

AUSSIE YOUTH BRIDGE BULLETIN

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WA Takes Out The ANC Youth Teams!



Winners of the Youth Teams at the Australian National Championships (L to R): Rhys Cooper, Renee Cooper, Jane Reynolds, Tim Knowles, Kirstyn Fuller, Michael Bausor, and Ron Cooper (NPC)

Congratulations to the Western Australian Youth Championship Winners Michael Bausor, Renee Cooper, Rhys Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, Tim Knowles and Jane Reynolds captained by Ron Cooper. The WA team has strengthened as a unit over the years. During the fight for this year's victory, WA proved that the West side has it - the team led convincingly throughout the three round robins and was able to hold onto the lead they gained in the first segment of the finals to prove the victors. After the third round robin, the standings were: WA (635.1), NSW (617.1), QLD (595.8), VIC (541.1), SA (426.6), and ACT (308.5). The top two finishers qualified for the finals, and the score for the championship finals was: WA - 88 IMPs, NSW - 68 IMPs.

WA's team secret.....Controlled aggression!!!

Various articles regarding the ANC can be seen on pages 3, 7 and 20.

Without your help the Aussie Youth Bulletin will be full of all our random rants and raves. Have your say - Email pix or articles or any suggestions to youthbridge.au@gmail.com



PRE-ALERTS!

For 2012

DATES EVENT WHERE

<u>JUL</u> 25	<u>AUG</u> 4	14 th World Youth Team Champs	China
<u>AUG</u> 9	<u>AUG</u> 23	2 nd World Mind Sports Games	Lille, France
<u>AUG</u> 25	<u>SEP</u> 2	7 th APBF Congress	Fukuoka, Japan
<u>SEP</u> 29	<u>OCT</u> 6	27 th NZ National Congress	Hamilton, NZ
<u>OCT</u> 24	<u>NOV</u> 1	Spring Nationals	Sydney
<u>TBA</u> ?	<u>?</u> ?	Australian Youth Triathlon	TBA

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THESE ARE SHORTCUT HYPERLINKS!

CHECKBACK (Results)

2012 VICTOR CHAMPION CUP

7 JUN - 11 JUN, 2012 (Melbourne)

Open Teams	Place	Players
	1st	Barry Noble, Ashley Bach, George Bilski, Nabil Edgtton , Ishmael Del'Monte
	2nd	Peter Hollands , Justin Howard, Adam Edgtton, Liam Milne

2012 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

8 JUL - 19 JUL, 2012 (Darwin)

Youth Teams	Place	Players
	1st	WA: Rhys Cooper, Michael Bausor, Tim Knowles, Renee Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, Jane Reynolds
	2nd	NSW: Ed Burrowes, James Ferguson, Jennifer Black, Nabil Edgtton, Liam Milne, Adam Edgtton
	3rd	QLD: Nathan van Jole, Thomas Wix, Chris Larter, Jessica Brake, Andy Hung
	4th	VIC: Ella Pattison, Angus Munro, Nathan Howard, Peter Bolling, Ellena Moskovsky, Jamie Thompson
	5th	SA: Alex Dunbar, Jarrad Dunbar, Shane Harrison, Lauren Travis, Jessie De Garis, Sam Thorpe
	6th	ACT: Stephen Willams, Sebastian Yuen, Jack Tarlinton, John Yoon, Saisai Zhang, Qiao Zhou

Butler Pairs	Place	Players
	1st	David Beauchamp - Nathan van Jole
	2nd	Ron Cooper - Rhys Cooper
	4th	Adam Edgtton - Liam Milne

ANC Swiss Pairs	Place	Players
	4th	Lauren Travis - Ellena Moskovsky
	7th	Renee Cooper - Jennifer Black



Did you know, the inventor of the Stayman convention wasn't Stayman himself? It was invented (independently) by Stayman's regular partner, George Rapee, and also by Jack Marx in the 1940s.

THE AUSSIE YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Laura Ginnan

At the start of July the Darwin backpackers were invaded by 6 youth teams from around the country. The ANC provides the Australian youth bridge scene with an intense event of swings and roundabouts where teams at the top are always fighting for their place in the 2 team final. As in many previous ANC's this year was the first



year for many new players from around the country to play in a national event. The overall victors, however, consisted of a team of seasoned pros: veterans who have been brewing it up for years.

