

# AUSSIE YOUTH BRIDGE BULLETIN

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## VICTORIA DEFENDS TITLE vs. WA: Youth ANC

Congratulations to VICTORIA (Ellena Moskovsky, Victoria Thompson, Laura Ginnan, Ella Pattison, Peter Bolling, Finn Rennie, and Grant Kilvington NPC), who defended their Youth ANC title by defeating their usual Finals opponents of WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Ailsa Peacock, Francesca McGrath, Renee Cooper, Tim Munro, Rhys Cooper, Matthew Smith, and Allison Stralow NPC) by 204 - 150.9 IMPs. You can read about it more on page 3.



L to R: Grant Kilvington (NPC), Finn Rennie, Peter Bolling, Victoria Thompson, Ella Pattison, Ellena Moskovsky, Laura Ginnan



L to R: Ailsa Peacock, Francesca McGrath, Renee Cooper, Allison Stralow (NPC), Tim Munro, Rhys Cooper, Matthew Smith

## ABF PRE-ALERTS!

For 2014			
DATES	EVENT	WHERE	
<u>AUG</u> 13 - 22	<u>AUG</u> <a href="#">15<sup>th</sup> World Youth Team Championships</a>	Istanbul, TURKEY	
<u>SEP</u> 27 - 4	<u>OCT</u> <a href="#">NZ National Congress</a>	Hamilton, New Zealand	
<u>OCT</u> 10 - 25	<u>OCT</u> <a href="#">14<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Series</a>	Sanya, CHINA	
<u>OCT</u> 29 - 6	<u>NOV</u> <a href="#">Spring Nationals</a>	Sydney	
<u>?</u> ? - ?	<u>?</u> Youth Triathlon (?)	?	
<u>JAN</u> 10 - 18	<u>JAN</u> 2015 Australian Youth Week	Canberra	

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# CHECKBACK (Results)

## 2014 ANC YOUTH TEAMS

12 JUL – 18 JULY, 2014 (Sydney)

For more details, please visit the Championship website [here](#).

Youth Teams	Place	State	VPs	Team Members
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	VIC	204 IMPs (Finals)	Ellena Moskovsky, Laura Ginnan, Ella Pattison, Peter Bolling, Finn Rennie, Victoria Thompson
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	WA	151 IMPs (Finals)	Rhys Cooper, Renee Cooper, Francesca McGrath, Tim Munro, Ailsa Peacock, Matt Smith
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	NSW	578.0	Ed Burrowes, James Ferguson, Tomer Libman, Richard McAuliffe, Nico Ranson, Chris Rhodes
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	QLD	394.2	Jessica Brake, Michael Gearing, Andrew Gosney, Chris Larter, Josh Davis, Angus Gray
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	ACT	358.1	Max Mullamphy, Andrew Spooner, Angus Abbott, Tom Chen, Daryl Whitfield, John Yoon
	6 <sup>TH</sup>	SA	342.7	Angus Lum, Alexander Smith, Kandice Ng, Edward Young, Callum Baldwin, David Gue

## MEANWHILE AROUND THE GLOBE...

### 52<sup>ND</sup> EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

21 JUN – 1 JUL, 2014 (Opatia, Croatia) Championship Website [here](#).

Open Teams	Place	VPs	Team
	1 <sup>ST</sup>	214.80	ISRAEL
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	213.29	MONACO
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	209.65	ENGLAND
	4 <sup>TH</sup>	200.63	POLAND
	5 <sup>TH</sup>	198.85	BULGARIA
	6 <sup>TH</sup>	198.22	GERMANY

### 12<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

12 JUL – 19 JUL, 2014 (Burghausen, Germany) Championship Website [here](#).

	Place	Pair
Junior Pairs	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Jassem Pawel (Poland) – Jakub Wojcieszek (Poland)
U20 Pairs	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Ola Rimstedt (Sweden) – Johan Safsten (Sweden)
Girls Pairs	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Marie Eggeling (Germany) – Katharina Brinck (Germany)
Mixed Pairs	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Justyna Zmuda (Poland) – Lukasz Witkowski (Poland)

