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Four Aces contest NOT Semi Finals

Today's semi-finals of the *NOT Teams Championship* see **Marston** face **Gruia**, while **Wiltshire** meets **Rothfield**. Only the latter won easily, but the other three quarter finals were all close going into the last quarter, and were only decided towards the end of the set.

Live coverage of the semi finals is at www.bridgebase.com

In the *Mixed Teams Championship* they have reached the half way mark and the team of **J Howard, J Williams, G Feiler, C Mill** and **M Whibley** total of 121 gives them a 3VP lead over **V Gardiner, S Lester, P Gill, M Bourke, M Courtney** and **J Hay**. They in turn are just 1VP clear of **L Lowe, M Solar, I Afflick** and **T Strickland**. Fourth place belongs to **C Schwabegger, M Walters, K Daws** and **P Gue** fifth to **B Waters, J Tobin, T Ong** and **C Boylson** and sixth to **E Erichsen, H Erichsen, P Brayshaw, W Jenner-O'Shea** and **K Crowe-Mai**.

It is long odds that the winning team will come from this group.

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I apologise for the misleading heading that appeared in yesterday's Bulletin in respect of *Neville's Novelty Night*. The authors, who were somewhat the worse for wear, tell me that they did not understand the meaning of the word they used. This obviously hugely enjoyable event raised a magnificent \$1,032.00 for the Tsunami Appeal. Well done everyone, and especially Neville!

Tim Bourke's Daily Quiz #11

11. COUNTING

Dealer East. EWVul.

NORTH

[J 10 4 2

] A 8

{ A 9 6

} A K 3 2

SOUTH

[A K Q 9 8 6

] K 5

{ 10 4 3

} 7 5

West North East South

Pass 6 [3 { 3 [

All pass

How will you play 6[when West leads the queen of hearts and both opponents follow to the first round of trumps and two rounds of hearts?

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TIMETABLE

Sun 23rd January

National Open Teams
Rydges Lakeside Canberra

Session times:

Sun: 10:00, 13:00, 15:30, 18:00

Australian Mixed Teams
Rydges Lakeside Canberra

Session times:

Sun: 10:00, 14:00

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NOT QUARTER FINAL 2005

	Team	1-16	17-32	33-49	50-66	Total
1	Marston	40	36	34	27	137
	Ziggy	8	44	48	18	118
2	Gruia	50	27	44	32	153
	Walsh	21	40	42	13	116
3	Wiltshire	21	45	50	44	160
	Gosney	53	17	48	3	121
4	Rothfield	43	76	62	57	238
	Ewart	37	3	59	19	118

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Mixed Teams

1	20	Howard	121	137	23	8	Ali	89	-2
2	1	Gardiner	118	113	24	31	Clayton	89	-3
3	10	Lowe	117	100	25	29	Hill	86	-9
4	5	Schwabegger	114	112	26	28	Wehner	86	-19
5	12	Waters	111	82	27	25	Marker	84	-20
6	3	Erichsen	109	72	28	41	Andrews	84	-21
7	37	Genc	108	70	29	18	Parrott	83	-27
8	2	Nixon	106	86	30	11	Collins	83	-29
9	21	Ware	104	51	31	19	Mitchell	83	-29
10	13	Bridgland	103	57	32	32	Kelly	81	-34
11	7	Magee	102	81	33	39	Williams	80	-48
12	6	Prescott	100	59	34	42	De Livera	77	-38
13	15	Shearer	100	39	35	44	Hills	75	-56
14	36	Waldvogel	96	21	36	30	Lewin	75	-62
15	17	Wood-Hesketh	95	40	37	40	Pryde	75	-62
16	24	Weddell	94	26	38	38	Leggett	73	-46
17	16	Finikiotis	93	17	39	33	Harrop	72	-66
18	4	Watts	93	9	40	43	Hunter	66	-96
19	9	Prince	92	33	41	23	Carberry	62	-107
20	35	Clarke	92	6	42	14	Havlicek	61	-115
21	27	Bugeia	90	5	43	26	Bolaffi	60	-120
22	22	Barva	90	-1	44	34	Walsh	37	-206

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The Oz Chronicles – Final Extra Edition

When you spend a vast amount of your time travelling the world to produce Daily Bulletins, each new venue always produces an extra special degree of excitement.