Here's a deal from the last round of the youth; every other division had started their finals so the atmosphere at the other tables was quite intense. Going into the last round the scores were tight and

almost any team could have made the final, the situation was as follows:

PLACE	NAME	SCORE
1	WA	601.1
2	QLD	559.8
3	NSW	549.6
4	VIC	539
5	SA	421.8
6	ACT	243.3

Victoria went in swinging from the trees in an attempt to get their team into the final. One hand that presented an opportunity from the Victorian point of view was Board 19:

S/E-W	♠ T		♠ 5 2
	♥ T		♥ AKQ 7 4 3 2
	♦ A 8 5		♦ J T 4 2
	♣ Q J T 9 8 6 5 4		♣ - - -
♠ AKQ J 7 4 3			
♥ J 8			
♦ Q 7			
♣ AK			

Nathan Howard Adam Edgton Jamie Thompson Liam Milne

W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
2♣	5♣	6♥	Pass
7♥	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Lead: ?

Nathan Howard elected to open this hand as a game force in his methods (a monkey swinging from the trees). Over the 5♣ bid, Jamie evaluated that his side could make 6♥ when West had a game force opening. Nate then thought that his side needed to generateimps (a 5 or 7 hand, where the hand makes 11 or 13 tricks based on the opening lead) and elected to conceal his cashing spade suit and bid 7♥. This would put the opponent on lead who would not have a cashing ace (if there was one). Adam's X told Liam that leading a club was wrong.

(Repeated for convenience)

	♠ T	
S/E-W	♥ T	
	♦ A 8 5	
	♣ Q J T 9 8 6 5 4	
♠ AKQ J 7 4 3	N	♠ 5 2
♥ J 8	W	♥ AKQ 7 4 3 2
♦ Q 7	E	♦ J T 4 2
♣ AK	S	♣ - - -
	♠ 9 8 6	
	♥ 9 6 5	
	♦ K 9 6 3	
	♣ 7 3 2	

Nathan Howard Adam Edgtton Jamie Thompson Liam Milne

W	N	E	S
-	-	-	Pass
2♣	5♣	6♥	Pass
7♥	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Lead: ?

Looking at the hand, it can be seen that the only lead to beat this contract is a diamond. Without a diamond lead, East is able to cash out for 15 tricks. Liam was on lead and managed to get in the "grr!" and lead a diamond to beat the contract 2. When you talk to Alex Smirnov, coach of the U25 Australian team he points out that this auction is likely to indicate that West has a running suit. Using this logic, South knows that diamonds are not the source of tricks and can safely lead from the king 4th...Isn't this game easy? The results of this board across the Youth Field:

NS Pair	EW Pair	Contract	Tricks
A Edgtton - L Milne (NSW)	N Howard - J Thompson (VIC)	7♥X (E)	11
E Moskovsky - A Munro (VIC)	J Black - N Edgtton (NSW)	6♠ (W)	11
S Zhang - Q Zhou (ACT)	J De Garis - S Thorpe (SA)	7♠ (W)	11
A Dunbar - J Dunbar (SA)	S Williams - S Yuen (ACT)	7♣X (N)	8
N Van Jole - C Larter (QLD)	M Bausor - Rhys Cooper (WA)	6♠ (W)	12
T Knowles - J Reynolds (WA)	T Wix - A Hung (QLD)	6♠ (W)	13

Wild results from across the field - particularly the 6♠ (W) making 12 tricks!

How things went from here - after the last round of the event the scores were as follows:

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1	WA	601.1
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Western Australia and NSW had locked themselves a place in the final. After the first round WA was leading by 47 (including a 2 imp carry forward). They were able to keep their noses ahead and win the Australian Youth National Championships 88-68.

