

OPEN & WOMEN'S BUTLER STAGE 1

George Finikiotis—Gary Lane were in the lead after two rounds of the Open Butler. They faced Ian Robinson—Arjuna deLivera in Round 3.

At the end of the day's play, Arjuna and Ian are in first position.



Arjuna, Gary, Ian and George

Robinson was scathing when de Livera was two down in a freely-bid game:

Board 2, East deals, NS vul

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Robinson	Finikiotis	de Livera	Lane
5♦	All Pass	4♦	Pass

"Another powerhouse opening?" quipped Robinson when de Livera was two down in 5♦. In fact, it is really a NS hand, with 4♥ unbeatable.

SUNDAY'S TIMETABLE

10:00am, 2:00

Open & Women's Butler Stage I

And on Monday . . .

10:00am

Open & Women's Butler Stage I I

Seniors' Butler

2:00pm

Open & Women's Butler Stage I I

Seniors' Butler

ANC Swiss Pairs Matches I—4

10:00, 11:40, 2:00, 3:40

ANC Restricted Pairs Matches I—3

11:40, 2:00, 3:40

West is endplayed, and the defence cannot get to their defensive club trick before South can discard three clubs on the diamond and spade winners in dummy.

The NS system worked against them on Board 9:

Board 2, North deals, EW vul

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Robinson	Finikiotis	de Livera	Lane
2NT ²	2♥ ¹	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass

1. Hearts and another, weak
2. Lebensohl

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**Match 3—Open Butler,
Finikiotis—Lane v. Robinson—de Livera**

Board 3, South deals, EW vul

	♠ K Q J 9 7 3 ♥ 9 6 3 2 ♦ K ♣ 8 3		
♠ 10 5 2 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ Q 8 3 ♣ A Q 4 2	♠ A 4 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ J 9 4 2 ♣ J 9 7	♠ 8 6 ♥ A Q ♦ A 10 7 6 5 ♣ K 10 6 5	
WEST Robinson	NORTH Finikiotis	EAST de Livera	SOUTH Lane
Pass	2♦ ¹	Pass	2♥ ²
Pass	2♠	2NT ³	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

1. Multi
2. Pass or correct
3. Minor takeout

6 IMPs for Robinson—de Livera when East was able to control the auction and found Robinson with a highly suitable hand.

Robinson faced an ugly decision on the following deal:

Board 5, North deals, NS vul

	♠ 10 8 2 ♥ Q 5 4 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ 10 7 5 2		
♠ — ♥ 10 8 7 6 ♦ A K J 9 5 4 ♣ A 9 8	♠ K J 3 ♥ A K J 9 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ J 6 3	♠ A Q 9 7 6 5 4 ♥ 2 ♦ 7 3 ♣ K Q 4	
WEST Robinson	NORTH Finikiotis	EAST de Livera	SOUTH Lane
Dbl	Pass	1♠	INT
All Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	2♠

1. Clubs and a higher suit

With de Livera unwilling to cooperate in penalizing NS, Robinson gave up, passing 2s. Despite the lack of trump support opposite, the entries to dummy

Round 3		Table		I EW		
Pair 4		Ian Robinson - Arjuna de Livera				
Opps 30		George Finikiotis - Gary Lane				
Board	Cont	Dec	Tks	Score	Datum	IMPs
1	3NT	E	10	430	-300	4
2	5♦	E	9	-100	20	-2
3	3♣	W	9	110	110	6
4	4♥	S	10	-620	550	-2
5	2♠	E	10	170	-320	-4
6	4♠	N	10	-420	400	-1
7	2♠	W	9	140	-320	-5
8	6♣	E	12	920	-530	9
9	3♣	E	9	110	270	9
10	3NT	S	10	-630	600	-1
11	4♠	W	10	420	-360	2
12	2♥	S	8	-110	-10	-3
Total						12
VPs						18
Total VPs						65
Position						2

enabled declarer to score his little trumps separately. In fact, just about any line leads to 10 tricks, and 3NT is also a make. 4 IMPs to NS.