It has been a pleasure to be a small part of the Summer Festival, which obviously brings so much pleasure to so many bridge players.

My special thanks to **John Scudder**, for inviting me to come, and for his support thereafter, to **Martin Willcox**, and his scoring team, at the very least the equal of any in the World, for the amazing speed with which they delivered the results, to the Production Team of **Carly Sebestyen & Tom Ellis**, who suffered the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune with a smile, and to the many people who were kind enough to contribute to the *NOT News*, chief among them the legendary **Tim Bourke**, and my secret little helper **Sue Grenside**.

Despite the extraordinary number of howlers that have appeared in the *NOT News* I hope we have occasionally entertained you with the exploits of the various players who have graced these pages, and thereby added to your enjoyment of this event.

Mark Horton

If you can keep your head when all about you

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster

And treat those two impostors just the same

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling



Stancu, Pepsi Cola (Pszczola) and Gruia discuss the match

Blow for Blow

Sue Grenside was kind enough to watch the action in the Open Room before the small matter of a flight home to Perth intervened!

After thirty two boards the match between Gruia and Nixon was in the balance, the former enjoying a slender lead by 68-65 IMPs. The set started with a tremendous bang.

Board 1

Dealer North. Nil Vul

[42	[AKQJ873
] AJ3	] K62
{ 4	{ AQ3
} QJ97532	} —
[1096	[5
] Q8	] 109754
{ KJ10952	{ 876
} A8	} K1064

West North East South

Nixon	Gruia	Hurley	Stancu
	3}	Dble	Pass
3NT	Pass	4[	All Pass

When West showed some values East made a serious underbid and the laydown slam was missed.

West North East South

Jedrychowski	Kilvington	Pszczola	Snashaup
	3}	Dble	5}
5{	Pass	6}	Pass
6{	Pass	6[	Pass
7[	All Pass		

They didn't miss the slam this time, but they got too high. I'm sure North wanted to double, but that would almost certainly have attracted a diamond lead rather than a heart. When South led a diamond declarer was able to claim, +1510 and a great start for Gruia of 14 IMPs.

Board 2

Dealer East. N/S Vul

[A8	[KQJ6543
] KJ53	] 8
{ Q975	{ J
} 952	} K1083
[97	[102
] A974	] Q1062
{ AK103	{ 8642
} AJ7	} Q64

West North East South
 Nixon Gruia Hurley Stancu
 4[Pass
 5[Pass 6[All Pass
 When West asked East if he had good trumps he decided the answer was yes. South led the six of hearts and declarer won and played a spade. North went in with the ace and tried a hopeful king of hearts, but declarer ruffed and drew another round of trumps. He played one more spade, everyone discarding hearts, and then played three rounds of diamonds, discarding a club on the second and ruffing the third. He played the jack of spades, South discarding the eight of diamonds and dummy and North a heart and then played a club to the jack. That was +980.

West North East South
 Jedrychowski Kilvington Pszczola Snashall
 4[Pass
 4NT* Pass 5} * Pass
 5{ Pass 6[All Pass
 The early play was identical, save that on the third round of spades South discarded the six of clubs! Declarer played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, and cashed another spade, discarding dummy's jack of clubs, North parting with the five of clubs. Declarer played a club to the ace and a club back to the king, +980, no swing.

Board 4
 Dealer West. All Vul
 [96
] A3
 { KQ108752
 } 109
 [85 [KJ10432
] QJ10862] —
 { — { 943
 } A8654 } KJ73
 [AQ7
] K9754
 { AJ6
 } Q2

West North East South
 Nixon Gruia Hurley Stancu
 2[* 3{ Pass 3NT
 Pass Pass 4} All Pass
 2[5-9 } +] or [+{ or a solid suit headed by AKQ
 We will never know if West would have found the club lead, so East did well to bid Four Clubs, a contract that could not be defeated. Indeed, with East as declarer it is impossible to prevent eleven tricks. +150.