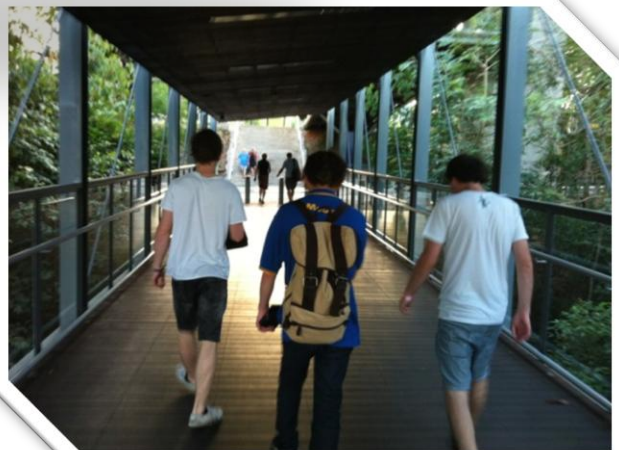


The Western Australian Team was composed of Mike Bausor, Renee Cooper, Rhys Cooper, Kirstyn Fuller, Tim Knowles and Jane Reynolds with Ron Cooper as NPC. The WA team has worked hard at this event for years and has finally reaped the rewards, persisting and improving as a unit in ANCs throughout the last few years.

Commiserations to the New South Wales Team, composed of Adam Edgtton, Liam Milne, Edward Burrowes, James Ferguson, Jennifer Black and Nabil Edgtton with Dave Wiltshire as the NPC.



Congratulations to all that participated in the 2012 Darwin ANC. Look out for your state's trials early next year for the 2013 Adelaide ANC.



PSUEDO SQUEEZE COUNTERED

By Andy Hung

During the first round robin of the ANC Youth Teams against ACT, I picked up ♠AQ82 ♥104 ♦AQ102 ♣AJ2 and was first to speak at unfavourable vulnerability. I opened 1NT and after an unsuccessful auction we reached 5♣ on this layout with a favourable ♦4 lead. (Declarer rotated for convenience)

IMPs ♠ 9
S/N-S ♥ A98
♦ 7
♣ KQ987653

♦ 4



♠ AQ82
♥ T4
♦ AQ102
♣ AJ2

W	N	E	S
-	-	-	5♣

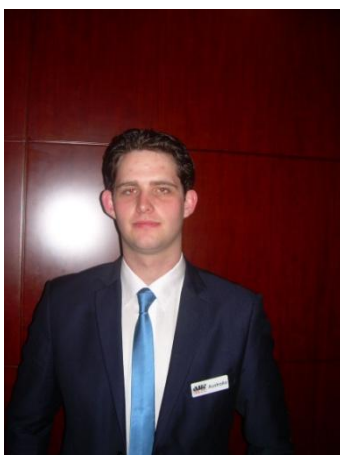
Obviously 6♣ is the spot to be in but that's not what I was worried about. I have 12 top tricks and if the other table was in 6♣ making exactly 12 tricks, 1370-620=750 which is 13 IMPs out. My concern now was to make *all* the tricks to reduce that loss to 1370-640=720, a loss of 12 IMPs. The one line that stands out is to ruff two spades and one diamond in dummy, hoping one of the kings drop in three rounds. This seemed quite boring to me so I wanted to try out a pseudo squeeze or possibly a discard error by the opponents thereby developing a non-existent squeeze to an existent one.

I drew trumps in one round, cashed the ♦A discarding a heart, and played the ♦Q. When my LHO (Jack Tarlinton) followed with the ♦J, the diamond suit appeared to be distributed 3-5 with ♦Kxxxx on my right. I now planned to play the rest of the trumps out hoping to come to a 3 card ending (dummy having ♠9 ♥A9 and my hand of ♠AQ ♦2) and "guess" the layout. On my run of the clubs my RHO, John Yoon, discarded, in order: ♥2, ♠4, ♦9, ♥5, ♥J, ♥Q, and Jack discarded in order: ♥3, ♠3, ♠6, ♠7, ♥6, ♠10. There were now two hearts left in the deck and from the way the opponents discarded it appeared a double squeeze had developed.

From the way John discarded he seemed to have pitched all of his hearts to come down to [♠?? ♦K] or [♠? ♥K ♦K], and as a result Jack's three cards were down to either [♠? ♥Kx] or [♠?? ♥K]. If hearts were now 1-1 my ♥9 would be my 13th trick so I assumed John had ♠?? ♦K and Jack had ♠? ♥Kx. I cashed the ♥A and when John discarded the ♠5 and Jack played the ♥7 on this trick, I was now certain the show up

Profiles of the 2012 Australian U25 Team

We are delighted to present to you the players profiles of the 2012 Australian U25, Australian U20, and Oceania U25 Girls Teams, who are currently participating in the 14th World Youth Bridge Team Championships in Taicang, China. For more information such as the results and bulletins, click [here](#) for the Tournament Championship website. There will be ongoing vugraph of some of the matches and they will be broadcasted on Bridge Base Online.