## 2014 ANC

BY LAURA GINNAN, MELBOURNE

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times (well that's how Peter Hollands said I should start this article so I will work with that). It was the best of times because the youth contingent were a bunch of shippers who were all keen, eager and great to be around. It was great to see that fun never stopped and no one ever gave up (except Sebastian who has been out of youth bridge for too long but finally came to accept that +/- 1270s and alike are rather prevalent). Jess and Michael (QLD) were a great example of this.

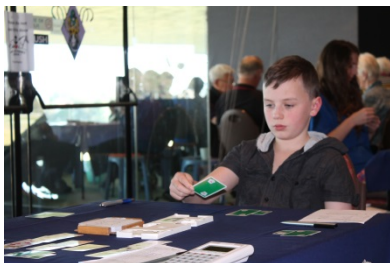


Michael Gearing, Jessica Brake, and Andy Hung

After the first half of the event they were second last on the datums but by the end of it they finished 4th!! (I am a ~~huge wench~~ being very condescending. Watch your language! – Co-Ed) It also seemed that the teams with less experience just took a little while to get into the swing of things, but once they got going had some great results.

Going into the event WA, NSW and VIC probably looked like the teams to beat, SA and QLD were pretty raw and ACT had a combination of some very experienced players and new faces. Hats off to dedication from John Yoon who went back to Canberra mid-ANC to graduate, and once that hot little piece of paper was in his hands stripped off his robe (this actually probably took like five minutes) and turned around to come back.

Our team (VIC) consisted of 4 players with a fair bit of ANC experience: PB (Peter Bolling), Laura Ginnan, Ellena Moskovsky and Ella Pattison. Our other 2 players were on debut and had an average age of 13. Vicky Thompson has been around the traps at youth events but this was her first ANC, and Finn Rennie who is 11 years old has been to a couple of youth week events but not an ANC.



Finn Rennie

Finn is that kid who wears a hat and follows Juzz around and everyone assumes is a caddy. We got off to a shaky start losing the first match to WA who we would eventually see again in the finals. This gave our captain Kilvo a bit of a reminder from last year's ANC where VIC couldn't beat WA in any of the round robin matches but overcame them in the finals. It was fair to say that no one could pick a horse in the first round robin where 94.82% of matches were max's (not Maxy, he wasn't there). SA started off storming through every opponent they

met (that's how it felt and may or may not be true).

Midway through, captain Kilvo gave a sigh of relief when our team managed to overcome a match against WA by 1 IMP. From there the 3 favourites started to get a bit of a gap on the rest of the field and it ended up with WA and VIC being locked for the final.

The WA team consisted of Renee and Rhys Cooper, Francescaat Du Faintalot, Tim Munro, Ailsa Peacock and Matt Smith. There is a great rivalry between the two states and it was great to get the final started and get the extra 20 boards in.

Finn and Vicky jumped in the deep end of playing the first stanza of the finals and their first ever match behind screens. Both teams had the same approach to the bridge - Bid game, make game, winimps, which was totally stolen from Juzz and Pete (Juzz's best contribution to bridge) so it would prove to be a harsh battle. With 10 boards to go VIC was up by 55 so WA thought they would need to pull something out of the bag.



Vicky Thompson would also be amongst the youngest ever victors at the ANC and managed to beat papa Dave and uncy Ben to being a national champion. VIC would also be the team with the most females on it to smash out an ANC victory in the youth and maybe even all the other divisions (well minus the women's).

Coming back to the beginning with the good times and bad times thing I haven't really mentioned any bad times (well except for Rhys). This is because there weren't any and it was a great event with great people. When clutching at straws I could say that it sucks that this will be my last Australian youth event but that's okay as I'm starting to feel old and feel like it's the time of the youngens to come through as it's hard to associate with people who don't know that there were once 9 planets.

