



# Gold Coast Bulletin

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## More Foreign Raiders

Kiwis last year, the Mainly Manchester Mob this year. In the first Gold Coast final broadcast live around the world on BBO, HOLLAND defeated NOBLE by 14imps over 50 bds. Not as close as it looks because they dropped 53imps on the last set.

In yesterday's semis, HOLLAND beat GREENWOOD 94-69 while NOBLE beat EUSTACE 158-85.



John Armstrong, Howard Melbourne, Paul Marston, Michelle Brunner and John Holland. Open Teams winners.

## Two vugraphs

A change this year for the Friday night vugraph when we saw the first two sets rather than the last. We lose a possible exciting climax but at least you know the match is close!

Michael Courtney was the main mike man, with Peter Gill, Ted Chadwick, Bobby Richman, Ish Del'Monte, David Greenwood and Pepsi. A good performance by all, though the hands were a bit dull.

Courtney revealed the secret benevolent society formed 20 odd years ago to help solve the growing problem of teenage drunkenness. Burgess, Hutton, Jackman, Courtney & Andrew all agreed to limit the amount of alcohol available to young people by drinking most of it before it got to them.



Restricted Repetition

Bob MacArthur, Bill & Maria Lindsay and Paul Penlington won the Restricted Teams .. again!

68-48 over 30 boards. Paul & Bob are from the Sunshine Coast, Bill & Maria from Caloundra.

## Hands from the final

On board 1 of the final, Howard Melbourne was on lead against 3NT with

♠ 83 ♥ A2 K107632 ♣ 974

He'd opened a weak 2♦, partner had remained silent but he found the winning ♥A lead for 11imps.

The last 30 boards were played this morning. We watched them on BBO, from our hotel room.

The lead increased thanks to this thin slam:

Final 3, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ K J 5  
♥ 4 2  
♦ Q 9 8 6  
♣ K 10 5 4

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

Brunner - Holland bid to 6♥/W which

## Final Top 10 Open (234 teams)

1	2-G	Holland	
2	2-A	Noble	36 PPs
3=	6-A	Greenwood	
3=	25-G	Eustace	18 PPs
5=	2-A	Neill 4½ PPs	228
5=	10-G	Gruia	229.5
7=	18-A	Cleaver	228
7=	9-G	Walsh 4½ PPs	220
9=	12-A	Hirst	219
9=	15-G	Leibowitz	217

## Seniors (42 teams)

1	18	Marinos	36 PPs
2	4	Kahler	18 PPs
3	3	Doddridge	224
4	5	Ramshaw	215
5	7	Kent	208
6	8	Hurley	198
7	9	Folkard	198
8	6	Smee	194
9	10	Goodyer	194
10	14	Fletcher	193

## Restricted (84 teams)

1		Lindsay	
2		Moschner	
3	33	Ferguson	223
4	63	Freund	211
5	12	Wallis	211
6	15	Jurisich	210
7	6	Baker	210
8	19	Milner	207
9	62	Houghton	207
10	55	Baker	203

## G C Teams final

	1-10	11-20	21-35	36-50	
John Holland - Michelle Brunner John Armstrong - Howard Melbourne Paul Marston	34	25	67	15	141
Barry Noble George Bilski - Terry Brown Khokan Bagchi - Phil Gue	24	11	24	68	127

fails on a club lead. Note that South has to fire one back into dummy's A-J- else North gets squeezed in the blacks. People will say that Zia would have led the ♠K. Maybe.

15 back to NOBLE when Marston was sucked in:

Final 3, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ A Q 10 9 8

♥ K

♦ Q 6

♣ K Q J 9 4

♠ K J 7 5 4

♥ A 6

♦ A 2

♣ A 10 8 3

♠ 3

♥ Q 10 9 7 4 3

♦ K J 10 7 4

♣ 5

♠ 6 2

♥ J 8 5 2

♦ 9 8 5 3

♣ 7 6 2

WEST  
Bagchi

NORTH  
Marston

EAST  
Gue

SOUTH  
Armstrong

3♥

No

4♥

4♠!?

No

No

Dbl

End

-1400 but most of the BBO panel admitted they would do the same. On other days, dummy will track with ♠Jxxx and ♣Axxx for 10 tricks.

Please note that East has 6-5 in the reds again. I'm getting suspicious.

### Earlier hands

Semi, Bd 15

S/NS ♠ A 10 8 7

♥ 10 6 5

♦ Q 10

♣ A K 5 2

♠ K 2

♥ A K Q 8 4 3 2

♦ A

♣ Q J 9

♠ Q J 5 4

♥ 9

♦ 9 7 6 4 2

♣ 8 6 4

♠ 9 6 3

♥ J 7

♦ K J 8 5 3

♣ 10 7 3

WEST  
Brunner

NORTH  
Diane G

EAST  
Holland

SOUTH  
David G

No

2♦

1♥!?

Dbl

No

4♥

End

The West hand is a good advert for Benjamin Twos – apprehensive about being passed out in 1♥, not

quite strong enough for a game force. This time, North gave her another chance, gratefully accepted.

On the diamond lead, Brunner drew trumps then snuck the ♠2 to dummy, followed by a club to the nine for +420.

North could have hopped with the ♠A and exited with a spade. Then the contract fails. There is a winning line, one of Kelsey's non-material strip squeezes. Just run all but one trumps then lead the ♠K, which North must duck. This is the ending:

S/NS

♠ A

♥ —

♦ 10

♣ A K 5

♠ 2

♥ 2

♦ —

♣ Q J 9

♠ Q J

♥ —

♦ —

♣ 8 6 4

♠ —

♥ —

♦ K J

♣ 10 7 3

Now lead the ♠2. North must lead the ♦10 ruffed with declarer's last trump. Leading the ♣Q does the trick and would work even if North had ♣AKTx.

### Another 3-card ending

Here's a neat play spotted by "Boris" Ewart and Peter Hardyment.

Teams Match 12, Bd 19

S/EW ♠ A K J 10 5

♥ K 9 3 2

♦ 9

♣ A J 3

♠ Q 6 4

♥ Q J 5

♦ A 7 4

♣ Q 7 5 2

♠ 3

♥ A 10 7 6

♦ K Q J 8 6 5

♣ K 4

♠ 9 8 7 2

♥ 8 4

♦ 10 3 2

♣ 10 9 8 6

In 5♦ by East on a spade lead, declarer ruffs the second spade and plays the ♦K-A to run the ♥Q. After North covers the ♥J, declarer draws the last trump and leads the ♠K.

North has to duck this to keep declarer off dummy but there's another strip-squeeze. East cashes the trumps, coming down to ♥AT, ♣4.

North has to keep ♥K9, ♣A so declarer exits with a club to take the heart finesse.



Gytis Danta, Tony Marinos, Peter Grant and Tim Davis won the Seniors Teams 106-85. Six of the eight finalists were from Canberra.



Jill Magee and Terry Strong won the ANA shield with 69%.

There were 70 tables

### Bigger and better

A tiring debut for Therese with some noteworthy improvements – the Deep Finesse hand records, "ask the expert" sessions, the bus, finals on BBO etc.

Charles Page the BBO computer guy had his laptop stolen just before the vugraph started. Sigh. At least he'd taken the 5-1 on HOLLAND winning from day 1. *Hang on, what's that over Marston's shoulder?*

*Tony is perfect.*

44 out of a possible 44 (not 43 as I wrote in the last two issues)

See you same places,  
similar times, next year  
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