West North East South
 Jedrychowski Kilvington Pszczola Snashall
 2[* 3{ Pass 3]
 Dble 3NT All Pass
 When East led the ten of spades declarer claimed ten tricks, +630 and 10 IMPs.



Roy Nixon playing (above), Steve Hurley during play (below)



Board 14
 Dealer East. Nil Vul
 [KJ10873
] A6
 { AO2
 } Q5
 [Q5 [42
] KQJ92] 10853
 { 943 { 10875
 } AJ2 } 974
 [A96
] 74
 { KJ6
 } K10863

West North East South
 Nixon Gruia Hurley Stancu
 Pass 1}
 1] Dble* Pass 2}
 Pass 2[All Pass

A major accident, with South believing that Two Spades was non-forcing. Of course, declarer made eleven tricks, +200.

West North East South
 Jedrychowski Kilvington Pszczola Snashall
 Pass 1NT
 Pass 2]* Pass 2[
 Pass 4[All Pass

No mistake at this table, +450 and a gift of 6 IMPs.

Board 15
 Dealer South. N/S Vul

[AQ8
] Q
 { Q96
 } Q107654
 [K1053 [J7642
] 87] K106
 { A10872 { J3
 } A8 } J93
 [9
] AJ95432
 { K54

West North East South
Nixon Gruia Hurley Stancu

4]

All Pass

I will leave you to judge the merits of South's decision to open at the four level. West led the five of spades and declarer put up the ace and played a club to his king and West's ace. When West returned the suit declarer won in dummy and played a club. When East produced the jack he had to ruff and it looks clear to do that with the nine of hearts. When that holds declarer simply plays a low heart to the queen and cannot be defeated as the cards lie. When he ruffed in with the jack the contract was doomed, down one, -100.

West North East South
Jedrychowski Kilvington Pszczola Snashall
Dble Redble 1[4]

All Pass

West led the ace of diamonds, hoping to find East with a singleton. Declarer won the continuation of the two of diamonds in hand, crossed to the ace of spades and ran the queen of hearts. That proved to be a winning line this time, as East held the king of hearts. However, if West had held that card he would have won and given his partner a diamond ruff. Declarer might have avoided that risk by taking the spade finesse and then discarding a diamond on the ace of spades, eliminating the possibility of a ruff. Of course, it is not clear that you should do this, but West was a favourite to hold the king of spades after his double. The important thing was that declarer had +620 and 12 IMPs.

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Down to the Wire

Only 6 IMPs separated the two teams when Gruia faced Nixon over the last sixteen deals of the Round of 16 in the NOT Championship. The boards did not provide much potential for swings, but these three deals were instrumental in deciding the outcome:

Board 19
Dealer South. E/W Vul

[A86	
] K96	
{ AK76	
} 1075	
[J97	[2
] Q852	] A107
{ J82	{ Q543
} Q42	} AJ863
[KQ10543	
] J43	
{ 109	
} K9	

West North East South
Nixon Hantveit Hurley Stancu
Pass 3[All Pass

Three Spades was easy enough, and when West led a heart declarer was +170.

West North East South
Jedrychowski de Livera Pszczola Smith
Pass 2NT* Pass 3[*
Pass 4[All Pass

Once South showed a good hand North went to game. (3NT would have been easy, but there is no obvious reason to bid it.) A heart lead would have given the contract at once, and although West must have avoided that, the contract can always be made. Say West leads a club. East wins and returns the suit. Declarer wins and can now run his

trumps. However the defenders discard, the threat of declarer eventually playing three rounds of diamonds, ending playing whoever wins the trick, will be a constant menace, and one that ultimately cannot be avoided. Declarer followed a different path (not unreasonably) and finished one down, -50 and 6 IMPs to Gruia.

Gruia had increased his lead to 18 IMPs, but then Nixon hit back with two part score pick ups to bring the margin back to 8 IMPs.

