



Not News 12

Sunday, January 28

Session Times

Sunday

10am

2pm

NOT Results

Ewart	59
Giura	92
Noble	68
Genc	31
Ware	40
Howard	52
Brogeland	64
Wyer	54

Haughie	118
Giura	67
Vainikonis	60
Noble	80
Howard	37
Markey	104
Nagy	59
Brogeland	85

SemiFinals – Sunday

B Haughie, D Lilley, N Rosendorff,
A Braithwaite, R Klinger, J Ebery

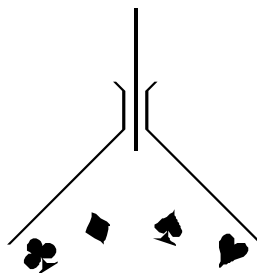
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B Noble, P Marston, G Bilski, P Gue,
M Prescott, T Brown

B Brogeland, E Erichsen, P Gill, L Stern,
R Grynberg, D Stern

V

P Markey, A Mill, A Peake, G Smolanko



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Tim Bourke's Problem

12. A SUBTLE PLOY

Dealer South. Both Vul.

NORTH

♠ K 10 6 5

♥ A 3

♦ 9 8 5

♣ Q 9 8 4

SOUTH

♠ Q J 9 7 3

♥ 2

♦ A Q 2

♣ A K J 10

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
3 ♥	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

West leads the two of clubs against your spade game. How do you plan to make ten tricks?



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Super Sub In The Speedball

Richard Hills

Since I was sitting out in the Round of 16 on Friday night, I decided to kibitz the speedball (as any red blooded kibitzer would. Why kibitz the booooring round of 16?) Whatever, with a few rounds to go Michael Ware's partner decided to leave for some serious drinking, so I was roped in by Laurie Kelso as a super sub.

Our first board as a partnership was board 25.

♠K5	
♥AQ7	
♦KJ10	
♣AKJ92	
♠109632	♠Q7
♥42	♥J10986
♦A8763	♦Q952
♣10	♣76
	♠AJ84
	♥K53
	♦4
	♣Q8543

Dealer N, Vul Nil

As North, I opened a time-saving speedball 6NT. Of course, Michael passed, knowing my reputation. (A less astute partner might foolishly think a ten count was worth a raise to 7NT)

Th play was gone in 60 seconds. Jack of hearts led to the King, a diamond smoothly ducked by West and collecting my Jack and East's Queen. A heart was continued, taken in hand and the clubs were run to produce

	♠K5	
	♥A	
	♦K10	
	♣	
♠10963		♠Q7
♥		♥986
♦A		♦
♣		♣
	♠AJ84	
	♥5	
	♦	
	♣	

and the Ace of hearts applied the squeeze to West.

Tim Bourke's Problem

SOLUTION

Even though the lead is sure to be a singleton, there will be few difficulties in making ten trick whenever East holds the king of diamonds. However, there is an extra chance when the cards are distributed in a similar way to this deal:

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

After winning the opening lead cheaply, you should play the two of hearts to the ace and ruff dummy's three before touching trumps. Here, East will take the first round of trumps with the ace and give his partner a ruff.

While West may rejoice in getting the ruff, the celebrations will be short lived for he will find himself on play will only red cards

remaining. A heart exit will enable you to discard a diamond from dummy and ruff in hand. This will also be the case if West returns a diamond; all you will lose is a trump, a diamond and a club ruff.

What would happen if West had started with three trumps and so was able to exit with one after ruffing the club? In that event, the best play after winning the trump return would be to cash the ace of diamonds before crossing to dummy with a trump to lead a second diamond. While you would make the contract when East held the king of diamonds, you would also succeed when West began with a doubleton king of diamonds. In the latter case, West would be left on lead after taking your queen of diamonds with the king with only hearts left in his hand. Consequently, the forced heart return would see your remaining diamond loser disappears in a ruff-and-discard.

A Revealing Lead

The opening lead gave New Zealand's Wayne Burrows all the help he needed on this one from the Round of 16.

	♠Q1096	
	♥107632	
	♦J4	
	♣J6	
♠AJ8543		♠
♥A8		♥KJ954
♦		♦AK10863
♣KQ1052		♣A8
	♠K72	
	♥Q	
	♦Q9752	
	♣9743	

Dealer E, Vul All

Against silent opponents, Wayne and Chris Ackerley bid as:

	1D
1S	2H
3C	3H
4C	4D
6H	

South selected the Queen of trumps as his lead. Wayne took this on table with the Ace and successfully ran the 8 of trumps as trick 2. He now played a club to the Ace and cashed the Jack and King of hearts.

Two rounds of diamonds followed and then Wayne gave North his trump trick. By this stage North had only black cards and the slam duly rolled home.

A Cruel Guess

North faced really tough decision of this board from the second stage of the Round of 16.

	♠AQJT5	
	♥KQ5	
	♦KQJ	
	♣K2	
♠87		♠92
♥J863		♥9742
♦T8		♦95432
♣A9653		♣Q7
	♠K643	
	♥AT	
	♦A76	
	♣JT84	

Dealer S, Vul NS

It isn't difficult to reach 6S; the problem is playing the club suit for one trick.

Epsen Erichsen approached the problem this way. He took the heart lead with the Ace and drew trumps in 2 rounds.

He then eliminated both red suits from the closed hand and dummy. This is best because, if you guess the clubs wrong, you'll still get home if the club which wins is a singleton. Now the defence will have to concede a ruff and discard.

Epsen had now reached the crux. He advanced the Jack of clubs, didn't get a cover and threw on the King. Unlucky.

