



# Not News 8

*Wednesday, January 24*

## Session Times

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

**10am**

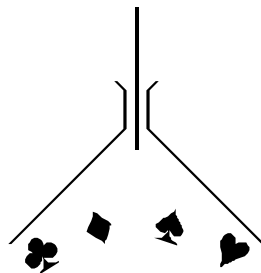
**1.30pm**

**5pm**

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<b>Pick up Address</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Destination:</b>
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James Court	9:15	
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Rydges Lakeside	9:35	
Hellenic Club	19:45	Rydges Lakeside Crowne Plaza University House James Court Saville Park Suites



*The Summer Festival  
Of Bridge*

## Tim Bourke's Problem

### 8. SPADE MANAGEMENT

Dealer West. Neither Vul.

#### NORTH

♠ A J 8 3

♥ 8 6

♦ A Q 6

♣ J 8 7 2

#### SOUTH

♠ Q 5 4

♥ A 5 2

♦ K J 10 7

♣ A 4 3

West	North	East	South
1 ♥ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	Pass	1 NT <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

- I. Five card suit
- II. 11 to 15

Given that hearts are 5-3, how will you make nine tricks after West leads the king of hearts?



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## Fast, Furious and Funny

Yesterday morning, I made the excellent decision to watch the fourth round match between Phil Markey/Andrew Mill and Neville Francis/Magnus Moren. The pace was frenetic with lots of claims and concessions and there was a deal of good-hearted repartee to enliven proceedings for the kibitzer.

These two caught the eye.

<p>♠K9 ♥T8732 ♦6 ♣76542</p>	<p>♠JT7 ♥QJ96 ♦T543 ♣Q8</p>	<p>♠Q8542 ♥ ♦QJ872 ♣AT9</p>
	<p>♠A63 ♥AK54 ♦AK9 ♣KJ3</p>	

Dealer E, Vul EW

Neville opened the East hand 3D and Andrew went straight to 3NT. Andrew then asked what the 3D was and Magnus replied that it showed diamonds and a major. Neville then asked what 3NT was and got the response "Diamonds and the same major."

The 6 of diamonds was led to the Jack and Ace for Andrew to play a club to the Queen and Neville's Ace. Neville continued the 10 of clubs which was taken by the King. Andrew conceded a spade to Magnus's King and then set about cashing his winners while Neville's discards became increasingly reluctant.

The five card end position was :

<p>♠9 ♥T8732 ♦ ♣</p>	<p>♠J ♥QJ96 ♦T ♣</p>	<p>♠Q85 ♥ ♦Q8 ♣</p>
	<p>♠A6 ♥AK5 ♦ ♣</p>	

Dealer E, Vul EW

The Ace and King of hearts saw Neville discard a spade and a diamond but then the Queen of hearts exerted more pressure than he could stand.

The second hand of interest is this one :

<p>♠984 ♥AT64 ♦T4 ♣KQ87</p>	<p>♠K63 ♥3 ♦9765 ♣AJ653</p>	<p>♠AJ72 ♥K52 ♦QJ8 ♣T42</p>
	<p>♠QT5 ♥QJ987 ♦AK32 ♣9</p>	

Dealer N, Vul Nil

How often do you see the defence against a 2 level contract take 8 consecutive tricks in the early game?

Neville, East, opened an alerted heart, Phil tried 2H but Magnus bought it in 2S.

The 3 of hearts was led and taken by Magnus's Ace. Declarer then consigned himself to the role of spectator for the next 8 tricks!

He led the 10 of diamonds to South's King and Andrew continued his club singleton collecting Magnus's Queen and Phil's Ace. The next 5 tricks saw Andrew ruffing clubs and Phil ruffing spades while declarer followed suit impotently. I think Magnus could probably have saved one

from the wreckage by trumping the last of these 5 with the Ace and playing a trump but he chose to pitch a diamond. At this point, Andrew took his Ace of spades and Magnus's mini-nightmare was over.

As they put the cards back in the board, Andrew commented, "No wonder he likes to claim so much – it's the best part of his game."

In fairness, perhaps I should point out that Neville and Magnus's team recorded a reasonably comfortable victory in a match which I thoroughly enjoyed watching.

## The Almost Perfect Crime

Zoly Nagy almost brought of a neat swindle in the fourth round of the Teams against Kieran Dyke.

Kieran sat North and he and partner, Sara Tischler, had reached 3NT.

