

MEET THE ABF

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She convenes the annual ANOT, was Convener of the last ANC in Adelaide, and is President of the South Australian Bridge Federation.

Favourite bridge book:

"I love this game" by Sabine Auken.

Favourite movie:

"Gone with the Wind".

Favourite restaurant:

Chinta Ria in St Kilda Rd

If you could have a game with anyone in the world, who would it be?

Fulvio Fantoni (Italy).

System requirements

Standard and Precision

Best result?

3rd in the ANOT Women's with Linda Alexander.

What do you love about bridge?

It's totally addictive.

What do you hate about bridge?

I still can't get it right!



MONDAY'S TIMETABLE

10:00am, 2:00

Open & Women's Butler Stage 1 | Seniors' Butler

And on Tuesday . . .

10:00am

Open & Women's Butler Stage 1 | Seniors' Butler

2:00pm

Open & Women's Butler Stage 1 | Seniors' Butler

ANC Swiss Pairs Matches 5—8

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

ANC Restricted Pairs Matches 4—6

STAGE 1 BUTLER OVER

In the Open field, it was no surprise when Ashley Bach—Nabil Edgton headed the field. They were at Table 1 for much of the second day of play. The lowest table they sat at was Table 3.

In the Women's, Lauren Shiels—Annabel Booth hit the front in the last round, after Sue Lusk—



Therese Tully had dominated Table 1 for most of the two days of play.

Annabel Booth & Lauren Shiels

OPEN & WOMEN'S BUTLER DAY 2

**Match 6—Women's Butler Stage I
Thompson—Hoffman v. Folkard—Lowry**

On the first board of the set (towards the end of the set as I watched), Lowry, who had not been happy with the quality of her hands, ended in 2♥ with ♥J9876 opposite ♥432. All was well, however, when hearts broke –and we were treated to a smile.

Board 14, East deals, nil vul

	♠ K J 9 3		
	♥ A Q 10 9		
	♦ Q 4		
	♣ A 10 4		
♠ Q 4 2		♠ 6	
♥ K J 6 5		♥ 8 7 4 2	
♦ 10 9 6 3 2		♦ A K 8 5	
♣ 5		♣ K 9 8 3	
	♠ A 10 8 7 5		
	♥ 3		
	♦ J 7		
	♣ Q J 7 6 2		
WEST Folkard	NORTH Thompson	EAST Lowry	SOUTH Hoffman
Pass	4♣	Pass	2♠
		All Pass	

Folkard led a low heart. Hoffman had a plan; either spades breaking or the club finesse working. She rose ♥A, cashed ♠K and played a spade to the ace, getting the bad news. More bad news when the club finesse failed.

“Too sad, too bad” said Julia. A new mantra to add to the repertoire.

Board 15, South deals, NS vul

	♠ —		
	♥ A Q 10 6 5		
	♦ J 8 5		
	♣ A K 9 8 6		
♠ Q J 7 4 3 2		♠ A K 10 8 6	
♥ J 4		♥ 8 7	
♦ 9 6		♦ Q 7 3 2	
♣ Q 5 4		♣ 10 3	
	♠ 9 5		
	♥ K 9 3 2		
	♦ A K 10 4		
	♣ J 7 2		
WEST Folkard	NORTH Thompson	EAST Lowry	SOUTH Hoffman
Pass	2♦ ¹	2♠	INT
4♣	Dbl	Pass	Pass
All Pass			5♥

Round	6				Table	42 NS	
Pair	5 Julia Hoffman – Jenny Thompson						
Opps	3 Helen Lowry - Berenice Folkard						
Board	Cont	Dec	Lead	Score	Datum	IMPs	
13	2♥	E	♣K	-110	-50	-2	
14	4♠	S	♥5	-50	120	-5	
15	5♥	S	♠5	680	670	0	
16	INT	W	♠10	-120	-70	-2	
17	4♣	W	♦10	150	160	0	
18	3NT	N	♠3	600	180	9	
19	2♠X	W	♥K	200	-20	6	
20	INT	S	♥8	90	40	2	
21	3♦	N	♥6	110	130	-1	
22	2♥	S	♣7	170	290	-3	
23	3NT	E	♥7	100	-70	5	
24	3♦	N	♦J	-50	-40	0	
Total						9	
VPs						17	
Total VPs						109	
Position						3	

After the match, NS discussed the ramifications of confirming a fit with the South hand after East interferes with 2♠. A possible treatment is to bid 3♥ with a minimum, and double to show a maximum. Hoffman was worried a 3♥ bid would show a maximum, so passed, but was happy to bid 5♥ when Thompson confirmed she had a good hand with her double of 4♣.

