

The Summer Festival of Bridge

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The National Open Teams Round of 12

Team	Total
Klinger R Klinger, M Mullamphy, B Jacobs, B Thompson, S Hinge, K Morrison	64
Bloom M Bloom, T Nunn, S Hans, A Peake, P Gosney	79
Team	Total
Cummings V Cummings, P Newman, M Thomson, P Yovich, K Bagchi, J Spooner	24
Yezerki A Yezerki, L Grewcock, T Antoff, A Simpson, S Ozenir, B Travis	78
Team	Total
Milne L Milne, M Whibley, A Smirnov, A Hung, A Edgtton, N Edgtton	110
Tishler S Tishler, B Richman, P Gill, P Livesey, H Dawson	57
Team	Total
Noble B Noble, G Bilski, M Prescott, I Del'Monte, A Bach, M Cornell	92
Dyke K Dyke, L Leibowitz, W Jenner-O'Shea, M Doecke, D Geromboux, G Ware	54
Team	Total
Markey P Markey, J Williams, J Haffer, G Smolanko, D Appleton, P Reynolds	49
Gumby P Gumby, W Lazer, P Wyer, P Gue	37
Team	Total
Hoffman D Hoffman, M Bourke, D Weston, B Hirst, R Van Riel, F Beale	61
Neill B Neill, D Wiltshire, Z Nagy, D Lilley, A Kanetkar, T Brown	92

Bloom advances to the semi-finals. Klinger and the winners of other matches advance to quarter finals.

The National Open Teams Quarter-Finals

Team	Total
Klinger R Klinger, M Mullamphy, B Jacobs, B Thompson, S Hinge, K Morrison	63
Yezerki A Yezerki, L Grewcock, T Antoff, A Simpson, S Ozenir, B Travis	66
Team	Total
Milne L Milne, M Whibley, A Smirnov, A Hung, A Edgtton, N Edgtton	90
Markey P Markey, J Williams, J Haffer, G Smolanko, D Appleton, P Reynolds	62
Team	Total
Noble B Noble, G Bilski, M Prescott, I Del'Monte, A Bach, M Cornell	63
Neill B Neill, D Wiltshire, Z Nagy, D Lilley, A Kanetkar, T Brown	41

Winners join Bloom in the semi-finals



Tim Bourke's Problem

12. EXTRACTION

Dealer North. E-W Vul.

NORTH

♠ A K 10 5 4
♥ A 9 6 3
♦ A Q
♣ 5 4

SOUTH

♠ 7 2
♥ K J 8 4 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ A K 7

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
All pass			

* stronger than 4♥

How will you make twelve tricks after West leads the queen of clubs?

The Joy Of Pairs

Andrew Mill enjoyed this one which saw a three suit squeeze develop.

9 ♠ J82 Dir: N
 ♥ AQ7 Vul: E-W
 ♦ QT4
 ♣ 9872

♠ QT65	♠ A973
♥ KJ64	♥ 92
♦ 5	♦ KJ732
♣ QT63	♣ J5

♠ K4
♥ 10853
♦ A986
♣ AK4

After an invitational Stayman auction, Andrew became declarer in 3NT.

A club was led to the Jack and Ace and Andrew continued by running the ♦8 to East's Jack. A club was returned which was won by West with the 10. A spade went to the Ace and Andrew took the next spade with the King.

A successful heart finesse enabled the ♦Q to be led. This was ducked all round as was the ♦10 which came next. Andrew then crossed to the ♣A which left

♠ Q	♠ J	♠ 9
♥ KJ	♥ A7	♥ 9
♦	♦	♦ K7
♣ Q	♣ 9	♣

♠
♥ 1085
♦ A
♣

When Andrew advanced the ♦A West was caught in the squeeze. A black Queen discard would set up Andrew's ninth trick. West wasn't sure of the distribution and so discarded a heart. Which established Andrew's tenth trick.

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Bridge Is Hobbit Forming

Richard Hills

Gil-Galad was an Elven-king.
Of him kibitzers sadly sing:
The last whose table fees were free
Inside his club beside the sea.

His thoughts were long, his bidding keen,
His shining smile afar was seen;
And victories in all bridge fields
Were graven on his cups and shields.