Q: Name:

Justin Howard

Q: Also Known As...

Juzz

Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?

Suction, because it just brews

Q: Favourite Smirny Quote

When Aussies have major fits they play No-Trumps, and when they have no major fits they play in the Major!

Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds

Practice on BBO and lots of system talk



Q: Name:

Peter Hollands

Q: Also Known As...

Fatty

Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?

Stayman, because it is simple

Q: Favourite Smirny Quote

Australians have to stayman on 4333 because their partner might have a 5 card Major and a singleton

Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds

Played with Max Henbest



Q: Name:

Adam Edgton

Q: Also Known As...

Little Shipper

Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?

Mini NT. Theimps just flow

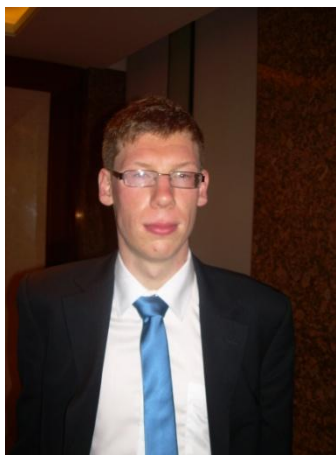
Q: Favourite Smirny Quote

A-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha

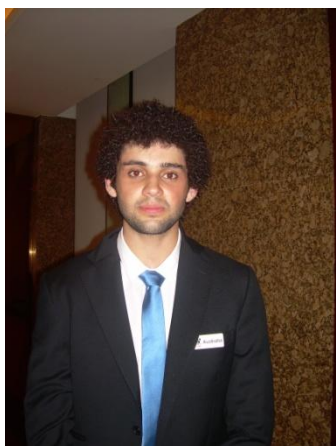
Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds

I quit my job

Profiles of the 2012 Australian U25 Team



- Q: Name:**
Liam Milne
- Q: Also Known As...**
Wolf
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
The bear trap, because I want to trap them. 4-2 fits are meant to be redoubled
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
(In the Yeh Bros. Cup, I was looking at the scores) Alex: "What are the standings? Who's coming first?" Liam: "We are", Alex: "M****f****"
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Did some bidding with Adam in bed together



- Q: Name:**
Nabil Edgtton
- Q: Also Known As...**
Nigs
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Gostton serious 4m, because it ships it
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
A-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Played some ghetto bridge with Jenn



- Q: Name:**
Andy Hung
- Q: Also Known As...**
Andy
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
4♠ natural, because you can have the pile
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Madala Bay
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Watched a bunch of Starcraft 2 commentary videos

Profiles of the 2012 Australian U20 Team



- Q: Name:**
Ellena Moskovsky
- Q: Also Known As...**
Giggs
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Transfers over 1M - (Dbl) because it's just so sexy
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
So you play a club to the king, and they duck, and then WHOOOP
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
I did my nails



- Q: Name:**
Lauren Travis
- Q: Also Known As...**
LT
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Puppet stayman, in case partner has a singleton spade
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Now you have to puppet with a four-triple-three, because what if partner has a singleton spade?
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Tried to play the butler

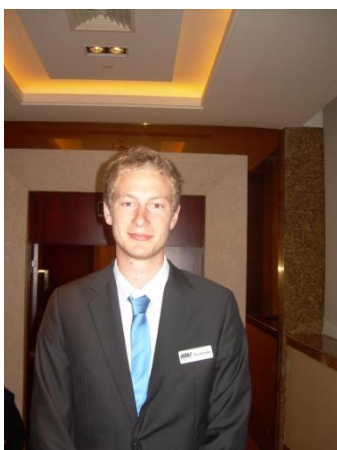


- Q: Name:**
Jamie Thompson
- Q: Also Known As...**
J Dizzle
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Keri, because Andy hates it
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Duple (Double)
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
I drank less soft drink

