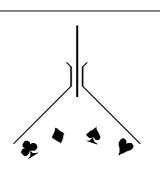


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Tim Bourke's Problem

	E FALLBA outh. EW NORT ▲ A 8 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 9 8 ★ 10 3 SOUT ▲ K Q ♥ A K	Vul. FH 5 2 6 5 4 3 FH 2 3
	♦ A K & K Q	•
West	North	East
Pass	2 ♦	Pass

All pass

West leads the jack of spades. How do you plan to make at least nine tricks?

South 2 🌲 3 NT



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Ethical Considerations

I suspect that bridge may be the game which puts the most demands on its players in the ethical area. Golf prides itself on its ethics; though for the most part the situations are very simple – did my ball move when I addressed it? – is that actually my ball that I've just found in the rough? It is simply a matter between the player and his conscience how he answers these questions. In bridge, however, even the most impeccably ethical player can be confronted by a situation in which he doesn't know what to do. Consider this position which David Beauchamp confronted in the Last Train.

David's hand was ♠ Q J ♥ A K 10 5 3 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ 9 8 5

As dealer, he passed. North also passed and Ed Barnes opened 1D. South passed and David bid 1H. North doubled and Ed tried 1NT. South asked about this and David replied that they were playing Acol and so this was 15-17which inspired South to pass. David assessed his assets in the light of the new information and liked what he saw so he bid an artificial 2D – a game force but nothing to do with diamonds.

To David's surprise this was followed by 3 passes. Before the lead, Ed alerted the opponents to a misexplanation, saying that after a third seat opener the 1NT rebid was 12-14. The director was summoned and he gave the final pass back in accordance with Laws 25B and 75D2. South now doubled. The auction had been

W	Ν	Е	S
/	/	1D	/
1H	х	1NT	/
2D	/	/	/

with the final pass replaced by a double and it's David's call.

The Laws and Ethics require us to disregard unauthorised information –

even more so in fact. We are required NOT to take an action which is suggested by such information – even if that action is "normal". David has received unauthorised information – Ed has 12-14 not 15-17 and also there is UI from the failure to alert 2D. Is David now required to still drive to game? Remember that Ed too has received U.I. – he knows that David thought that Ed has 15-17 and was game forcing. However, Ed has to read David's actions as simply putting Ed back to his first suit. Ed has duly fulfilled his obligations with his pass. This information to David is also UI.

What do you think?

- Is David required to still drive to game over the double – presumably via 3H or 3NT?
- 2) Can David bid 2H hoping to improve the part-score?
- 3) Should David pass?

I asked a few experts for their views. All agreed that it really was a tangled web.

ANOT Convenor, Sean Mullamphy, was a little indistinct in his opinion. He seemed to think that the "screens test" (see below) indicated a pass but that the amount of authorised information available would also allow 2H.

Chief Director at the Hellenic Club, Arie Geursen, holds the view that there is sufficient authorised information to free David up to either pass or bid 2H. The AI to which Arie refers is firstly partner's pass of 2D and secondly the fact that the axe is being wielded both right and left. This Arie feels leaves David free to move as he wishes.

New Zealand National Director, Julie Atkinson, sees it differently. Julie asks herself "What would I think if the auction to this point came back with the double in place if we were playing with screens?" Julie thinks that her only conclusion would be that partner had psyched 1NT and was trying, with a stack of diamonds, to intimidate the opps out of the auction. Having reached this conclusion, Julie feels that she has no option but to pass.

For a fourth view, I went to Laurie Kelso, Chief Director at Rydges. Laurie finds a different stance. In his opinion, David has only two options available. He must still believe in the game going situation which activated his 2D bid so Laurie would only allow a redouble or a drive to game via 3H or 3NT.

So there we are. Four of Australasia's leading experts on the Laws and Ethics and, at least, 3 different opinions.

My final conclusion – when Martin Wilcox asked for my opinion, I replied that it was a tricky little sod.

That opinion hasn't changed.

But How You Play The Game

I think that it was American sportswriter, Grantland Rice, who suggested that this was what mattered rather than victory or defeat. American football coach, Knut Rockne, expressed the contrary view – "Second ain't nowhere." An example of a player who obviously subscribes to the Rice school was brought to my attention today.

