



# N.O.T. News 10

Canberra Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009

## Session Times Friday & Saturday

Friday – S.W.P.T.

9.30am 1pm

Saturday – N.O.T.

Start 9.30am

Friday – N.O.T.

6.45pm

Saturday – Mixed Teams & Swiss

10.00am 2.00pm 8.00pm

## South West Pacific Teams Nears Its Climax.

With twelve of fourteen qualifying rounds completed, the S.W.P.T. is coming to its climax. With twenty teams to qualify this year, and all from the one field, the final two rounds seem certain to be loaded with stress for many.

Currently, Thomson looks a very sound bet to qualify, being about three-quarters of a match ahead of second. The Thomson team (Ian Thomson, Richard Brightling, Ian Robinson, Arjuna De Livera, Justin Williams, Nye Griffiths) have notched up 248 VPs – an average of almost 21 a match. The remaining 19 qualifying spots look more problematic.

With two matches to go, no fewer than 22 teams are within one match of second and a further nine teams have at least 200 VPs. Even a current score of 195 does not make it impossible to qualify and there are a total of 45 teams at that point or better.

The vagaries of a Swiss draw may well have a big part to play in deciding which twenty teams go through to the National Open Teams.

Whatever happens, there will be a very nervous crowd milling around the scoreboard when the fourteenth round finishes this afternoon.



## Tim Bourke's Problem

### 10. SIDESTEPING TROUBLE

Dealer North. E-W Vul.

#### NORTH

♠ A 9 8 7 6

♥ 8 5

♦ A 6

♣ 10 8 6 3

#### SOUTH

♠ 4

♥ K Q J 10 9 7

♦ K 2

♣ A K 5 4

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

Very reasonably, you decided that there was no point in introducing his club suit opposite a passed hand. You just described the main features of your hand with a jump to three hearts and partner raised to four. West leads the two of clubs to East's seven and your ace. Can you see any likely traps when the queen of trumps is taken by East ace?

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The 0 is a zero not a letter

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## Tim Bourke's Problem – Solution

When this was originally played, the full deal was:

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

After winning the ace of trumps, East continued with the jack of clubs. Unluckily, the original declarer was not one of the game's thinkers. He just wanted to ENJOY his bridge but this was not a plausible excuse for playing the king of clubs. West ruffed and there was no way of avoiding two subsequent losers in the club suit and any enjoyment of the game was dissipated quicker than a dodgy election promise.

I hope you saw far enough ahead to sidestep this little trap. All that declarer needed to do was count his tricks – he could afford to lose two clubs but not three. He should have played the four of clubs under the jack. East would then have ♣Q-9 left and if he continued with the nine, declarer could play low from his hand, and West would be ruffing a loser. Declarer would then lose just two trumps and one club. Suppose instead that East continued with the queen of clubs. You would cover it with the king and West would then be welcome to ruff as dummy's ten of clubs would then be good.

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## The Unknown Law

Perhaps the least understood or even recognised Law is 25A

### A. Unintended Call

1. Until his partner makes a call, a player may substitute his intended call for an unintended call but only if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought. The second (intended) call stands and is subject to the appropriate Law.

Yesterday, I watched a very experienced player at a very low numbered table make an obviously unintended bid.

He held:

♠ A J 7 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ 10 6 4

His partner opened 1♣ and he responded 1♠! He realised almost immediately but, not being familiar with 25A, he thought that he had to grin and bear it. His partner had four spades and drove the contract to 3♠ down three.

The player's even more experienced partner subsequently explained what he could have done :

Call the director and explain that you have made an unintended bid.

As long as you do this IMMEDIATELY you realise what you have done and (see the Law above) before partner has called, then the director may allow a retraction.

I say **may** because the director must be convinced that you never intended to bid as

you did. The director needs to be sure that you are not just changing your mind.

An example, you hold

♠ A J 8 3 ♥ 10 7 6 4 ♦ Q 8 ♣ J 6 4

And partner opens 1♣. You decide to respond 1♠ but actually put the 1♥ card on the table. I suspect that you might have some difficulty in persuading the director to allow you to correct. The director needs to be convinced that it is lack of intention not lack of attention or a change of heart.

