

# The Summer Festival of Bridge

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**Congratulations to the winners of the S.W.P.Teams**

**Stephen Burgess, Gabi Lorentz, Pablo Lambardi, Ashley Bach, Matthew Thompson and Paul Marston**

### N.O.T. Semi-finals

#### National Open Teams Championship - Semi-Finals

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**Tim Bourke's Problem**

**12. BREAKS**

Dealer North. E-W Vul.

**NORTH**

♠ A K 4  
♥ J 7 4 2  
♦ A 10  
♣ A Q J 2

**SOUTH**

♠ Q J 6  
♥ A Q 5 3  
♦ 9 8 5  
♣ 9 6 5

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

West leads the queen of diamonds and, as there is little value in ducking this trick, you take the ace of diamonds and lead a trump. East surprises you when he discards a diamond. Can you see any chance of making ten tricks?

**Well Done All Round**

*Julian Foster*

There was good play and good defence in our match in the Friday Festival Teams. Match 1, board 1.

1	♠ Q4	Dir: N															
	♥ AQ82	Vul: None															
	♦ J86																
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I sat North playing with Jenna Gibbons while Marc Deaton was East and Renee Cooper was West.

Auction was a muddle(!):

West	North	East	South
	1NT	X	P
2♠	P	3♠	X
P	4♥	X	5♣
P	P	X	

I thought the X of 3♠ was takeout but Jenna meant it as penalties.

Against 5♣x the defence began with a spade (a heart lead beats it easily). This went QKA. Jenna cashed 2 more spades, pitching a diamond. Then she tried for a partial elimination by drawing 2 rounds of trumps and ruffing a spade in dummy. She then played a diamond to the 9, Jack and Queen. East avoided the endplay by under leading his diamond honours to Renee's 10 for the heart switch and 1 off. Nice play all round.



### Tim Bourke's Problem

#### SOLUTION

If you are to have any chance, West must have started with at least three cards in each black suit as well as the king of clubs. Suppose the full deal is:

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

After taking the ace of trumps at trick two, you will play a club to the jack. When that holds, return to hand with the queen of spades and lead a club to the queen. Next cash the ace of clubs and the ace and king of spades.

As the cards lie, declarer can lead the two of clubs at this point but that would be fatal if West began with two diamonds. The ten of diamonds wins when West started with two diamonds as well as on the above layout, so that is the card you must play at trick nine. East wins the trick with the jack of diamonds and continues with the king of diamonds. West can do no better than ruff the king of diamonds with the eight of trumps. You will overruff this in dummy with the jack and play a card from dummy on which you will play the three of trumps. West is forced to overruff and you will make a trick as you

have the ♥Q-5 remaining with West on lead with ♥K-10.

### A Little Bit Of History

The first National Open Teams was held in 1973 and was won by the Auerbach team who defeated the Klinger team in the final. In the Auerbach team was Gabi Lorentz who 41 years later is currently contesting the semi-finals having won the SWPT earlier in the week. Ron Klinger wrote the event up in the June 1973 edition of Australian Bridge. Gabi featured on this one where the Auerbach team produced what Ron described as "one of the rarest creatures in bridge - the vulnerable save against the non-vulnerable slam."

	♠		
	♥	QT76542	
	♦	KT54	
	♣	87	
♠	AKT8742		♠
♥	9		♥
♦	7		♦
♣	KT93		♣
	♠	J95	
	♥	AKJ8	
	♦	AJ6	
	♣	A65	
			♠
			♥
			♦
			♣

The auction was

West	North	East	South
			1NT
3♠	4♥	4♠	X
P	5♥	P	P
5♠	P	P	6♥
P	P	6♠	X

In the other room, 6♥ was passed out for 980 while Gabi was able to make 10 tricks and only concede 500.



Thanks to John Brockwell for drawing this to our attention and lending me his very precious copy of Australian Bridge 1973.

**NOT Semi-final Session 1**

The line-ups were

NSTeam	West	North	East	South
Bloom	DelMonte	Bloom	Hollands	Nunn
Milne	Gill	Edgtton	Hans	Hung
Lorentz	Jacobs	Bach	Thompson	Marston
Markey	Thompson	Markey	Lambardi	Williams

The action started immediately.

