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Two rounds to go

In theory, teams need to be 150 VPs in front of third to be safe, even at this late stage. In practice, NSW will play SA in the **Open** and WA will play NSW in the **Women's**. These four teams will warm-up against each other in the final round robin matches this afternoon, which will also see bitter contests at the other end of the field.

In the **Seniors'**, Victoria will have a big head start in the final. The fight is tight for second place.

The **Youth** has three more rounds with Victoria to play SA or WA.

For those teams not making it, have a great meal tonight at one of the featured restaurants. There'll be good kibitzing on Friday with the vu-graph at 2.30. If you've had enough bridge, take Friday off and become a tourist, then we'll see you at the Victory Dinner.

A bit of History

The 1995 ANC in Darwin was Tim's 25th. The NSW team of Cummings, Kanetkar, Kozakos, Del'Monte, Lavings, Richman and Seres won the Open Teams. Ok, who played with whom?

Peter Newman & Khokan Bagchi won the Butler. Shirley Collins & Leigh Richards won Women's.

More Cummings Columns

Denis Howard has compiled a book based on Dick Cummings' columns in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Sun Herald*. About 180 pages, presented in quiz form, it will be available in a few months.

Tales of Hoffman - 2

Here's a hand from back in Round 1. It's a while ago, so some of the details are a bit hazy:

Teams 1, Bd 16

♠ A 8 7 6 5
♥ 10 9 5
♦ J 7 6 5
♣ Q

♠ J 10 9 3 2

♥ Q 3

♦ 9 8 3

♣ K 6 4

♠ K

♥ J 8 7 6

♦ K 10 4 2

♣ 10 9 7 2

♠ Q 4

♥ A K 4 2

♦ A Q

♣ A J 8 5 3

Julia played 3NT from South on a spade to the king and club back to the ♣K. West continued with a spade to declarer's queen. Then came ♦A-Q with East winning the ♦K to lead a heart.

Julia won the ♥A, cashed the ♣A-J and ducked a heart to West's queen. This forced West to give dummy the lead, which also squeezed East in hearts and clubs.

Now an anonymous contribution:

A Tale told by an Idiot

That title comes (need I say?) from a famous Shakespearean passage in which Macbeth (in Act 5, Scene 5) was perhaps talking about me; for it also mentions "a poor player".



Not bad play for a 2-year-old

ANC Teams after 12 of 14

Open

1st	NSW	228.1
2nd	SA	208.7
3rd	ACT	56.3
4th	Vic	52.9
5th	Qld	25.8
6th	WA	-87.0
7th	NT	-234.0
8th	Tas	-259.1

Women's

1st	NSW	193.3
2nd	WA	175.5
3rd	ACT	83.6
4th	SA	56.2
5th	Qld	27.5
6th	Vic	2.3
7th	NT	-192.7
8th	Tas	-351.2

Seniors'

1st	Vic	287.9
2nd	ACT	101.5
3rd	NSW	85.9
4th	Qld	85.5
5th	WA	-7.2
6th	SA	-73.3
7th	Tas	-213.9
8th	NT	-287.8

Youth (3 rounds to go)

1st	Vic	242.5 *
2nd	SA	79.2 *
3rd	WA	26.5 *
4th	NSW	-19.9 *
5th	ACT	-113.9 *
6th	Colts	-225.8 *

* Scores against the ABF Colts to be excluded.

ABF events

Exact times to be confirmed!

ANC teams (4 categories)

Sun - Wed 10.30, 2.30, 8pm

Thur 10.30 & 2.30

ANC finals

Thur 8 pm

Fri 27th 10 am, 1.30
(Vu-graph at 2.30)

Victory Dinner – Fri at 7pm
at Great Hall, Uni House, ANU

ANC Teams, Match 6, Bd 6

E/EW

♠ A 7 2

♥ A

♦ J 7 5 4

♣ A J 10 6 5

♠ Q 6 4 3

♥ K 5 4 2

♦ K Q 9

♣ Q 7

♠ K 5

♥ Q 9 8 7 6

♦ A 10 6 3

♣ K 2

♠ J 10 9 8

♥ J 10 3

♦ 8 2

♣ 9 8 4 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1♥	No
1♠	2♣	2♦	No
4♥	End		

Any idiot can make 4♥ if trumps split two-two; but this idiot was quickly one down. After winning the ♣K at trick one, came a thoughtless low trump to the king and ace.

