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AN APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR

First of all, I apologise for a couple of misrepresentations of what *actually* happened in yesterday's report on the NSW and ACT Open match. Kibitzing the last match of the day is always risky, with team members racing off for dinner, naps or simply fleeing the scene of the carnage.

I chose to believe what I was told by a couple of the players, rather than chasing them up to find out the true facts.

On Board 14, East opened a 14-16 INT with ♠1075, ♥Q8, ♦AKJ972, ♣A7, and South bid 2♣, showing a single-suiter. West bid 5♣, and there the matter rested. That makes the curious lead of ♦4 less curious – North was simply trying to find partner's suit. If I had known the facts, I would have given South a black mark for not bidding 5♥ – partner must have a singleton club at most.

The hand again:

Board 14, East deals, nil vulnerable

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

On Board 6 of Round 6, I was categorically told that the opening lead to 3NT was a diamond, when it was, in fact, a spade, just as in the Open Room. East won ♠A, and shifted to ♥J at trick two. South rose ♥K immediately, playing for East to hold four hearts, and hoping that ♥10 would block the run of the suit. East had opened a nebulous Precision-style 1♦, so the shape of the hand was unknown, apart from the probable singleton spade.

TOMORROW'S TIMETABLE

10:00am

Walk-in Pairs W04
ANC Interstate Teams

1:30pm

ANC Interstate Teams

2:00pm

Eastern Shore Bridge Club Graded Pairs
C04 (2 of 2)

7:30pm

Kingborough BC Swiss Pairs C0

MATCH OF THE DAY NSW V. WA WOMEN

OK, that's off my chest—now onto the *match de jour* – where I grilled the other table to find out about the auctions I needed to know about before they fled the scene!

NS in the Closed Room for Western Australia in Match 8, the first match of the second round robin were seasoned campaigner Wendy Driscoll in partnership with Shizue Futaesaku, and Lorna Ichilcik – Lynn Kalmin EW for New South Wales.



Lorna, Shizue, Lynn and Wendy



On Board 1, who should take the push to 5♠ over 5♥ – or perhaps double, so that partner does not lead a spade? At the table I watched:

Board 1, North deals, nil vulnerable

| | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| ♠ J 10 7 6 4 ♥ — ♦ Q J 7 6 2 ♣ A J 10 | ♠ 3 ♥ J 7 6 4 ♦ A 10 9 8 5 4 ♣ 8 7 | ♠ A Q ♥ K Q 10 9 3 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ K 4 3 | ♠ K 9 8 5 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ — ♣ Q 9 6 5 2 |
| WEST <i>Kalmin</i> 5♥ | NORTH <i>Driscoll</i> 2♠ ¹ All Pass | EAST <i>Ichilcik</i> Pass | SOUTH <i>Futaesaku</i> 4♠ |

I. Spades and another, weak

In a “switched on” partnership, i.e., one where such situations have been discussed—South’s double should not just show cards, it should suggest partner not make her standard lead - here a spade. 5♥ doubled goes three down on a diamond lead, and if North or South is scared 5♥ will make, there is always the option of a retreat to 5♠ – which makes effortlessly. Nevertheless, 5♥ undoubled down one was a push at both tables.

Board 3, South deals, EW vulnerable

| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| ♠ K 10 8 ♥ A K 9 ♦ K 6 4 3 2 ♣ K 9 | ♠ J 4 2 ♥ J 8 3 2 ♦ J 9 ♣ Q 10 7 2 | ♠ A Q 9 7 5 3 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 8 7 ♣ 8 6 3 | ♠ 6 ♥ Q 10 6 5 ♦ A Q 10 5 ♣ A J 5 4 |
| WEST <i>Kalmin</i> Pass Pass Pass Pass | NORTH <i>Driscoll</i> 2♦ ¹ 3♥ ² 4♦ ³ 6♦ | EAST <i>Ichilcik</i> Pass Pass Pass All Pass | SOUTH <i>Futaesaku</i> 1♦ 3♣ ² 3♠ ² 5♣ ⁴ |

1. Game forcing
2. Control showing
3. Key Card
4. Two Key Cards plus ♦Q

This fine sequence earned 10 IMPs, when 3NT was the contract in the Open Room. In fairness, the 1♦ bid worked extremely well, as I heard of at least one auction in the Women’s where South opened 1♣, and over North’s 1♦ response, East bid 1♠. Slam should still be found after that start, as South should bid 2♠, a good raise in diamonds, not 2♦.

The weak notrump did not work as well as Standard on the next deal. Examine the two auctions:

Board 5, North deals, NS vulnerable

| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| ♠ K 10 8 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ A K ♣ Q J 6 3 2 | ♠ A Q J 9 3 2 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ Q 10 7 ♣ K | ♠ 7 6 4 ♥ Q J 6 4 3 ♦ J 9 8 5 2 ♣ — | ♠ 5 ♥ A 2 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ A 10 9 8 7 5 4 |
| WEST <i>Kalmin</i> 4♥ All Pass | NORTH <i>Driscoll</i> 1♣ 4♠ ³ | EAST <i>Ichilcik</i> 2NT ¹ Pass | SOUTH <i>Futaesaku</i> 3♦ ² 5♣ |

1. Diamonds and hearts!
2. Undiscussed
3. Thinking the 3♦ bid showed spades

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Open Room

| | | | |
|------|----------|-----------------|------------------|
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| | INT | 2♦ ¹ | 2NT ² |
| 3♣ | All Pass | | |

1. DONT, diamonds + a higher suit
2. Lebensohl

Which one do you prefer?