**1** Dir: N Vul: None

♠ KJ104  
 ♥ 43  
 ♦ QJ10754  
 ♣ 7

♠ 7  
 ♥ AQ72  
 ♦ A3  
 ♣ KQ10432

♠ A9652  
 ♥ J85  
 ♦ K98  
 ♣ A8

♠ Q83  
 ♥ K1096  
 ♦ 62  
 ♣ J965

7  
 12 15  
 6

♠	♣	♥	♦	NT
N	-	1	-	-
S	-	1	-	-
E	5	-	4	2
W	5	-	4	2

A quiet push in 3NT in the Bloom – Milne match but ...

Markey, North opened a weak 2♦ and eventually declared 3♦x.

East led a spade to the Ace and got a ruff at trick 2 He returned a club to secure a second ruff with the ♦A. That was four tricks and there was still a heart and a trump to come.

In the other room, Jacobs and Thompson had a more adventurous auction – all the way to 6♣. This seems only to need a 3-2 trump break but it didn't happen and the contract went two down.

**2** Dir: E Vul: N-S

♠ 4  
 ♥ K95  
 ♦ KJ97  
 ♣ AK972

♠ 76  
 ♥ A108732  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ QJ84

♠ KQ102  
 ♥ QJ6  
 ♦ Q543  
 ♣ 65

♠ AJ9853  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ A1062  
 ♣ 103

14  
 7 10  
 9

♠	♣	♥	♦	NT
N	4	5	-	4
S	4	5	-	4
E	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-

Del Monte – Hollands reached 5♦ and claimed 11 tricks. Diamonds never entered the conversation in the other room:

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

Edgtton played it as if he had a well-positioned mirror.

The ♥Q was led, ducked all round and declarer took the ♥J with the King. He cashed the ♦K and ran the ♦9 successfully. He played a diamond toward dummy and took the Queen with the Ace. He now ran the ♣10. As Gill had discarded a club on the diamonds, Edgtton could now claim 11 tricks and that number of imps for Milne.

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<b>5</b>	♠ 962	Dir: N
	♥ 962	Vul: N-S
	♦ 10764	
	♣ AQJ	
♠ J875	♠ KQ10	
♥ 1053	♥ J87	
♦ A932	♦ 85	
♣ 109	♣ K8732	
7	♠ A43	♠♦♥♣NT
5 9	♥ AKQ4	N 1 3 3 1 2
19	♦ KQJ	S 1 3 3 1 2
	♣ 654	E - - - - -
		W - - - - -

Peter Gill found the necessary blocking play to defeat a Hung 3NT contract.

Gill led the ♠5 to his partner's Queen and Hung took trick 3 with the ♠A and played a diamond. Gill ducked one round but took the second to play a club. Hung could not now untangle his two potential heart tricks and was one down.

Allowing the ♠9 to score – not bad with the KJ10 outstanding and no finesse possible.

We are often told never to bid 5 over 5. Here's an auction where Gill did bid 5 over 5 and then compounded by bidding 6 over 6!

West	North	East	South
		P	1♥
2♥	4♥	4♣	5♥
5♠	6♥	P	P
6♠	X		

This was down one to go with Del Monte Hollands defeated 5♥x by two tricks in the other room for 11 imps to Milne.

Then a huge bidding misunderstanding from Thompson and Lambardi

<b>6</b>	♠ A106	Dir: E
	♥ AKJ9643	Vul: E-W
	♦ 842	
	♣ 87654	
♠ KJ1032	♠ 87654	
♥ K74	♥ 9	
♦ AKQ95	♦ Q10852	
	♣ 106	
12	♠ AQ9	♠♦♥♣NT
16 2	♥ QJ8532	N - 1 2 - 1
10	♦ 7	S - 1 3 - 1
	♣ J73	E 1 - - 5 -
		W 1 - - 5 -

Williams opened 1♥, Thompson called 3♣, showing clubs and spades. Markey called 3♦ and Lambardi called 4♠. This was passed round to North who bid 5♥ with his good diamond suit and void in spades. After two passes, West bid 5♠ with his good club suit and void in diamonds. Undeterred, North bid 6♥ and West could only double.