<p>♠9762 ♥T86 ♦T74 ♣J94</p>	<p>♠AQ54 ♥KJ9 ♦K63 ♣832</p>	<p>♠KJT8 ♥AQ73 ♦Q92 ♣Q7</p>
	<p>♠3 ♥542 ♦AJ85 ♣AKT65</p>	

Dealer S, Vul Nil

Zoly led the 9 of diamonds and, when Kieran enquired, Bobby told him that this showed either no higher card or else specifically the Q109.

Kieran let this run to his King, thus preserving a finesse position should Zoly have the latter option. Kieran now played a club to the Ace and conceded a club to Zoly's Queen. Zoly now confirmed(!) the presence of the 10 of diamonds in his hand by exiting with the Queen.

Sadly, on the run of the clubs, Zoly found himself under increasing pressure in 3 suits and, with an endplay looming, shed the 2 of diamonds. Kieran is fairly certain that if Zoly had been able to hang on for one more round then he may well have played a spade to the Ace for his seventh trick and would then have taken a confident finesse of the 8 of diamonds. The defence would then have garnered the last 4 tricks with a spade, 2 hearts and the diamond.

## Tim Bourke's Problem

### SOLUTION

As only 14 points are missing, West is certain to hold the king of spades. Thus, a finesse of dummy's spade jack will give you eight tricks.

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

So, given that you expect West to hold the king of spades, the problem reduces to looking for a ninth. One chance is that West holds a singleton or doubleton king of spades. In both cases you will make nine tricks as long as you do not have your queen of spades covered by the king.

So what can you do on the layout shown? Well, after holding up the heart ace until the third round and discarding a club from dummy, you make the avoidance play of leading a low spade from hand and covering West's card. When West follows with the six of spades, East takes the eight of spades with the nine. As East has no heart to return, he will surely exit with a low club.

After you rise with the ace of clubs you will play a second low spade. If West had started with a doubleton king of spades, it would appear and you would have the three spade tricks that you need, despite your early finesse of the eight of spades.

The benefit of the deft play of the eight of spades on the first round of the suit comes about when West began with a tripleton king in spades. Here, after you successfully finesse dummy's jack of spades, the king of spades will fall under the ace and dummy's three of spades will be your ninth trick.

This approach gives roughly a 60% chance of making three notrumps and no other plan approaches those odds.

## High Level Decisions

For a while on Tuesday afternoon, I kibitzed Kim Morrison and Kieran Crowe Mai. There was plenty of action with Kim and Kieran getting the better of slam exchanges

<p>♠T95 ♥J98 ♦QT9652 ♣3</p>	<p>♠AJ4 ♥ ♦AJ74 ♣AQT975</p>	<p>♠7 ♥KQ532 ♦K83 ♣K864</p>
	<p>♠KQ8632 ♥AT764 ♦ ♣J2</p>	

Dealer W, Vul NS

South declared in 6S and Kieran found the lead of his singleton club. Declarer flew the Ace and played 2 rounds of trumps. When East showed out, the sky began to cloud over. He cashed the Ace of diamonds to discard the Jack of clubs. Kim rather meanly refused to cover. On the Queen of clubs which followed, Kim again played small and declarer discarded a heart while Kieran ruffed. There were real thunder clouds building

up and twist as he might, declarer had to yield 2 down.

*For more comment on this hand see Ron Klinger's article further on. The combined might of the Ozone team suggests that on a club lead, declarer should simply play the Ace of clubs and a second club. If East takes his King, it's all over and if he doesn't, letting his partner ruff, then a third round club ruff ends the defence anyway.*

And now Back to the Morrison-Crowe Mai Show.

Three boards later and the slam compass pointed E-W

<p>♠K43 ♥Q5 ♦9843 ♣9872</p>	<p>♠AJ5 ♥A9732 ♦65 ♣Q53</p>
<p>♠QT82 ♥K ♦AKQJ ♣AKJT</p>	<p>♠976 ♥JT864 ♦T72 ♣64</p>

Dealer S, Vul NS

South passed and Kieran opened 2C. Kim responded 2S to show 3+ controls and Kieran showed his count with 2NT. Kim made a 3D transfer bid and, over Kieran's 3H, leapt to RKCB in hearts. 5D showed 3, so Kim asked about the Queen of hearts. On being told that Kieran didn't have it, the auction subsided in 6NT.

It seems ironic that DeepFinesse has 13 tricks available in each of clubs, diamonds and spades while the only suit which occupied Kim and Kieran was hearts where only 10 are available. (Indeed, in at least one match the board was a push in 4H down 2. God forbid that I should mention N.Z.C.B.A. Management Committee Member, Murat Genc, in this connection.)

Then North tried to deflect things with a wee psyche.