Board 8, West deals, nil vul

	♠ Q 10 3 2 ♥ 6 ♦ J 8 5 4 ♣ J 8 6 3		
♠ A 8 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ A 9 5 4 2	♠ J 7 6 5 4 ♥ 8 7 4 3 2 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K	♠ K 9 ♥ K Q 10 5 ♦ A Q 7 6 ♣ Q 10 7	
WEST Robinson	NORTH Finikiotis	EAST de Livera	SOUTH Lane
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦ ¹	Pass
3♥ ²	Pass	4♣ ³	Pass
4NT ³	Pass	6♣	All Pass

1. Minor suit Stayman
2. 5 clubs
3. Key Card asks and responses for clubs

Paul Lavings Butler Pairs: Result For Session 2

Rank	Pair	Name	IMPs	Masterpts
1	17	Sally MURRAY-WHITE & Paula SCHROOR	57.0	1.20
2	1	Kim FRAZER & Jeannette COLLINS	41.0	0.84
3	16	Peter KAROL & Andrew BLECHER	28.0	0.60
4	7	Franci HALMOS & Jean HALL	23.0	0.40
5	6	Sara TISHLER & Rena KAPLAN	13.0	0.30
6	11	Eva SAMUEL & Anne PAUL	2.0	0.22
6	5	Margaret TILDESLEY & Alkmini SEGAL	2.0	0.22
8	4	Lilli ALLGOOD & Peter HAVLICEK	0	0.17
9	8	Alexander IVANYI & Magda LEVY	-1.0	0
10	18	Ian SANDERCOCK & Jenny ADEY	-12.0	0
10	13	Richard GRENSIDE & Sue GRENSIDE	-12.0	0
12	12	Leeron BRANICKI & Alfred BRANICKI	-16.0	0
13	15	Steven WHITE & Marian OBENCHAIN	-20.0	0
14	2	George PICK & Susie PICK	-24.0	0
15	14	Jo STEWART & Susie HALL	-27.0	0
16	3	Irene HAMILTON & Meredith LAMBERT	-54.0	0

It's a tough fact of life in Butler events—especially in the early stages, that just about any slam bid against you is going to be a loss.

With the club spots making slam highly playable, +920 EW meant 9 IMPs away for NS.

Board 9—another 9 IMPs away—is the deal reported on page 1.

Trickles in and out left EW with an 18-12 VP win. The final board of the set belonged to EW:

Board 12, West deals, NS vul

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

North opened a Multi, and de Livera doubled. When Lane bid 2♥, pass or correct, and the bidding came back to de Livera, he felt his hand was too flat to re-enter the fray.

No doubt Robinson was itching to use Lebensohl to describe his hand had de Livera been able to double again.

2♥ made on the nose, for 3 IMPs to NS.



Kim Frazer and Jeannette Collins, 2nd in the Paul Lavings Butler Pairs

OPEN & WOMEN'S BUTLER DAY 1

A field of 62 pairs in the Open and 42 in the Women's Butler saw the room encouragingly full for Stage 1 of the event.

I watched the interstate partnership of Barbara Travis (SA) and Candice Berman (NSW), not a regular pairing, play NT women Cathy Warthold—Alison Maynard in Round 1.

Board 1, North deals, nil vul

	♠ A		
	♥ Q J 10 8 5		
	♦ Q 5 2		
	♣ K 9 7 3		
♠ 8 6 4 2		♠ Q 10 7 5 3	
♥ A K 4		♥ 9	
♦ A 3		♦ K 10 9 6 4	
♣ A 10 8 4		♣ J 5	
	♠ K J 9		
	♥ 7 6 3 2		
	♦ J 8 7		
	♣ Q 6 2		
WEST Berman	NORTH Maynard	EAST Travis	SOUTH Warthold
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
3♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
	4♥	4♠	All Pass

This deal showed good judgement by Travis—Berman. Perhaps North should have bid a 1-2-3-Stop 3♥ over South's 2♥, but bidding 4♥ over Berman's cue raise in spades was clearly an overstatement of her hand; if Travis had passed this, Berman could have collected 800 from 4♥ doubled.

Travis lost the obvious three tricks for +330.

Board 2, East deals, NS vul

	♠ A K Q 8 5		
	♥ Q 9		
	♦ 7		
	♣ A K Q J 5		
♠ 6		♠ J 9 4 3	
♥ K J 10 8 5		♥ A 7 3 2	
♦ Q J 10 8 6 4		♦ A 9 3 2	
♣ 3		♣ 8	
	♠ 10 7 2		
	♥ 6 4		
	♦ K 5		
	♣ 10 9 7 6 4 2		
WEST Berman	NORTH Maynard	EAST Travis	SOUTH Warthold
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Dbl	2♠	3♦	4♠
All Pass			

A difference in signalling style led to a EW disaster on Board 2, although Berman possibly missed the boat by not taking any action in third seat. The only game is an EW 4♥. As the auction went, it was impossible for Travis to judge Berman's shape with only two suits in play (spades from the bidding and diamonds by implication).