With North more likely than South (on the bidding) to have the ♥A and/or heart shortage, declarer should, of course, cross to the ♦K and lead the ♥2 from dummy, making here and also (by restricted choice) when North has ♥J or ♥10 singleton.

So NS did well to eschew the (theoretically cheap) 5♣ sacrifice.

As so often happens at score-up it went "Minus 100; plus 100", so no-one noticed; but (anonymous) confession is good for the soul.

Notice also that if (as may well have happened at other tables) West's first response is high enough to silence North, NS can never find the save; but East then has to play blind and blamelessly may duplicate my losing play. There's a moral there somewhere; but I'm not sure what it is.

The surprising datums were open -190, women +100, seniors -170, youth +30; so there may be as yet untold stories about this board.

David Lusk spots a misdefence:

Open Rd 9, SA vs WA, Bd 23

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			No
1♦	No	1♠	No
2♣	No	3NT	End

South led the ♥4 and North played the nine to force East's 10. This was imaginative but worked poorly on

this hand. If North plays the ♥K, East will win and play the ♠K. South then wins this to play a low heart, keeping communications open.

After winning the ♥10, East played the ♠K and South ducked, allowing declarer to turn his attention to diamonds for nine easy tricks.

If South wins the ♠A at first opportunity and continues hearts, declarer ducks and wins the next heart. On a diamond towards dummy, South can keep the pressure on by inserting the ♦J or 10. This forces declarer to switch to clubs, with the favourable layout giving nine tricks by a different route.

Log onto BridgeOn.net for great articles and tips.

Bridge-Cam match

The ACT Women needed to beat WA in Match 11 to have a chance. Here are some hands:

Match 11, ACT vs WA, Bd3

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Shields	Church	Booth	Hoffman
No	3♥	No	2NT *
No	5♦	End	3NT

-50, when 4♥ has chances. That stiff ♥J is the key card. 4♥ is cold on a spade lead but should fail on a red suit lead, provided West is careful with the ♦A.

On Board 5, Julia Hoffman responded 1NT to a 1♦ opening with this:

♠ AQ7	♥ KQ987	♦ K8	♣ J42
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Nola passed this on her flat 13-count for 10 IMPs out. What had happened? Did Hoffman not see her partner's bid and open 1NT herself? Hard to imagine that with bidding boxes. No, she'd meant to extract the 1♥ card and only noticed her er-

ror after partner had passed. That's inadvertent (and plausible given her workload). If she'd woken up a bit earlier, she could have had her bid back. Bridge-cam helps us all become familiar with bidding boxes, as used in all world championships. On Bd 11, Church held these cards:

♠ A10832	♥ 6	♦ A	J109532
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She passed in third seat, awaiting developments, of which there were none. 4♠ was cold but they played partscore in the other room so it was just 5 IMPs out.

Here's a taste of WA Acol:

Bd 12, W/NS

No	1♥	♠ AK 8
1♠	?	♥ K 9 7 4 2
		♦ 10 6
		♣ K 9 4

What's it to be? 2♣? 2♠? Or maybe you'd have opened a 12-14 notrump. Annabelle Booth rebid 2♥, consistent with their style. They reached 3♥ in the 5-3 fit but trumps broke 5-0.

Nola might have made 5♣ on Bd 11:

E/Nil	♠ 8 3		
	♥ A		
	♦ A 4		
	♣ K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4		
♠ 7 5 4		♠ A Q 10	
♥ 8 7 4 3		♥ K Q J 10 5 2	
♦ 9 7 6 2		♦ K 8 5 3	
♣ A J		♣ —	
	♠ K J 9 6 2		
	♥ 9 6		
	♦ Q J 10		
	♣ Q 3 2		

She played 5♣ from North on the ♥K lead after East had opened 1♥. Best is to play a spade at trick two. The king wins, then ruff a heart to lead another spade, endplaying East. Church played the ♣K instead, to West's ace. A diamond switch shoots it but West returned a heart. The spade play still works but Church used her one entry to dummy to take the diamond finesse for one off.