<p>♠AJ92 ♥AK9 ♦AQ3 ♣QT8</p>	<p>♠T86 ♥QT6542 ♦T94 ♣2</p>	<p>♠Q75 ♥873 ♦K ♣AJ9643</p>
	<p>♠K43 ♥J ♦J87652 ♣K75</p>	

Dealer N, Vul Nil

Kim opened 1C, after a pass from North, and South put in a 2D overcall. Kieran doubled and North tried his hand with a slightly misleading 2S. Kim passed and South, suitably misled, raised to 3S. That was enough for Kieran and he shot off to 6NT. Twelve tricks was not a challenge.

And on the very next board, we had

<p>♠A842 ♥92 ♦KQJ765 ♣J</p>	<p>♠Q95 ♥QT8763 ♦ ♣T953</p>	<p>♠K7 ♥A4 ♦A943 ♣AQ642</p>
	<p>♠JT63 ♥KJ5 ♦T82 ♣K87</p>	

Dealer E, Vul NS

Kim opened 1C as dealer which drew 1D from Kieran. 2NT showed Kim's values and Kieran tried 3S. Kim tried to settle the suit with 4D but there was some divergence of opinion on this. From there on the auction became shrouded in confusion as each player ascribed a different meaning to the bid made by his partner. Finally, Kieran bid 6S and Kim vanished into the tank to decypher it. The longer he stayed there, the more likely it seemed to this observer that a major

disaster was likely to occur. Kim came out of the tank, shrugged his shoulders and bid 7D. Kim was asked before the lead what the 6S had meant and replied, "Your guess is as good as mine." In which case your guess was also spot on.

Kieran happily ruffed out the King of clubs for 13 tricks.

[Parenthetically : Some years ago, I interviewed Richard Grenside for the NZ Congress Bulletin. The comment of Richard which has remained most prominently in my mind was his wish that when the director is called, all players would tell the truth. Richard would have been very content at this table.

During the play, Kieran had a think and emerged to play a spade from hand. Kim warned him that he was in dummy. Kieran put the card away and called for the third of dummy's clubs. South enquired gently whether the spade had been played and, if so, whether his partner could accept the lead out of term. Kim and Kieran indicated that they didn't know and that the director should be called. The director asked when Kim had intervened. Kim said that he was too slow. North said that Kim had done his best but hadn't quite made it in time. Kieran and Kim agreed. The director asked how the spade had been played. North suggested that it had just about reached the table when Kieran interrupted to say that he had, in fact, put it on the table. The director required Kieran to play the spade.

Nothing spectacular. Just 4 players behaving like the sportsmen they undoubtedly are – no argument, no obfuscation and no rancour. I repeat : Richard would have been very content at this table.]

The last hand to report from this match was a mundane 3NT bur is, perhaps, the most interesting of all.

♠AJ7  
 ♥K5  
 ♦AT53  
 ♣AK93  
 ♠KT5  
 ♥A862  
 ♦KJ92  
 ♣62  
 ♠Q83  
 ♥QT97  
 ♦Q64  
 ♣J74

Dealer E, Vul NS

After 2 passes, Kieran opened 1NT. North doubled and Kim bid 2C to show clubs and another. Kieran asked for the other with 2D and Kim showed spades. South now bid 2NT and North raised to game.

Kieran led the 10 of spades which ran to South's Queen. The 10 of hearts went to Kim's Jack and he returned a spade to the King and Ace.. Declarer now ran the King of hearts to Kieran's Ace. Declarer now cashed the Jack of spades and the Ace, King of clubs to eliminate the black cards from Kieran's hand (knowing that Kim was 4-4 in the blacks). He then exited with a diamond to the Queen and King. The position now was this, with declarer needing 4 more tricks

♠  
 ♥  
 ♦AT5  
 ♣93  
 ♠9  
 ♥4  
 ♦8  
 ♣QT  
 ♠  
 ♥Q9  
 ♦64  
 ♣J

Obviously, if Kieran plays a heart, declarer will collect 2 tricks in that suit and finesse the 10 of diamonds for 2 more. If Kieran exits the 2 of diamonds, declarer finesses the 10, cashes the Ace and throws Kieran back in with the third

diamond. Kieran then has to give up the last two tricks in hearts.

Kieran instead exited with the diamond Jack. Declarer took this to play a second diamond and again Kieran unblocked by playing the 9. Declarer could enjoy a third diamond but then had to give Kim the last 2 tricks in clubs.

(Incidentally, did you notice that Kim's 3 points yielded one more trick than Kieran's 11?)