West led three rounds of clubs from the top and East failed to ruff and give West a diamond ruff. West, still on lead at trick 4, failed to lead a trump, switching to a spade

<b>9</b>	♠ A103	Dir: N
	♥ Q3	Vul: E-W
	♦ QJ106	
	♣ AQ94	
♠ KJ4	♠ Q62	
♥ AKJ987	♥ 102	
♦ 4	♦ K8753	
♣ 853	♣ KJ6	
15	♠ 9875	♠♦♥♣NT
12 9	♥ 654	N - - - - -
4	♦ A92	S - - - - -
	♣ 1072	E 1 1 4 1 2
		W 1 1 4 1 2

North opened 1♣ and, after two passes, West bid 2♥. East responded 2NT and West called 3♦. In a relatively unpractised partnership, this seems dangerous. Indeed West explained to his screen-mate that it was undiscussed. The dangers became manifest when East passed. Thompson was able to manage this to escape for one off.

Edgton also opened 1♣ as North and Hung responded with 1♥, showing spades. Gill overcalled 2♥, showing hearts and Edgton doubled to show 3 spades. Hans found the excellent raise to 3♥ enabling Gill to become the only player in the semis to bid

game. He completed the task by dropping North's trump Queen.

<b>13</b>		♠ 108	<i>Dir: N</i>				
		♥ 8	<i>Vul: Both</i>				
		♦ KQJ983					
		♣ A1076					
♠ A32		♠ KJ96					
♥ AKQ10975		♥ 4					
♦ 4		♦ 752					
♣ 43		♣ K9852					
10		♠ Q754					
13	7	♥ J632					
10		♦ A106					
		♣ QJ					
		♠♦♥♣NT					
		N	-	3	-	-	-
		S	-	3	-	-	-
		E	2	-	5	3	-
		W	2	-	5	3	-

Again Hung replied 1♥ to Edgton's 1♦ opener but this showed spades. Gill called 3♥ and Hans found an excellent raise to game on his singleton. Gill justified his partner's faith. He ruffed Edgton's second high diamond lead and led a club towards dummy's King. Edgton flew the Ace and continued clubs. Gill took a first round finesse in trumps against Hung's Jack to secure his contract.

And then diamonds were everybody's best friend.

Markey opened 1♦ and Williams responded 1♥. This had no effect on West who bid 2♥. North bid 3♦ and South 3NT.

At least this was played from the best side comparatively, although the best defence takes it 7 light, with the defence taking the first eleven tricks. However West led four rounds of hearts and declarer now had eight tricks available. Winning the ♥J, South played three rounds of diamonds, finishing in hand and played the ♣Q. If he had finessed, he would have taken no more tricks and would be 5 light. He flew the Ace and escaped for one off.

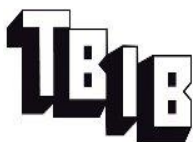
<b>14</b>		♠ Q6	<i>Dir: E</i>				
		♥ Q752	<i>Vul: None</i>				
		♦ 9842					
		♣ K96					
♠ A873		♠ KJ10952					
♥ A10864		♥ J3					
♦ 5		♦ J3					
♣ AQ8		♣ J52					
7		♠ 4					
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12		♦ AKQ1076					
		♣ 10743					
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		N	1	3	-	-	
		S	1	3	-	-	
		E	-	-	2	4	1
		W	-	-	2	4	1

East opened a 2♦ multi and South overcalled 3♦. West asked what's your suit with a 4♦ call. North bid 5♦. Two passes saw West give up trying to find partner's suit and he doubled. Two down meant a 3 imp loss against the making 4♠ in the other room.



Winners of the Life Masters Teams

Wayne Zhu, Peter Bamborough, Paul Weaver and Terry Bodycote



### When NOT Pre-Empting Can Be Very Rewarding.

Ross Crichton

BD 32. Dealer W. Vul: EW.

♠	KQT87642	♠	9
♥	654	♥	AT9
♦	K3	♦	AT86543
♣	K3	♣	8
♠	J53	♠	A
♥	Q32	♥	KJ87
♦	KJ	♦	Q92
♣	AT762	♣	QJ954

In the Seniors Playoff, the Crichton team was trailing the Murray-White team by 10 imps with one board to play. West (Ross Crichton) was reluctant to open the W hand for fear of pre-empting partner, or risking a large penalty with a 6 loser hand.

So he passed as dealer to await developments, fully expecting to learn from the bidding.

N opened a weak 1NT (11-14).

Pam Crichton bid 2♣, a transfer to diamonds, promising at least a 4 card suit (Canape style).

South doubled. Lead directing??

Ross now came to life. 4♠. (Partner has some high cards, some of which are hopefully useful).

All pass.

North, influenced by partners double, led the ♣A, and switched to a low heart.