The 3 IMP win to ACT was no where near enough.

Profile – Tasmanian Open

Bruce Williams/Richard Misior

Bruce is the Playing Captain of the team. Bruce has been playing since the mid 1970's and has represented Tasmania on a number of occasions in the 1980's and late 1990's. In the early 1990's, while living in the ACT, Bruce came close to representing the ACT on a couple of occasions while playing with Richard Hills. He has won numerous major titles in Tasmania and the ACT.

Richard has been playing for some 40 years but only became involved in serious competition in the mid 1970's. Richard has represented Tasmania previously at the ANC level and has often played at other major events such as the Summer Festival of Bridge and the GNOC final. Although he has won a number of major titles in Tasmania, his most notable achievement is being the Australian Individual Champion in 1987.

Sandra & Andrew Richman

Both Sandra and Andrew started playing in the early 1990's. They formed both a bridge and marriage partnership about 2½ years ago. Their lifestyle - being investors and living on a small farm near Launceston - allow them travel around Australia playing in the major events and developing their bridge skills. This they have done with considerable success.

They have yet to represent Tasmania as a partnership but Andrew has previously made it to Stage 3 in the Butler and represented Tasmania at the Sydney ANC.

Adam Guarino-Watson & Allan Greenwood

Adam and Allan are a youth pair, having previously represented Tasmania at Youth level. Unfortunately Tasmania is unable to field a Youth team this year (Tim Johnson has moved to Victoria and Mark Abraham has moved to the ACT) so Adam and Allan are playing in the Open Team. They in fact came second in the team trials held earlier in the year.

Adam and Allan were part of

Tasmanian Youth Teams that have performed with distinction at the Summer Festival (won the Youth category) and they have been consistent top performers in various Tasmanian championships over the past 12 months.

Another review

For the many lovers of Chinese cuisine amongst our visitors this week, look no further than next door to the Chifley. Within the Kythera Motel lies the "Superior Peking" restaurant, serving high-class Chinese meals for both lunch and dinner. Lunch is served in the traditional Yum Cha style.

For dinner, it is worth going in a group of at least four people, as the "banquets" provide wonderful value. For \$20 a head, the banquet consists firstly of fried mixed entrees (spring rolls, fried sesame toasts, and lovely crunchy mermaids' tresses or fried spinach). Then there is succulent tender garlic king prawns, boneless chicken with lemon or peking sauce, sizzling mongolian lamb, Chinese vegetables and fried rice. Everything is piping hot, fresh-tasting and zesty. The value of the banquet is obvious by comparison with the regular menu where the ambrosial garlic prawns are priced at \$20.90 on their own.

There is a more extensive banquet menu at \$28 per head, which is superb. Service is friendly and very fast, and the wines are moderately priced, making an altogether satisfactory dining experience.

Patricia Back

Upcoming ABF events

Retireinvest Sydney Festival
Bondi 13-16 September
Val Cummings: 02 9959 4946

Australian Swiss Pairs
Hobart 13-14 October
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Today's Matches

	Open	Women	Seniors
10.30	SA vs Qld NSW vs ACT WA vs Vic NT vs Tas	SA vs WA Qld vs NSW NT vs ACT Vic vs Tas	Vic vs SA WA vs NSW Tas vs ACT Qld vs NT
2.30	SA vs NSW ACT vs Qld NT vs Vic WA vs Tas	WA vs NSW SA vs Qld Vic vs ACT NT vs Tas	NSW vs Vic SA vs WA ACT vs Qld NT vs Tas

Appeal # 4

Seniors' Rd 8, Qld vs SA, Bd 8

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Clarke	Berger	Parrott	Rusher
No	1♣	Dbl	1♥
No	No	Dbl	Rdbl
2♣	No	No	3♠
No	4♥	End	

Result: 4♥/S, +420 NS

Ruling: Before doubling a second time, East claims that he asked whether South's 1♥ bid was forcing. North indicated that, as he had passed, the implication is that it was n't. NS appear to have no firm agreement.

Therefore Misinformation, score adjusted to NS +170 under Laws 21b3, 40c, 12c2.

NS appealed: There was no clear agreement on the status of 1♥. East's second double was opportunistic, having completely described his hand by the first double.