The line in 6♥ would be to play on clubs, planning to discard two diamonds from the South hand. As it happens, running ♣J picks up the club suit.



Julia Hoffman, Berri, Folkard Jenny Thompson and Helen Lowry

Board 17, North deals, nil vul

	♠ A 10 7 5		
	♥ K 9 6 4		
	♦ 10 2		
	♣ K 6 4		
♠ 6 4 2		♠ K J 8 3	
♥ 10 2		♥ Q 5 3	
♦ K Q 6		♦ 7 3	
♣ A Q J 8 7		♣ 10 9 5 2	
	♠ Q 9		
	♥ A J 8 7		
	♦ A J 9 8 5 4		
	♣ 3		
WEST Folkard	NORTH Thompson	EAST Lowry	SOUTH Hoffman
	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♣	Dbl	4♣	All Pass

Lowry was lucky her side was not pinged in this inelegant contract. Her opponents were probably not expecting the sort of hand she put down, and Hoffman was also a third in hand 1♦ opener. On a diamond lead and continuation, Folkard won the second diamond and played a spade to the jack and Hoffman's queen. Now the defence could have taken the contract four down, but when Hoffman returned ♠9 at the next trick, Thompson won ♠A and shifted to a heart. When Hoffman put in ♥J, she could have underled her ace for the spade ruff, but she probably expected Thompson to have five spades not to give her a ruff when in with ♠A. Three down was a flat board, another example of an opportunity lost.

NS's biggest pick up in the match was this:

Board 18, East deals, NS vul

	♠ Q J 10		
	♥ A 4		
	♦ A J 10 4		
	♣ K Q 9 2		
♠ 8 4 2		♠ A 9 6 5	
♥ K 9 6 3		♥ 10 7 2	
♦ 6 3		♦ Q 9 7 5	
♣ A 10 5 3		♣ J 6	
	♠ K 7 3		
	♥ Q J 8 5		
	♦ K 8 2		
	♣ 8 7 4		
WEST Folkard	NORTH Thompson	EAST Lowry	SOUTH Hoffman
	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	1♥
Pass		Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Sydney expert Kieran Dyke told me last week that he has been coaching some of the youth players. One of the important lessons he had got through to them was to *always bid game* in notrumps on invitational hands.

Thompson was showing a 15-18 range, and I think Hoffman must have been listening in to Dyke (or maybe David Hoffman).

3NT was cold—but Thompson did have a very good hand. 9 IMPs to NS.

6 more IMPs for Hoffman and Thompson's enterprise on the next deal:

Board 19, South deals, EW vul

	♠ A 8 7 4		
	♥ K J		
	♦ J 9 2		
	♣ A 10 3 2		
♥ Q J 10 6 5 2		♠ 3	
♥ 6		♥ Q 9 8 5 3	
♦ A 10 7 3		♦ K 8 5 4	
♣ Q 9		♣ K 5 4	
	♠ K 9		
	♥ A 10 7 4 2		
	♦ Q 6		
	♣ J 8 7 6		
WEST Folkard	NORTH Thompson	EAST Lowry	SOUTH Hoffman
	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♠			
All Pass			

Thompson led ♥K, ♥J against 2♥ doubled, and NS took their six tricks on defence. *Deep Finesse* states NS can make 3NT, a very tricky proposition, requiring good views in hearts and clubs.



Nabil Edgton, 19 & Barry Noble 83. How many sports are there where competitors can have such an age ranges?

