

# N.O.T. News 3

Canberra Friday January 16th 2009

Session Times - Friday & Saturday

Friday – Teams

10.00 1.30 5.00

Friday - Last Train

10.00 12.45 2.50 5.00

Saturday - Teams

10 am start

Saturday - Pairs

11.00 3.00 7.30

## Women's and Seniors' Teams Approach The Sharp End Favourites Lag

As the National Women's and National Seniors' Teams approach the cut-off for play-off qualification, the first seeds in both events are a little off the pace.

In the Women's, third seed Hoffman leads followed by fourth seeds Havas. Howell, seeded 26 are ahead of second seeds Jagelman. Top seeds, Bourke are currently in sixth.

In the Seniors, second seed Hoffman lead from Lavings (4<sup>th</sup>) while seeding leaders Neill are back in sixth after a mauling in round 5 at the hands of Hoffman. Major causes of red-faced seeders are fourth placed Smee (seeded 16) and fifth placed Kalmin (24).



### Tim Bourke's Problem

#### 3. WASTE NOT

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

#### NORTH

- **★** K 9 8 6
- **♥**QJ7
- **♦**753
- ♣ A 8 6

#### SOUTH

- ♠ A Q J 10 7 4 3
- **Y** -
- ♦ A Q 4
- **♣** K Q 3

West	North	East	South
			1 <b>♠</b>
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6 <b>♠</b>
All pass			

West leads the ten of hearts against your small slam in spades. What is the best play for the contract.?

### **Email address for NOTNews:**

Apologies a gremlin inserted a number of H's into various places in yesterday's NotNews, including the email address. The correct address is

alan@tayl0rs.co.nz

The 0 is a zero not a letter

### **Summer Festival Bus Route**

- Kingston Terrance Apartments 16Eyre Street,
   Kingston (cnr Leichardt Street)
- Pinnacle Apartments 11 Ovens Street Kingston
- Kingston Apartments 4 Tench Street Kingston
- Hyatt Hotel Commonwealth Ave <u>Pickup is at</u> <u>back of Hotel</u>
- NCC
- Olims Hotel –Cnr Ainslie & Limestone Ave
- Capital Executive Apartments . Pickup at Marque Hotel
- Quality Suites Clifton on Northbourne - <u>Pickup</u> at <u>Marque Hotel</u>
- Medina Apartments
- NCC
- Liversidge Court, ANU
- University House Pickup on Liversidge Street
- Rydges Lakeside Hotel
- Capitol Tower Apartments (pickup at R ydges Lakeside)
- NCC

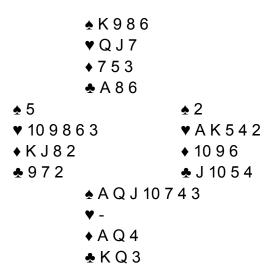
### The Bus Route Times

Kingston the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	60 minutes before
Hyatt Hotel the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	50 minutes before
Olims Hotel the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	40 minutes before
Marque Hotel the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	35 minutes before
Medina Apartments the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	35 minutes before
Liversidge Court the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	20 minutes before
Rydges Lakeside Hotel the 1 <sup>st</sup> session of the day	15 minutes before

Times are approximate – please be at one of the pickup points at least 5 minutes before the scheduled departure from that stop

#### Tim Bourke's Problem - Solution

As you have eleven top tricks, the key point of the hand is to minimise the chance of losing two diamond tricks. Of course, you could rely on a simple finesse of the queen of diamonds, which in practice would only be a 50% chance (but it is much less than that in this class of problems!) Suppose the full deal is:



Your first move should be to cover the ten of hearts with dummy's jack, forcing the king or ace from East. You ruff in your hand and play a trump to dummy's king, which draws the outstanding trumps. You next lead the queen of hearts, on which you plan to throw a diamond if East plays low. Assuming East covers the gueen of hearts with his remaining heart honour, you will ruff and then cash king, queen and ace of clubs to eliminate that suit. Finally, you lead the seven of hearts and discard the four of diamonds from your hand. On the above layout, West has to win the trick and surrender the contract with his return. A diamond will be into your ace-queen tenace and a fourth round of hearts (or a club, if he held one) would give you a ruff-and-discard. either way, you will make ten tricks.

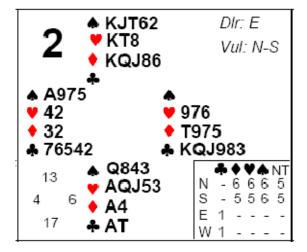
You may ask "What would happen if West began with the king of hearts or East held the eight of hearts?" The answer is that you would be forced to rely on the diamond finesse. All these manoeuvres in hearts achieved was to make certain of twelve tricks when West began with ♥10-9-8 and East with ♥A-K.