Declarer won the ♥A, cashed the ♦A pitching a heart, then lead the ♠9.

In with the ♠A, South cashed a top heart and played a third round.

Declarer ruffed and claimed. +620

In the repay, West opened 4♠, passed out.

North led the ♥H2, so declarer now has 4 losers. +100

The 12 imp pickup allowed the Crichton team to win the playoff by 2 imps. Give the opponents enough rope was a favourite quote from Australia's greatest player, the late Tim Seres.

### NOT Semi-final Session 3

The line-ups were

NSTeam	West	North	East	South
Bloom	Hung	Whibley	Edgton	Nunn
Milne	Gill	Hollands	Hans	DelMonte
Lorentz	Markey	Burgess	Williams	Lorentz
Markey	Bach	Jacobs	Marston	Thompson

Board 1 saw Ben Thompson put 4 down on offer to the defence in an attempt to make his contract. He failed in that but the defence also failed to find the magical way to 4 down.

1	♠ J10854	Dir: N
	♥ 2	Vul: None
♠ Q9	♦ A975	♠ AK76
♥ AQ84	♣ A74	♥ 109763
♦ Q6432		♦ J10
♣ 53		♣ 109
9	♠ 32	
10	♥ KJ5	
13	♦ K8	
	♣ KQJ862	

Thompson and Jacobs reached 3NT on their combined 22 points. Bach led a small diamond. Declarer took this on table and played a heart to the King. Bach took the Ace and 4 down was on offer via three spades and 5 hearts but that defence is not available to non-clairvoyant players. Bach returned a club and Thompson had nowhere to go for his ninth trick.

<b>4</b>	♠ 108 ♥ AQJ7 ♦ J3 ♣ AK953	Dir: W Vul: Both																									
♠ A963 ♥ K86432 ♦ 4 ♣ Q4	♠ QJ542 ♥ 95 ♦ 9862 ♣ J8																										
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After Gill opened 1♥ Hollands – Del Monte reached 3NT from North which protected against any problems in hearts but left the Kx of spades exposed. Hans led a small spade and it requires a crystal ball to duck this to the 10 in the closed hand. The defence disentangled the spade suit with Hans overtaking Gill’s 3 with the 5 to score the 4.

<b>7</b>	♠ AJ732 ♥ A952 ♦ ♣ A875	Dir: S Vul: Both																									
♠ 9 ♥ KJ86 ♦ QJ10743 ♣ 103	♠ K10854 ♥ 43 ♦ 986 ♣ KQ9																										
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Again four different flavours were tried.

4♥, 3NT and 4♠ were tried by North – South while Hung – Edgton were the standard bearers for the other direction playing 3♦ - they wished they hadn’t bothered when it got doubled.

Jacobs – Thompson were the spade bidders. Bach led the ♦Q, taken by declarer who promptly discarded a second club on the ♦K. He now ruffed a diamond in dummy to play a heart to the Queen and King. Bach played back the ♦J. Thompson chose not to shorten dummy’s trumps, discarding a club instead. He took Bach’s club switch on table and played a spade to the Queen. There was no good news and he quickly conceded 3 off.

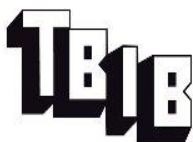
Del Monte tried 3NT and it is quite a list of all the cards that are wrong for this endeavour - ♠KT behind AJ, ♥KJ behind QT, ♦QJT behind AK and ♣KT behind AJ – 3 off was probably a relief.

Traian would like to express his thanks to all the vu-graph operators over the past couple of days. Running 8 tables on Friday and 4 on Saturday was a mammoth effort. I’m sure all BBO watchers will endorse Traian’s thanks.

<b>5</b>	♠ 8 ♥ A10972 ♦ J107 ♣ QJ104	Dir: N Vul: N-S																									
♠ K6 ♥ KQ65 ♦ 983 ♣ AK92	♠ J9753 ♥ J8 ♦ AK ♣ 8653																										
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This one was interesting, if only because the four tables played four different contracts.

Burgess - Lorentz played 2♥ - 2 down  
 Hung – Edgton tried 3♣ and were doubled for one down  
 Del Monte Hollands were the only success when they made 2♦  
 Jacobs – Thompson were the most expensive they tried 2♠ which Bach doubled for takeout. Unsurprisingly, Marston left it in.  
 Thompson just didn’t have enough tricks and ended 3 down.