Women's Butler Stage 1 after Day 2

Rank	Pair	Names	Score	Total	MPs
1	12	Annabel BOOTH - Lauren SHIELDS	23	184	5.76
2	1	Sue LUSK - Therese TULLY	16	181	5.76
3	4	Barbara TRAVIS - Candice BERMAN	23	177	5.4
4	2	Margaret BOURKE - Greer TUCKER	14	172	4.68
5	38	Julie DAY - Marion SPURRIER	7	171	4.68
6	9	Sally MURRAY-WHITE - Paula SCHROOR	18	168	5.4
7	32	Anne PAUL - Jean EDDIE	22	167	5.04
7	5	Julia HOFFMAN - Jenny THOMPSON	7	167	3.96
9	15	Val BROCKWELL - Jeannette COLLINS	25	164	4.32
10	41	Meredith LAMBERT - Lorraine PARKER	12	162	3.96
10	14	Rosa LACHMAN - Carolyn MILLER	17	162	3.96
10	25	Cathy WARTHOLD - Alison MAYNARD	15	162	4.32
13	11	Lynn KALMIN - Lorna ICHILCIK	15	161	3.96
14	16	Alida CLARK - Marnie LEYBOURNE	21	158	3.24
15	8	Kinga MOSES - Nazife BASHAR	19	155	3.96
16	3	Helen LOWRY - Berenice FOLKARD	13	153	3.6
16	17	Paula MCLEISH - Pele RANKIN	19	153	3.6
16	40	Jean HALL - Franci HALMOS	8	153	3.96
19	13	Kim NEALE - Linda KING	20	150	4.32
19	20	Viv WOOD - Joan TOUYZ	25	150	2.52
21	21	Rosemary GREEN - Maureen JAKES	16	149	4.32
22	27	Wendy ASHTON - Deborah BENNETT	9	148	3.6
23	10	Joan PRINCE - Pauline COLLETT	16	147	2.88
23	23	Heather WILLIAMS - Sue PYNT	20	147	2.88
25	26	Wynne WEBBER - Meta GOODMAN	11	146	3.24
26	18	Nevena DJUROVIC - Catherine RITTER	11	145	2.88
26	34	Cecily CRITCHLEY - Lynley JENKINS	23	145	3.6
26	35	Margaret MILLAR - Carolyn WOOLLEY	14	145	2.88
29	6	Marcia SCUDDER - Inez GLANGER	4	144	3.24
29	42	Kae FRENCH - Judith CRAFTI	14	144	3.24
31	36	Rena KAPLAN - Alkmini SEGAL	10	142	3.24
32	37	Dianne MARLER - Heather RENTON	16	141	3.24
33	19	Alison FARTHING - Janet KAHLER	19	139	3.24
33	28	Lyndy HICKMAN - Penny CORRIGAN	14	139	1.8
35	29	Jo STEWART - Susie HALL	10	136	3.96
36	7	Marilyn CHADWICK - Toni SHARP	3	127	2.88
36	30	Margaret TILDESLEY - Judith GASPAR	17	127	2.88
38	31	Caroline GARDINER - Diane MUNRO	11	126	2.16
39	24	Betty MILL - Sue LEE	13	123	2.16
40	22	Susie HAWKINS - Marilyn OHLSON	13	115	2.16
41	33	Louise LEIBOWITZ - Karen KOSMIN	7	113	2.16
41	39	Maggie KELLY - Paulina BAKER	17	113	2.16

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Open Butler Stage 1 after Day 2