Board 29
Dealer North. All Vul

[KJ98	
] 1062	
{ 987	
} K75	
[A5	[Q1076432
] KQ3	] A8
{ AJ1043	{ K2
} AQ9	} 62
[—	
] J9754	
{ Q65	
} J10843	

West North East South
Nixon Hantveit Hurley Stancu
Pass 1] Pass
1[Pass 1NT Pass
2} Pass 3{ Pass
3] Pass 3[Pass
4[All Pass

1] 4+ [, 10-14
1[Relay, game Interest
1NT minimum
2} Relay, GF
3{ Explained as 6-3-3-1
3] Relay
3[2 controls

If the information from Bridgebase is correct, this was a lucky accident for East/West, although Tim Bourke, commentating on line suggested that it was possible that East had

shown one ace, one king and one queen with his Three Spade bid. Declarer must have been pleased when he saw the spade break, +650.

West	North	East	South
Jedrychowski	de Livera	Pszczola	Smith
	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3]*	Pass
3[	Pass	4{*	Pass
6{	Pass	6[	All Pass

Notice that second in hand pass with a poor suit and the dreaded 7-2-2-2 shape.

This time declarer was not amused by the division of the spades! -100 and 13 IMPs to Nixon, now leading by 5 IMPs.

Board 31
Dealer South. N/S Vul

	[KJ4		[AQ
	] KQ76		] J9842
	{ A10		{ K765
	} K1053		} A7
[932		[AQ	
] —		] J9842	
{ QJ943		{ K765	
} J9642		} A7	
	[108765		[KQ984
	] A1053		] 4
	{ 82		{ Q982
	} Q8		} 752

West	North	East	South
Nixon	Hantveit	Hurley	Stancu
			Pass
2{*	2NT	4]*	Dble
5}	Dble	5{	Dble
All Pass			

2{]'s or 5/5 } & { or 8 solid spades
4] Pass or Correct

North made no mistake, leading the ace and another diamond to ensure

one down, +100.

West	North	East	South
Jedrychowski	De Livera	Pszczola	Smith
			Pass
Pass	1}	1]	1[
Pass	1NT	2{	Pass
3{	All Pass		

Pszczola's decision to bid Two Diamonds proved to be a match winner, as declarer recorded +130 to put Gruia in the lead by 1 IMP – a lead they maintained on the final deal.

Mirror, mirror . . .

by Ron Klinger

The Walsh team (Barbara McDonald – Alan Walsh, Pauline Gumby – Warren Lazer, Edward Griffin – Michael Hughes) led for a fair part of the South-West Pacific Teams at the Convention Centre and finished second there. They had a comfortable win in the Round of 16. This deal was part of the reason:

R/16 : Session 1 : Board 9
Dealer North : East-West vulnerable

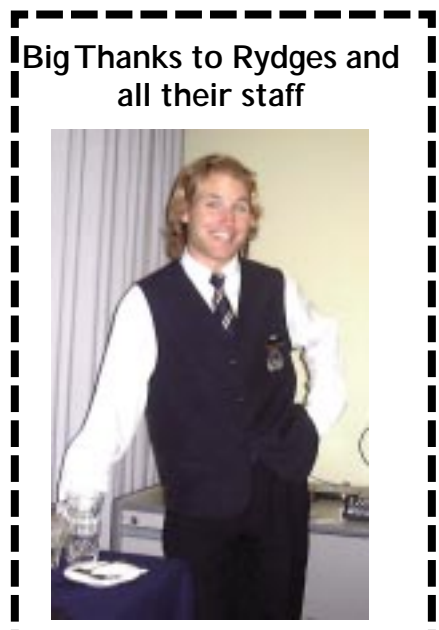
	[KQ984		[J7
	] 4		] AQ10632
	{ Q982		{ AKJ10
	} 752		} Q
[10		[A6532	
] KJ875		] 9	
{ 7		{ 6543	
} A108643		} KJ9	

West	North	East	South
Griffin		Hughes	
Pass	1} (1)	1NT (2)	Dble (3)
2} (4)	2]	Pass	3]
3[	4{ (5)	4[	5} (5)
Pass	5{ (5)	Pass	6]
6[	Dble	All pass	