	 ▲ A10632 ♥ 5 ♦ AJ3 ▲ 10963 	
≜ J ♥ Q9843 ♦ 1096		≜ Q ♥ J102 ♦ KQ872
♣ KJ54		♣ AQ82
	∳ K98754 ♥ AK76	
	♦ 54	
	♣ 7	

South opened 1S and North replied 4S. This lit South's fuse and, finding that partner had 2 controls, he shot the spade slam.

The 10 of diamonds was led and taken on table. Declarer cashed the trump Ace and played a second trump to the King. The Ace of hearts was cashed and South now played the King of hearts - on which he discarded a club from dummy. Next came the 6 of hearts, ruffed in dummy and East discarded a diamond. A guick check ensured that East did, in fact, still have a heart. Declarer can now make. From the opponents' lead and methods, he knows the diamond position. So, Jack of diamonds, East following, perforce, with the penalty card and declarer concedes a club for 12 tricks. Declarer announced this and then asked East to pick up the 7 of diamonds. 6S one off.

Dan Hohor preferred to go off rather than taking advantage of an opponent's moment of carelessness.

Whatever you may think of the rights and wrongs of the situation, I'd bet that Grantland Rice would approve.

Ironically, in yesterday's NOTNEWS I reported the single suit cross ruff hand in which one defender ruffed and immediately gave his partner a ruff in the same suit. Ironically, one of the defenders was Dan. Knut Rockne would approve of the declarer's action in that case.

Big Numbers

Kieran Crowe-Mai enjoyed these 2 from the last round of the Last Train.

	 ▲ 108 ♥ A63 ♦ J1098 ▲ QJ107 	
 ▲ A3 ♥ 82 ♦ Q6532 ♦ AK65 		 ▲ K2 ♥ KQJ10954 ◆ 7 ◆ 932
¥71100	 ▲ QJ97654 ♥ 7 	¥ 002

- ♦ AK4
- ***** 84

Kieran opened 4H as East and South tried 4S. Kim Morrison bid 5H and North doubled. When this came back to Kim, he had no doubt and redoubled.

The Ace of diamonds was led, followed by a spade switch taken by dummy's Ace. Kieran ruffed a diamond and played a heart to the 8. This enabled the diamonds to be ruffed out and Kieran merely conceded the 2 Aces =1200.

Two boards earlier was this one.

	≜ 5 ♥ KJ976 ♦ AJ32 ♣ 1097	
▲ 74		♠ QJ9862
♥ Q84		♥ A105
♦ K94		♦ Q105
AJ532		♣ 4
	▲ AK103	
	♥ 32	
	♦ 876	
	🕭 KQ86	

After a pass from Kim, North opened 1D, showing hearts and 9 to 14. Kieran put in 1S and South shot 3NT. Kim went for the axe.

Kim led a club to the 8 and declarer played a heart to dummy's 9 and Kieran's 10. A spade was continued which declarer took with the Ace to play a heart to the King and Ace. Kieran persisted with spades and dummy's King scored. Declarer played the King of clubs and Kim took his Ace and exited with the King of diamonds, taken in dummy. A heart was played to Kim's Queen and he played a diamond to Kieran's Queen.

At this point, the defence had taken 5 tricks and Kieran had a defensive claim for the last 4. = 1400

Tim Bourke's Problem SOLUTION

You have seven top winners and need only two more tricks for your contract.

So, you should begin by winning the first trick in hand and playing the ace of diamonds. If both opponent's follow, continue with the king of diamonds. When diamonds are 3-2, a third diamond sets up two more diamond tricks, all you need for your contract, and you will have time to play on clubs for an overtrick.

When diamonds are not 3-2, you will need to manage clubs for two tricks:

	▲ A 8 5 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ 9 8 6 5 4 ♣ 10 3
 ▲ J 10 9 7 3 ♥ Q 9 5 4 ♦ J ♣ A 7 4 	 ▲ 6 4 ♥ J 10 6 ♦ Q 10 7 2 ▲ J 9 6 5
≜ K C ♥ A K ♦ A K ♣ K C	(3 (3

You may be surprised to be told that the best play now is a low club towards the ten. If West has the jack of clubs and plays it you are assured of two club tricks because the ten of clubs will force out the ace on the next round of the suit, establishing your king and queen of clubs as winners. If West does not rise with the jack of clubs when he holds the jack then either the ten of clubs will win or it will force out the ace. Either way, you will make two club tricks.