Rank	Pair	Names	Score	Total	MPs
1	3	Ashley BACH - Nabil EDGTON	20	199	9.12
2	62	Andrew BRAITHWAITE - Michael WILKINSON	15	184	6.72
3	4	Ian ROBINSON - Arjuna DE LIVERA	12	182	6.72
3	2	Simon HINGE - Kim MORRISON	23	182	6.24
5	12	Ralph PARKER - Nathan VAN JOLE	18	177	6.24
6	9	Tony LEIBOWITZ - Paul LAVINGS	15	174	6.72
6	11	Neil EWART - Blaine HOWE	10	174	5.76
8	10	Sara TISHLER - Bob RICHMAN	17	170	6.24
9	16	Jane DAWSON - George SMOLANKO	19	169	6.24
10	8	Avinash KANETKAR - Matthew THOMSON	13	167	6.72
11	24	Jill MAGEE - Terry STRONG	18	166	5.76
12	48	Jodi TUTTY - Peter KAHLER	7	163	6.72
12	22	Anton POL - Jan KOCHMANSKI	18	163	6.72
14	26	Nicky STRASSER - Michael PRESCOTT	11	162	5.28
15	23	Andrew HEGEDUS - Andrew MILL	12	161	4.8
15	6	Bruce NEILL - Richard JEDRYCHOWSKI	24	161	5.76
17	30	George FINIKIOTIS - Gary LANE	25	159	5.28
17	13	Jamie EBERY - Marlene WATTS	12	159	5.28
19	1	Ron KLINGER - Bill HAUGHIE	18	158	6.24
20	39	Sophie KING - Julian FOSTER	16	156	6.24
20	15	Hugh GROSVENOR - Ann PATON	20	156	6.72
20	29	Vivienne GOLDBERG - Michael CHRAPOT	25	156	4.8
23	51	Anton STAVIK - Jerry ZHANG	24	155	3.84
24	38	Phil BECK - David CHUNG	22	154	5.28
24	7	Barry NOBLE - George BILSKI	19	154	5.28
24	61	Sue GRENSIDE - Richard GRENSIDE	14	154	3.84
27	28	Roy NIXON - Bernard WATERS	12	152	3.84
28	55	Robert PRINCE - David COLE	16	151	5.28
29	49	Tim O'LOUGHLIN - William KEYTE	14	149	4.32
29	56	Dave MUNRO - Pim BIRSS	17	149	5.76
29	45	Raji MUIR - Ian MUIR	21	149	5.28
32	5	Ervin OTVOSI - Jere STREPINSKY	20	148	5.76
33	42	David MCLEISH - Paul HOOYKAAS	10	147	4.32
34	41	Gary RIPPON - Tim DAVIS	11	146	6.24
34	52	Rex HANSON - Judy HERRING	13	146	2.4
34	35	Sandra RICHMAN - Andrew RICHMAN	16	146	4.32
37	14	Chris QUAIL - Richard HILLS	6	145	3.84
37	40	Kim FRAZER - Tania GARIEPY	14	145	4.32
37	59	Sally CLARKE - Garry CLARKE	17	145	5.28
40	20	Fraser REW - Liam MILNE	16	141	3.36
40	50	Helen HELLSTEN - Tony ONG	17	141	4.32
42	44	Helen STEWART - Mary ALLISON	8	140	3.36
42	18	Neville FRANCIS - Annette MALUISH	13	140	3.84
44	19	Stan KLOFA - Phillip FENT	18	139	4.8
44	58	Chelliah ARUL - David SHARMAN	13	139	4.8
46	47	Eva SAMUEL - Jeff FUST	10	138	2.88
47	36	Arendina DRURY - Richard MOSS	5	137	5.28
47	57	Len MEYER - Phyllis MORITZ	14	137	3.84
47	17	Kitty MUNTZ - John PETTITT	4	137	4.32
47	43	Sathi MOSES - Ian MOSES	6	137	4.32
47	34	Dianna MIDDLETON - Philip KNIGHTLEY	23	137	3.84
52	46	Leeron BRANICKI - Alfred BRANICKI	9	136	2.88
53	27	David THOMPSON - Jamie THOMPSON	17	133	3.36
54	25	Bill NASH - James WALLIS	13	132	2.88
55	21	Gay COLLINS - Leigh GOLD	12	130	3.36
55	37	Ken ANDERSON - Lindy ANDERSON	24	130	4.8
57	33	Alan GLASSON - Kathie RADCLIFFE	15	129	3.36
58	31	Irene HAMILTON - Roger BAILEY	15	122	3.84
59	53	Christina MACQUARRIE - Ken TROLLAND	14	119	0
60	60	Bruce TURNER - Tim HASSETT	6	117	3.84
61	54	Jillian LAWRENCE - John ADAMS	7	112	2.88
62	32	Ian WEBB - Steven WHITE	16	98	2.4