- (1) 15+, any shape
 - (2) Odd suits
 - (3) Game-force
 - (4) Pass-or-correct
 - (5) Cue-bid
- Lead: CQ

North-South have a 5-5 spade fit, but are lumbered with the dreaded mirror shape. West won the club lead and shifted to the D7, won with the D10. East continued with the DA, DK and the fourth diamond, ruffed. West shifted to the C10, a suit-preference signal for hearts. East ruffed and led a low heart to West's king. The next club was ruffed and declarer was able to claim the rest, the five trump tricks. By dint of perfect timing, East-West had won every available tricks for the defence including each of their three trumps. Down seven was +1700 to East-West. That was worth 14 Imps against the 680 East-West score at the other table after this auction:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1]	1[
3} (1)	4[	5{	Pass
5]	Pass	Pass	Pass
(1) Fit-showing jump			



Opening Manoeuvres

Marston v Ziggy promised to be a hard fought match, but the latter found it difficult to get on the score board during the first set of the quarter final.

On this auction there was no compelling reason for North to take a flyer, but as you can see, Four Hearts was unbeatable, +620, and 11 IMPS.

Board 8
Dealer West. Nil Vul

he failed to find that declarer had time to set up enough tricks in spades and clubs to get home, +400, and 10 more IMPS for Marston.

Board 10
Dealer East. All Vul

Board 6
Dealer East. E/W Vul

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[ 10 9 8 2
] A
{ 10
} A J 10 8 7 6 4

[ 7 3
] Q 9 8 3
{ A K 7 2
} K Q 9

[ A J 6
] K 10 6 5 4 2
{ J 8 3
} 3

[ K Q 5 4
] J 7
{ Q 9 6 5 4
} 5 2
    
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[ K J 6 4 3
] K 7 3 2
{ —
} J 10 7 6

[ A 10 7 2
] A 8 5
{ K 6 5 3
} K 8

[ 5
] J 10 9 6 4
{ Q 10 8 7 4
} Q 3
    
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[ K J 8
] K 8 4
{ 9 7 6 5 4
} 9 8

[ Q 10 3
] A Q 9 7 5
{ A 10 2
} Q 10

[ 9 4 2
] 10 3 2
{ K Q J 8
} 6 4 2

[ A 7 6 5
] J 6
{ 3
} A K J 7 5 3
    
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West	North	East	South
Bach	S Bloom	Mill	B Bloom
1NT	2{*}	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bach	S Bloom	Mill	B Bloom
		Pass	2}

West	North	East	South
Bach	S Bloom	Mill	B Bloom
		2{*}	Pass
2[* 3}		4]	Pass
Pass	4[		All Pass

2{ Multi

North was flying solo here, and his luck was in when dummy delivered four very good trumps. Declarer won the opening heart lead in hand, played a spade to the king and a club, ducking when the king appeared. West cashed the king of diamonds and continued with the ace forcing declarer to ruff. He played a spade but East won and played a heart, ensuring the defeat of the contract. Declarer discarded a club on this trick, but had the rest, -50.

North led the four of spades and declarer won in hand with the 10 and returned the suit. North went in with the king, South discarding the four of hearts, and promptly switched to the king of hearts. South correctly played the jack on this trick and declarer ducked hearts twice, won the third round, played a spade to dummy, cashed the ace of clubs, played a club to the king and cashed the ace of spades. He played the three of diamonds but when North discarded he conceded one down, -50.

West	North	East	South
Marston	Burgess	Teramoto	Lloyd
1{	1[	2[*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Marston	Burgess	Teramoto	Lloyd
		Pass	Pass
1{	4}	4]	All Pass

North led the jack of clubs and declarer won in hand and played a spade. North went in with the king and had only one winning move, to play the king of hearts. However that was hardly obvious, and when

All Pass

West led the three of spades and declarer reused the finesse, winning in hand with the ace to play a heart. West went in with the ace and played the ten of spades. Declarer put up dummy's king and so made only ten tricks, +130.