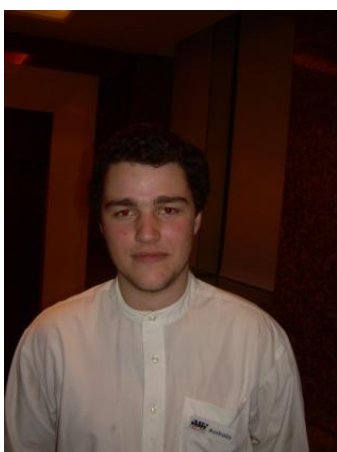
Profiles of the 2012 Australian U20 Team



- Q: Name:**
Renee Cooper
- Q: Also Known As...**
Renee
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
2-way checkback, because it completes everything
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Yeah...that's just not right
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
I did all of my laundry



- Q: Name:**
Daniel Braun
- Q: Also Known As...**
Brauny
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Speight, because it's horrible
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Get 'em!
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
I took two weeks off in Bali



- Q: Name:**
Rhys Cooper
- Q: Also Known As...**
Rhys
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Lavings, because the people from NSW hate it
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
I've literally heard him say 5 words, so I don't know
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Cut down to two coffees a day

Profiles of the 2012 Oceania U25 Girls Team



- Q: Name:**
Laura Ginnan (Australia)
- Q: Also Known As...**
Tonic
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
3♦ Gerber, because the response of "Pass" shows 2 keycards
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Last year I spent one more day in Australia than in Germany
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Played lots of natural count



- Q: Name:**
Lucy Henbest (Australia)
- Q: Also Known As...**
Little Max
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
4m slam try over a 3-level preempt, because I got to use it today!
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Two beers a night for Juzz
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
I have organised a walking pharmacy

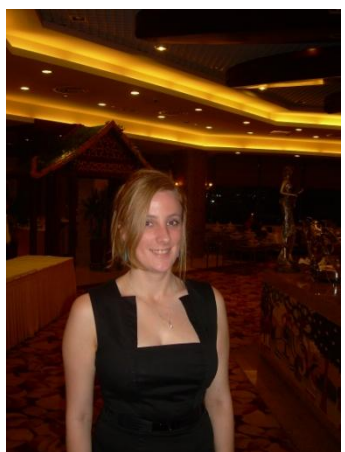


- Q: Name:**
Andi Boughey (New Zealand)
- Q: Also Known As...**
G6
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Gerbs, because it just gets the job done
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
A-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
I broke the hotel's door frame

Profiles of the 2012 Oceania U25 Girls Team



- Q: Name:**
Jennifer Black (New Zealand)
- Q: Also Known As...**
JB
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Blackwood, because it's punny
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
You have a bid for 5440!?...f*** you
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Bought some pillows



- Q: Name:**
Pascale Gardiner (New Zealand)
- Q: Also Known As...**
Pascy
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Transfers, because they're awesome
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Smirny: "Did we lose a person?"
Everyone: "No, she's there"
Smirny: "Just lookin out for my gals"
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
I did lots of shopping



- Q: Name:**
Ella Pattison (Australia)
- Q: Also Known As...**
Patto
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Anything but Gerber
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Smirny: "Did we lose a person?" Everyone: "No, she's there"
Smirny: "Just lookin out for my gals"
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Bridge chilled sesh in the Gill's Room

Profiles of the Team Captains



- Q: Name:**
Dave Thompson (Captain of the Australian U25 Team)
- Q: Also Known As...**
Mr. T
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Mini NT, because it wins 5 imps every time
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Where is the best restroom?
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Got a hair cut



- Q: Name:**
Peter Gill (Captain of the Oceania U25 Girls Team)
- Q: Also Known As...**
The Gill
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
When the bidding goes (1x)-P-(1y)-P; (1NT)-... play DONT (Disturb Opponent's No-Trump) by both seats because you you didn't overcall
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Shiiip it!
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Tried to get a good team



- Q: Name:**
Nye Griffiths (Captain of the Australian U20 Team)
- Q: Also Known As...**
Zool
- Q: Favourite Bridge Convention, and why?**
Anything but ACOL!
- Q: Favourite Smirny Quote**
Rufen sie einen krankenwagen
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming worlds**
Ate some gangly stuff