As most players will play the king from aceking at trick one, then if East plays the ace of hearts them you might decide to place West with ♥K109xx. The endplay is now achievable by ruffing the seven of hearts and endplaying West with dummy's remaining heart honour.

### **Top Table Action**

The fourth round of the Seniors' Teams saw the two top seeds pitted against each other at table 1. There was plenty of action to keep the kibitzers interested.

Board 2 enlivened proceedings pretty much from the word go:



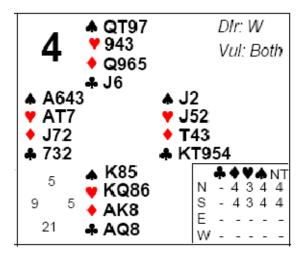
Gabi Lorentz opened 3♣ and George Gaspar doubled. John Lester exerted maximum pressure immediately with a 6♣ bid but Bobby Richman was not that easily deterred and bid 6♠. The ♣K lead saw Bobby concede a trump and claim for 1430.

John's bid was not universally duplicated. At one table, after the same opening bid and double, West passed! Ron Klinger commented that, to him, this seems right. Why tell the opponents about the huge club fit?

The auction ran out of control when North leapt into the 6♣ bidder's breach. Over 6♣, South tried 6♥ and North corrected to 6♠. South liked his hand (at least temporarily) and raised to the grand. West was not a gentleman and, deciding that his Ace of trumps would probably take a trick, doubled. He was right though the imp score for +1530 and + 1630 is the same.

Terry Brown chose a different way to handle the West cards. Over 3♣ and a double, Terry tried the effect of 3♠!. North doubled and East and South passed – the latter salivating as he did so,. Now, Terry showed his support with a 5♣ bid. This got North to offer 5♠ which drew 5♥ from South and the auction closed sooner than it might.

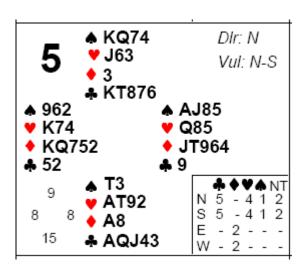
Board 4 saw Bobby solve a two-way finesse position correctly, though, if I understand his explanation correctly, he got it right for the wrong reason.



Bobby was playing 3NT from the North seat after an auction which saw East/West remain silent.

East led the ♣10 which Bobby ran to the Jack. He played a heart to the King and Ace and John Lester returned a club to dummy's Queen. All this persuaded Bobby that West, rather than East, probably had the club length and so he played a spade to the Queen and ran the ♠10. If he had to lose two spade tricks then he wanted to lose the first to West – as it was, he only lost one spade trick and now cruised home in some comfort.

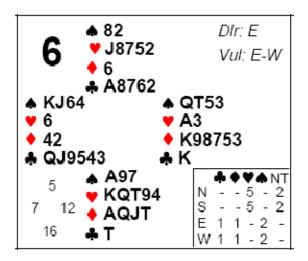
The nest saw George choose an opening bid of which Bobby did not approve. This choice actually gave the opportunity for a system triumph but George had a wee whoopsie and the final, failing contract was as it would have been if Bobby's choice had been exercised in the beginning.



After two passes, George chose to open the South cards 1♣ (15+) while Bobby definitely prefers 1NT. Bobby responded 1NT which showed clubs and values. The partnership was now on course to reach 5♣. Sadly, George had a "senior's moment" (I know that's cruel but really, could you resist it in a report of a Seniors' Teams match?) and bid 2♦ which Bobby subsequently described as tending to deny three clubs – this removed 5♣ from the horizon and put, in its place, the non-making 3NT which would have been reached after Bobby's favoured 1NT opening.

Board 6 saw George decide to take the safe money rather than trying for a possibly inadequate penalty. It turned out that there was a lot of easy money available to him.





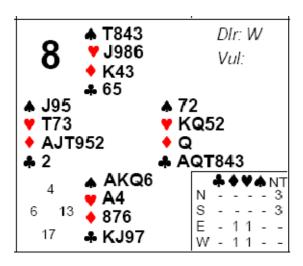
Gabi opened 1♦ and George overcalled 1♥.

John tried 1♠ and Bobby bid the spade game.

Gabi came in again with 4♠ and George had the opportunity to take an easy 500 with a double. However, he preferred to raise himself to 5♥. This ran back to Gabi, who went for the throat with a double of his own.