West	North	East	South
Marston	Burgess	Teramoto	Lloyd
		Pass	1}
1]	Dble*	2]	2[

All Pass

North's double denied four spades, so South was on thin ice with her Two Spade bid. West cashed the ace of hearts and switched to a trump. When the jack held declarer cashed the ace and king of clubs and soon claimed 11 tricks and 2 IMPS.

This deal was amusing, because the scorer thought declarer had gone two down in her contract of Two Spades on a 4-3 fit, the result being entered as simply 200 – and everyone was vulnerable. Marston had dominated the session, and led 40-8 IMPs.

Jockeying for Position

There was no let up for the players in set 3 of the quarter finals, as the Great Shuffler produced a set of deals with a huge potential for swings. Here is some of the action from the two matches featured on Bridgebase.

Board 1
Dealer North. Nil Vul

[98	[K54
] KQ854] —
{ J5	{ Q987
} 9764	} AQ10832
[AQJ10	[7632
] AJ107	] 9632
{ 106432	{ AK
} —	} KJ5

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Marston	Lloyd	Teramoto
	Pass	1}	Pass
1{	1]	2{	3{
Dble	Pass	4{	Pass
5{	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

There was no defence, +550.

West	North	East	South
B Bloom	Ziggy	S Bloom	Wallis
	2{*	3}	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	4}	Dble
All Pass			

I doubt declarer would have made 3NT doubled, but running did not help. Four Clubs was two down, -300 and a good start for Ziggy, who collected 13 IMPs.



Stephen Burgess just before yesterdays last session began

There was also a swing in our other featured match:

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Gruia	Griffin	Hantveit
	Pass	1{	Pass
1NT	Pass	2]	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the five of hearts and declarer won in hand with the jack, discarding a spade from dummy and played a diamond to the seven and South's king. North won the heart return and for some reason switched to a club. Declarer rose with dummy's ace, discarding the jack of hearts and played a diamond. He was home now, +430 when South did not cash his club winner. The same contract failed at the other table, so 10 IMPs for Walsh

Board 3
Dealer East. N/S Vul

[Q 10 9 7	[A 5 2
] 4 2	] J 10 8 5
{ K J 10 7	{ 9 4 3
} 5 3 2	} 9 8 6
[K J 8 6	[4 3
] A K Q 7	] 9 6 3
{ A 8 5	{ Q 6 2
} A 10	} K Q J 7 4

West	North	East	South
Burgess	Marston	Lloyd	Teramoto
	Pass	2]	Pass
2{*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2NT	Pass		

North led the ten of spades, +600.

West	North	East	South
B Bloom	Ziggy	S Bloom	Wallis
	1}	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2]	Pass
3]	Pass	4]	All Pass

Declarer ducked the opening lead of the king of clubs and won the spade switch with dummy's king. After drawing two rounds of trumps the play record says declarer tried a low diamond from both hands. I'm not sure I believe that, but in any event the contract could not be made, -100, giving Ziggy 12 IMPs.

Tanya Lloyd (below left) and Paul Marston psyching up before their big match yesterday



In the other match the IMPs lost on Board 1 went back to Gruia:

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Gruia	Griffin	Hantveit
1}	Pass	1{	Pass
1]	Pass	1[	Pass
1NT	Pass	2}	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the four of hearts and declarer won and took his best shot for three spade tricks, cashing the king, low to the ace and a third spade. No luck this time and he was soon one down, -100.

The same contract made at the other table, doubtless on a spade lead by North. +600 and 12 IMPs.

The positional factor was all important on our next featured deal:

[Q32
] K5
{ AK
} AQ7654

[KJ5
] QJ4
{ 765
} KJ103

West	North	East	South
B Bloom	Ziggy	S Bloom	Wallis
Dble	Pass*	2]	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1} 0+clubs, 12+ forcing
Pass 0-5 or 10+

Of course, North led a spade, one down, +100. East was declarer at the other table, so it was another 12 IMPs for Ziggy, ahead for the first time.