Still a superb piece of defence

## Lilley Makes It Look Easy

*Ron Klinger*

♠AJ4  
 ♥  
 ♦AJ74  
 ♣AQT975  
 ♠T95  
 ♥J98  
 ♦QT9652  
 ♣3  
 ♠KQ8632  
 ♥AT764  
 ♦  
 ♣J2

Dealer W, Vul NS

The auction:

W	N	E	S
	Haughie		Lilley
/	1C	1H	1S
2H	x <sup>1</sup>	3H	4D <sup>2</sup>
/	4NT <sup>3</sup>	/	5S
/	6D	/	6S

1 – Support double  
 2 – Ambiguous (cue or natural?)  
 3 - RKCB  
 Lead H8.

Some went off in 6S so how should you make it? David Lilley made it look easy.

1 – heart ruff  
 2 - Spade Ace To ensure trumps aren't 4-0  
 3 – DA, pitching a heart

4 – diamond ruff  
 5 – heart ruff  
 6 – diamond ruff  
 7, 8 draw trumps  
 Now play the Jack of clubs and claim  
 whether East takes the King or not.

“Just a matter of counting your tricks,”  
 said David.

“6 trumps in hand, 2 heart ruffs, 2 read  
 Aces and you must collect 2 club tricks  
 for 12.”

### The Granddaddy Of All Bad Breaks

	♠Q6	
	♥KJT8432	
	♦63	
	♣J8	
♠Aj		♠95
♥Q7		♥A965
♦AK52		♦QJ84
♣Q7543		♣T92
	♠KT87432	
	♥	
	♦T97	
	♣AK6	

Dealer N, Vul NS

David McLeish began with a most  
 atypical pass. John Bentley also passed  
 and David’s wife, Paula, tried 3S. Barry  
 Thorpe doubled and John bid his 4 card  
 major.

“Sorry, partner, wasn’t a good break,”  
 John explained as he went 5 down.  
 Not to worry, -250 went quite nicely  
 alongside + 620 which their teammates  
 accrued in 4S.

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3	Brogeland	121
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5	Jesner	116
6	Francis	116
7	Morrison	115
8	Ware	115
9	Markey	114
10	Walsh	113
11	Giura	109
12	Cummings	108
13	Howard	108
14	Wawn	107
15	Leibowitz	107
16	Harms	106
17	Tobin	104
18	Mill	103
19	Happell	102
20	Scudder	101
21	Crockett	101
22	Murray	100
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25	McKinnon	98
26	Weathered	97
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28	Marker	96
29	Scown	96
30	Holbrook	96
31	Finikiotis	95
32	Crichton	95
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75	Schafer	74
76	Logan	74
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78	Hopton	72
79	Douglas	72
80	Atkins	72
81	Pears	70
82	Rich	70
83	Thatcher	68
84	Anderson	67
85	Merrylees	67
86	Childs	65
87	Keenan	65
88	Nielson	62
89	Gottschalk	61
90	Hummelshoj	61
91	Jacka	60
92	Whigham	59
93	Sharma	54
94	Lavender	54

Place	Name	Score
1	Ewart	123
2	Gardiner	122
3	Carter	119
4	Wyer	119
5	Haughie	117
6	McManus	116
7	Genc	116
8	Watts	116
9	Vaughan	115
10	Noble	113
11	Vainikonis	112
12	McLeish	111
13	Chira	109
14	Dutton	107
15	Tencer	107
16	Gaspar	107
17	Skipper	105
18	Flynn	104
19	Ziggy	104
20	Stark	104
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25	Tearne	103
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29	Saleeba	100
30	Gleeson	100
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33	Bentley	99
34	Busch	98
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39	Halmos	96
40	Shugg	96
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48	Schneider	92
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53	Brennan	91
54	Eastaugh	91
55	Molloy	90
56	Kent	90
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58	Yao	89
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61	Garbutt	88
62	Sharp	88
63	Belonogov	87
64	Fallet	86
65	Lockwood	86
66	Zotti	86
67	Squire	86
68	French	86
69	Russ	86
70	Mason	86
71	Lewin	86
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73	Goodyer	84
74	Mellings	82
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78	Walters	81
79	Kelly	80
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83	Pryde	79
84	Atkinson	78

85	Freeman	78
86	Rothwell	76
87	Carter	76
88	Bell	75
89	Kable	74
90	Lachs	74
91	Benson	74
92	Adams	74
93	Rushforth	73
94	Eddie	73
95	Howie	73
96	Ellery	72
97	Bourke	71
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108	Whitmee	62
109	Dakin	59
110	Fredericks	59
111	Beasley	58
112	Obenchain	58
113	Miller	56
114	Ivanyi	54