Thanks to my opponents and awesome teamies for a great event. Kilvo – a big thanks to you, captain extraordinaire who has a 80% strike rate of gold - much better than the stupid w\*\*\*\*\* that turned up to Turkey. (Srsly, show some respect! But kudos for the 2006 in-joke. – Co-Ed)



**2014 YOUTH ANC WINNERS – VICTORIA:** Ellena Moskovsky, Laura Ginnan, Peter Bolling (behind), Finn Rennie, Grant Kilvington (npc), Ella Pattison. (Victoria Thompson had to fly back home.)

## FRANK POWER

Frank Power who is responsible for setting up the schools program in Bairnsdale has passed away. Frank is responsible for getting more than 70 primary school students into bridge (probably the biggest contribution Australia has ever seen!).

Frank has suffered from brain cancer for nearly a decade and lived much longer than predicted, but never let his health get in the way of enjoying life and bridge and his passion for getting young people into the game.

An article was published in the Bairnsdale paper about Frank and the bridge program that he has introduced to many primary schools. You can read about it [here](#).

## AUSTRALIAN U25/GIRLS TEAM FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are delighted to present to you player profiles for the 2014 Australian U25 team as well as the Australian Girls Team that are participating in the 15<sup>th</sup> World Youth Championships in Istanbul, Turkey.

### The 15<sup>th</sup> World Youth Bridge Championships (Istanbul, TURKEY)

August 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> ([Click here](#) for tournament website)



L to R: Laura Ginnan, Justin Howard, Adam Edgtton, Alex Smirnov (NP Coach), Nabil Edgtton, Jamie Thompson, Stephen Williams, Andy Hung (NP Captain)

<b>U25 TEAM:</b>	Nabil Edgtton	-	Adam Edgtton
	Justin Howard	-	Laura Ginnan
	Stephen Williams	-	Jamie Thompson
<b>NPC:</b>	Andy Hung, Alex Smirnov		

### The 15<sup>th</sup> World Youth Bridge Championships (Istanbul, TURKEY)

August 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> ([Click here](#) for tournament website)



L to R: Ellena Moskovsky, Kirstyn Fuller, Lauren Travis, Andy Hung (NP Captain), Ella Pattison, Renee Cooper, Jessica Brake

<b>GIRLS TEAM:</b>	Lauren Travis	-	Ellena Moskovsky
	Jessica Brake	-	Renee Cooper
	Ella Pattison	-	Kirstyn Fuller
<b>NPC:</b>	Andy Hung		

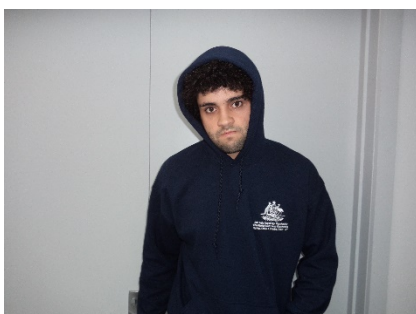
**ADAM EDGTTON**



- Q:** How long have you been playing bridge?  
15 years.
- Q:** Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?  
Nabil Edgton – yep!
- Q:** What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?  
2/1 GF – Mini NT has to be a favourite.
- Q:** Would you rather be invisible, or hear people’s thoughts?  
Invisible.

- Q:** Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent’s grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?  
Revoke!
- Q:** Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming World Champs.  
Read lots of bridge worlds.
- Q:** I’m going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.  
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**NABIL EDGTTON**



- Q:** How long have you been playing bridge?  
15 years.
- Q:** Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?  
Adam, and I was born prepared ;)
- Q:** What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?  
Just 2/1 with some stuff, favourite convention the mini obviously.
- Q:** Would you rather be invisible, or hear people’s thoughts?  
That’s tough, you’d rather not know sometimes but I’m still going with thoughts.

