



The longest day

70 boards today in Stage 3 – two matches in the morning then three after lunch, finishing at 8pm. However, the ANC Swiss Pairs finishes at the usual 6pm tonight, and again tomorrow.

After four rounds, Queenslanders Neville Francis and Magnus Moren have jumped out to a decent lead. They played on the Queensland Open team that came third in last week's Interstate. This is what their Captain – Tom Strong – wrote about them:

“Neville is from Warwick in the Darling Downs. He has won almost all state championships that he is eligible for. He is our first Silver Grand Master from outside Brisbane.

“Magnus learned to play in Sweden as a teenager and has had a long and successful bridge career at the state and interstate level. When he arrived in Australia, he soon moved to the Gold Coast and went into business.”

Meanwhile, the ANC Swiss Pairs is led by two pairs of unknowns, literally. On the web, they are both listed as **Unknown, Unknown**. Presumably this is because these young Polish pairs don't have ABF numbers. This is a pity, because overseas visitors like their friends back home to be able to track their progress online. Please, Martin can we do something about this?



*Krysstof Buras & Konrad Araszkwicz
 1 of 3 young Polish pairs warming up for next week's World Juniors*

Round 1

In the first Stage 3 match, I watched Ian Robinson & Arjuna Delivera against Ed Barnes & Candice Feitelson.

The ACT pair were lucky to catch Ed in the first match of the day. He looked under the weather, going down in a routine 3NT. Here is the play – card by card. No, I'm not that mean.

Some of the better hands:

Stage 3, Rd 1, Bd 3

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

WEST Barnes	NORTH DeLivera	EAST Feitelson	SOUTH Robinson
1NT	no	2♦	no
2♥	dbl	no	2♠ !?
end			

No guts by Robinson. Fair enough since they were well up at the time, so he didn't want to risk -670. This made easily enough when East hopped on a heart off dummy to lead the ♣J. Note that 2♥x is -500 on the

Stage 3 after 4 of 13 Rds

Open

1	N Francis & M Moren	84
2	G Gaspar & S Browne	78
3	A DeLivera & I Robinson	73
4	P Gill & M Bloom	72
5	B Richman & M Derofe	71
6	S Tishler & A Sarten	69
7	R Jedrychowski P Wyer	67
8	M Chen & J Li	67
9	B Neill & R Klinger	62
10	K Morrison & M Chadwick	54
11	S Hans & C Ritter	52
12	S Hinge & C Chua	50
13	E Barnes & C Feitelson	44
14	B Coles & A Braithwaite	40

Women's

1	S Lusk & T Tully	79
2	K Neale & H Renton	77
3	M Scudder & I Glander	73
4	R Jamieson D McKinnon	70
5	W Driscoll & D Greenfeld	69
6	R Kaplan & P Schroor	66
7	J Snow & H Borman	65
8	E Berger & J Faranda	64
9	C Lachman & C Mill	64
10	A Anderson & B Stacey	58
11	M Watts & B Folkard	55
12	J Abrams & E Whitby	50
13	V Goldberg & S Gerdan	50
14	P Rickard & J Twigg	46

Seniors

1	M Bourke & E Ramshaw	78
2	R Stuart & G Lane	74
3	A & F Halmos	73
4	J Collins & S Klofa	71
5	B Noble & G Bilski	69
6	R Gallus & M Dilks	69
7	M Askew & J Brown	64
8	D Brooks & P Hammond	63
9	L Calcraft & P Fordham	63
10	L Lowe & P Kahler	62
11	P Bayliss & J McGeary	59
12	K Daws & F Lyons	56
13	G Atkinson & J Kahler	51
14	R Liepins & M Draper	36

ABF events

Stage 3

Thu 10am, 2.30 (8pm finish)
 Fri 10am, 2.30 (6pm finish)

Youth triathlon at NSWBA

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

World Youth Championships

8-17 August
 at Olympic Park Homebush

normal trump lead.

A few boards later:

Stage 3, Rd 1, Bd 7

S/Both ♠ AK 7 5
♥ J 9
♦ 10 8
♣ K 10 5 4 2

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

♠ Q J 3
♥ A 10 8 7 3
♦ K J 5 3
♣ A

WEST Barnes	NORTH DeLivera	EAST Feitelson	SOUTH Robinson
			1♥
2♦ ?	dbl	no	2NT ?
no	3NT	end	

Wot, no penalty pass? 2♦x is -1100 on boring defence. If not now, when? Robinson impressed in the play by taking 11 tricks.

