Watts.

Board 28

Dealer W, NS Vul

	[A7		
	] 2		
	{ AQT83		
	} 96542		
[J4		[Q9863	
] 74		] KJ96	
{ 9752		{ 64	
} AT873		} KJ	
	[KT52		
	] AQT853		
	{ KJ		
	} Q		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Herries	Folkard	Henry	Watts
Pass	1{	1[	2]
Pass	3}	Pass	3[
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

South took far too rosy a view of her hand – and having survived the

dubious Three Spade bid in preference to the practical 3NT she went overboard. The defence was not perfect and declarer emerged with eleven tricks, but that was not enough, -100.

During this board a mobile phone went off in the playing room. (It belonged to a spectator and he was removed and barred for the rest of the session.) Had it belonged to a player he would have been subject to penalty. In chess, the penalty for having your phone go off during play is loss of the game (as happened to former FIDE World Champion Ruslan Ponomarev) and it occurs to me that perhaps the same rule should apply in bridge. In a teams event you would instantly lose the match by the maximum, in a pairs game you would score zero. Draconian possibly, but you would never hear a phone ring during play again!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lowry	Russell	Hay	Simpson
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

What an easy way to collect 12 IMPs!

Board 17
Dealer N, NIL Vul

[K8			
] 85			
{ QJ9642			
} QJ5			
[JT6		[AQ52	
] T32		] AKQ7	
{ A87		{ K3	
} T432		} AK7	
[9743			
] J964			
{ T5			
} 986			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Herries	Folkard	Henry	Watts
	Pass	2} *	Pass
2{*	Dble	3{*	Pass
4{	Pass	4]	Pass
5{	Pass	5NT	Pass
6{	Pass	6NT	All Pass

I'm told that North's double of Two Diamonds is alertable even though it is obvious that by a passed hand it must show diamonds. Neither West nor South noticed it, hence West's series of diamond bids. On a good day 6NT might role home, but not this time and declarer finished two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lowry	Russell	Hay	Simpson
	Pass	2} *	Pass
2{*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led a heart, so declarer made twelve tricks at this table, +490 and picked up 11 IMPs.

Board 20
Dealer W, All Vul

[A732			
] K98			
{ AT2			
} AQ8			
[J964		[K8	
] 642		] 3	
{ K87		{ QJ6543	
} 543		} J962	
[QT5			
] AQJT75			
{ 9			
} KT7			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Herries	Folkard	Henry	Watts
Pass	1}	2{	2]
Pass	4]	All Pass	

Once North jumps to game the South hand is worth a slam try, but

its not clear which is best, Five Clubs or Five Diamonds. In this case either would see North bid the slam. Declarer made twelve tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lowry	Russell	Hay	Simpson
Pass	1} *	Pass	1]
Pass	2]	Pass	4} *
Pass	4{*	Pass	6]
All Pass			

One Club was Precision and Four Clubs asked for key cards, (Splinters anyone?) North showing 0-3 (yes, she had four, but it was near the end of the session) and South bid the slam anyway.

When I do this sort of thing dummy delivers [J732] K98 {AK10 } AQ8 and they cash the top spades – and get a ruff. Well, North/South got away with it this time. They picked up 13 IMPs, enough to give Herries a winning draw, 52-50.

LOST EARRING

If you have lost an earring please collect it from the Festival secretary's desk at Rydges

] [] { } [] [] { } [] [] { }

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SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S QUIZ#4

[A K Q J 4 2
] 4 2
{ 9 4
} 6 4 3

[8 5] 6
] Q 10 5 3] 9 7 6
{ K J 6 2 } 10 8 7 5 3
} Q 9 8 } 10 7 5 2

[10 9 7 3
] A K J 8
{ A Q
} A K J

After you take the trump lead in the dummy and draw the remaining trump, you then have a choice of three finesses in the side suits. So, should you finesse the]J, the {Q or }J?

Certainly this is a somewhat misleading question for if you take any of them and the finesse loses, you will have to guess what to do next. You may be surprised to learn that there is a 100% line available, by playing on hearts and covering East's card on the first round of the suit.

Suppose East follows with the]6 or]7. You play the]8 and West wins with the ten but he must give you your twelfth trick in whichever suit he returns.

Of course, it makes no difference if East rises with the]9. You will cover with the jack, losing to West's queen, and your A-K-8 will then be a tenace against West's 10-5-3. The same would be true if East had started with 10-9-7 in the heart suit and inserted the 10 or 9.

COME ON! AUSSIE! COME ON! Tsunami Appeal

We are once again bidding for our philanthropic friends, the bridge community, to dig deep for tsunami relief.

The Red Cross has reported that the donations so far from Convention Centre players is \$156.05 and Rydges is a meagre \$17.40.

In the first edition of Not News it was seemingly optimistic to imagine raising \$15,000 during the course of the Festival (\$1000 per day). However, sadly, the flow has been much slower than expected, so a second appeal has been instigated.

So please may you drop your loose change in the appropriate box when you get your coffee at the Café counters and Festival Desks at both venues.

"HOT" news, just in!

Apartments next to Rydges Lakeside received a light toasting yesterday as a fire started in the forty degree heat on a fourth floor balcony.

Ms Jillian Hay was woken from a nap by the five firetrucks summoned to the scene. The news team was just in time to catch her enlightening comment "its a REAL fire!"

Meanwhile, a chat with the 20 or so firemen scratching their heads at the entrance to the apartments led to the insight that they were "...doing [a lot]..." as an elderly couple on the tenth floor stood drinking tea, unmoved by the spectacle.

As [flames] licked the side of Rydges, Mr Thomas Ellis from the NOT News was there to defend the hotel with his camera flash:



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