- Q:** Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent’s grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?  
I’m sick of losing world championship finals matches, so stfu.
- Q:** Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming World Champs.  
Spent a day in the Korner.
- Q:** I’m going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.  
Paper beats rock, unlucky Andy.

PLAYERS

**JUSTIN HOWARD**



**Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
Since I was in the womb.

**Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**  
Wenchy, and I am.

**Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**  
2/1, we can bid our f-ing hands!

**Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**  
Be invisible, so I don't need to hear people's thoughts, and being a peep is infinitely better ;)

**Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**

Revoke, because at least it was just one board, and not 16.

**Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming World Champs.**

I go for a run in the morning, then ½ hour on Bridge Master, then 45 mins phone call to Laura (I usually hang up on her on 20), then 3 hours of BBO, then I go through past sets for 2 hours, then ;), then I head out to the pub.

**Q: I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**

Paper (Justin) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose paper?"  
Justin: "Because you're trustworthy."

**LAURA GINNAN**



**Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
Too long.

**Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**  
Pete Hollands, and yes, we are prepared.  
(Her actual partner is Justin Howard.)

**Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**  
\*\*\*\*, I forgot. I did Smirny's quizzes though.

**Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**  
Be invisible, I don't want to know wtf people are thinking.

**Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**

Revoke, I would feel a lot less s\*\*\*. Plus, it also makes for a good story.

**Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming World Champs.**

I scored a Juzz.

**Q: I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**

Paper (Laura) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose paper?"  
Laura: "You're not going to lie to me."

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**STEPHEN WILLIAMS**



- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
About 7 years.
- Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**  
Jamie, and we're on form. We're ready.
- Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**  
2/1, and I like the fact that I can't go wrong.
- Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**  
Hear people's thoughts, because then I know what my partner had.

- Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**  
Losing by 100 IMPs, because then I know we don't deserve it. They deserve it.
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming World Champs.**  
I bought some new swimmers, and I googled the venue location.
- Q: I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**  
Scissors (Stevie) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose scissors?"  
Stevie: "Because I didn't trust you."

**JAMIE THOMPSON**



- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
4½ years.
- Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**  
Stephen Williams, and we are super prepared, we are on form \*high fives with Stevie\*.
- Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**  
2/1, weak two in diamonds.
- Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**  
Hear people's thoughts, so I know what my partner is thinking, and I can play bridge better.

- Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**  
\*Thinks\* (Goslo: That's an easy one.)  
Losing 100 IMPs, so I can blame teamies.
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming World Champs**  
I watched 6 seasons of Mad Men in a week. And I polished my guns.
- Q: I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**  
Rock (Jamie) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose rock?"  
Jamie: "Because it makes my guns look bigger."

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**ELLENA MOSKOVSKY**



**Q:** How long have you been playing bridge?  
6 years.

**Q:** Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?  
Lauren, and yes.

**Q:** What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?  
2/1. I don't know, what's my favourite part? Hmm, either our Muppet Stayman, or our 14-16NT, they're winning.

**Q:** Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?  
\*Thinks for five minutes\* Probably hear people's thoughts.

**Q:** Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?  
100 IMPs, so it's a combined effort, not just my fault.

**Q:** Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Asia Cup.  
I ran the Trivia Night.

**Q:** I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.  
Rock (Ellena) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose rock?"  
Ellena: "That was my goal, to draw – this is too stressful."

**LAUREN TRAVIS**



**Q:** How long have you been playing bridge?  
9 years.

**Q:** Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?  
Ellena, I hope so!

**Q:** What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?  
2/1, Muppet – it's just reallllyyyy good.

**Q:** Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?  
Be invisible – Hearing people's thoughts won't be good.

**Q:** Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?  
100 IMPs, because revoking just sucks.

**Q:** Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming World Champs.  
I haven't practised drinking.

**Q:** I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.  
Lauren: "You know, Shane and Max used to do this and they would take an hour for just one game. And they would be at it for three straight hours."  
Ok, let's go. Rock (Lauren) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose rock?"  
Lauren: "I don't know, I figured you'd choose rock, so I was trying not to lose."