But long ago he passed away,
And where he shuffles none can say;
For into darkness fell this star
In Mordor where the psychers are.

As Legolas the Elf was singing that song, the Nine Walkers were shivering in the snow halfway up a mountain pass. Half of them were keeping warm by playing a game involving a beer-can and a small fireball (Can-a-star). Meanwhile, Gandalf and Aragorn were naturally playing a friendly rubber against the Forcing Pass pair of Frodo and Sam. The first deal saw the hobbits take twenty-one bids to reach a frigid seven notrumps. On the second deal, Gandalf and Aragorn retaliated by striding into an equally cold grand in only two bids. This was to be the deciding hand of the rubber:

	Gandalf	
	♠ AK	
	♥ KJ	
	♦ AK97654	
	♣ 32	
Sam		Frodo
♠ 954		♠ 1087632
♥ 63		♥ A84
♦ 82		♦ Q10
♣ AKQ974		♣ 85
	♠ QJ	
	♥ Q109752	
	♦ J3	
	♣ J106	
	Aragorn	

Gandalf believed in the obvious principle of "the higher your opening, the stronger your hand". As he explained, "You don't open six notrumps with a Tuckborough and you shouldn't pass with an opening hand!" glaring at Frodo as he spoke. Therefore, the Grey Pilgrim opened 1♥ (weak one). Sam was torn between making a lead-directing overcall of 2♣ and a weak jump overcall of 3♣. However, he remembered that he was vulnerable and settled for silence. With his eighteen point hand Aragorn made a slam try of 4♥, but all passed.

Frodo had recently taught Sam a new leading method, called Chronicler Leads. Sam therefore led the queen of clubs (thirds and fifths). Upon seeing dummy, Sam decided that the most likely way to defeat the contract was by a trump promotion, so he continued with two more high clubs.

Gandalf carefully ruffed with the king of trumps as Frodo equally carefully discarded the ten of diamonds. While Gandalf was eliminating the spades, Frodo was happily thinking how he would win the jack of hearts with the ace, and return the queen of diamonds to leave the master hearts lonely in declarer's hand. But the wily Wizard cashed the ace of diamonds before advancing the jack of hearts. Hoping that Sam held the nine of trumps Frodo ducked, but Gandalf overtook with the queen and continued high trumps for game and rubber.

Frodo asked, "How did you guess that my ten of diamonds wasn't my only one?" Gandalf gruffly replied, "Even Sam would have overcalled with ace-king-queen to six clubs AND the queen of diamonds! To give me a guess, your discard should have been the queen of diamonds, not the ten."

Due to the severe snow storm, the Fellowship abandoned its attempt at getting over the mountains, and decided instead to go through by way of the ancient Mines of Moria. They arrived at the magic door to Moria at sunset.



Beside it was a dark pool, which had oily ripples disturbing its surface.

Gandalf passed his hand over the Door causing shining silver lines to be revealed. They said, "Speak, friend, and enter."

"What does it mean by 'Speak, friend, and enter'?" asked Merry.

"That is plain enough," said Gimli. "If you are a friend, speak the password and the door will open, and you can enter."

Further writing appeared on the Door:

<p>♠ KQJ108642 ♥ AKQJ9 ♣</p>	<p>♠ AKQJ1098765432 ♥ ♦ ♣</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ 864 ♣ AKQJ108642</p>
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Below the hand an inscription said: "South is in seven notrumps. Plan the defence." Boromir scoffed, "What trivial pursuit is this, when the defence has twenty top tricks!" Gandalf replied, "There is more to this than meets the lidless eye," and tanked by the water.

Meanwhile Sam was saying goodbye to Bill the pony. He said, "If I was on lead, Bill, I would make one of Mr Frodo's Chronicler leads, and lead my fifth highest diamond." Gandalf chuckled, then burst out laughing. "Of course! You are right Sam - the problem is to prove that you are a friend by finding a friendly defence which lets seven notrumps make!" Puzzled, Boromir queried, "If North could get the lead, sure. But how can South make thirteen tricks on that rubbish when dummy has nothing but lonely hearts?"

While the ripples on the pool grew larger, Gandalf explained: "West leads their fifth highest diamond, East playing the eight and South winning with the ten. South now 'cashes' four clubs while West discards their remaining diamonds. Now South can win four more rounds of diamonds while the spade honours are being pitched. South then scores four spades to make seven notrumps."