<b>8</b>		Dir: W Vul: None																				
♠ KJ654 ♥ K43 ♦ QJ73 ♣ 5  13 10 12 5	♠ AQ7 ♥ 1072 ♦ A54 ♣ K842  ♠ 3 ♥ Q ♦ K10962 ♣ AQJ1097  ♠ 10982 ♥ AJ9865 ♦ 8 ♣ 63	<table border="1"> <tr><th>♠</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>4 1 -</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>4 1 -</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>- - 1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>- - 1</td></tr> </table>	♠	♦	♥	NT	N	-	-	4 1 -	S	-	-	4 1 -	E	1	4	- - 1	W	1	4	- - 1
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Hollands opened 1♣ as North. This stopped Hans from showing both minors, so he chose to bid the much better one at the 3 level - 3♣. Unfortunately, this was doubled and the 5-4 diamond fit never saw the light of day. Hans battled away for -300.

<b>10</b>		Dir: E Vul: Both																				
♠ A10843 ♥ 65 ♦ Q865 ♣ 75  10 6 13 11	♠ K65 ♥ K9843 ♦ A ♣ 8432  ♠ J92 ♥ AQ107 ♦ KJ10 ♣ Q109  ♠ Q7 ♥ J2 ♦ 97432 ♣ AKJ6	<table border="1"> <tr><th>♠</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>2 - -</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>2 - -</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1 1</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1 -</td></tr> </table>	♠	♦	♥	NT	N	3	-	2 - -	S	3	-	2 - -	E	-	-	1 1	W	-	-	1 -
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Hans bid 1♦ and Gill responded 1♠. North made a light takeout double. Del Monte responded 2NT. Hollands called 3♣ and South, with a better hand than North called 4♣.

A spade was led to the 10 and King. Declarer decided to try and set up the heart suit and led towards the Jack. Hans flew with the Queen and switched to the ♣10. The Ace was played and the ♥J run to East's Ace. The ♠J collected the Queen and Gill's Ace and a diamond played back to declarer's bare Ace. The ♥K was played, ruffed by West, a diamond was ruffed by North and declarer cross-ruffed for -300.

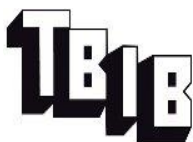
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North passed and East bid 1♣. Ish bid 4♦, this is apparently in line with his philosophy that nv against vul, you take your normal action but one level higher. He only made his six diamond tricks and so, doubled, went four off for a non-vul 800 against the game in the other room.

Thanks to all who have helped with the Bulletin this year – directly by submitting articles or indirectly by telling us about interesting hands. Thank you.

<b>11</b>		Dir: S Vul: None																				
♠ AK10 ♥ 532 ♦ J1074 ♣ AK10  5 15 10 10	♠ 542 ♥ KQ976 ♦ 98532 ♣  ♠ Q9873 ♥ 4 ♦ AQ6 ♣ Q987  ♠ J6 ♥ AJ108 ♦ K ♣ J65432	<table border="1"> <tr><th>♠</th><th>♦</th><th>♥</th><th>NT</th></tr> <tr><td>N</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1 - -</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>1 - -</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>- 4 2</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>- 5 2</td></tr> </table>	♠	♦	♥	NT	N	-	-	1 - -	S	-	-	1 - -	E	3	4	- 4 2	W	3	4	- 5 2
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Del Monte passed as dealer and Gill opened 1NT. East made a transfer 2♥ call and South doubled. West passed and North jumped to 4♥. (I'm sure having read many of Paul Marston's rants in *Australian Bridge* about the fatuity of doubling transfer bids etc that Paul will be chuckling over this one.)



East doubled for takeout and West, looking at three small hearts and AK10 in the 5 card spade suit opposite, knowing it was for takeout passed for penalties.

A heart was led (best) and declarer ruffed a club in the closed hand. A diamond lost to the Ace and two spades were cashed before the defence played another trump. The best North-South could do was make five heart tricks and two ruffs for -500 against the non-vulnerable 4♠.

Board 12 was a bidding problem. Probably it is made more difficult if your no trump range is inconvenient.