**RENEE COOPER**



**Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**

A long time (too long).

**Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**

China: With Max, not really, doing my best, was playing with 4 different partners before this[VCC] weekend.

Turkey: Jess, yeahhh, not as much as I'd like.

**Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**

With Max: 2/1, and we have an awesome 1M-2♣ sequence.

With Jess: 2/1, and I like our perverse bids (after reverses).

**Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**

Be invisible, if I hear people's thoughts, it would be an onslaught. There are some people's thoughts that I don't want to be hearing.

**Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**

I hate them both, don't make me choose! The revoke will be all my fault and at least it's just a mechanical error, but if it's 100 IMPs, then it's a combined team's effort. I think I would choose the 100 IMPs.

**Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Asia Cup / World Champs.**

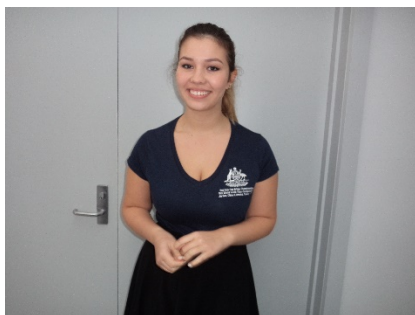
I went to the Chinese Embassy to get my visa.

**Q: I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**

Paper (Renee) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose paper?"

Renee: "You seem like a trustworthy guy."

**JESSICA BRAKE**



**Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**

I hate this question. 3-4 years.

**Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**

Renee, and we are all over it!

**Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**

2/1, Rumpensohl, because Lebensohl is terrible.

**Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**

Be invisible. I don't want to hear the s\*\*\* people talk about you.

**Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**

I'd rather revoke because it is just one mistake. Losing 100 IMPs is s\*\*\* loads of mistakes.

**Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Asia Cup.**

I took tim off uni.

**Q: I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**

Scissors (Jessica) – Rock (Andy). \*Jessica starts attacking the editor\* Andy (while running away):

"Why did you choose scissors?" Jessica: "Because I thought you would choose paperrrr."

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**ELLA PATTISON**



- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
2 years maybe, with 5 years of following suit.
- Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**  
China: Rhys, well, we have some different styles.  
Turkey: Kirsty Fuller, and we're getting there.
- Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**  
2/1, and my favourite thing about it is that it's 2/1.
- Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**  
Invisible, definitely. People think mean things, and it means I can sneak up on Nick as I turn visible.

- Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**  
Jesus, the revoke, I don't like losing 100 IMPs.
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Asia Cup.**  
I managed to finish the latest Game of Thrones episodes.
- Q: I'm going to choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**  
Paper (Ella) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose paper?"  
Ella: "Because you were choosing rock ... ?!"

**KIRSTY FULLER**



- Q: How long have you been playing bridge?**  
8 years.
- Q: Who is your partner, and are you guys prepared?**  
Ella and we will be!
- Q: What system are you playing, and what is your most favourite thing about that system?**  
2/1, I remember it...
- Q: Would you rather be invisible, or hear people's thoughts?**  
Invisible.

- Q: Would you rather lose the World Championship Final by 12 IMPs on the last board where you revoked against your opponent's grand slam that was missing the Ace of trumps, or lose the World Championship Final when you were up 100 IMPs going into the last set of 16 boards?**  
Revoke – Otherwise I might have lost more than 12 IMPs!
- Q: Name one thing you did to prepare yourself for the upcoming Asia Cup.**  
Remember my password for BBO.
- Q: I'm going to choose rock. But I may or may not choose rock. Are you ready? On rock.**  
Scissors (Kirsty) – Rock (Andy). Andy: "Why did you choose Scissors?"  
Kirsty: "Always scissors."

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## HOW DO YOU PLAY THE FOLLOWING HANDS ?

By MIKE WARE, NEW ZEALAND

Howdy from NZ. A tricky declarer play problem for you. You get to be Ashley Bach for this hand. How should you play 4♥? (Hands rotated from the original deal.)