The advantage of knowing one has a big fit makes a huge difference to South's decision – it could be right or wrong to bid on in clubs, However, selling out to 3♣ seems very timid and unilateral.

North has good defence against spades, so who can blame her for not competing past 3♣, although North must know that partner's suit is clubs.

5♣ in the Open Room, an easy +600, went well with the +170 from 3♣ making four when the defence went astray; 13 IMPs to WA.

What do you lead, holding ♠432, ♥Q76, ♦K654, ♣Q94 against 4♥ after the following bidding?

| | | | |
|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
| Kalmin | Driscoll | Ichilcik | Futaesaku |
| | Pass | 4♣ ¹ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

1. Splinter

Board 7, South deals, all vulnerable

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

A passive spade seems recommended with probable length in diamonds and spades in dummy. If South wins ♠K and switches to ♦J, declarer has to take a winning view in trumps to make the contract. At both tables, the lead was a low diamond, so no swing; 10 easy tricks in 4♥.

“When you're fixed, stay fixed” and “the five-level is for the opponents” should be mantras for the player who bid 5♥ on the next deal:

Board 12, West deals, NS vulnerable

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

The WA pair I grilled, Heather Williams and Sue Pynt, couldn't remember which of their opponents had bid on to 5♥ (to protect the guilty). After EW have reached 4♣, there is no safety for NS at the five-level, given South has only made a tiny noise.

Well done to the WA pair in finding the good 4♣ save (East doubled North's 1♥, West bid 2♠ over South's 2♥ bid, and one of them saved over 4♥), which goes for +300 on best defence. Doubling 4♣ is better than bidding 5♥ and going down one.

How do you play Q95 opposite 74 in notrumps after a low card led through the three-card holding at trick one? Correct, Einstein, up with the queen! Works well here:

Board 13, North deals, all vulnerable

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

When you play low after ♥6 lead from the South seat in your INT contract, the opponents cash four hearts (East puts in ♥8 at trick one), with the fourth heart won in the East hand. A club shift makes everything a little uncomfortable now.

You win the club. If you choose to play a diamond to the 10, king and ace, you are soon back in dummy with the second club stopper. When ♦Q brings a spade discard from East, your goose is cooked, as you have been under pressure from

discarding on the heart suit, and finish two down for -200. *Deep Finesse* annoyingly tells you later that you can make nine tricks in notrumps. 8 IMPs to NSW; INT -200 and INT +180.

Board 16, West deals, EW vulnerable

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

How to play 4♠ from the South seat? East overcalls partner's opening 1♦ bid with a vulnerable 1♥, raised to 2♥ by West when you bid 1♠.

Futaesaku was under pressure when Ichilcik, East won ♥A at trick one, cashed ♥Q then switched to ♣2. Declarer tried ♣Q, covered by the king, and she won dummy's ace. After drawing trumps, she ruffed her last heart, then played a club towards ♣107, hoping ♣J was onside.

No luck, 10 IMPs out. 4♠ was played from the North hand on ♦8 lead in the Open Room, presumably after a INT opening and transfer sequence from South. Chalk it up to the weak notrump if you like, but I believe the deal illustrates the folly of leading high spot doubletons when there are other more passive leads available.

Board 18, East deals, NS vulnerable

| | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| ♠ K Q J 7 2 ♥ Q J 9 8 ♦ A 3 ♣ 10 2 | ♠ 10 5 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ K 9 6 2 ♣ A K Q 4 | | |
| ♠ 6 3 ♥ 7 6 ♦ Q 10 7 4 ♣ J 9 8 7 5 | ♠ A 9 8 4 ♥ A 5 3 2 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ 6 3 | | |
| WEST <i>Kalmin</i> 3♦ All Pass | NORTH <i>Driscoll</i> 3♠ | EAST <i>Ichilcik</i> 1♦ Pass | SOUTH <i>Futaesaku</i> Pass 4♠ |

Lynn Kalmin helped earn 12 IMPs for NSW when she made a preemptive raise in diamonds in the sequence shown on the previous column. It was easy for East to cash two club tricks and shift to a diamond, leaving declarer without resource.

In the Open Room, West passed her partner's opening bid, so East resolved *never* to broach diamonds. She cashed two clubs, and shifted safely to a trump. Declarer drew trumps and played on hearts, advancing ♥Q, covered with the king and ace. She followed with a heart to the jack, then put East in with a third heart. Fearing a diamond was going to whistle around to North's ♦AQ, East led a third club, giving a ruff and sluff, the contract, and 12 IMPs to NSW.

