



Quick off the blocks

In the Open, the three contenders have started to make a break. The only question – who will miss out?

It's been wild in the Seniors – look at all those decimals. The Women seem to be playing tight, serious bridge, while we all know early scores are meaningless in the Youth. In the real world, the Springboks beat the Wallabies 33-20 and England need to 264 win with 5 wickets in hand.

Pay attention captains!

The captains' meeting on Saturday morning was predictably dull and under-attended. Here's a quick summary:

No dressing gowns in Youth games!

Away teams should put their lineups up 30 minutes before start time then the home team fills in the gaps. Home is listed first in the booklets but second on Martin's seating sheets. Go figure.

Players to be seated 5 minutes before start time. 24 board matches, 180 minutes to get the score in. Captain of the away team hands in the agreed result.

Scoring is the usual +/- IMPs to 35, then 10ths to +37.5 or -40. This makes for a swingy event – a team 70 IMPs behind you will pass you if they drill you.

In round 1, five tables – mostly Open – failed to record contracts on the table sheets, just results. Not good because Martin is planning to post every contract on the net, a good service.

Welcome lunch

A good local turnout for the welcome lunch at the YWCA, though many of the interstaters were absent, having flown down in the morning then checked into their hotels. Fair enough, though some of the teams from Tassie and WA had arrived on Friday or earlier. Remember that Sydney is often regarded as the world's number 1 tourist destination!

Boys like diamonds too

South Australia and ACT are expected to fight out the Youth again so I watched their Round 2 clash.

Teams 2, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ K 8 3
 ♥ K 10 6 3
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ Q J 9

♠ Q 7
 ♥ 5 4 2
 ♦ A 6 5 4
 ♣ A 7 5 4

♠ A 10 8 5
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K J 9 3 2
 ♣ 8 6 3

♠ J 9 4 2
 ♥ A Q J 9 7
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 10 2

WEST Williams	NORTH Ware	EAST Croft	SOUTH Griffiths
		2♦!	dbl
4♦	4♥	end	

Dealer at favourable in a youth game – what do you expect? True, North-South might reach the failing 4♥ under their own steam but the quick 2-4 ensured an EW plus.

This had no play so long as the defence stays off spades, which they did. -100.

Teams 2, Bd 3

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

♠ 9 6 3 2
 ♥ 9 5 4 2
 ♦ K 8 4 3
 ♣ 6

♠ K Q J 4
 ♥ A J 10 7 6 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ Q 9

♠ 8
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ A J 7 6 2
 ♣ J 8 7 5 2

WEST Williams	NORTH Ware	EAST Croft	SOUTH Griffiths
			2♦
no	2NT	3♥	dbl
no	5♦	no	no
dbl	end		

Same conditions on the next board so another weak 2♦, this time from Nye for ACT. They missed their club fit, which should have been costly

ANC Teams after 2 Rds

Open

1st	Vic	72.4
2nd	NSW	43
3rd	ACT	32
4th	Tas	15
5th	Qld	12.6
6th	SA	-30.6
7th	WA	-72
8th	NT	-72.4

Women's

1st	Tas	23
2nd	ACT	18
3rd	Qld	14
4th	NSW	4
5th	WA	-7
6th	SA	-12
7th	Vic	-40

Seniors

1st	SA	66.6
2nd	WA	55.8
3rd	Qld	36.7
4th	NSW	32.4
5th	NT	-0.4
6th	ACT	-50
7th	Vic	-70.9
8th	Tas	-73.9

Youth

1st	Qld	68
2nd	Vic	28
3rd	SA	12
4th	WA	14
5th	ACT	-43
6th	NSW	-51

but Justin Williams led a heart instead of a club. +550.

Teams 2, Bd 7

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

♠ A K 6
 ♥ A J 4
 ♦ A K 7 2
 ♣ J 9 5

♠ 10 9 4 2
 ♥ Q 9 6 3
 ♦ Q J 9 6
 ♣ 3

♠ J 8 7 3
 ♥ K 10 7 5
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ Q 7 2

WEST Williams	NORTH Ware	EAST Croft	SOUTH Griffiths
1♦	2♣	dbl	3♣
Dbl	no	3♦	no
5♦!	end		

5♦ is a fair stab and could have made. Griff Ware led a top club and switched to a heart. Williams won the ♥J, ruffed two clubs, could have drawn trumps then thrown South in with the ♠J. The 6-3 club break means South is down to majors.