♠ -
♥ J 8 7 2
♦ A J 8 6 2
♣ 8 4 3 2
<b>4♥/S, ♣K</b>
♠ K 8 6 5 3
♥ A Q 9 5 3
♦ Q 9
♣ 9

McManus	Cornell	M Ware	Bach
W	N	E	S
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Lead is the ♣K-♣2-♣5-♣9.  
West now switches to ♥10.

McManus leads the ♣K as everyone follows low (reverse count). He now switches to the ♥10, on which you play the ♥J, ♥4, and you play low. What now? Plan the play. Article continued at the bottom of the page.

### DECLARER PLAY PROBLEM

By John Newman

♠ -
♥ A K 8
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ K J T 9 8 6
<b>4♥/S, ♣K</b>
♠ A Q T 5 4 3
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K Q T 9
♣ -

This hand was encountered in an afternoon session at Trumps Mosman.

Have a go at it. You are declaring in 6♦ by South (no interference bidding), and West leads the ♥Q.

Plan your play.

Solution on page 17.

What do we think we know? The opponents are playing reverse count, so it looks like clubs are 4-4. They play Ace for attitude, King for count, and so it looks like West has AK of clubs because if East had it he would have overtaken and switched to a trump from his side. It looks like East has ♥K doubleton or tripleton.

Let's look at our tricks. We seem to have five trump tricks in our hand and can set up diamonds for some tricks. The problem with that is that the only entries to the diamonds are in trumps, so to run the diamonds requires us to draw trumps as otherwise the diamonds will get ruffed by the opponents. Drawing trumps reduces the number of ruffs we get in dummy, especially if trumps are 3-1, a real possibility.

The cross-ruff line gives us 5 heart tricks in our hand (ruffing three clubs), 3 spade ruffs in dummy, so we need 2 quick diamond tricks if the ace of spades doesn't come down short. That works outright if ♦K is with West.

If we run ♦Q and it loses, East can play a trump which reduces us to 9 tricks for the cross-ruff line, but we can now switch and play for 5 heart tricks in our hand, 2 ruffs in dummy (assuming trumps are 2-2), and 3 diamond tricks if they are 4-2 (or indeed 4 diamond tricks if they are 3-3).

♠ -
♥ J 8 7 2
♦ A J 8 6 2
♣ 8 4 3 2
<b>4♥/S, ♣K</b>
♠ K 8 6 5 3
♥ A Q 9 5 3
♦ Q 9
♣ 9

But if trumps are 3-1, and the diamond finesse loses, then the drawing trumps line will need diamonds 3-3. Overall, that's pretty good.

Following this logic at the table, Ashley ruffed a club and played queen of diamonds. This lost to my King and now when I played a trump, Ashley confidently finessed – but Matt's now singleton king won!

When diamonds were not 3-3, this left the contract unmakeable at that point. Declarer took 4 heart tricks in hand, 2 spade ruffs in dummy, and 3 diamonds for down one. Great switch Matt!

What a great defence by Matthew McManus! After his king of clubs lead, I was asleep and did not overtake and play a trump – a very obvious defence I must say and indeed it is the best defence – after that defence, the only winning line is very, very double-dummy.

However as I had my nap and left Matthew on lead, Ashley can now succeed after, say, a normal club continuation, by guessing diamonds correctly – low to the Queen – as above.

However, Matthew had other ideas – he switched to the ♥10!!!

If your napping partner won't switch to a trump – do the job yourself!