You hold ♠ AJ983 ♥ 97654 ♦ Q9 ♣ Q'

How do you manage the auction facing a no trump opener

- a) 12-14      b) 15-17      c) 14-16

Against a) you are only looking to play at the two level. The editors do not agree as to the best action even after a 20 minute argument. Choose for yourselves. Against b) you want to be in game so perhaps easiest is to transfer to spades and then bid 4♥. Against c) the editors suggest that you seek divine guidance.

Facing this situation, Hans staymanned and bid 2♥ over the 2♦ response. This was passed out with 4♥ making on

<b>14</b>	♠ K108 ♥ AQ52 ♦ KQ94 ♣ 32	Dir: E Vul: None																														
♠ AQ6 ♥ K843 ♦ J765 ♣ J4	♠ 752 ♥ J ♦ A108 ♣ AQ10985																															
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Bach and Markey both declared 3NT. Just how expensive this was to be seemed to hinge on the play at trick one when the ♦K was led.

Markey chose to fly with the Ace. And play a spade to the Queen and King. Burgess cashed the ♥A and continued the suit to Lorentz's 9 and declarer's King. When the club finesse lost, Markey was consigned to 4 light.

Bach ducked the ♦K and, when the suit was continued, he had a second diamond trick and an entry to dummy's clubs after the finesse failed. He escaped for only one light.

<b>12</b>	♠ Q642 ♥ Q82 ♦ 10765 ♣ 86	Dir: W Vul: N-S																														
♠ K7 ♥ AJ10 ♦ AJ42 ♣ K742	♠ AJ983 ♥ 97654 ♦ Q9 ♣ Q																															
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CHRIS DIBLEY - MICHAEL SELDON - WAYNE SMITH - GRANT COWEN	36

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MARCEY SPILSBURY - GWEN WILES - KATE PINNIGER - CARLA SULLIVAN	26

**Australian Mixed Teams Championship**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>VPs</b>
1	HURLEY (6)	82.91
2	WILKINSON (3)	79.92
3	FOSTER (7)	76.72
4	GUMBY (1)	76.12
5	FRANCIS (5)	68.11
6	LEACH (10)	67.08
7	PERLEY (9)	66.66
8	BROWN (4)	66.48
9	WATTS (2)	62.16
10	VEARING (17)	60.73
11	O'DONOHUE (16)	59.51
12	BRENNAN (13)	56.22
13	NASH (12)	55.51
14	SEYMOUR (15)	50.57
15	*HOUSE (20)	49.11
16	BURROWS (8)	48.04
17	HENRY (19)	47.39
18	FERRIS (18)	45.9
19	HUTCHINS (11)	44.39
20	DIXON (14)	36.47

**National Flighted Swiss Pairs**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Pair Names</b>	<b>VPs</b>
1	DAVID WESTON / HELENA DAWSON (2)	75
2	KEVIN LANGE / JUDY HOCKING (4)	72
3	CHRIS BAYLISS / CATHERINE CHOWN (22)	70
4	PETER LIPTHAY / PETER BENDELSTEIN (13)	69
5	LISA MA / EMLYN WILLIAMS (10)	67
6	PETER KAHLER / HASHMAT ALI (1)	59
6=	JOHN NEWMAN / SAM COUTTS (19)	59
8	ANNE RUTTER / JENNY MICHAEL (7)	58
9	NAT KRISHNAMOORTHY / ARCH MORRISON	57
10	WAYNE SMITH / GRANT COWEN (6)	54
11	GARRY CLARKE / SALLY CLARKE (5)	51
11=	TREVOR BERENGER / PERELLE SCALES (18)	51
13	GIAL LESLIE / DONALD LESLIE (23)	48
14	ANDREW HEGEDUS / ANDREW MILL (3)	46
14=	HELEN MCADAM / MOIRA HECKER (20)	46
16	PETER NILSSON / DEBORAH NILSSON (17)	45
16=	STEPHEN BARON / BETTY MILL (16)	45
18	PAUL WEAVER / TERRY BODYCOTE (8)	44
19	PETER KOWALD / DAVID CLARKSON (24)	42
20	ALLAN SCERRI / SUSAN SCERRI (15)	41
21	WENDY HUTTON / FIFINE HUTTON (14)	40
22	IAN DALZIELL / TONY MARKER (11)	39
23	LEX BOURKE / RUTH LANDAU (9)	38
24	ALBERT JOHN KELLY / HEATHER NASH (25)	36
25	KEVIN CARUANA / ROBERT MCKEON (26)	26
26	LYNNE MOSS / JOHN DONOVAN (21)	22