PAUL LAVINGS BRIDGE BOOKS



Paul Lavings is a frequent supporter of the Australian Youth Bridge scene as he generously donates bridge books as prizes for the Australian Youth Bridge Week. He has represented Australia in our Open team many times, including his recent success in the winning team at the 2012 Australian Open Team Playoffs and the 2012 Autumn National Open Teams in Adelaide. He also owns a bridge book and supplies company so make sure to visit his website at www.bridgegear.com and contact him if you are in any need of a bridge book or CD. (P.S. Paul offers a good price on bridge books for youth players so be sure to check his website out!)

SEEING THE SIGHTS

By Paul Lavings, Sydney

A great way to broaden your horizons is to watch big matches on BBO. The recent Spingold Final was a beauty. Two powerful teams, Nickell and Zimmerman (Monaco), lined up for the last 64-board match of the knock-out classic. First surprise was that Meckwell didn't start in the first 16 boards for Nickell. Monaco was 1 imp ahead when board 16 arrived:

W/E-W		<p>♠ T 6</p> <p>♥ QT 4 2</p> <p>♦ AQT 8</p> <p>♣ QT 2</p>									
<p>♠ 8 4</p> <p>♥ A J 8</p> <p>♦ K 4 3 2</p> <p>♣ K J 5 4</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 7 3 2</p> <p>♥ 9 7 5 3</p> <p>♦ J 9 6 5</p> <p>♣ 6</p>
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	S										
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Nickell	Nunes	Katz	Fantoni
W	N	E	S
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl	Rdbl	2♦	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead: ♠ Ten

At green the Italian maestros have only one thing on their mind, penalties. Can you blame Katz for responding 1♥? The defence was ruthless, ♠10 lead overtaken with ♠J and a trump back. Nunes played ♦Q, ♦A and a third diamond. Declarer fruitlessly played on hearts, ending up with just three tricks, two diamonds and ♥A.

With ♣KJ with two cards remaining declarer misguessed for the final insult, and -1400. Note the attack on trumps, with the side suits all locked up by the defence, declarer's only chance for extra tricks from ruffing. In the other room the new pair on the Nickell squad, Levin-Weinstein, had a chance to double Helgemo-Helness in 2♥, but not so easy, +430 and 14 imps away.

The next set featured a penalty of 2000. You don't see that often, but it was a gain of 5 imps!!

	♠ A3	
W/N-S	♥ J 63	
	♦ AKJ T2	
	♣ K82	
♠ KT754	N	♠ QJ986
♥ 52	W	♥ 984
♦ 763	E	♦ 54
♣ J97	S	♣ T64
	♠ 2	
	♥ AKQT7	
	♦ Q98	
	♣ AQ53	

Zimm'n	Nickell	Multon	Katz
W	N	E	S
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♠
4♠	5♥	Pass	6♣
6♠	Pass	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Lead: ♠ 2

The other side of the coin. At green you can take all the risks in the world, and Multon-Zimmerman first made it difficult for North-South to reach the grand, and then they judged well to save. In the other room Fantoni-Nunes took nine rounds of bidding to find 7♥ for +2210.

Coming into the last 16 deals Nickell led by 10 imps, but suffered a 52-0 shut-out. Board 58 was the pick of the set:

	♠ QT	
E/All	♥ T872	
	♦ AK3	
	♣ JT92	
♠ 952	N	♠ K84
♥ KJ63	W	♥ A54
♦ T8	E	♦ 76542
♣ K854	S	♣ A7
	♠ AJ763	
	♥ Q9	
	♦ QJ9	
	♣ Q63	

Helgemo	Weinstein	Helness	Levin
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♦	1♠
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Rdbl	All Pass		

Lead: ♠ Q

(Repeated for convenience)

		♠QT		
E/All		♥T872		
		♦AK3		
		♣JT92		
♠952				♠K84
♥KJ63				♥A54
♦T8				♦76542
♣K854				♣A7

Helgemo	Weinstein	Helness	Levin
W	N	E	S
-	-	1♦	1♠
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Rdbl	All Pass		

Lead: ♠ Q

North led ♠Q, and you can see that the defence can take the first eight tricks. Big problem is that only Helgemo knows this. The ♠Q is covered and South ducks! And who can blame Levin, surely declarer has ♠10. Helgemo can run for home now, hoping to score a spade, four hearts, and two clubs. But he has a fair idea of the layout, and the difficulties for the defence, so he tries some larceny, and plays a diamond towards dummy's 10.