The full hand:

	<i>Michael Cornell</i>		
Dlr: S	♠ -		
Vul: All	♥ J 8 7 2		
	♦ A J 8 6 2		
<i>Matt McManus</i>	♣ 8 4 3 2	<i>Michael Ware</i>	
♠ A Q J 9 2	N	♠ T 7 4	
♥ K T	W	♥ 6 4	
♦ 7 3	E	♦ K T 5 4	
♣ K Q T 7	S	♣ A J 6 5	
	♠ K 8 6 5 3		
	♥ A Q 9 5 3		
	♦ Q 9		
	♣ 9		
	<i>Ashley Bach</i>		

Did you decide to play a low diamond towards the queen? If West is able to capture the queen with the king, they may well not be able to play a second round of trumps. Then if East has three diamonds, we might still be able to cash two diamond tricks and carry on with the cross-ruffing line.

I think that is definitely a better line and does make even if it means losing to the heart king.

If I had defended correctly – overtaken the club lead and switched to a trump, double-dummy it can be made. The key is for declarer to play a low diamond towards the queen but if East plays low, declarer has to put in the 9!

That again leads to four diamond tricks while dummy has enough entries to set-up and enjoy the diamonds. Playing the ♦Q is not enough.

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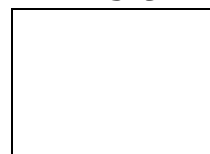
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### FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER [DECLARER PLAY]

S/All      ♠ Q J 9 8 5  
              ♥ J 8 4  
              ♦ 8 5  
              ♣ A J 9

♥K



♠ A K 10 7 3  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ A K J 4  
 ♣ K 10 8

South to make 6♠ (IMPs)

Opening lead is ♥K, then heart to East's ♥A.

*Solution on Page 18*



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# DECLARER PLAY PROBLEM

By John Newman (From page 13)

♠ -
♥ AK 8
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ K J T 9 8 6
<b>4♥/S, ♣K</b>
♠ A Q T 5 4 3
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K Q T 9
♣ -

At first glance there are no losers, but the challenge is to actually count to twelve winners. It's unlikely that declarer can cross-ruff AND enjoy tricks established in clubs or spades. Also, a cross-ruff only brings the total to 11 tricks providing nobody overruffs.

A long club might be established, but it's unlikely to cash with trumps outstanding. The same goes when ♠A drops West's kingleton spade - the queen is not going to hold save for a lucky layout with East (something like J98762, xx, Jxxxx, -). The spade suit can't be established by ruffing on most layouts.

Better to try to establish one hand or the other. Which suit is more promising?

The club suit is only missing two significant cards. How can declarer set up a suit missing the AQ without losing two tricks?

Declarer can repeat a ruffing finesse against East to establish the suit, provided East has at least one club honour (and no more than five clubs). The chance of one player holding at least one honour is 75% (all things being equal).

Let's say the ♣K is led from dummy and East plays low - pitch a heart from hand. Now lead the ♣J and run that through East. On the actual layout, East's ♣A can be ruffed out and a club trick is given to West's ♣Q on the second round of clubs. Declarer now has an excess of tricks.

Dir: E	♠ -				
Vul: Nil	♥ A K 8				
	♦ A 7 6 3				
	♣ K J T 9 8 6				
♠ K		N			♠ J 9 8 7 6 2
♥ Q J 9 6 3					♥ T 7
♦ J 4 2		W		E	♦ 8 5
♣ Q 7 4 2					♣ A 5 3
			S		
	♠ A Q T 5 4 3				
	♥ 5 4 2				
	♦ K Q T 9				
	♣ -				

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<p>The best play for six tricks is low to the queen. This will guard against a singleton king with West, singleton 10 with East, and all 2-2 breaks with the king inside.</p> <p>The other alternative is to run the Jack for a finesse. Assuming West covers with the king and dummy's ace wins, you will now have a guess between cashing the queen (playing for 2-2 break), or crossing back to hand to finesse to the 9. If you finesse to the 9, you will win when West has K10x (12.43%) and lose on the 2-2 break when East has 10x (13.57%). If you choose to cash the queen instead, then you might as well have led low to the queen to begin with to pick up an extra chance of West having a singleton king.</p>	