Gleefully, Gandalf tapped the nine of diamonds with his staff while saying, "Friend!" and the Door swung open. Suddenly, Frodo felt his ankle being hooked from under him, as twenty tentacles plotted from the pool.

Tim Bourke's Problem – Solution

A layout you need to worry about is:

<p>♠ 9 3 ♥ Q 10 8 5 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ Q J 10 8</p>	<p>♠ A K 10 5 4 ♥ A 9 6 3 ♦ A Q ♣ 5 4</p>	<p>♠ Q J 8 6 ♥ - ♦ J 9 6 4 2 ♣ 9 6 3 2</p>
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As your only side-suit loser is the low club, which you should plan to ruff in dummy, you can afford to make a safety play in trumps. The aim of that strategy is to will restrict your trump losers to at most one.

After winning the first trick with the ace of clubs, the way to do this is to play the king of trumps next. Suppose, as here, that West shows out on the first trump. You then lead low towards dummy, intending to finesse the nine if West plays low. When West plays the ten on



the second round of trumps, you win with dummy's ace. You continue with the king of clubs and a club ruff.

If West shows out, you will cash the king of clubs and ruff a club low. Again you will need to cash dummy's winners in spades and diamonds before you lead the nine of trumps. (If you fail to, East will defeat you if he can play a fourth club; that will reduce you to two trumps in hand and, as the only way back to your hand after cashing the spade and diamond winners is with a spade ruff, East will then make a long trump.)

An Interview With Alex Smirnov

Our Fearless Reporter (aka Peter Gill) was despatched to interview Alex, a player who has created an incredible sequence of results in the last year and a half. Alex has been playing this week, as he did last year in the Youth Team.

FR: In the last 15 months, you've come second in the 2009 Reisinger, second in the 2010 NOT, third in the Cavendish Pairs, topped the datums at the Bermuda Bowl, third in the World Open pairs in Philadelphia and second in the 2010 Resinger. Which of these is the most memorable?

Alex: The two thirds at the Cavendish and World Pairs. The 2010 World Championship book will include the very last hand of the Pairs when we moved from fourth place to third.

FR: How do our events in Canberra compare with German events?

Alex: This is much larger and very enjoyable.

FR: And. compared to World events?

Alex: Good organization here in Australia, very good

FR: Any criticisms?

Alex: You need to fix up the NOT timetable. A late night finish on Friday means Saturday must start later than 9am. And there needs to be an adequate amount of time for lunch on Saturday, even if this means an 8.30 finish.

FR: You topped the datums at last week's Youth Teams, partnered by Gary Khemka, ahead of all the pairs in our national Youth Team. Who is Gary Khemka?

Alex: He's from India and has played bridge for about a year in Canberra.

FR: Any comments on Youth Week?

Alex: It's good fun – everyone is so friendly

FR : How old are you?

Alex: 28

FR: And you learnt bridge?

Alex: At age 5, playing rubber in St Petersburg, Russia

FR: And duplicate?

Alex: At age 9

FR: What do you do for a living?

Alex: I'm a professional bridge player and I have a bridge college in Lubeck teaching bridge. I have my own club so I also organise duplicates.

FR: In the last five years, you and Josef Piekarek have developed an excellent partnership in the German Open team. How did you get to be so good at such a young age?

Alex: I practised with Josef a lot. We both had to work at first, so we bid hands together on



BBO every night from 11.30pm to 2.00 am, 5 days a week for 3 years.

FR: Such dedication

Alex: Yes, you have to put the work in if you want to succeed. We also played against good opponents that helps you to improve.

FR: We Aussies think that we have a group of good young players with some prospects of winning a world youth championship. Do you agree?

Alex: Yes.

FR: What can be done to help their ambition?

Alex: They have to practise bidding a lot and maybe develop a better system, more agreements. Take some time each day to improve cardplay, reading books, play BridgeMaster.

FR: If the ABF offered to pay you to coach our young players, would you?

Alex: Yes, either here or on BBO

FR: Outside of bridge, your interests are?

Alex: Sport – running and swimming, every day if possible. Also music and movies.