The director is charged with forming an opinion as to intent. It is an **opinion** and, therefore, different directors may rule differently on the same set of circumstances.

On the hand given above, 1♥ would be a real alternative for many. In yesterday's case only someone playing a highly artificial system would respond 1♠.

Defending yesterday was one of the most experienced Australian international players. He was subsequently moved to check with Senior Director Kelso on just when you could claim for lack of intention

...which I think reinforces the title of this piece

## In The Slam Zone

Table 3 in round 10 saw the Irens team facing Haughie. The set was enlivened by three consecutive boards on which DeepFinesse had makeable slams. First up was

12		♠ 9543	Dir: W
		♥ Q5	
13		♦ AK8	Vul: N-S
		♣ A732	
♠ T762	♠ KQJ8		
♥ KT86	♥ 972		
♦ 972	♦ 5		
♣ K4	♣ T9865		
13	♠ A	♣♦♥♠NT	
6	♥ AJ43	N 1 6 3 - 4	
15	♦ QJT643	S 1 6 3 - 4	
	♣ QJ	E - - - - -	
		W - - - - -	

Glenn Groetheim and Ulf Tundal were unsuccessful via

West	North	East	South
P	1♦	P	1♥
P	1♠	P	2♣
P	2♠	P	3NT
End			

The auction may look fairly unintelligible but was, in fact, a relay. It petered out sooner than was desirable.

Bill Haughie and Andy Braithwaite were more on song:

West	North	East	South
P	1♣	P	1♠
P	2♦	P	2♥
P	2NT	P	3♠
P	4♠	P	6♦
End			

Again not an obvious sequence. 1♠ showed diamonds and 2♦ was support for that suit. 2♥ and 2NT were natural. Bill described 3♠ as "undiscussed" and this became readily apparent when he offered the spade game. Andy, however, knew where he was going and bid the excellent slam.

Then board 13

13		♠ T4	Dir: N
		♥ 92	
7		♦ QJ82	Vul: Both
		♣ Q9843	
♠ AK8532	♠ Q7		
♥ T764	♥ AKQJ		
♦ 54	♦ KT7		
♣ 5	♣ AKJT		
5	♠ J96	♣♦♥♠NT	
7	♥ 853	N - - - - -	
5	♦ A963	S - - - - -	
	♣ 762	E - - 6 6 6	
		W - - 5 5 5	

As can be seen, it all depends on position – three slams for East, none for West but...

Ron Klinger / Matthew Mullamphy bid

West	North	East	South
	P	2♣	P
2♠	P	2NT	P
3♥	p	4♥	End

With West bidding both major suits first, only 6NT was available as a double dummy make but the auction petered out in game.

Boye Brogeland and Espen Erichsen were less successful in the auction

West	North	East	South
	P	2♣	P
2♠	P	2NT	P
3♥	P	4♣	P
4♠	P	5♦	P
5♥	P	6♥	End

but more successful in the play when North led a club. Boye very quickly claimed thirteen tricks.

Third in the slam hat-trick was

14	♠ Q64	Dir: E Vul:																														
	♥ T5																															
	♦ AT985																															
	♣ J63																															
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7	♥ 76																															
22	♦ 732																															
1	♣ T9854																															

Brogeland/Erichsen made short work of this

West	North	East	South
		P	P
2NT	P	3♦	P
3♠	P	4♣	P
4♠	P	6♥	End

3♦ was a transfer and 3♠ showed four hearts and a maximum 2NT bid. 4♣ was shortage.



**Ulf Tundal, Espen Erichsen Boye Brogeland (standing) and Glenn Groetheim score up. Team Captain Nick Irens (far left) looks on.**

*(Photo : Gabe Cadzow)*

This didn't look good to Boye with ♣AKQ but Espen knew where he was going.

Ron and Matthew were equally successful.