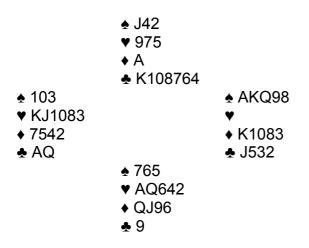
The only remaining case to consider is when the ten of clubs loses to East's jack. When that happens, you should use dummy's ace of spades as an entry to finesse the eight of clubs. On the above layout that finesse succeeds and you will have your desired nine tricks.

Managing the club suit in this way succeeds about three times in four; when West has the jack of clubs or when East has either the nine or the doubleton acejack of clubs.

Happy Endings

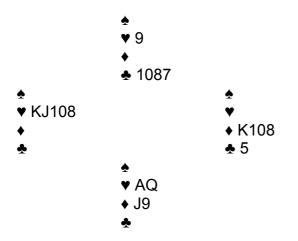
Two neat endgames from the Last Train.

The first features Queensland's Jimmy Wallis.



North opened 2C and Jim overcalled 2S. 3H from Siggy Konig saw Jim shoot the 9 trick game.

The Queen of diamonds was led somewhat to North's dissatisfaction. North exited a spade, taken in hand. A club went to dummy's Ace and the Queen of clubs continued to North's King. A third round of the suit saw Jim's Jack score. Jim now cashed the spades to bring about :

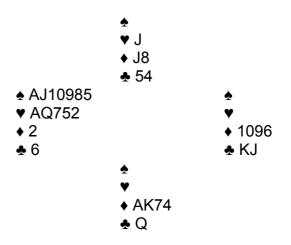


The King of diamonds and another diamond saw South provide a stepping stone to Siggy's King of hearts for the ninth trick. NZ Women's international and now Australian resident, Paula McLeish featured on the next.

	 ▲ Q73 ♥ J84 ◆ QJ8 	
	& 9543	
🛦 AJ10985		♠ 642
♥ AQ752		♥ 109
♦2		♦ 10965
♣ 6		🕭 AKJ2
	♦K	
	♥ K63	
	♦ AK743	
	♣ Q1087	

Paula and husband David dived in 5C after West had shown both majors and EW had reached 4S. East found a fairly courageous double of 5C.

The Ace of spades was cashed and then the 2 of diamonds was taken in dummy with the Queen. The Queen of spades was played and a heart pitched from the closed hand. Paula now played the 9 of clubs which was allowed to score. The next club was taken by the Ace and the 10 of hearts took the next trick. The 9 of hearts then collected the King and Ace and the Jack of spades was ruffed in the closed hand to produce



Paula now played 3 rounds of diamonds, ruffing the last in dummy and the Jack of hearts enabled her trump Queen to score *en passant*.

Even Homer Nods

Paul Marston has recently introduced this in *Australian Bridge*. In New Zealand, it has been a feature of National Congress bulletins for about 15 years. The requirement is that an expert does something really dumb at the table. This afternoon, Sartaj Hans asked if I was running it in Canberra and then autonominated for an award.

	 ▲ AQ8 ♥ AQJ876 ♦ K7 ♦ K6 	
▲ J732		♠ K964
♥ K105		♥ 93
♦ AJ105		♦ 98432
♣ Q10		4 3
	▲ 105	
	♥ 42	
	♦ Q6	
	🜲 AJ98752	

The auction :

W	Ν	Е	S
1D	х	/	3C
/	3H	/	3NT

And Sartaj was at the helm A glance at the system card told him that the opponents were playing a weak no trump.

The Jack of diamonds was led. Now look at the layout and count Sartaj's tricks – one spade, 6 hearts, 1 diamond and 7 clubs – a nice round 15. But watch Sartaj apply internationalist's logic.

He took the Queen of diamonds and finessed the Queen of hearts. He now cashed the Ace of hearts and started to deduce. There are 14 points missing. West did not open a weak no trump. Conclusion : he must be unbalanced. 3 hearts we know about so it looks like 4-3-5 –1 so cash the King of clubs and a triumphant finesse of the Jack.