It was similar story in the other match, with one team getting the contract played the 'right' way round to pick up 12 IMPs. It turned out to be Walsh who was in luck.

Board 15
Dealer South. N/S Vul

[K83
] Q
{ KQJ1043
} QJ2
[74
] K108532
{ A9
} 1087
[96
] J974
{ 872
} A963
[AQJ1052
] A6
{ 65
} K54

Board 7
Dealer South. All Vul

[A9764
] 10632
{ 832
} 8

[108
] A987
{ QJ1094
} 92

West	North	East	South
B Bloom	Ziggy	S Bloom	Wallis
2]	3{	4]	4[
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5[
Pass	6[	All Pass	

Something went badly wrong here – another Blackwood accident? West led a heart and declarer won in hand and played a diamond. West took the ace and switched to a club, -100.

It cost Ziggy 13 IMPs as they naturally stopped in game at the other table.

Board 16
Dealer West. E/W Vul

[74
] AK10873
{ K7
} K105
[K108
] J954
{ 542
} QJ8
[QJ63
] —
{ J106
} 976432
[A952
] Q62
{ AQ983
} A

West	North	East	South
B Bloom	Ziggy	S Bloom	Wallis
Pass	1]	Pass	2} *
Pass	2]	Pass	3{ *
Pass	4} *	Pass	6]
All Pass			

Ziggy appears quite happy regardless of the fact he wasn't playing



Gruia would go into the last set with a reasonable but not decisive lead, 121-103.

In the other two matches, Rothfield was in complete control but Gosney/Wiltshire would be a nerve jangler, with the former only two ahead, 118-116.

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Best vs Worst

Josh Haffer

How did one of Australia's best bridge players lose against one of the world's most inexperienced players? By over-estimating his opponents abilities.



- 2} artificial game force
- 3{ asking
- 4} {A or K

It was cruel luck for North/South that they had another tough hand immediately after their disaster on the previous board. Rather than jump directly to slam, South might have resorted to Blackwood, or even tried an aggressive 5NT, the grand slam force.

They made no mistake at the other table, so it cost 11 IMPs.

Marston had come back to lead 110-100 with 16 deals to play.

West	North	East	South
Hughes	Gruia	Griffin	Hantveit
Pass	1]	Pass	1[
Pass	2]	Pass	4} *
Pass	4{	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5{	Pass	6]
All Pass			

I don't like 4NT, it looks better to cue bid 4[. Then if North bids 5} it is easy enough to bid 5NT when North will go to Seven Hearts. No worries, this was worth 11 IMPs when North/South got no higher than game at the other table.



Jimmy Wallis takes a break yesterday after finishing all his matches

Josh and Tony meet again this year

It happened in Adelaide 2002 in a tournament. Many players had to drop out, and the only people there to fill in were several kids that had just learnt bridge. One of these kids was Josh Haffer (Joe Haffers son, who was a caddy this year at NCC.) he was sent to play verses Tony Nunn (also at the Summer festival this year). It didn't appear to be that much of a challenge for the experienced Tony, but here's what happened: Josh made a few silly mistakes such as slapping down kings and aces on low cards. Most bridge players wouldn't make mistakes like these so Tony assumed Josh had something up his sleeve and was unsuccessful when he tried to play around it.

So now one of the most inexperienced players has beaten Tony Nunn! Which isn't something that happens every day!

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A Squeeze in Time brings in nine

by Ron Klinger

This was Board 1 in Round 11 of the South West Pacific Teams, directions changed for convenience:

Dealer South : Nil vulnerable

[A432
] K1094
{ K9
} 973

[10765] J9
] 7532] QJ8
{ J54 }{ Q1087
} AK } J1082

[KQ8
] A6
{ A632
} Q654

Most pairs played in 3NT, failing as evidenced by the datum of E-W 30. Edward Griffin of the WALSH team brought in nine tricks on this sequence of plays:

1. [5 lead to the jack and king
2. } 4, taken by the } K
3. { 4: nine – queen – three
4. { 7: six – five - king
5. } 7: eight – five – ace
6. { J:] 4 – { 8 – { A
7. [Q: six – three – jack