The ♦10 forces North's ♦K and North exits ♠10. South overtakes ♠10 to cash the spades, and suddenly North can see the whole plot. On the third spade he discourages with ♣J, and on the fourth spade he offers further discouragement with H8. It's not too late, but Levin now believes that ♣J was a come-on, with ♣AJ10, and switches to a club from Qxx.

Helgemo wins ♣A, finesses ♥J, and now with the earlier heart discard claims 7 tricks for +760 and 13 imps. Masterfully played, and so, so cunning.

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Expression of Interest - 2012 NZ Congress

Expressions of interest are sought from eligible Australian youth pairs to play in the New Zealand National Congress commencing Saturday 29 September 2012 and to contest a match against the New Zealand Youth Team on Friday 5 October 2012 and Saturday 6 October 2012. An airfare subsidy of up to \$400 per player will be made available from the Friends of Youth Bridge Fund. It is likely, but not assured, that local billeting will be available and the hosts will use their best endeavours to arrange transport to and from Auckland Airport to the venue in Hamilton. A 50% discount on entry fees to the congress events will apply. The hosts have also offered complimentary tickets to the Australian team for the Victory Dinner on Saturday 6 October 2012.

To be eligible you must be a bona fide resident of Australia born on or after 1 January 1988 and an ABF member in good standing. Expressions of interests will be promptly considered by the ABF Youth Committee which will ratify a team of four for this event. A strong preference will be given to partnerships intending to trial for Australian representative teams in 2013. If you are interested in playing, please respond no later than Friday 17 August 2012 with the following information:

1. Your name and your proposed partner.
2. Your date of birth and current contact details.
3. A brief summary of your bridge experience and achievements, particularly in the proposed partnership.
4. Whether or not and in what partnership you intend to trial for the Australian youth teams in 2013.

If you have any queries in relation to the foregoing or require any additional information, please contact the National Youth Coordinator, David Thompson (dave@amontay.com), to whom expressions of interest should be sent.

ABC STORY: Northern Territory Gold Festival, Darwin

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-07-13/bridge-players-travel-to-darwin/4130104>

HOW TO CALCULATE DBL-ED AND RDBL-ED (MAKING) CONTRACTS

Liam Milne had the pleasure to calculate a making 6♣XX contract during the 2nd stage of the ANC Butler Pairs. He held ♠--- ♥AKJ4 ♦T642 ♣JT732 at first seat nil vul. He passed and his LHO opened 1♠. His partner, Adam Edgtton, overcalls 2♣ and Liam now bid 2♠. His LHO now bids 4♠ and Adam competes with a double. Liam removed this to 5♣ and Adam kicked it in with 6♣. This was passed around to Liam's LHO who lightner doubled for an unusual lead and Liam, with his spade void that had not be disclosed, redoubled. The full deal:

E/Nil	♠ 8 6 5		
	♥ T		
	♦ AKQ3		
	♣ AKQ98		
♠ AKQT942		N	♠ J 7 3
♥ Q9875	W		♥ 6 3 2
♦ - - -		E	♦ J 9 8 7 5
♣ 4		S	♣ 6 5
	♠ - - -		
	♥ AKJ 4		
	♦ T 6 4 2		
	♣ J T 7 3 2		

W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♣	Pass	2♠
4♠	Dbl	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

Lead: ♦5

Using the method of calculating 6♣XX= at NV from the previous issue:

1) What is the score of the contract if it was a part score, **not including** overtricks? Whatever that score is, quadruple it.

Making 12 tricks in clubs is 170. Quadruple that is 680.

2) Is the contract at the game level? If so, add game bonus. If not, do nothing. To recognise if the contract is at the game level or not, double your contract level and see if it's past game. 6♣ is definitely at game level! Add 250 for a NV game. Also add 500 for a NV slam.

3) Subsequent Non-Vul overtricks are worth 100 each, and Vul overtricks are 200 each. No overtricks.