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Stage 2 Butler

Rnd	Open / Women's Butler Stage 2 Draw																													
1	20	v	18	17	v	19	1	v	16	2	v	15	14	v	3	13	v	4	12	v	5	11	v	6	7	v	10	9	v	8
2	20	v	2	1	v	3	4	v	19	5	v	18	17	v	6	16	v	7	15	v	8	14	v	9	10	v	13	12	v	11
3	20	v	10	9	v	11	12	v	8	13	v	7	6	v	14	5	v	15	4	v	16	3	v	17	18	v	2	1	v	19
4	20	v	19	18	v	1	2	v	17	3	v	16	15	v	4	14	v	5	13	v	6	12	v	7	8	v	11	10	v	9
5	20	v	8	7	v	9	10	v	6	11	v	5	4	v	12	3	v	13	2	v	14	1	v	15	16	v	19	18	v	17
6	20	v	17	16	v	18	19	v	15	1	v	14	13	v	2	12	v	3	11	v	4	10	v	5	6	v	9	8	v	7
7	20	v	7	6	v	8	9	v	5	10	v	4	3	v	11	2	v	12	1	v	13	19	v	14	15	v	18	17	v	16
8	20	v	16	15	v	17	18	v	14	19	v	13	12	v	1	11	v	2	10	v	3	9	v	4	5	v	8	7	v	6
9	20	v	5	4	v	6	7	v	3	8	v	2	1	v	9	19	v	10	18	v	11	17	v	12	13	v	16	15	v	14
10	20	v	1	19	v	2	3	v	18	4	v	17	16	v	5	15	v	6	14	v	7	13	v	8	9	v	12	11	v	10
11	20	v	15	14	v	16	17	v	13	18	v	12	11	v	19	10	v	1	9	v	2	8	v	3	4	v	7	6	v	5
12	20	v	6	5	v	7	8	v	4	9	v	3	2	v	10	1	v	11	19	v	12	18	v	13	14	v	17	16	v	15
13	20	v	14	13	v	15	16	v	12	17	v	11	10	v	18	9	v	19	8	v	1	7	v	2	3	v	6	5	v	4
14	20	v	4	3	v	5	6	v	2	7	v	1	19	v	8	18	v	9	17	v	10	16	v	11	12	v	15	14	v	13
15	20	v	13	12	v	14	15	v	11	16	v	10	9	v	17	8	v	18	7	v	19	6	v	1	2	v	5	4	v	3
16	20	v	11	10	v	12	13	v	9	14	v	8	7	v	15	6	v	16	5	v	17	4	v	18	19	v	3	2	v	1
17	20	v	12	11	v	13	14	v	10	15	v	9	8	v	16	7	v	17	6	v	18	5	v	19	1	v	4	3	v	2
18	20	v	3	2	v	4	5	v	1	6	v	19	18	v	7	17	v	8	16	v	9	15	v	10	11	v	14	13	v	12
19	20	v	9	8	v	10	11	v	7	12	v	6	5	v	13	4	v	14	3	v	15	2	v	16	17	v	1	19	v	18

Pair numbers

Open

Vivienne Goldberg - Michael Chrapot
 Jamie Ebery - Marlene Watts
 Nicky Strasser - Michael Prescott
 Jill Magee - Terry Strong
 Sara Tishler - Bob Richman
 Tony Leibowitz - Paul Lavings
 Ron Klinger - Bill Haughe
 Avinash Kanetkar - Matthew Thomson
 Andrew Braithwaite - Michael Wilkinson
 Ashley Bach - Nabil Edgtton
 Ian Robinson - Arjuna De Livera
 Simon Hinge - Kim Morrison
 Bruce Neill - Richard Jedrychowski
 Ralph Parker - Nathan Van Jole
 Jane Dawson - George Smolanko
 Anton Pol - Jan Kochmanski
 Andrew Hegedus - Andrew Mill
 Hugh Grosvenor - Ann Paton
 Anton Stavik - Jerry Zhang
 Neil Ewart - Blaine Howe

No. Women's

1 Rosemary Green - Maureen Jakes
 2 Jean Hall - Franci Halmos
 3 Paula Mcleish - Pele Rankin
 4 Rosa Lachman - Carolyn Miller
 5 Anne Paul - Jean Eddie
 6 Alida Clark - Marnie Leybourne
 7 Sally Murray-White - Paula Schroor
 8 Julia Hoffman - Jenny Thompson
 9 Barbara Travis - Candice Berman
 10 Annabel Booth - Lauren Shiels
 11 Sue Lusk - Therese Tully
 12 Margaret Bourke - Greer Tucker
 13 Kim Neale - Linda King
 14 Lynn Kalmin - Lorna Ichilcik
 15 Val Brockwell - Jeannette Collins
 16 Cathy Warthold - Alison Maynard
 17 Kinga Moses - Nazife Bashar
 18 Viv Wood - Joan Touyz
 19 Wendy Ashton - Deborah Bennett
 20 Julie Day - Marion Spurrier

**Match 8—Open Butler Stage I
Bach—N Edgtton v. de Livera—Robinson**

Dynamic duo Ashley Bach—Nabil Edgtton (who won Stage I of the Butler) faced the partnership of Arjuna de Livera –Ian Robinson in Match 8.