West	North	East	South
		P	P
2NT	P	3♦	P
3♥	P	3♠	P
4♣	P	4♦	P
4NT	P	5♦	P
6♥	End		

Again a transfer sequence but, this time, 4♣ agreed hearts. One cue from East was enough to bring out RKCB.

One other hand from the match looked like it might have been a missed opportunity at the table I kibitzed. Then the hand turned very sour for Espen and Boye. To make matters worse, Ron and Matthew were given an even more appetising offer and took it gleefully.

<b>6</b>		♠ KQJT542	Dir: E
		♥ 94	Vul: E-W
		♦ 7	
		♣ J64	
♠ 96		♠ A873	
♥ K53		♥ AT7	
♦ QJ32		♦ A985	
♣ AK93		♣ T5	
7	♠	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
13	♥ QJ862	N - - - - -	
8	♦ KT64	S - - - - -	
	♣ Q872	E 2 3 2 1 3	
		W 2 3 2 1 2	

Espen opened 1♦ and Andy interposed 1♥. 2♥ from Boye showed a limit raise to 3♦. Bill introduced his spades which saw Espen pass and Andy offer clubs as an alternative. Boye doubled 3♣ and Bill ran to 3♠. After the double of 3♣, I was half-expecting a double of 3♠ which promised to be fairly bloody. Instead Espen passed and Boye opted for 3NT which seems to show a touching faith in partner's ability to provide a spade stop.

Bill led his ♠K which was taken immediately by that stop. Boye called for the ♣10 and Andy immediately played the Queen, trying very hard to look like a man splitting his honours. Boye

took the Ace and ran the ♦J to Andy's King. With an innocent air, Andy put a small club on the table and Boye finessed. Bill's Jack scored and Boye, rather than sitting patiently through a deluge of spades, simply claimed whatever was left when Bill ran out of the boss suit. Four off and a surprising +400 for the Haughie team which might well have been -500, had 3♠x been preferred to 3NT. And things got worse.

Ulf and Glenn bid a little too vigourously and reached 4♠. Matthew was only too happy to take out the red card and another 800 went into the bank. A total of 1200 or 15 imps on a board which, at most tables, figured to be a boring exchange of part scores.

## Ups And Downs

*Nick Hughes*

Here are two hands from our match vs the Norwegians.

<b>6</b>		♠ 43	Dir: E
		♥	Vul: E-W
		♦ KQJ8732	
		♣ KT94	
♠ JT985		♠ 2	
♥ T9643		♥ A875	
♦ 4		♦ A95	
♣ J7		♣ A8632	
9	♠	♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ NT	
2	♥ AKQ76	N 1 5 - 2 3	
17	♦ KQJ2	S 1 5 - 2 3	
	♣ T6	E - - 1 - -	
	♣ Q5	W - - 1 - -	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Groetheim	Hughes	Tundal	Morgan
	1♦	x	1♠
P	3♦	P	3NT

Morgan won the spade lead and played a diamond, which looks normal. East won the second diamond to play a heart. When declarer led the ♣5 towards dummy, West played low and that was that. The ♣10 forced the ace for 10 tricks. To shoot it, Glenn Groetheim needed to fly ♣J to block the suit. There are sneaky to make it after playing on diamonds. Most involve playing on hearts to the bitter end, to strip East of exit cards before leading the ♣Q. Strangely, West is squeezed in three suits on the second diamond.

Another way to make is to play clubs at trick two, with a diamond as entry. You make three clubs, two hearts, three spades and one diamond. East gets three aces and a long club.

At the other table, Espen Erichsen played 3NT on a club lead. When he played low from dummy, the hand was over. Again, he had to fly ♣Q at trick one. Tough.

5♦ is a fair spot. To make it, you need to find the ♣J. Not easy if East has opened 1♣!

Erichsen made amends a few boards later  
Match 9, 16

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Simpson	Erichsen	Antoff	Brogelund
P	1♣	1♠	2♦
P	2NT	P	3NT

Something like that. Theo Antoff did well to avoid the spade lead. A club lead is three off but he chose the ♥7 to the Q-A. He switched to the ♣10 when in with the ♦A for a spade through.