<p><b>A J 9 5 4</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p><b>Target:</b> 4 tricks</p> </div> <p><b>7 3 2</b></p>	<p>Best play for 4 tricks is to lead low to the 9, and assuming it loses to an honour with East, finesse to the jack on the second round. If West puts up an honour on the first round, win the ace, come back to hand and lead a low one towards dummy. If West plays low, you now have to guess whether to put in the 9 or the J. If you think West is capable of playing the honour with Q-10-x or K-10-x, then finesse with the 9. If you don't think West is capable of doing that, then rise with the J. Of course, you might think what if West is capable of playing low on the first round with K-Q-x? The argument now starts to become a bit circular – just don't worry about it, take your best chance with the 9.</p>
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## BETTY'S STORY



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### FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER

#### [DECLARER PLAY] SOLUTION

(Problem on page 15)

S/All

♠ Q J 9 8 5  
♥ J 8 4  
♦ 8 5  
♣ A J 9

♥K



♠ A K 10 7 3  
♥ 5  
♦ A K J 4  
♣ K 10 8

South to make 6♠ (IMPs)  
Opening lead is ♥K, then heart to East's A.

With a heart trick lost, it seems like we have to find the correct minor suit queen. If we locate the ♣Q then we can simply claim. If we take the diamond finesse instead and it wins, then we cash the ♦AK to discard dummy's club and eventually ruff a diamond and a club in dummy. Is it simply just a guess of which minor suit finesse to take?

Not so. The better play is to actually combine as many chances as possible. One option is to cash the top two clubs to see if the ♣Q drops doubleton. If not, then revert back to the diamond finesse.

That doesn't give you the best chance though – even better is to cash the ♦AK and ruff a diamond in dummy. This way, you can see if the ♦Q drops down in two or three rounds. If it doesn't, then take your best guess in the club suit.



**FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER - BEEFING UP BRIDGE CONVENTIONS**

**MORE ON SIMPLE STAYMAN - Part 1**

After a simple auction of 1NT – 2♣ (Simple Stayman) – 2♦ (No major) – 4NT, it is clear that this is a quantitative bid, inviting partner to 6NT. However, what if partner bids 2♥ or 2♠ showing four of the respective major? Is 4NT still quantitative or is it asking for key cards?

It is best to play 4NT as quantitative – otherwise, what else are you supposed to bid with a 16 or 17 count with a balanced hand and no fit for partner’s major? A 3-minor bid would show a game-forcing hand with 5+minor and 4-other-Major, and 2NT would be invitational to game, you have no other available bids but 4NT.

If 1NT – 2♣ – 2M – 4NT is quantitative, how do you ask for key cards?

The solution is quite simple. Bid 3-of-other-major as an artificial bid to set partner’s major as trumps.

1NT 2♥	2♣	(2♣ = Simple Stayman)
	3m 3♠ 4♣/4♦ 4NT	5+m, 4♠, Game-force Artificial, sets hearts as trumps Splinter Quantitative


1NT 2♠	2♣	(2♣ = Simple Stayman)
	3m 3♥ 4♣/4♦/4♥ 4NT	5+m, 4♥, Game-force Artificial, sets spades as trumps Splinter Quantitative


[This does give up the ability to bid 3♠ as splinter when opener shows four hearts with a 2♥ response. You can get more technical if you don’t have any use for a 2♠ rebid after 1NT – 2♣ – 2♥ – 2♠. For instance, you can use 2♠ as an artificial game-forcing bid (may have balanced hand with support for hearts) so this way, you can keep 3♠ as a splinter raise.]


With 3-of-other-major as an artificial bid to set partner’s major as trumps, if you want to ask for key cards you start with that bid, then bid 4NT later. This allows the direct 4NT bid over a 2-major response to Stayman to be used as quantitative, as suggested above.




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After school bridge club @ Waverly Bridge Club, held on Tuesday afternoons (during school term from 4:30pm-6:30pm) Contact: <a href="http://www.vba.asn.au/vbaHome.php">http://www.vba.asn.au/vbaHome.php</a>		

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