Stage 3, Rd 1, Bd 6

E/EW ♠ Q 9
♥ J 7 2
♦ 10 7
♣ AK 10 7 5 4

♠ J 6 2 ♠ AK 5 3
♥ 5 4 ♥ 10 8
♦ A 8 6 4 3 ♦ Q J 5 2
♣ Q 9 8 ♣ J 6 2

♠ 10 8 7 4
♥ AK Q 9 6 3
♦ K 9
♣ 3

WEST Barnes	NORTH DeLivera	EAST Feitelson	SOUTH Robinson
		no	1♥
no	2♣	no	2♥
no	3♥	no	3NT !
end			

The only spot with a chance, since Barnes would surely have led a spade against 4♥. His actual diamond lead against 3NT meant a quick -400.

On Bd 8, Robinson heard his RHO open 2♠ – spades & a minor. Surprisingly, he was looking at

♠ AKQ1053 ♥ A10 ♦ 87 ♣ AK4

After some angst, they reached the normal 3NT for +630. DeLivera was confronted with something similar a few boards later:

Stage 3, Rd 1, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ AKQ8
♥ AQJ932
♦ A8
♣ 5

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

♠ J 9 6 5
♥ 8
♦ J 10 7 5 3
♣ A Q 3

WEST Barnes	NORTH DeLivera	EAST Feitelson	SOUTH Robinson
2♥ !	dbl	3♦ *	3♥
No	3NT	4♣	4♠
5♣	6♠	end	

A lot of bidding by East-West drove NS to slam and may have helped Robinson make it. He won the ♦A at trick 1 and finessed in clubs, thinking he'd still have chances if it lost. When the ♣Q held, I thought he would take the heart finesse but Robinson saw that he didn't need it. He played a heart to the ace then claimed on a cross-ruff. Quite right! The result: 25-1.



Robbo was in good declaring form

In Round Two, I sat to watch the title holders – Bruce Neill and Ron Klinger – play Maryo Derofe and Bobby Richman.

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Klinger - Neill missed a few opportunities in defence and it ended a draw.

Stage 3, Rd 2, Bd 18

E/NS ♠ 9
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 8 2
♣ AQ 8 7 6 5

♠ A 7 6 5 ♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ AK Q 6 ♥ 10 5 3
♦ A Q ♦ J 9 5 4
♣ 9 4 3 ♣ K

♠ 4 3 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ J 10 2

A number failed in this decent slam, including Bloom - Gill who reached it after a 2♠ opening by East.

It will make on a major lead – draw trumps then go for four heart tricks to pitch the ♠K.

George Gaspar led a low diamond from South and was surprised and disappointed to see declarer rise on this instead of finessing.

Stage 3, Rd 2, Bd 26

E/A II ♠ J 9 7
♥ J 3
♦ K J 10 8
♣ A J 8 2

♠ A 8 ♠ K Q 5 4
♥ Q 10 8 ♥ AK 6
♦ Q 5 3 2 ♦ A 7 6
♣ 10 9 6 5 ♣ K 4 3

♠ 10 6 3 2
♥ 9 7 5 4 2
♦ 9 4
♣ Q 7

Moren played this 3NT from West on the ♦J lead. He ran this to his ♦Q and played a club to the king. It was all over in 30 seconds.

In the match I was watching, Richman played it from East after 1♣ – 2♣ – 3NT and received a spade lead. He won the ♠Q and led a diamond to the queen and king for one down.

You need a long neck to make it on a spade lead – win in dummy then play a club to the king and another to South's ♣Q. Win the exit in hand, play majors to strip North, then throw North in with a club.

Average in the Open was +470 EW which suggests that most Wests bid 1NT over East's 1♣ opening.