Erichsen rose Ace and cashed diamonds. East had to keep ♥J 9 and was thrown in with the ♠K to concede the ninth trick.

At our table I passed as North. Tundal opened 3♠ and played it there for +140 and 11 IMPs in.

Can you see the line to make this 2♠?

2		♠ AK	Dir: E
		♥ 654	Vul: N-S
		♦ 7654	
		♣ AT76	
♠ J	♠ QT8642		
♥ AKQT97	♥ J		
♦ T92	♦ KJ3		
♣ QJ4	♣ K32		
11	♠ 9753		
13 10	♥ 832		
6	♦ AQ8		
	♣ 985		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N - - - - -	
		S - - - - -	
		E - 1 3 2 1	
		W - 1 3 2 1	

East opens 2♠ passed out. The defence plays a club to the ace, then three rounds of diamonds. If you play the obvious trump now, a fourth diamond promotes South's ♠9. To make it, you need to elope, trumping good hearts while cashing clubs. Only then lead a trump and ruff North's diamond high. Exit a low trump and the ♠10 is your eighth trick.

Only for double dummies.

## Bonus Bourke

Bruce Neill

18		♠ 94	Dir: E
		♥ KJ754	Vul: N-S
		♦ Q54	
		♣ JT5	
♠ AQ3	♠ T652		
♥ AQT	♥ 63		
♦ AKJT83	♦ 76		
♣ 7	♣ A9842		
7	♠ KJ87		
20 4	♥ 982		
9	♦ 92		
	♣ KQ63		
		♣♦♥♠NT	
		N - - - - -	
		S - - - - -	
		E 1 4 - 3 3	
		W 1 4 - 3 3	

The dealing program obviously likes Tim Bourke's daily problem in the bulletin ... it's producing extras!

Look for example at round 19, board 18. How do you play 3NT on the lead of the ♣3 after an auction like 2♣-2♦; 3♦-3NT?

The question of whether to hold up the club ace is complicated, but suppose for the sake of argument that you win the first round to avoid discarding problems from dummy on the second and third clubs. How should you proceed?

The simple approach is to use your only entry to hand to take a diamond finesse, hoping to make six diamond tricks and three outside aces. That requires the diamond queen to be onside, singleton, doubleton or tripleton. The chances of that are about 37%.

Actually, the chances of making six diamond tricks by cashing the ace and king are nearly as good as that ... about 33%. So, a better chance of making 3NT is to use your entry to hand to take a major suit finesse. That allows you to make 33% of the time when the diamond queen is short, and half of the rest, when the finesse works. Altogether, about 67%! You may go as many as four off if everything is bad, but improving your chances from one-third to two-thirds is well worth that risk!

## Leading To Defeat

A couple of hands on which the lead led to some pleasing (for the defence) results.

Paul Wyer was amused by this one from round 7 of the Teams

<b>16</b>		♠ Q7	<i>Dir: W</i>																										
		♥ AQ8	<i>Vul: E-W</i>																										
		♦ QT62																											
		♣ AT85																											
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West was playing 3♠ and North found the seven of trumps lead. This collected the 9, 10 and King. Declarer now went after a heart ruff in dummy by playing a small heart to the Jack and King. South continued the suit to North's Queen and the Ace of hearts followed. This was ruffed by declarer who played the ♣K to North's Ace.

North exited another club and West continued with the two top diamonds. South ruffed the second and returned a club, conceding the ruff/sluff. Finally on table, declarer took a confident trump finesse (after all what sort of a loony leads away from Qx of trumps).

Answer: the loony sitting North.

Ed Barnes found a neat way to ensure a favourable lead on this one from round 10.

<b>20</b>		♠ 3	<i>Dir: W</i>																										
		♥ AKT64	<i>Vul: Both</i>																										
		♦ 43																											
		♣ JT975																											
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7	♣ AQ																												

West opened 1♠ and Matt Porter overcalled 2♥. East showed a spade raise with 3♥ and Ed had his moment.

He put in 4♣ rather than a pedestrian heart bid. West bid the heart game and Ed tried the effect of 5♥.