FR: No relatives of chess or vodka fame?

Alex: No

FR: Thank you and good luck in the NOT. May all your redoubled contracts make.

Alex: He will make it!

(At the time of interview, Alex and Peter were watching Alex's teammate, Liam Milne, make 3♥xx. Liam's partner opened 2NT, pass and Liam bid 3♥ on

♠ J 8 4 3 2 ♥ 6 3 ♦ 7 3 ♣ A K 8 7

Next hand doubles and partner redoubles. A pass and its your bid?

At another table, someone said that their partner wooed out. Liam is not a woose. +960

♠ J8432

♥ 63

♦ 73

♣ AK87

♠ 105

♥ 72

♦ J109642

♣ 1096

♠ Q97

♥ AQ854

♦ 5

♣ Q532

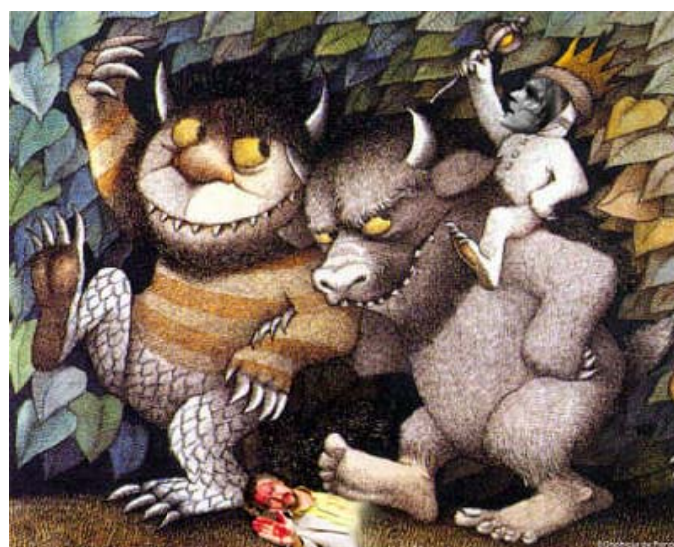
♠ AK6

♥ KJ109

♦ AKQ8

♣ J4

Where The Wild Things Are



Some wild and woolly distributions in the hands for Saturday's NOT.

You hold

♠ - ♥ A Q J 10 3 ♦ J 2 ♣ A J 9 6 5 3

and rho opens 2♥!

Tony Nunn disregarded the advice about not bidding with length in the opponents' suit and overcalled 3♣. Sartaj Hans was there for Tony



- 3♠. The diamond stopper presumably would look after itself, as Tony rebid 3NT. Sartaj was still there - 4♠!

Surprisingly, the hands did not fit well, Sartaj holding

♠ K 9 8 7 6 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ K 8 4 3 ♣ K

Sartaj needed all of his skill to escape for "only" three off.

A few boards later and Tony was "admiring"

♠ 9 7 6 3 ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ 10 7 4 2

Surprisingly, he wimped out with a pass as dealer and lho opened 1NT (weak). Sartaj doubled and rho passed indicating (and I quote the explanation given at the table) that he was "OKish with 1NTx."

Tony again wimped it and lho responded with a redouble. (Tony was REALLY enjoying this auction!) but the redouble actually showed two four card suits. Sartaj passed and rho offered clubs as a resting place. Tony continued his campaign of passive resistance and lho refused clubs and offered diamonds. Sartaj made a forcing pass and rho made a non-forcing pass. Tony doubled, for take-out, with HUGE enthusiasm. His enthusiasm became positively gargantuan when Sartaj passed. At least, Tony's card might be useful.

Not just useful, in fact but key, as E-W went one off in 2♦x on this layout.

♠ K10
♥ KJ1098
♦ AQ85
♣ A3

♠ A852
♥ AQ7
♦ J1075
♣ K9

♠ QJ4
♥ 53
♦ 942
♣ QJ865

♠ 9763
♥ 642
♦ K3
♣ 10742

Have a look at this next one and imagine just how much trouble anyone could get into. I bet you can't imagine some of the spots the illustrious NOT players managed to reach.