4) Subtract a random 50.

$680 + 250 + 500 - 50 = 1380$.

1380. Juicy.

Who were their opponents? Andy and Nabil.

Even juicier.

SUIT COMBINATION

This Issue		For Next Issue	
<i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i>		<i>(Assume unlimited entries)</i>	
<p>A Q 6 4 3 2</p> <p>Target: 5 tricks</p> <p>8 5</p>	<p>This looks like a straight forward finesse. If you give it more thought, you will realise that you can do better by cashing the Ace first before playing low to the Q in case RHO has a stiff K. However, you can go one step further! Given that AQ6432 is the dummy, try playing a <i>low</i> card off dummy. If you were the defender, would you able to play low smoothly with Kx?</p>	<p>A K J T 5 2</p> <p>Target: 6 tricks</p> <p>6 3</p>	
<p>K Q T 9 8 7 3</p> <p>Target: 6 tricks</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Apologies, this was meant to be for <u>6</u> tricks, not 5. Assuming you need 6 tricks it is better to play the 4 from your hand planning to play the 10 (finessing the Jack). Jx or Ax on your left is basically a 50-50 guess (so let's discard that) and similarly for Jxx and Axx. What is left remaining is AJx or xxx on your left, and it is clear there are 3 cases for AJx and just one for xxx. Accounting for stiff Jack on your right is still not enough to sway the percentages to play small to the K.</p>	<p>A Q T 3</p> <p>Target: 4 tricks</p> <p>J 7 4</p>	
<p>J 6 2</p> <p>Target: 2 tricks</p> <p>Q T 5 3</p>	<p>If the suit breaks 3-3 then it doesn't matter. If it breaks 4-2 then we need to find someone with Hx (where H=A or K). If the bidding does not give you any additional clues (for e.g. if someone could potentially be short in this suit) then it is best to start in dummy and play towards your QTxx. Assuming the first trick loses to LHO's K or A, go back to dummy and lead another low card towards your hand. RHO would be forced to play the K/A if they had Hx. Note that you cannot find out if LHO has Hx by playing low towards dummy's J62 since LHO will just duck and now you cannot afford to duck the next trick completely.</p>		

The Ace of Spades Assisted the U.S. Troops in Vietnam Too (Source: [Click here](#))

In 1966, when the Vietnam War was raging on, two United States lieutenants contacted the United States Playing Card Company. The two officers wanted decks of playing cards that consisted of nothing more than Aces of Spades. The aces were used as part of a psychological warfare against the Viet Cong. You see, when the French used cards to foretell the future, the Aces of Spades forewarned of death. The Viet Cong were superstitious, and just seeing this card made them fearful. Thousands of Aces of Spades were dispersed throughout the jungles to make the enemy leave in fear.

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FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER - BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS

Improving Queen Ask after RKCB

The standard responses to 0314 RKCB are as follows:

4♠	4NT	Assume ♠ are trumps
5♣	0 or 3	
5♦	1 or 4	
5♥	2 (or 5) without ♠Q	
5♠	2 (or 5) with ♠Q	

After 5♣ or 5♦, a step bid is then used as a trump queen ask. The standard responses to these are:

4♠	4NT	Assume ♠ are trumps
5♦	5♥	5♥=Asks for ♠Q
5♠	No ♠Q	
5NT	? I don't know what's "standard"	
6♣	♠Q with ♣K	
6♦	♠Q with ♦K	
6♥	♠Q with ♥K	
6♠	♠Q with no Kings	

There are two major problems with this:

- (1) 5NT is not utilised.
- (2) If opener bids 6♠ with ♠Q and no other Kings, how can responder investigate a potential grand if responder wanted to ask about 3rd round controls (such as a vital Queen in a side suit, or maybe a doubleton)?

I am uncertain as to why 6♠ is taught as the bid to show the ♠Q with no side kings because it doesn't make much sense to destroy so much bidding space when responder could be looking for a grand even without the aid of other kings. A much better improvement would be to use the 5NT bid as the "♠Q with no other Kings" so responder still has all of the 6-level bidding to investigate third round controls.

No doubt this is not the "best" version of RKCB available but it is certainly a better improvement than what the standard/default responses are.

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