Travis thought long and hard about saving over 4♠, but with her three likely tricks in her own hand, decided against it.

On ♦A lead, Berman played her lowest diamond, when a highish diamond might have suggested a heart switch. On the diamond continuation, Maynard shed a heart loser, and conceded a heart and a trump trick. +580 to NS.

I didn't think Maynard did justice to her hand on the next deal:

Board 3, South deals, EW vul

	♠ 2		
	♥ K 3 2		
	♦ A K Q 10 3		
	♣ A 8 6 5		
♠ K J 8 5		♠ A 6 3	
♥ A 10 7 5 4		♥ J 9 8 6	
♦ J 5		♦ 8 7 4 2	
♣ 10 4		♣ 7 2	
	♠ Q 10 9 7 4		
	♥ Q		
	♦ 9 6		
	♣ K Q J 9 3		
WEST Berman	NORTH Warthold	EAST Travis	SOUTH
Pass	3♣	All Pass	2♠ ¹

1. Spades and a minor, weak

My inclination would be to enquire with 2NT; in my partnerships treatment, South would bid 3♥, a maximum with spades and clubs. If I didn't have that toy in my arsenal, I would bid 5♣ (pass or correct). A pass or correct 3♣? Not for me. The table score was +150 NS, but the datum was +390 NS.

There is an amusing aside to this hand. In the Open Butler, Julian Foster was defending 2♠ by South (the bid didn't show another suit). With spade length, he wanted to play a forcing defence, so tried the effect of an underlead of ♥A at trick one. This whistled around to South's singleton ♥Q. Declarer crossed to a diamond honour at trick

two and played a spade to ♠10 and Foster's ♠J. A further underlead of ♥A (♥10) was ducked by declarer, and now the force was back in force! 2♣ was now one down, as *Deep Finesse* claimed it should be all along.

Academic with 3NT and 5♣ making contracts, but still amusing for EW.

Another well-judged move by Travis led to a plus score on the next board. Holding ♠KQ93, ♥1064, ♦942, ♣AK8 with all vulnerable and in fourth seat, she chose to double North's 1♦ opening bid. South bid 1♥, Berman bid 1♠ and North bid 1NT.

Travis passed this, but when South bid 2♥, Travis competed with 2♣, and South took the push to 3♥, one down. The datum was +100 NS, with many EW pairs never entering the auction, even though it is their hand, with spade partials cold for nine tricks.

Board 5, North deals, NS vul

	♠ 10 8 7		
	♥ Q J 3		
	♦ K 9 7 2		
	♣ A K 7		
♠ K 6 2		♠ 8 7 4	
♥ K 10 9 5		♥ 8 7 6 4 2	
♦ 8 6		♦ J 10 5	
♣ J 9 4 2		♣ 6 5	
	♠ A Q J 5		
	♥ A		
	♦ A Q 4 3		
	♣ Q 10 8 3		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Berman	Maynard	Travis	Warthold
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣ ¹
Pass	2♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1. Checkback

competed with 2s, and South took the push to 3h, one down. The datum was +100 NS, with many I'm not sure whether to put this hand in the 'lost opportunity' or 'comedy of errors' bracket.

Travis led ♣6, declarer put in ♠10 and won Berman's ♣J with the queen. It looks fairly simple to play a round or two of trumps, find they break, draw trumps and run s10 from the North hand.

Declarer, however, seemed intent on going down. She crossed to ♥A at trick two, crossed back to her top club at the next trick, played ♥Q, ruffing when Travis did not cover.

Now, the earlier misplay meant that declarer was poorly placed. She tried a spade towards the Closed Hand. Berman went up with the king, but couldn't believe that declarer would have played this way with three clubs. She came back a spade, allowing declarer to breathe a sigh of relief, draw trumps and claim.

With 6♦ cold, this was a lost opportunity for EW, and as the datum read +990 NS, it was also a loss.