The only straw in the wind which anyone has been able to offer, to resolve this coin toss, is the fact that East MIGHT have led the Ace of clubs if he held it. A pretty slender straw.

Defensive Lapses

The defence was not spectacularly accurate on this hand from the Mixed Teams. The declarer had a wee doze as well, although he, at least, escaped with a whole skin.

	♠3	
	♥J6	
	♦AQT732	
	♣AT32	
♠KJ4		♠QT9876
♥943		♥A82
♦K4		♦986
♣Q8754		♣K
	♠A52	
	♥KQT75	
	♦J5	
	♣J96	

Dealer E, Vul ALL

East opened a weak 2S and Julian Foster passed as did West. Tim McKay overcalled 3D and Julian tried 3H. 4C from Tim saw Julian give preference to 4D.

East led a trump which picked up his partner's King and enabled Tim to draw two more rounds. He now played the Jack of hearts and East ducked. A small heart from hand found East still ducking and the defensive heart had just disappeared. On table with the King of hearts, Tim advanced the Jack of clubs. West covered this and Tim played the Ace with gratifying effect. The defensive club trick had just joined its heart cousin. Tim played a club to the 9 and ruffed a heart.

The position had become :

	♠3	
	♥	
	♦73	
	♣T3	
♠KJ4		♠QT987
♥		♥
♦		♦
♣87		♣
	♠A5	
	♥QT	
	♦	
	♣6	

If Tim had been awake, he would surely have noticed that, for these last 5 tricks, he had one spade, two hearts, two trumps and one club – giving a total of 14 for the hand. The heart situation had got away from him, however, and so he cashed 2 rounds of trumps. On the second of these, West discarded the seven of clubs so Tim triumphantly cashed the 10 and 3 of clubs for trick 15!

Tops & Bottoms

Playing in the quarter-finals of the NOT is the youngest team ever to reach this stage : Nabil Edgtton (14), Adam Edgtton (15), Justin Howard (17) and Andy Hung (18). They were members of the Australian team who reached the semi-finals of the World U21 Teams in Bangkok last August.

At the other end of the scale, it is rumoured that George Jesner and Barry Noble neatly bracket the 80 year mark and both were still in contention in the Round of 16. Indeed, Barry is through to the semi-finals.

My Most Memorable Hand

Finishing the way I started in NOTNEWS1. This time it is Stephen Burgess who takes up the tale.

Playing with my wife to be at the time, (Ashburton Open Pairs 1979 or 80), one always made sure you didn't "make" her play too many hands (undue stress for such a fine lady) BUT!!!!

You hold(Me) Favourable vul

♠x x x x x ♥x x ♦A K Q J 10 x ♣x x x x

And the auction proceeds

W	North Margaret Pavletich (Now Burgess)	E	South (me)
	3♥	P	P
x	P	P	4♦
x	4♥	x	4♠
x	5♣	P	P
x	P	P	5♦
x	5♥	x	

At this stage, as you could imagine, Burgess was absolutely steaming. No more of Mr Nice Guy, protecting his dearly beloved, Enough was enough.

She had protected **ME**,

THREE TIMES! So

7H!!!

X P P

XX!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The LOL or Nice LOL on lead said, "You have bid all the suits, I don't know what to lead and produced the ♥10 from 10 9 x.

I threw my dummy down and got up, planning to head in the direction of the bar (where else) but hovered when Margaret showed a tinge of excitement. Her hand was ♠x ♥A Q J x x x x ♦x ♣x x x x and with ♥K x in the pocket duly made 7♥ doubled and redoubled.

Much to my displeasure this was not a top, as at one table the auction went

West	North	East	South
	3♥	P	P
3NT	P	P	x

A diamond was led and our side took 11 tricks (the 3H opener encouraged H's twice on the run of the Diamonds hence giving just 2 tricks away but 7 off beat our 7♥xx.

To this day Margaret wishes on the run of her Hearts in 7Hxx she had thrown all dummy's Diamonds!!

This hand was reported in the Christchurch press by Paul Marston with the heading.....

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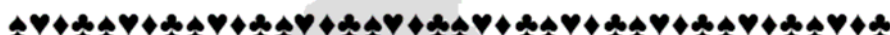
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Place	Name	Score
1	Chosid	122
2	Grahame	117
3	Carter	115
4	Canning	111
5	Bourke	110
6	Ewart	109
7	Drury	108
8	Nixon	106
9	Schoen	105
10	Dyke	104
11	Leibowitz	103
12	Genc	103
13	Wilkinson	101
14	Lusk	100
15	Gardiner	98
16	Busch	98
17	Fischer	98
18	Ingham	96
19	Mayo	96
20	Wilsmore	95
21	Leslie	94
22	Pettitt	94
23	Steffensen	93
24	Ferris	92
25	Kahler	90
26	Hunter	89
27	Marker	88
28	Waizer	88
29	Allen	88
30	Holbrook	86
31	Heyting	85
32	Kovacs	85

33	Molski	84
34	Wehner	83
35	Pryde	83
36	Walters	82
37	Miller	81
38	Aldons	79
39	Rutkowski	78
40	Kelly	70
41	Lewin	70
42	Van Vucht	69
43	Bourke	66
44	Gray	66
45	Brokenshire	63
46	Miller	62
47	Bell	58
48	Scerri	50

Thank you to everyone who has helped produce NOTNEWS in 2007.

Especial thanks to those players who have contributed articles and the many experts who have been willing to take the time to tell me about interesting hands. Without their help, NOTNEWS would be a very thin and even more boring publication

Alan Taylor