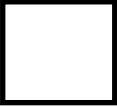


The Gos is a Machine #2

By Modi

In the last match of the Teams last night, I played a hand that I thought I was going to win – but I failed to correctly estimate the calibre of my opponent – Paul Gosney.

	(Laura Tough)		
	♠ J965		
	♥ K5		
	♦ 9		
	♣ KQ9873		
(John Yoon)		(Paul Gosney)	
♠ KT873		♠ 2	
♥ J964		♥ AQ73	
♦ Q3		♦ KT542	
♣ 42		♣ A65	
	♠ AQ4		
	♥ T82		
	♦ AJ876		
	♣ JT		
	(Modi)		

John Yoon	Laura Tough	Gosney	Modi
P	P	1♦	P
1♠	2♣	P	2NT
P	P	P	

John Yoon led the ♠7, ducked around to my Queen. I played the ♣J and all followed low. On the ♣T Gosney took his Ace and led a Diamond to the Queen.

At this point of the play I had a cunning plan to make my contract.

With his opening bid, Gosney was almost certain to have the ♥A. With John bidding Spades, Gosney could have no more than 2 Spades.

"I'm going to endplay the Gos" I thought to myself.

"I'll chuck him in with a Diamond. He'll have to play a Heart away from his Ace and I'll get to Dummy to win all those Clubs."

Great plan!

However, the Gos knows what you are thinking before you even think it.

On the ♦3 return from John Yoon, the Gos played the ♦2, with me winning the ♦6. I cashed the ♠A just in case Gos had a second Spade.

Then I played the ♦A, and Gosney played the ♦T – carefully keeping the ♦5.

Here was the remaining Diamond suit:

	(Laura Tough)	
	♦ 9	
(John Yoon)		(Paul Gosney)
♦ Q3		♦ KT542
	♦ AJ876	
	(Modi)	

Now when I played the ♦J, Gosney could win with the King and safely exit with the ♦5 to avoid leading Hearts.

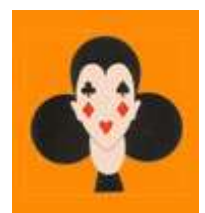
If the Gos had won both the Diamonds, then he would have been forced to put the lead back in Dummy with a Heart.

2NT. One off.



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"With eight winners and five losers in three no-trumps ,play off your long suit early"

- Patrick Jourdain

Desmit minūtā intervija.

The Zaiga

Q. Mini Bio

G: My name is Zaiga, I grew up in, and unfortunately still live in, Canberra. I just returned from a year abroad in Latvia. I once had a crush on Annie Lennox because I thought she was a very cute boy. The difference between Goal Keeper and Goal Defence in netball is that the Goal Keeper can't run around as much I like Goal Defence. In high school I made my pencil case out of a pair of underwear.

Q. What are the four most important attributes that a bridge player needs?

Sense of humour. The ability to talk about something other than bridge. To make sure they have a good name or nickname. and some mad skillz.

Q. What is your favourite font?

When I was younger it was Comic Sans, and I'm a bit embarrassed to mention that. Now I like Helvetica or Arial. In Latvian you use a lot of hats and ticks (accents) they are called Garumzīmes.

Q. What is the best present you have ever made for someone?

I made some t-shirts for the Couttses. They are pretty cool, but not the best. I can't think of any other presents. I made a cool card for my friend that was like a fridge, with magnetic poetry on the front and food inside.



One Minute Interview.

Ollie (and not Wally)

Q. Mini Bio

Here are ALL the interesting things. I don't know.

I grew up with Modi. I have two other brothers with the middle names Kermit and Bunyip. I'm becoming a teacher - I'm in my final year, I'm going to teach year 11 and 12 maths. I spend my time at uni a bit, I don't know what else.

Q. Do you like bridge yet?

Yes. I enjoyed having the morning off though. Playing with Adam was awesome. Playing with Griff was instructive.



Zaiga

Actually the best one was a fractal card I made. It said "Happy Birthday Andrew" then you opened it and there was a smaller card that said "Happy Birthday Andrew".

Q. What's the story with your profile photo?

I'm a retina model, and that's my top-selling shot. It's my left retina at its prime. I did a lot of training before that photo.

I'd just like to add that I don't get bridge humour. The best birthday card I ever received was a jigsaw puzzle. It said Happy 18th Birthday Zaiga. Happy Birthday was in Green and Gold. Zaiga was in Latvian Red.

I should probably ring my aunt who has it.



Ollie

"When you have a holding such as AQx or AJx in the suit led by partner, do not automatically play third hand high" - Schmucl Lev

**A Classic hand from 2010.
GGUUUUSSSSS' Granny**

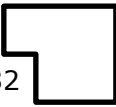
By Modi

After the main session last night, we played a seven team Speedball event.

Most players had fairly interesting auctions. I made a hasty overcall at one point, and then re-sorted my hand, revealing I had overcalled on a (good quality) three card suit.

I opened 1NT later in the night with a six-card Heart suit and a singleton.

The most interesting hand of the night yielded the biggest swing.