The spade lead went to declarer's Ace and George continued his singleton club to the Ace. He finessed the Queen of diamonds successfully and discarded dummy's losing spade on the ◆A. He conceded the trump Ace and claimed for +750.

Two boards later, it was Gabi's turn to get aggressive but, for him, it wasn't to work in practice although DeepFinesse's theory says it should have done.



After two passes, Gabi opened a systemic diamond and George overcalled 1NT. John put in 2♦, which Bobby doubled. Gabi now tried his luck with 3♣ - his luck was in – no-one doubled. Although DF says that North/South

can make 3NT, in reality, it is probably only going to yield eight tricks. This is what eventuated in the other room where the contract was 2NT. For Gabi, nothing good happened.

The ♠A and K were cashed by George and Gabi had to ruff the Queen which followed. He played the King of hearts and George took his Ace. He exited a diamond and Gabi unsuccessfully tried the finesse. Bobby returned a club and George's Jack beat Gabi's 10.

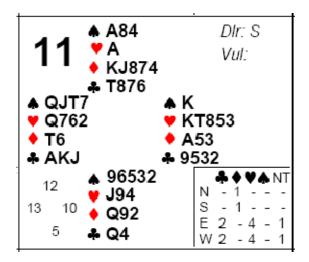
A heart went back to the Jack and Queen and all the bad news became apparent when Gabi cashed the Ace of trumps. Five down for 250 to North/South probably left Gabi rueing the decision not to pass 2.

Onto board 11 and a good-looking decision to be conservative turned sour for John and Gabi. Make your decision – you hold

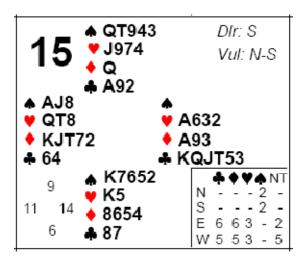
**♠**QJ107 ♥ Q762 ♦ 106 **♣**AKJ

You open 1NT (12 – 15) after a pass by rho. Partner makes a 2♦ transfer bid and you respond 2♥. Partner bids 2NT – a game try in hearts. Do you go – with your near minimum including eight points in clubs?

John didn't but had few problems in wrapping up ten tricks. In the other room, West went to game and made the same number of tricks as John on this layout:



Two slams later in the match sealed the fate of the Lester-Lorentz team.

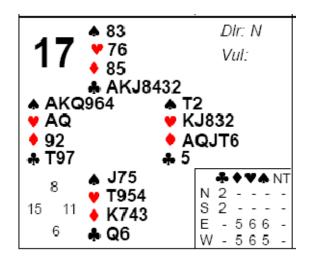


George passed and John opened 1♦. Bobby put in a vulnerable overcall of 1♠ (which may not be to everyone's taste). Gabi bid 2♣ and George hid in the bushes with a pass. 2NT from John saw Gabi offer 3♥ and George emerge from hiding with all the stealth of a dyspeptic rhinoceros by bidding 3♠. John batted this way with a disdainful 3NT.

Eleven tricks were not hard to acquire. In the other room, Ron Klinger also opened 1• which drew a 1• overcall from Zolly Nagy. David Hoffman doubled and David Lilley made a Bergen raise of spades by bidding 3•. This ran back to David, who, reassured that partner had few wasted spade values, bid a confident 6• - his confidence was not misplaced even though the spade values were.

Two boards later and Ron and David got another one right.





Bobby opened 2♣ as North – Precision style, sort of – and Gabi overcalled 2♥. John closed proceedings with a raise to the heart game.

In the other room, North opened 3♣ and David Hoffman overcalled 3♥. Ron responded 3♠ which saw David show his second suit - 4♠. Ron now found an excellent 5♥ raise and David was happy to bid (and make) the slam.

When the dust had cleared, the second seeds had raised the 100 (in imps) while the preevent favourites had to settle for single figures.

### **What Other National Championships?**

besides bridge would see three generations of a family in one team contesting the event. Team number 17 in the Life Master Teams contains:

Grandfather/father Eric Glass

Son/father Brett Glass and

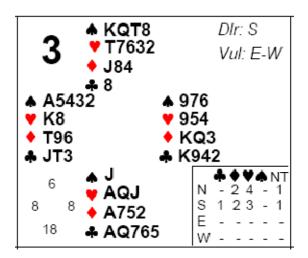
Grandson/son Tyrel Glass

Brett and Tyrel are New Zealand residents while *paterfamilias* Eric is a Canberra resident.