Stage 3, Rd 2, Bd 27

S/Nil ♠ Q J 7 2
 ♥ A J 10 5 3
 ♦ J
 ♣ 10 9 3

♠ 9 8 ♠ A 6
 ♥ 7 4 ♥ Q 9 6 2
 ♦ Q 10 7 6 5 2 ♦ A 9 8
 ♣ J 5 2 ♣ AKQ 6

♠ K 10 5 4 3
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ K 4 3
 ♣ 8 7 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Derofe	Klinger	Richman	Neill

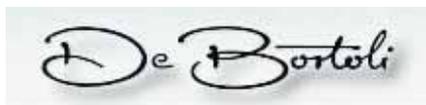
2♠!

no	3♠	dbl	no
4♦	no	no	no

A typical modern 2♠ by South. Oh, how we old-timers wish they'd go for 1100 more often.

Good judgement from Richman, firstly in doubling rather than gambling 3NT; then flagging it away on his 19-count.

Derofe won the spade lead in dummy to play ♦A-another. Neill erred by ducking and that was that – a loser went away on the fourth club. Would Klinger have player ♦J with ♦QJ? It seemed wise not to ask.



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We need hands!

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10th World Youth Bridge Championships

The Accor Hotels 2005 World Youth Teams Championship starts with the opening ceremony on Sunday 7th August. In keeping with Bridge's profile as a member of the Olympic movement the event will take place at the Sydney Showground Main Arena Members rooms in Sydney's Olympic Park.

Bridge players are invited to attend live VuGraph with an outstanding array of local commentators including Ishmael Del'Monte, Ron Klinger, Bruce Neill and others. These free presentations start at 10:00am finishing around 8:30pm with a break for lunch. During the finals on Monday and Tuesday 16th August there are also evening sessions.

For those of you who can't make it to the venue the organisers are planning a minimum of 3 tables of online BBO live VuGraph. For software and instructions go to - its that easy.

VENUE

Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush Bay, Sydney

The Championships will be held at the Sydney Showground Members Facilities within the Sydney Olympic Park. This is within 100 metres of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Stadium which is located approximately 20 minutes from the CBD of Sydney.

The Championship will start on Sunday 7 August 2005 with the Opening Ceremony at 5pm. The

Captains' Meeting will have taken place one hour earlier (4 pm). The first match is planned to be played on Monday morning at 10am (but teams should be prepared to play it on Sunday night, if necessary), and the qualifying stage will continue until Sunday 14 August, with free times for sightseeing, etc.

The semifinals are to take place on Monday 15 August, the day the Swiss Pairs begin. The final starts on Tuesday, together with the playoff for third place. The Swiss Pairs and the playoff will be concluded on this day, while the final will continue until Wednesday afternoon.

The Championship will end with the Victory Banquet on the evening of Wednesday 17 August 2005. Departure is on Thursday, after breakfast.

Competing countries:

Australia, England, France, Hungary, Israel, Norway, Poland, Canada, USA 1 & 2, Brazil, Chile, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, New Zealand, Egypt.

Appeal # 4

Butler Stage 2, Rd 7, Bd 17

N/Nil ♠ J 6 5 2
♥ Q 10
♦ A 3 2
♣ J 10 8 6

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

♠ K Q 7 4
♥ K 9 8
♦ J 10 9
♣ Q 9 5

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Mottram	Strong	Yezerki	Magee
	no	no	no *
1♥	no	2♥	no
no	2♠	end	

* alleged break in tempo

Result: 2♠/N made 8 tricks, +110

Director: I was called at the conclusion of play. EW claimed that South had broken tempo before passing in third seat, now disputed. The directing staff believe that pass was not a Logical Alternative for North, given the vulnerability, EW's fit & limited values.

Appellants: The Appeals Adviser concurred that it did seem to be a Logical Alternative for North to pass 2♥.

Committee (R Grenside, K Moses, M Prescott, E Ramshaw, M Scudder): Unauthorised Information was present; pass was a logical alternative action. Contract adjusted to 2♥/W. +50 to NS.

EW were probably hoping for more than -50 since it takes pinpoint defence to shoot 2♥/W. Has to be a club lead, South has to play ♣5, etc.
- Ed.

NO NO
CORRECT

= right under my nose
Now a very easy one

NOW IN HERE

Mahogany Leather

Youth Triathlon

This weekend at the NSWBA. Starts Friday night at 7.45 with Teams, then Pairs, then Individual. Finishes around 1pm Sunday. Note that the Opening Ceremony of the World Junior Teams is on 5.30 Sunday at Homebush.

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