♠ 64
♥ AQ8754
♦ Q962
♣ K

♠ 3
♥ K10632
♦ J53
♣ QJ84

♠ KJ1092
♥ J9
♦ K107
♣ A109

♠ AQ875
♥
♦ A84
♣ 76532

The board was played at twelve tables. Our panellists voted for:

1♠ (E) Making twice but going three off once

2♠x (W) Two away

2♦ (N) One away (2♦ may seem an unlikely terminus on this particular journey but there are much stranger destinations coming.) An honourable mention though for Bourke/Hoffman

2♥ (N) two away twice and one away once

1NTx (E) Making



INTx (W) Making with an overtrick

2♣ (S) - a stellar selection of contract by Hinge / Morrison. Sadly three away

And the *pièce de resistance* (after, one assumes a competitive auction – the competition being between North and South with East-West being relegated to walk-on parts, carrying one assumes red cards. Out of which E-W had presumably run out when it really mattered.)

5♦ (N) – a mere four shy and, leaving Morrison/Hinge and Bourke/Hoffman trailing in their wake, we have Ozenir/Travis as clear winners of the “Select The Most Surprising Contract” competition..

Onto the second stanza of the round of 12 and there was still plenty of action.

Paul Gosney judged well on

♠ K7	♠ 98643	♠ J
♥ AKJ10975	♥ 10753	♥ KJ864
♦ J652	♦ Q	♦ 64
	♣ KQ3	♣ A10984
	♠ AQ1052	
	♥ AQ92	
	♦ 832	
	♣ 7	

As dealer, Andrew Peake opened the East cards with 1♥!. Matthew Mullamphey overcalled 1♠ and Paul called 2♦. Ron Klinger raised Matthew to game and Paul repeated his diamonds at the five level. Matthew passed this up to Ron who doubled. Dummy's clubs were most acceptable and Paul quickly wrapped up eleven tricks.

A break from the wild and woolly for a hand which the less experienced player might like to study as Andrew demonstrates a textbook endplay. (In fairness to Andrew and his illustrious opponents, he didn't actually play this out –he merely indicated what he would do and Matthew and Ron gave up but for the benefit of the less experienced, I'll play it out.)

.Andrew was playing 4♠ from East on this layout

♠ K875	♠ AQ9643
♥ A82	♥ K3
♦ Q4	♦ 95
♣ 8742	♣ AQ9

The ♦A and K were cashed and a heart played to Andrew's King. He drew trumps in two rounds, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a heart on table to leave

♠ K8	♠ AQ9
♥	♥
♦	♦
♣ 8742	♣ AQ9

He then crossed to dummy with a trump and led a club. You can set out North-South's clubs any way you like but Andrew will not lose another trick after this one. If North plays low, Andrew inserts the 9 and South either has to concede a ruff and discard or lead into the ♣AQ.

If North plays the ♣J or 10 then Andrew plays the Queen and South has to lead into Andrew's clubs or concede the ruff/sluff.

The last board of the set was this little number



♠ KJ8642	♠ Q975	♠ A103	♠ J95	♠ A107	♠ Q42
♥ Q9	♥ 10742	♥ 653	♥ AK6	♥ 95	♥ QJ43
♦ 42	♦ Q1076	♦ 985	♦ J	♦ AQ1064	♦ K98732
♣ 1085	♣ J	♣ Q962	♣ K106542	♣ AQ9	♣
	♠			♠ K863	
	♥ AKJ8			♥ 10872	
	♦ AKJ3			♦ 5	
	♣ AK743			♣ J873	

Obviously, the problem is how does South get North to make an intelligent contribution.

Five of our twelve panellists played in hearts but at the 4 or 5 level. Two made it to 6♥ and were more or less forced by the lack of entries to dummy to make an overtrick. One pair found their way to 6♦ but lost a trick, presumably to the ♥Q – still, a making slam.

This time an “Accuracy in the Auction” award for Ozenir/Travis who reached 7♦ which probably left Bagchi/Spooner feeling aggrieved that making an overtrick in 6♥ still cost them 10 imps.

The ‘Bizarre Resting Place’ awards this time go to Edgton/Whibley for 4NT down two – do I smell a Blackwood pass? And a very special round of applause for Bilski/Noble. They managed to grab the reins as East-West!

Admittedly, 2♠x down for -500 was no bargain when teammates Prescott/Del’Monte were amongst the game bidders but Barry and George would certainly have won the post-mortem.