EW responded: If North had said "No clear agreement" the Director would have been called. With North away from the table, South would have explained 1♥ as forcing then East would pass 1♥.

Committee (M Prescott, S Hinge, M Scudder, P Evans, D Jesner): It is illogical for East to take further action after partner's failure to act over 1♥. Score adjusted to the table result, +420 in 4♥. A procedural penalty of 3 IMPs imposed on NS for the system misunderstanding.

More on Appeal # 3 (Bulletin 11). Phil Gue took me to task for comments on the fine imposed. It seems the Committee imposed the severe 3 VP procedural penalty (equivalent to about 10 IMPs), partly to restore equity in an 8-board

match. This left NS square and took 10 IMPs from EW, which approaches equity.

The old (?) alternative was to award an artificial score (say ¾ of +650 and ¼ of -200, or just plain +500), with or without a smaller fine, which would swing about 3 IMPs both ways.

That was a messy method. However, the effect of the fines method is to make it harder for the appealing side to actually gain IMPs.

I reckon a fine, if imposed, should be a set amount for a given infraction, irrespective of the damage.

See Appeal # 4 above, where the NS infraction was deemed not to be the cause of the damage, yet they were still fined 3 IMPs.

The Committee seems to be incorporating some of the adjustment into the fine. Is that the way things are done these days? (I'm out of touch) One for the Director's Bulletin, please Laurie.

Okay, which card won the first trick:

Teams 5, Bd 12, Tas vs Qld Open

W/NS	♠ A Q J 3		
	♥ A 10 2		
	♦ A 9 7 6 4 2		
	♣ —		
♠ 9 6		♠ K 10 2	
♥ Q 7 6		♥ K J 9	
♦ 5		♦ K J 8 3	
♣ Q 9 8 7 6 5 3		♣ K 10 2	
	♠ 8 7 5 4		
	♥ 8 5 4 3		
	♦ Q 10		
	♣ A J 4		

East led the ♣2 against 3♠ by North. Declarer planned to ruff this in hand to lead a diamond towards dummy's queen but something strange happened.

West thought the lead was a singleton, placing declarer with the K-10. So he declined to put up his queen. In fact he was in a very declining mood and played the ♣3! Declarer had the presence of mind to discard a heart so the ♣4 had won trick 1. Surely a galactic record!

Fast and furious

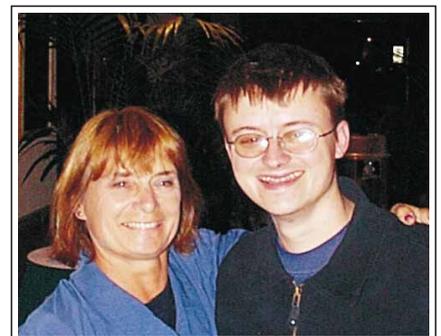
Teams 12, Bd 6			
E/EW	♠ 9 2		
	♥ Q J 10 5 4 3		
	♦ 7 2		
	♣ 9 5 2		
♠ A K Q J 8 7 6 5		♠ 10	
♥ A		♥ 9 2	
♦ J		♦ A K 10 6 5 4 3	
♣ Q 6 4		♣ J 7 3	
	♠ 4 3		
	♥ K 8 7 6		
	♦ Q 9 8		
	♣ A K 10 8		

The Open match between NSW and Qld was pure Double Bay, fast and cavalier. Matthew McManus could have made this 6♣ on a heart lead. Just run the trumps, coming to this ending:

♠ 5	♠ —
♥ —	♥ —
♦ J	♦ A K 10
♣ Q 6 4	♣ J 7
	♠ —
	♥ —
	♦ Q 9 8
	♣ A K

Pitch a club on the last trump, cash the ♦A and exit with the ♣J. He didn't try too hard, getting the score without the sweat in 4♠xx, making five for +1480. Ziggy was in a strange mood; it was that kind of match. Was the redouble wise (since 5♥ escapes for -500)? It was clear-cut – real men don't run!

Then Jim opened like real man, 3♣ vulnerable on ♣AKQTx and out. I'd seen enough – NSW had their maximum. Shades of the Surfers Semi.



Pam & her prodigal son. Pam is in the NT Women's Team, Tony in the NSW Open.