After six rounds, they are in fourth place.

### **Good News, Bad News**

Tania Lloyd was delighted to make a "no play" game in the fourth round of the Women's Teams though was less impressed when she found out that DeepFinesse had it as a make.



Tania was playing 4♥ from North and received a trump lead. She tried an immediate finesse without success. West cashed her Ace of spades and returned a trump. Tania's problems are obviously

- 1) Not enough tricks
- 2) No communication

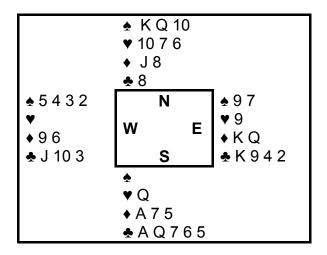
She cashed the Ace of hearts and Ace of clubs and ruffed a club. She cashed her spade winners, pitching a club and two diamonds from dummy. East was afraid that, if she pitched a club, then Tania could set up clubs with one more ruff – little knowing that Tania couldn't get to dummy often enough to enjoy the clubs. Accordingly, East pitched a diamond. A diamond to the Ace and a small diamond saw Tania's Jack promoted to winning status for the tenth trick.

Paul Lavings (with a little help from DeepFinesse) gave me the winning line.

Take the trump lead with the Ace and continue with the Jack of spades. If East ducks this then declarer can cross-ruff her way to ten tricks. If, on the other hand, East takes her Ace, cashes

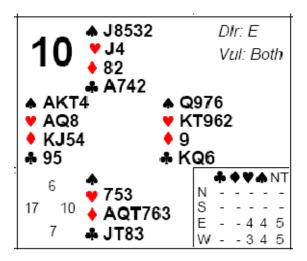
her boss trump and continues the ♦10 then declarer is still OK

She ducks the diamond in both hands to bring about



If West continues diamonds, declarer takes the Ace and places Ace of clubs and ruffs a club. The two top spades are cashed for two diamond pitches from the South hand. Now a diamond is ruffed with the Queen on table and another club ruff puts declarer in hand to draw the last trump and claim ten tricks.

When discussing the hand with Paul, he offered to give me a demonstration of DeepFinesse – an offer which I very happily accepted. Paul commented that one of the great things about the programme is the way in which it enables you to play through different lines on a hand and see what different outcomes eventuate from different lines. In particular, he mentioned that something which he had learnt from DeepFinesse was that, when faced with a 5-0 trump break, you should bend your mind to forcing the defender to ruff. He then gave me this example from the third round of the Seniors'.



Paul found his way to 4♠ via

North	East	South
	Р	Р
Р	2♣	2♦
Р	3♦	Р
Р	4♠	End
	P P	P P 2♣ P 3♦

A diamond was led to South's Ace and a small club saw Paul try the 9 and North ducked. Paul now cashed the Ace of trumps and received the bad news.

He cashed the Ace and Queen of hearts and played a club towards dummy's honours. North went in with the Ace and played a further club to the King on table.

Paul cashed the ♥K on which North discarded but when the ♥10 followed North felt obliged to ruff. The club continuation was ruffed with a low trump and the ♦K was cashed. A diamond was ruffed low by dummy and a heart with the 10 in the closed hand. North could over-ruff but now Paul had ten tricks.

So, for those of us below expert status, remember Paul Lavings' bridge tip – when faced by a bad trump break, force the defence to ruff. (Probably this will work better than my method of screaming abuse at the dealing machine.)

#### **Welcome Visitor**

Ross Stuart

Jeff Taylor is visiting Australia for a week's bridge in the Stuart Seniors' team (#6), having played here with Avi Kanetkar and Ross Stuart in Newcastle in the early 1970's.

Jeff is on the Board of Directors of the ACBL, representing Oregon, Hawaii, Reno and North California. Jeff commented that he was pleased to see so many Aussies at Hawaii last year and is looking forward to seeing many more in Reno when he hosts the 2010 Spring Nationals

### **New Zealand Nationals**

2009

September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kingsgate Hotel

Hamilton

315 (NZ) = A250 (approx)

Three days of NZ Pairs Championships

+

Five days of NZ Teams
Championships

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### National Senior's Teams Round 6 - 2009