The effect was to drive East to 5♠ which Ed doubled. Matt led the club and Ed cashed his club tops, crossed to Matt's ♥A and happily ruffed the third round of clubs for +500.

A gentleman would not mention that this was necessary to make up for a Michael Ware solecism in the other room.

Happily, I never claimed to be a gentleman.

		
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## And It Just Gets Worse

Are there any of us who can accept, with equanimity, going down in a redoubled contract? How much worse at Teams, when we have to return to our (oh so sympathetic (yeah right!)) team-mates – and then they admit to letting the same contract make – and we play bridge for pleasure!

Murray Green, Ishmael Delmonte, Sartaj Hans and Tony Nunn were on the happy end of one of these exchanges in round 8.

6	♠ T42	Dir: E																														
	♥ 632	Vul: E-W																														
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E	4	3	2	2	2																											
W	3	3	2	2	2																											
13	♥ AQJT																															
13	♦ T3																															
13	♣ AJT																															

In one room, Matt Porter opened the East hand 2♥, which showed hearts and a minor with opening values. Ed Barnes bid 2NT as West and Matt 3♣ - showing a spade fragment. Ed signed off in 3NT which ran round to Sartaj who doubled. Ed sent it straight back.

Tony led a heart (dummy's first suit, in response to Sartaj's double) and South's 10 scored. Sartaj switched to the ♦10 and Ed played two more rounds, discarding a club and heart from table. Ed gave Tony his diamond and Tony sealed the deal by continuing hearts for Sartaj to take two hearts and the ♣A for one off and +400.

In the other room, Ishmael decided to suppress the existence of the heart suit and opened 1♣ which showed at least two clubs. Now South overcalled 1♥! Murray bid 2♦ and Ish 2NT. That was quite enough encouragement for Ish who bid the nine trick game.

South began with the ♥Q taken by Ish's King. Ish now played three rounds of diamonds

(pitching two clubs from his own hand) and then played a club to the Queen and South's Ace.

Remember, Ish hadn't opened 1♥ and so, South reasoned, he couldn't possibly have five. By the time he found the tiny flaw in his reasoning, it was too late and Ish had nine tricks.



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## Grand Sequences

For many of us, bidding a grand is an exercise fraught with stress. We build our information of partner's hand with care and skill and then comes the moment when we have to pull our final card from the bidding box.

We squirm. We eat two pens. We pull our hair. We finally, hesitantly, pull out a card labelled **7.**

Five minutes later and we are in zone A or zone B.

Zone A – it was never really in doubt partner. I was just making sure it was 100%.

Zone B – How can you bid like that?

Let's see how various experts do it. (but we'll leave out the squirming, chewing and pulling.)

7	♠ AKQ9	<i>Dir: S</i>
	♥ AK2	<i>Vul: Both</i>
	♦ AQJ2	
	♣ K3	
♠ J62	♠ T7543	
♥ 8753	♥ QT9	
♦ 53	♦ 96	
♣ QT54	♣ J92	
26	♠ 8	♣♦♥♠ NT
3	♥ J64	N 5 7 5 - 6
8	♦ KT874	S 5 7 5 - 6
	♣ A876	E - - - - -
		W - - - - -

All sequences were without interruption and only the North South Bids are shown.

North	South
Murray Green	Ishmael Delmonte
2♣	2NT
3♦	3♠
4NT	5♥
7♦	

2♣ was big and 2NT showed both minors. 3♦ set the suit and 3♠ was a first or second round cue. Keycard showed two with South and that was enough.

North	South
David Lilley	Zoli Nagy
2♦	2♥
2NT	2♣
3♦	4♦
4♥	4♠
4NT	5♥
7♦	

2♦ was big and 2♥, weak or waiting. 2NT showed the shape and values and 3♣ asked for a five card major. 3♦ denied one. 4♦ set the suit and asked for cues. Two cues saw RKCB again lead to the grand.

Ryszard Jedrychowski and Bruce Neill were more direct.