Teams 2, Bd 9

♠ QJ10854	♠ —
♥ 4	♥ AKQ1093
♦ 8	♦ K1063
♣ 98642	♣ 753
♠ A973	♠ —
♥ J87	♥ AKQ1093
♦ A2	♦ K1063
♣ AKQ10	♣ 753
♠ K62	
♥ 652	
♦ QJ9754	
♣ J	

WEST Williams	NORTH Ware	EAST Croft	SOUTH Griffiths
6♥	3♠!	4♥	4♠
	end		

Good pressure. Would 4NT be RKCB? If so, any sort of king-ask over 5♠ would work. N-S can save in 6♠ or 7♠. How does that go?

In the Open, David Lilley lead a top heart against 6♠x then found the good diamond switch. This stopped club ruffs and kept declarer to five trump tricks and -1700.

Here's a hand from the first match:

Teams 1, Bd 2

E/NS	♠ 98642	♠ Q
	♥ J96	♥ Q1075432
	♦ 743	♦ 1052
	♣ 103	♣ 52
♠ KJ		
♥ 8		
♦ K8		
♣ AKQJ9874		
	♠ A10753	
	♥ AK	
	♦ AQJ96	
	♣ 6	

A few Wests made 3NT, including Darko Janzekovic - Sanmugar Kamalasarara for Queensland Open,

First Warm-up Butler

Friday 22nd July

- 1st Nye Griffiths & Griff Ware
2nd Eric & Pam Nunn

Winners receive \$60 restaurant vouchers from *Uchi Lounge* or *The Clove Indian Restaurant*. First and second also receive wine from our sponsor De Bortoli.



Lindfield Swiss Pairs

- 1st Terry Brown & Sue Ingham
2nd Les Lowe & Les Varadi

who scored +550. It's not so tough to shoot 3NT on a spade lead – it can hardly cost to cash ♥A-K, forcing declarer to pitch a winning club. Then exit with a black card and sit back. +100 is normal since West won't allow you to play the making 4♠.

Timetable – at NSWBA

Interstate Teams

(Open/Women/Seniors/Youth)
Sun - Wed 10.30, 2.45, 8pm

Interstate Finals

Thu 10am, 2.45
Vugraph at 7.30

then, at Masonic Centre

Interstate Pairs (5 categories)

Fri 10.30 & 2.30

Victory Dinner

Fri 7.30

Stage 1 Butler

Sat 30th 10am, 2pm, 7.30
Sun 10am & 2pm

Stage 3 finishes Friday 5 Aug

Youth triathlon at NSWBA

5-7 August, Fri - Sun
Teams, Pairs then Individual!

World Youth Championships

7-17 August
at Olympic Park Homebush

Sunday's matches

You can order lunch today from Café Sqizito downstairs

Rd	time	table	Open & Seniors	Women's	Youth
3	Sun – 10.30	1	SA v Tas	Vic SA	NSW v SA
		2	WA v Qld	NSW v Qld	Vic v Qld
		3	NSW v Vic		WA v ACT
		4	NT v ACT	WA v Tas	
4	Sun – 2.45	1	Tas v NT	SA v WA	SA v WA
		2	Qld v SA	Qld v Vic	NSW v Qld
		3	Vic v WA	ACT v NSW	Vic v ACT
		4	ACT v NSW		
5	Sun – 8 pm	1	ACT v Tas	Tas v SA	Qld v SA
		2	Qld v Vic	ACT v Qld	ACT v NSW
		3	NT v NSW		Vic v WA
		4	WA v SA	NSW v Vic	

Support events – week 1

Mon	Kings & Queens	1.30
	Double Bay	7.30
Tue	Lindfield	1pm
	Kings & Queens	7.30
Wed	Willoughby	7.30
Thu	Double Bay	10am
	Kings & Queens	10am
	Willoughby	10.45
	Lindfield	11am

Red points in all sessions. Lindfield (9416 2500) and Willoughby (9411 3527) or on the NORTH Shore. Double Bay Bridge Centre (9326 2072) and Kings & Queens (9327 2546) are in the Eastern Suburbs.

There is a \$200 prize for the top score in the four Thursday games.