On the next few boards NS kept collecting IMPs by bidding their games. They did well to reach 5d on the penultimate board of the set:

Board 11, South deals, nil vul

	♠ 9 8 7		
	♥ 10 9 8 4 3		
	♦ K Q 8 4		
	♣ 7		
♠ K 4 3		♠ Q 6 5 2	
♥ A K J 7 5		♥ Q 2	
♦ 10 3		♦ 9 7 5	
♣ J 8 2		♣ 10 9 4 3	
	♠ A J 10		
	♥ 6		
	♦ A J 6 2		
	♣ A K Q 6 5		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Berman	Maynard	Travis	Warthold
			1♣
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

This made with an overtrick when Warthold was able to cash her club winners, discarding spades from dummy, and then elope with her small diamonds in hand. She scored the last three tricks with a high crossruff. Maynard—Warthold won the encounter with a 16-14 win.



Barbara Travis, Cathy Warthold, Candice Berman & Alison Maynard

Women's Butler Stage I after Day I

Rank	Pair	Names	Score	Total
1	1	Sue LUSK - Therese TULLY	23	97
2	3	Helen LOWRY - Berenice FOLKARD	25	96
2	41	Meredith LAMBERT - Lorraine PARKER	23	96
4	5	Julia HOFFMAN - Jenny THOMPSON	25	92
5	13	Kim NEALE - Linda KING	7	91
5	12	Annabel BOOTH - Lauren SHIELS	22	91
7	9	Sally MURRAY-WHITE - Paula SCHROOR	25	87
8	32	Anne PAUL - Jean EDDIE	19	86
9	38	Julie DAY - Marion SPURRIER	19	85
9	18	Nevena DJUROVIC - Catherine RITTER	21	85
11	34	Cecily CRITCHLEY - Lynley JENKINS	24	81
12	29	Jo STEWART - Susie HALL	21	80
12	8	Kinga MOSES - Nazife BASHAR	16	80
12	4	Barbara TRAVIS - Candice BERMAN	20	80
15	35	Margaret MILLAR - Carolyn WOOLLEY	20	79
15	14	Rosa LACHMAN - Carolyn MILLER	7	79
15	16	Alida CLARK - Marnie LEYBOURNE	14	79
18	26	Wynne WEBBER - Meta GOODMAN	11	78
19	21	Rosemary GREEN - Maureen JAKES	8	77
20	25	Cathy WARTHOLD - Alison MAYNARD	25	76
20	19	Alison FARTHING - Janet KAHLER	11	76
20	2	Margaret BOURKE - Greer TUCKER	23	76
23	42	Kae FRENCH - Judith CRAFTI	24	73
23	27	Wendy ASHTON - Deborah BENNETT	4	73
25	40	Jean HALL - Franci HALMOS	9	72
26	6	Marcia SCUDDER - Inez GLANGER	10	71
27	37	Dianne MARLER - Heather RENTON	14	70
27	11	Lynn KALMIN - Lorna ICHILCIK	2	70
29	24	Betty MILL - Sue LEE	9	69
30	10	Joan PRINCE - Pauline COLLETT	10	68
30	23	Heather WILLIAMS - Sue PYNT	21	68
30	17	Paula MCLEISH - Pele RANKIN	16	68
33	15	Val BROCKWELL - Jeannette COLLINS	2	65
34	30	Margaret TILDESLEY - Judith GASPAS	7	64
34	36	Rena KAPLAN - Alkmini SEGAL	6	64
36	22	Susie HAWKINS - Marilyn OHLSON	23	63
37	33	Louise LEIBOWITZ - Karen KOSMIN	16	58
38	20	Viv WOOD - Joan TOUYZ	9	57

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Lane, with the best hand at the table, never took a bid. He probably expected partner to have hearts and clubs, but a double of 3♣ would have exposed the NS spade fit. 3♣ EW made on the nose, with 11 tricks available in spades for NS.