	(Laura Tough)		
	♠ -		
	♥ QJ9543		
	♦ AKQJ		
	♣ KQ4		
(Griff)		(Lucy Henbest)	
♠ 97532		♠ AJT864	
♥ -		♥ -	
♦ 98765432		♦ -	
♣ -		♣ 9876532	
	♠ KQ		
	♥ AKT8763		
	♦ T		
	♣ AJT		
	(Modi)		

Griff	Laura T	Lucy H	Modi
-	-	-	1♥
4♠ ⁽¹⁾	P	6♠ ⁽²⁾	X
P	P	P	

⁽¹⁾4♠ : "Well, I had two voids" – Griff

⁽²⁾6♠ : "Well, I had two voids" – Lucy

I opened 1♥ and heard the auction bounce to the six-level before it came back to me.

With three Spade Keycards and the Queen of trumps I found a pretty decent penalty Double, or so I thought.

When the Heart lead was trumped at trick 1, and seeing the shapely dummy, I decided to speed the game up by defensively claiming – remember that it was a Speedball.

"I'll take my Spade trick, and my ♣A and then I'll lead another Club and see what partner has in Clubs," I offered, to speed up the game.

"Well ... actually ..." said Griff, as he revealed his hand.

6♠X by West. Making 12. -1210 Yeeouch!!

At the other table, Goskovsky bid to 6NT by North-South and made it. 19 IMPs out.

Taken from the 2010 Bulletins.

Conversation between Huon and Modi:

M: Couldn't you have responded 1♠ there?
Didn't you have four good Spades

H: No, I only had three. ♠A, ♠K, ♠J, ♠2.

M: That's four!

H: But only three of them are good.

Later in the Match, Huon and Modi had the auction:

Huon	Modi
1♠	1NT
3NT	4♥
4NT	P

After watching Modi make 11 tricks in 4NT, Huon said – You told us this in the STBWC session on Saturday:

"If your partner bids twice and you don't like what they bid the second time, then go back to the first bid."

There's a new convention for you.

4NT – Preference!

Why was the Six afraid?

Because Seven Ate Nine.

Teams Scores (After Round 5)						
Place	Team Name	Win	Draw	Loss	IMPs	Total VPs
1	HUI	4	1	0	126	404
2	MILNE	5	0	0	95	394
3	HENBEST	4	0	1	84	384
4	BRAUN	3	0	2	71	371
5	COUTTS	3	0	2	40	340
6	TRAVIS	2	0	3	23	289
7	HOWARD	1	0	4	-50	246.5
8	EDGTTON	1	1	3	-62	238
9	MATHESON	1	0	4	-114	186
10	JENNER-O'SHEA	0	0	5	-213	101.5

We don't have a printable list of the Pairs Datums right now, but will ASAP.

For now, there is a list of datums for all the Pairs in the field printed on the wall.

Boring Stuff About Scoring

The scoring system used in the Youth Teams and Junior Team Selection Butler may be a bit confusing since we do not use the standard WBF VP scales. This is to avoid the effects of 'cussing', whereby only certain IMPs are critical for scoring VPs and others make no difference to the result. For example, on the standard 14 board scale most of the ranges of IMPs that convert to a particular VP score are 4 IMPs wide. This means that only every fourth IMP actually matters, which adds a degree of statistical 'noise' to the overall results. In our teams event (14-board rounds), we simply make each IMP worth a VP (mostly), so our scale is four times greater than normal and ranges from a 60-60 result for a draw to a 100-20 max win and a 100-0 max loss.

There have also been a couple of changes this year to the final stage of the qualification for our Junior Team. Here are all the details you need to know:

Youth Teams VP scale:

Winners score 60 plus the IMP difference in the match, up to a maximum of 100.
Losers score 60 minus the IMP difference in the match, if that difference is 50 or less.
Else they score 10 minus half a VP for every IMP over 50, down a minimum of 0.

Translation: If you divide the VPs scored by a team by 4, then you'll get approximately the result that team would have if we were using the standard WBF VP scale.

At the end of the Youth teams, the 3 highest ranked teams of eligible pairs (6 pairs) are joined by the next 4 best eligible pairs based on modified datums, making 10 pairs in total, to contest the National Junior Team Selection Butler.

The Butler is divided into two stages. Stage I is a double round-robin of 10 board matches, scored by partial cross-IMPs. What this means is that a pair's result on a given board is scored twice over with the middle two of the other four results (as if they were playing a teams match with each of those two tables). The net total (double) IMPs a pair scores in a match is then converted to VPs by the formula:

Butler Stage I VPs = 70 + net IMP score, with a 140 maximum win but no minimum (so a pair can get a negative score when their opponents have a maximum win).

At the end of Stage I of the Butler, 1st place is selected for the Junior Team. 6th through 10th are eliminated, and 2nd through 5th progress to Stage II, with half their VPs from Stage I carried-forward (there is a cap on the difference between 2nd and 5th that can be carried-forward, but the cap is large and unlikely to be relevant).

Stage IIA will be played on Saturday and is a single round-robin of 20 board matches scored against predetermined datums. The VP scale for those matches is 50 plus net IMPs, capped at a 100 VP maximum win but no minimum. At the end of Stage IIA, the highest placed remaining pair is selected for the Junior Team and the lowest is eliminated. The remaining two pairs progress to Stage IIB on Sunday, the winner of which becomes the final pair on the Junior Team.

Stage IIB consists of 48 boards head-to-head, scored by total IMPs against predetermined datums. A pair's IMP carry-forward to Stage IIB is given by:
[half of their VP C/F from Stage I to Stage IIA] + [half the VPs scored against their Stage IIB opponents in Stage IIA] + [a quarter of their other VPs scored in Stage IIA]

I hope you were all paying attention to that as there will be a test next lesson.