My final hand for today's sermon concerns differentiating between hands where I want to *compete* for the partscore and hands where *I might have a shot at game*. With ♠Q10, ♥2, ♦AK973, ♣AK842, I am too strong to bid 2♣, DONT, showing clubs and a higher suit. I think it could easily be our hand, so I am in with a penalty double every day of the week, and twice on Sunday!

The full hand:

Board 19, South deals, EW vulnerable

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

Maybe this is another weak notrump gain, because in the Closed Room, East overcalled North's 1♣ opening with 1♦, and West bid a constructive INT, making it much easier to reach 3NT.

In the end, 102 IMPs were traded in the match, NSW emerging with a small win, 54 – 48 IMPs♥♣



OPEN AFTER ROUND 2, ROUND ROBIN 2

| Place | Team | Name | Score | IMPs |
|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| 1 | 1 | NSW | 97.5 | 111 |
| 2 | 2 | ACT | 56.7 | 63 |
| 3 | 3 | QLD | 43.7 | 54 |
| 4 | 4 | WA | 28 | 37 |
| 5 | 5 | VIC | -64.3 | -71 |
| 6 | 6 | TAS | -72.7 | -88 |
| 7 | 7 | SA | -88.9 | -106 |

SENIORS AFTER ROUND 2, ROUND ROBIN 2

| Place | Team | Name | Score | IMPs |
|-------|------|------|--------|------|
| 1 | 1 | ACT | 93.5 | 107 |
| 2 | 3 | VIC | 70.1 | 85 |
| 3 | 4 | TAS | 45.3 | 48 |
| 4 | 2 | SA | 32.7 | 48 |
| 5 | 5 | WA | -63.5 | -65 |
| 6 | 6 | QLD | -77 | -95 |
| 7 | 7 | NSW | -101.9 | -128 |

WOMEN AFTER ROUND 2, ROUND ROBIN 2

| Place | Team | Name | Score | IMPs |
|-------|------|------|--------|------|
| 1 | 1 | QLD | 201.9 | 265 |
| 2 | 2 | WA | 90.1 | 143 |
| 3 | 3 | ACT | 90 | 90 |
| 4 | 5 | NSW | -27.3 | -12 |
| 5 | 6 | TAS | -41.4 | -27 |
| 6 | 4 | SA | -75.1 | -130 |
| 7 | 7 | VIC | -84.9 | -93 |
| 8 | 8 | NT | -154.1 | -236 |

YOUTH AFTER ROUND 4, ROUND ROBIN 2

| Place | Team | Name | Score | IMPs |
|-------|------|------|--------|------|
| 1 | 3 | NSW | 140 | 178 |
| 2 | 6 | VIC | 95.9 | 104 |
| 3 | 5 | QLD | 92.6 | 147 |
| 4 | 4 | ACT | -59.6 | -56 |
| 5 | 2 | SA | -128.6 | -179 |
| 6 | 1 | WA | -143.6 | -194 |

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OPEN DRAW

| Round | Match 1 | Match 2 | Match 3 | Match 4 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | NSW V BYE | VIC V ACT | QLD V TAS | SA V WA |
| 2 | NSW V SA | ACT V BYE | VIC V QLD | WA V TAS |
| 3 | TAS V NSW | ACT V SA | BYE V QLD | WA V VIC |
| 4 | NSW V VIC | TAS V ACT | SA V QLD | WA V BYE |
| 5 | NSW V WA | QLD V ACT | BYE V VIC | TAS V SA |
| 6 | QLD V NSW | ACT V WA | SA V VIC | BYE V TAS |
| 7 | ACT V NSW | WA V QLD | VIC V TAS | SA V BYE |

SENIORS DRAW

| Round | Match 1 | Match 2 | Match 3 | Match 4 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | ACT V BYE | SA V WA | VIC V QLD | TAS V NSW |
| 2 | ACT V NSW | BYE V SA | WA V VIC | QLD V TAS |
| 3 | ACT V QLD | NSW V SA | VIC V BYE | WA V TAS |
| 4 | WA V ACT | QLD V SA | VIC V NSW | BYE V TAS |
| 5 | TAS V ACT | VIC V SA | BYE V WA | NSW V QLD |
| 6 | ACT V VIC | SA V TAS | NSW V WA | QLD V BYE |
| 7 | SA V ACT | TAS V VIC | QLD V WA | NSW V BYE |

WOMENS DRAW

| Round | Match 1 | Match 2 | Match 3 | Match 4 |
|-------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | QLD V NT | WA V NSW | ACT V TAS | SA V VIC |
| 2 | QLD V VIC | NT V WA | NSW V ACT | TAS V SA |
| 3 | QLD V TAS | VIC V WA | ACT V NT | NSW V SA |
| 4 | NSW V QLD | TAS V WA | ACT V VIC | NT V SA |
| 5 | SA V QLD | ACT V WA | NT V NSW | VIC V TAS |
| 6 | QLD V ACT | WA V SA | VIC V NSW | TAS V NT |
| 7 | WA V QLD | SA V ACT | TAS V NSW | VIC V NT |