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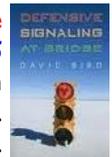
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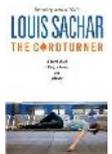
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Open Butler Stage I after Day I

Open Butler

Rank	Pair	Names	Score	Total
1	4	Ian ROBINSON - Arjuna DE LIVERA	24	105
2	62	Andrew BRAITHWAITE - Michael WILKINSON	25	100
3	7	Barry NOBLE - George BILSKI	17	97
3	3	Ashley BACH - Nabil EDGTON	20	97
5	9	Tony LEIBOWITZ - Paul LAVINGS	25	96
6	12	Ralph PARKER - Nathan VAN JOLE	13	93
7	24	Jill MAGEE - Terry STRONG	6	91
8	16	Jane DAWSON - George SMOLANKO	22	89
9	39	Sophie KING - Julian FOSTER	19	88
10	13	Jamie EBERY - Marlene WATTS	25	87
10	36	Arendina DRURY - Richard MOSS	23	87
12	8	Avinash KANETKAR - Matthew THOMSON	21	86
12	30	George FINIKIOTIS - Gary LANE	10	86
14	40	Kim FRAZER - Tania GARIEPY	14	84
15	11	Neil EWART - Blaine HOWE	16	83
15	21	Gay COLLINS - Leigh GOLD	17	83
15	48	Jodi TUTTY - Peter KAHLER	19	83
18	28	Roy NIXON - Bernard WATERS	19	82
18	49	Tim O'LOUGHLIN - William KEYTE	25	82
20	44	Helen STEWART - Mary ALLISON	19	80
20	10	Sara TISHLER - Bob RICHMAN	11	80
20	58	Chelliah ARUL - David SHARMAN	24	80
23	2	Simon HINGE - Kim MORRISON	13	79
24	1	Ron KLINGER - Bill HAUGHIE	16	78
24	14	Chris QUAIL - Richard HILLS	5	78
26	38	Phil BECK - David CHUNG	5	77
26	23	Andrew HEGEDUS - Andrew MILL	14	77
28	26	Nicky STRASSER - Michael PRESCOTT	16	76
29	33	Alan GLASSON - Kathie RADCLIFFE	8	75
29	61	Sue GRENSIDE - Richard GRENSIDE	11	75
31	20	Fraser REW - Liam MILNE	11	74
31	6	Bruce NEILL - Richard JEDRYCHOWSKI	18	74
31	15	Hugh GROSVENOR - Ann PATON	9	74
34	17	Kitty MUNTZ - John PETTITT	20	73
34	47	Eva SAMUEL - Jeff FUST	14	73
34	59	Sally CLARKE - Garry CLARKE	25	73
37	5	Ervin OTVOSI - Jere STREPINSKY	11	72
38	51	Anton STAVIK - Jerry ZHANG	7	71
39	42	David MCLEISH - Paul HOOYKAAS	18	70
40	52	Rex HANSON - Judy HERRING	24	69

41	50	Helen HELLSTEN - Tony ONG	15	68
41	57	Len MEYER - Phyllis MORITZ	12	68
41	25	Bill NASH - James WALLIS	15	68
44	55	Robert PRINCE - David COLE	17	67
44	19	Stan KLOFA - Phillip FENT	5	67
44	29	Vivienne GOLDBERG - Michael CHRAPOT	16	67
47	41	Gary RIPPON - Tim DAVIS	17	66
48	56	Dave MUNRO - Pim BIRSS	18	65
48	43	Sathi MOSES - Ian MOSES	14	65
50	46	Leeron BRANICKI - Alfred BRANICKI	12	64
50	22	Anton POL - Jan KOCHMANSKI	5	64
52	37	Ken ANDERSON - Lindy ANDERSON	10	63
52	45	Raji MUIR - Ian MUIR	13	63
54	27	David THOMPSON - Jamie THOMPSON	13	62
55	18	Neville FRANCIS - Annette MALUISH	6	61
56	34	Dianna MIDDLETON - Philip KNIGHTLEY	17	60
57	53	Christina MACQUARRIE - Ken TROLLAND	12	57
58	60	Bruce TURNER - Tim HASSETT	16	56
59	35	Sandra RICHMAN - Andrew RICHMAN	13	55
60	32	Ian WEBB - Steven WHITE	5	54
61	31	Irene HAMILTON - Roger BAILEY	6	50
62	54	Jillian LAWRENCE - John ADAMS	14	37

TOUCHING FAITH IN PARTNER

If partner opened INT, 15-17 and you held ♠AK84, ♥—, ♦Q743, ♣AQJ105, would you let him play in 7♥, after a Stayman enquiry and subsequent forcing bidding? What about if 7♥ was doubled, and passed back to you?

The full hand:

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

7s is cold, played from your hand, but 7♥ doubled was -2000. Blaine Howe reported this as perhaps the biggest boo boo of the day.



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