Oh dear – 2 shy within 3NT with 15 on top. A second more suspicious glance at

the system card enabled Sartaj to see the rider – 1NT weak and denies a 4 card major.

Oops.

Thanking The Opponents

Ishmael Delmonte and Vince Demuy had every reason to do so after this hand on their way to victory in the Last Train.

	 	
 ▲ A10542 ♥ KQJ75 ◆ 43 ◆ 8 	 ▲ KQJ8 ♥ 1032 ◆ QJ8 ♣ J64 	 ₹73 ₹A86 ₹109762 ₹AK2

Vince opened 2D which showed 8 to 11 points, at least 5 spades and at least 4 hearts. Ish responded 2H and this ran back to North. He decided to re-open with 3C. Ish passed, as did South but Vince was able to bid 3H, showing 5 hearts and a near maximum.

Armed with this information, Ish felt able to bid game.

A trump was led to dummy's King and 2 rounds of clubs were played, dummy shedding a diamond. To set up a potential spade ruff, Ish now played a spade to the 10 with surprising results. 4H making 5 when North could have passed it out in 2.

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Ideally, this page would come in a sealed plastic bag to protect the eyes of young people. Sadly, I can't do that but I can offer a disclaimer under the Mental Health Act

♦ 54

♦ KQ ♣ QJ765

♥ KQ54

	 ▲ 109 ♥ A98 ♦ A1075 ♣ AK84
QJ8762 J10 J32 93	
	♠ AK3
	♥ 7632
	1 0004

- ♦ 9864
- ♣ 102

East opened 1H (could be canapé) and West replied 1S. Michael Courtney considered double and 1NT and then found a 2C overcall.

Remember children : these are experts with years of experience playing a national qualification event. Do not try this at home.

Jimmy Wallis passed as did South but Siggy Konig found a takeout double somewhere.

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Jim was more than happy to pass this.

The King of diamonds was led and allowed to stand. Michael took the ensuing Queen with his Ace to lead a small club. Jim took his Jack and played a spade to dummy's Ace. Michael conceded a diamond to Siggy's Jack while Jim pitched a spade. Siggy tried the Jack of hearts which declarer took with the Ace to cash the Ace of trumps.

Another club saw Jim in to play hearts until Michael's little adventure in overcalling petered out at -500.

AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Thursday January 25th, 2007 at 8.30 pm

In the Executive Room, Rydges Hotel

All club session directors are encouraged to attend and stay for the cocktail party at the conclusion of the meeting.

Came and meet all your National Directors.

Any enquiries to John McIlrath

2007 WBF Charity Pairs for a New School

The World Bridge Federation in association with ECatsBridge is organizing a Simultaneous Pairs to raise money to build a school in Pakistan, to be called the WBF School. It is to be built in the area devastated by the earthquake.

There will be a session at Rydges Lakeside on Tuesday 23 January starting at 8.30pm. This will be a walk in event.

Your session will be scored on line through Ecats scoring engine. Details at <u>www.ecatsbridge.com/sims</u>

There is no specific entry fee, but a request for donations would be asked for.

Zia Mahmood will be overseeing the distribution of funds in Pakistan, to



The Australian Bridge Teachers' Association

will hold a seminar in the Executive Room on the ground floor of Rydges this Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm (with a lunch break). All welcome. Speakers include Ron Klinger, John Newman, Lorraine Harkness and Nick Hughes. Just turn up or ring Nick

on 0414 601 175.

The AGM will be on Sunday morning at 9.30 am in the same room

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Place	Name	Score
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3	N Giura, N Hughes	142
4	N Ewart, B Howe	141
5	P Rogers, A Clark	136
6	A Simpson, T Antoff	134
7	D Beauchamp, E Barnes	133
8	M Bookallil, S Fischer	131
9	M Courtney, B Dalley	130
10	<u>P Ciszak, M</u> Kolodziejczyk	128
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12	D McLeish, P McLeish	125
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5	Glass	140
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7	Daglish	135
8	Dembo	128
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10	Scales	126
11	Christiaen	125
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22	Gray	108
23	Croft	108
24	Gamble	100
25	Thatcher	100
26	Land	99
27	Crossley	97
28	Winter	93
29	Parker	91
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Place	Name	Score
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2	Beer	146
3	Hollands	138
4	Jowett	135
5	Higgins	131
6	Foggo	125
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