This was now the position:

[A4] —
] K109] QJ8
{ — }{ 10
} 9 } J10

[8
] A6
{ 2
} Q6

When Griffin led the [8 to dummy's ace, East was caught in a triple squeeze. A heart discard would allow declarer to score three heart tricks and if East shed the } 10, South would have two club tricks. Therefore East let go the { 10. This merely postponed the inevitable. A club to the queen was followed by the { 2. This would effect a double squeeze, regardless of the heart honours. As West had to hold on to the spade winner and East needed to retain two clubs, neither could also guard the hearts.

As the cards lay, the play is in fact a simple squeeze (on East), played as a double. On the { 2 winner, West threw a heart and dummy then let go the [4. Whether East relinquished the } J or a heart, declarer had the rest for +400 and +10 Imps against the datum.

A Novelty Criss-Cross Squeeze

Richard Hills

Each round of Neville Moses' Novelty Pairs had special rules which modified the normal rules of bridge. On board 15, the novelty modification to the Laws of Bridge was a rule that the **partner** of the player who won the last trick would be required to lead to the next trick.

Dir: South, Vul: North-South

Richard Hills
[AQ743
] Q7
{ J
} T8653

[T9] 865
] J843] KT95
{ T9862 }{ AQ7543
} 76 } —

Andrew Struik
[KJ2
] A62
{ K
} AKQJ92

As North, I declared 4[, and East led a trump. As the Novelty Pairs was scored by matchpoints (not the IMPS of the previous week) it was vital to win 13 tricks, rather than merely 12.

I drew trumps in three rounds, and then I played on clubs, carefully blocking the fifth round of clubs with the ten of clubs. This criss-crossed the lead to dummy, which allowed me to cash the sixth round of clubs to discard the jack of diamonds. Back in my hand now, I carefully cashed a fourth round of trumps **before** playing a Vienna Coup ace of hearts. The play of dummy's ace of hearts criss-crossed me back to my North hand, thus allowing me to lead the [7 squeeze card in this two-card ending:

Richard Hills

[7
] Q
{ —
} —

West	East
irrelevant	[—
	] K
	{ A
	} —

Andrew Struik

[—
] 6
{ K
} —

East could not discard the] K, as that would give me a heart winner. So East discarded the { A. I now discarded dummy's] 6, and the lead was now criss-crossed to dummy, which allowed dummy's "entryless" { K to score the thirteenth trick.

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SOLUTION TO TIM BOURKE'S QUIZ # 11

West's failure to lead a diamond indicates he has a void there. Further as East has at least one trump and two hearts he can have at most three clubs. So the full deal will be not too dissimilar to:

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      [ J 10 4 2
      ] A 8
      { A 9 6
      } A K 3 2

[ 7 3           [ 3
] Q J 10 9 6 3 ] 7 4 2
{ -             { K Q J 8 7 5 2
} J 10 8 6 4   } Q 9

      [ A K Q 9 8 6
      ] K 5
      { 10 4 3
      } 7 5
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While you have eleven top tricks and two seemingly unavoidable diamond losers, luckily the bidding gives you a clue as to how to play the hand. The idea you should have formed is to endplay West on the fourth round of clubs, forcing him to give you a ruff-and-discard.

You win the heart lead with the king and draw trumps in two rounds. After cashing the] A, you play the } A-K and ruff a club, noting that East discards a diamond. Next you cross to dummy with a trump and cash the ace of diamonds, just in case East has opened on a six-card suit and West forgot to lead the suit.

At this stage West has only hearts and clubs left. So you lead dummy's last club and discard one of your diamond losers on it. West wins and has to return a heart or a club. Whichever he returns will give you a ruff-and-discard; you ruff in the dummy and discard your last diamond from hand. You score six trumps, two hearts, a diamond, two clubs and this last ruff in dummy - that's twelve tricks.

Bridge, two different things: same name

Two opinions of the word bridge told from the perspective of a bridge player and a non bridge player.

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