North	South
Ryszard	Bruce
1♣	1♦
2♣	3♦
4NT	5♥
7♦	

By 2♣, Ryszard had established a game force. 3♦ showed a positive response with a diamond suit and RKCB did the rest.

Ian Thomson and Richard Brightling demonstrated that their taking root at table one may well be due to economy of effort.

North	South
Richard	Ian
2♣	3♣
4♦	4NT
7♦	

Ian's 3♣ bid showed, in response to the big opener, five+ diamonds and a positive. 4♦ was RKCB this time.

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## Bad News, Good News

David Hoffman enjoyed this one on which he received both types of news in one posting.

9	♠ AKJ86	Dir: N
	♥ 7	Vul: E-W
	♦ 8753	
	♣ K98	
♠ Q	♠ T952	
♥ AKJ98542	♥ Q63	
♦	♦ KQJ96	
♣ J765	♣ 2	
11	♠ 743	♣♦♥♠NT
11	♥ T	N 2 2 - 2 -
10	♦ AT42	S 3 2 - 2 -
	♣ AQT43	E - - 5 - -
		W - - 5 - -

David opened 1♠ and, after a pass from East saw his partner bid 2♦. West decided that obfuscation was the better part of clarity and overcalled 2♠! David supported clubs which saw East, happy with this diamond development, cue with 4♣. South bid 4♠ and the whole sorry, misleading mess ground to a halt.

Obediently, East led the ♦K and was probably somewhat taken aback when his partner ruffed the first round of his own suit.

Simultaneously, David knew

- 1) 4♠ was going down
- 2) 5♥ wasn't.

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## The Twilight Zone Report

Today, as we head back into the Twilight Zone, the bridge of the *Starship Insanity* is in the hands of Captain George Gaspar with first mate, Bobby Richman, on hand. To direct their steps who better than their faithful native guides, (native to the TZ, that is) Siggy Konig and Jimmy Wallis.

8	♠	Dir: W				
	♥	Vul:				
	♦					
	♣					
♠	K643	♠	9875			
♥	3	♥	74			
♦	Q8	♦	J752			
♣	KQT654	♣	J72			
8	♠	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
10	2	N	- 5	7	- 4	
		S	- 5	7	- 4	
20	♣	E	- - - -			
	A	W	- - - -			

You may recognise the hand as following hard on the heels of that on which we watched the experts bid their grands a couple of pages back. You will note that DeepFinesse has another grand available to North/South here.

But remember, we are in the Twilight Zone.

Bobby steered the starship with a 1♥ opener – which showed spades. (Of course, it did!)

Jimmy bid 1♠ - a takeout double (of course it was). George headed for the stars with 3♠ and, deep in the TZ, Siggy passed.

And so did everybody else!

It does not rank as one of bridge's more memorable moments when you trade 1510 for 7♥ in exchange for 350 defending an opposition partial.

I suspect the Indians got a better deal when they traded Manhattan Island to the Dutch.



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Round  
10

Board	Score
1	-20
2	-70
3	450
4	-540
5	-390
6	-500
7	-210
8	-280
9	230
10	10
11	110
12	720
13	-940
14	-900
15	-40
16	60
17	-10
18	620
19	400
20	-140

Round  
11

Board	Score
1	-30
2	70
3	-420
4	-20
5	160
6	-150
7	560
8	-480
9	-740
10	-140
11	310
12	-380
13	60
14	290
15	-160
16	430
17	-590
18	70
19	30
20	30

Round  
12

Board	Score
1	50
2	80
3	-50
4	70
5	100
6	130
7	1780
8	1010
9	70
10	-880
11	-400
12	-440
13	-130
14	390
15	-30
16	-60
17	70
18	-150
19	180
20	-520

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8	Rew	215	55	Douglas	192
9	Walsh	215	56	Gallus	192
10	Burke	214	57	Yezerksi	192
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12	Irens	214	59	Halmos	191
13	Beale	212	60	Battista	190
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19	Ware	206	66	Hollands	188
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21	Livesey	205	68	Schmidt	187
22	Burrows	205	69	Reitzer	187
23	Beckett	205	70	Havas	186
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