Onto the quarter-finals and life was still exciting.

Avi Kanetkar opened 1♣ as West and Mike Prescott overcalled 1NT. Terry Brown thought that a penalty double would pay off – as did Ishmael Del’Monte who started running with 2♥. Avi decided to rebid his clubs and 3♣ became the final unlovely contract. Avi was not amused by the sight of dummy and went three off.

Still, Terry got his on the next.

	♠ K9852	♠ 64
	♥ AQ4	♥ J2
	♦ K7	♦ AQ109654
	♣ KQ6	♣ A7
♠ Q10		
♥ 109863		
♦ 832		
♣ J42		
	♠ AJ73	
	♥ K75	
	♦ J	
	♣ 109853	

Mike opened 1NT and Terry called 3♦. Ish doubled and Avi raised the stakes with a 4♦ bid. Mike tried 4♠ and Terry took the dive in 5♦. Ish doubled with a certain relish.

Unusually, for a contract played at the five level, declarer was reluctant to play trumps. Terry kept pushing out small off suit cards and the defence kept giving him ruffs. By trick 8,



nobody had led a trump but now Terry had to. Although the trump King had been onside, there was no way for Terry to encompass it. Down 3 was a costly 800.

Ish faced a surprising bidding challenge a little later. He held

♠ 9 ♥ 10 9 4 2 ♦ K 10 9 6 4 2 ♣ 4 3

Terry opened 1♦ and Ish passed. ♦Avi responded 2♥ to show 14+ and 5+ hearts. Mike called 4♥. Terry passed and Ish had to choose between his particularly attractive black suits.

The whole hand is a fine demonstration of not becoming declarer on misfits.

♠ QJ10863
♥ K
♦
♣ AQ10652

♠ K72
♥ AQJ853
♦ 5
♣ KJ7

♠ A54
♥ 76
♦ AQJ873
♣ 98

♠ 9
♥ 10942
♦ K109642
♣ 43

Avi doubled 5♣ and collected 8 imps when 4♥ went three off in the other room

All round a very entertaining day's kibitzing. Whether it was also educational is another matter.

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Place	Name	Score
1	S Boughey, C Richardson	121
2	K Colbert, L Moss	109
3	A Hegedus, A Mill	108
4	H Ali, R Hills	100
5	R Hanson, J Herring	99
5	D Delgado, S Whitbread	99
5	J Skipper, J Skipper	99
8	M Watts, J Ebery	98
9	M Campbell, P Kahler	97
10	A Ohlsen, D Tilvern	97
11	J Sturgul, A Sturgul	96
12	E Williams, L Ma	95
13	C Houghton, W Houghton	91
14	N Tobin, J Tobin	91
14	T Glass, L Smith	91
16	M Phillips, C Slaughter	90
17	B O'Donohue, M Knox	88
18	P Holloway, P Gill	88
19	A Morrison, L Bourke	86
19	M Guthrie, J Guthrie	86
21	P Nilsson, D Nilsson	85
22	P Lewin, F Lewin	84
23	J Kidd, C Wehner	84
24	P Thompson, M O'Donohue	81
25	D Hnaris, A Maynard	81
26	D Russell, T Martin	81
27	D Scott, H Scott	80
28	P Bardos, A Bapat	77
28	N Newton, J Nesbitt	77
30	D Clarkson, P Kowald	76
31	M Geromboux, G Schaller	70
32	M Pryde, D Pryde	69

AUSTRALIAN MIXED TEAMS Round 6 - 2011

Place	Name	Score
1	Brown	65
2	Burke	120
3	Beauchamp	111
4	Bourke	46
5	Crichton	103
6	Fischer	103
7	Van Vucht	101
8	Strong	100
9	Genc	99
10	Newlands	102
11	Coutts	97
12	De Livera	96
13	Hancock	94
14	McLeish	94
15	Norris	93
16	Tough	91
17	Newman	82
18	Steffensen	85
19	Dixon	83
20	Lisle	83
21	Kwok	79
22	Ferris	76
23	Donovan	73
24	Brennan	73
25	Waizer	72
26	Barnes	67
27	Macquarrie	65
28	Kennedy	47

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