Board 13, North deals, all vul

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

Bach thought Edgtton’s was showing a stronger hand, as his partnerships normally employ a Black-out 2NT bid to show a weak hand over opener’s reverse. The only making NS game is 5♦—and declarer must play a diamond to the jack and queen, later finessing West for ♦10.

Bach needed ♦K singleton, and ♠K doubleton on-side to make 3NT. ♦J was the wrong singleton honour, and Bach was two down when he continued diamonds. 6 IMPs to EW.

Board 14, East deals, nil vul

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

4 IMPs more when NS did not take the 6s save. The datum in the Women’s field was –770.

Round 8		Table		I NS		
Pair 3		Ashley Bach - Nabil Edgtton				
Opps 4		Ian Robinson - Arjuna de Livera				
Board	Cont	Dec	Lead	Score	Datum	IMPs
13	3NT	N	♣6	-200	20	-6
14	6♥	E	♠A	-1010	-870	-4
15	3NT	E	♦7	50	-130	5
16	3♦	N	♠8	130	60	2
17	2♣	N	♠7	110	0	3
18	INT	N	♠Q	120	0	3
19	4♦X	E	♠10	1100	60	14
20	3♦	N	♣9	130	30	3
21	INT	E	♦7	50	0	2
22	4♣	E	♦A	-650	-660	0
23	4♣	N	♦A	710	850	-4
24	4♣	E	♦K	-420	-260	-4
Total						14
VPs						19
Total VPs						157
Position						1



Ashley Bach is in a different partnership for this event—Ishmael Del’Monte, his regular partner is in Toronto, playing in the North American Bridge Championships, In the final of the Spingold, TEAM MONACO, Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Fulvio Fantoni, Claudio Nunes, Tor Helness and Geir Helgemo are facing NICKELL, Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Zia Mahmood, Meckwell and Bob Hamman. The score at the halfway stage is 75– 60 to Team Monaco.

NS were back in the positives when de Livera chose to try 3NT, holding ♠A852, ♥Q872, ♦J62, ♣86 when Robinson had opened 1♣ and rebid an invitational 3♣—one down on the normal diamond lead from South.

On Board 16, Bach reached 3♦, and made with an overtrick for a small pickup—a trump switch and continuation by East at some stage would have led to only nine tricks for declarer.

On Board 17, NS bought the contract in 2♠ to record a zero IMP differential, as did INT making two on the next board.

The big swing of the match was on the next contentious deal:

Board 19, South deals, EW vul

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

1. Weak two in a major
2. Forcing enquiry
3. Bad weak two

At the favourable vulnerability, Bach explained to EW that the opener could be quite weak, and possibly contain only a five-card suit.

Despite this, Robinson elected to come into the bidding with his marginal hand. Bach waited to see which juicy spot his opponents would land in before he started doubling.

Deep Finesse states that EW can make 1♠, so de Livera's first bid was their best spot. He ran a level higher, not expecting to find doubleton diamond support opposite.

Edgton led ♠10, covered and won by Bach's king. Bach switched to a heart to clarify the defensive position. De Livera went up with ♥K to play ♠10, ducked, and a second club, won by Bach. Bach now cashed ♠A and gave Edgton a ruff with ♦10. On a high club from dummy, Bach ruffed in with ♦A to play a fourth round of spades, promoting Edgton's ♦J.

Four down was +1100 for NS, on a deal where it was likely Edgton would have gone down in 3♥.

Robinson admitted to being a turkey on this deal, and I thought I saw de Livera nod slightly in agreement.

A few quiet boards was followed by:

Board 23, South deals, all vul

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

1. Jacoby style raise; four card trump support

This hand is not a good advertisement for Jacoby, where opener bids a suit at the three-level to show a shortage, a bid at the four-level to show a source of tricks in the second suit, and takes it slowly on good hands.

Edgton downgraded his boring 11-count with no shape, not knowing what jewels he had for partner.

In retrospect, a 4♦ Splinter just might get the bidding warmed up; South can cuebid 4♥ below game level, and this will encourage North to move.

Good luck to all the pairs in the Open and Women's Butler Stage 11, as well as those now moving into the Seniors' Butler and the other side events planned for the rest of the week.