**Team** 

<u>44</u>

<u>41</u>

<u>27</u>

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Name

Edwards

Mangos

Lindsay

Hardie

Jeffery

Daglish

Tulpule

Stavik

Rhodes

Mellings

Logan

Hanna

Gilbert

O'Toole

Dixon

Cariola

Courtemanche

Hitchcock

Pick

Russ

**Score** 

85

85

84

83

81

**77** 

**77** 

**77** 

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**75** 

74

**67** 

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Place	Team	Name	Score	Place
1	<u>2</u>	Hoffman	132	41
2	4	Lavings	117	42
3	9	Ashworth	114	43
4	16	Smee	113	44
5	24	Kalmin	112	45
6	<u>1</u>	Neill	112	46
7	10	Urbach	110	47
8	<u>3</u>	Newman	106	48
9	<u>13</u>	Strong	106	49
10	<u>8</u>	Hutton	106	50
11	<u>32</u>	Afflick	105	51
12	<u>20</u>	Danta	103	52
13	<u>17</u>	Reiner	103	53
14	<u>28</u>	Colmer	101	54
15	<u>23</u>	Johnman	99	55
16	<u>6</u>	Stuart	97	56
17	<u>5</u>	Bloom	97	57
18	<u>49</u>	Fallet	96	58
19	<u>14</u>	Livingston	96	59
20	<u>31</u>	Mitchell	96	60
21	<u>18</u>	Miller	93	
22	<u>15</u>	Kahler	93	
23	<u>19</u>	Milward	92	
24	<u>34</u>	Ashton	92	
25	<u>7</u>	Robbins	92	
26	<u>12</u>	Crichton	92	
27	<u>45</u>	Young	91	
28	<u>38</u>	Crockett	89	
29	<u>22</u>	East	89	
30	<u>46</u>	Glasson	89	
31	<u>26</u>	Kefford	88	
32	<u>37</u>	Rothwell	88	
33	<u>42</u>	Seymour	88	
34	<u>47</u>	Thompson	88	
35	<u>36</u>	Storr	88	
36	<u>29</u>	Barva	88	
37	<u>30</u>	Briscoe	87	
38	<u>59</u>	Carmody	87	
39	<u>11</u>	Dudley	86	
40	<u>52</u>	Slaughter	86	

### **Summer Festival**

## National Women's Teams Round 6 - 2009

### National Non Life Teams - 2009

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>3</u>	Hoffman	120
2	<u>4</u>	Havas	116
3	<u>26</u>	Howell	109
4	<u>2</u>	Jagelman	108
5	<u>25</u>	Thomson	107
6	<u>6</u>	Moses	103
7	<u>23</u>	Yuill	102
8	<u>1</u>	Bourke	101
9	<u>11</u>	McKinnon	99
10	<u>9</u>	Evans	95
11	<u>7</u>	Millar	95
12	<u>10</u>	Tishler	93
13	<u>21</u>	Guttmann	93
14	<u>5</u>	Lowry	92
15	<u>16</u>	McCartney	92
16	<u>18</u>	Abbenbroek	91
17	<u>13</u>	Mott	88
18	<u>19</u>	Samuel	87
19	<u>22</u>	Van Der Hor	85
20	<u>12</u>	Stephens	82
21	<u>14</u>	Carmichael	81
22	<u>17</u>	Hopwood	80
23	<u>8</u>	Adams	78
24	<u>30</u>	House Teams	74
25	<u>15</u>	May	72
26	<u>27</u>	Kilvert	71
27	<u>20</u>	Darley	67
28	<u>29</u>	Halmos	66
29	<u>28</u>	Kotkin	62
30	<u>24</u>	Obenchain	54

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1	12	Kelly	127
2	4	Munro	123
3	13	Hurst	104
4	14	Perrin	102
5	3	Jowett	102
6	16	Kassam	102
7	7	Wylie	101
8	11	Dalziell	99
9	17	Cook	98
10	20	Kelshiker	93
11	10	O'Brien	93
12	2	Richmond	90
13	9	Knight	89
14	8	Humphery	81
15	15	Lisle	79
16	21	Waight	76
17	5	Forrest	73
18	19	Kite	73
19	1	Gadd	65
20	6	Mitchell	65
21	18	Geromboux	64
22	22	House Teams	56

### National Life Master Teams - 2009

#### **Place Team** Name **Score** Fraser Ferguson O'Connor Glass Gray Bugeia Hecker Butcher Lane White Waizer Lewin Bourke Stephens Moss Hill Miller Kelly

### **National Novice Teams - 2009**

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>7</u>	Nilsson	117
2	<u>3</u>	Skarbek	114
3	<u>13</u>	Breden	114
4	<u>6</u>	Aquino	110
5	<u>12</u>	Gooding	100
6	<u>17</u>	Marriott	98
7	<u>2</u>	Beer	96
8	<u>8</u>	Hollands	95
9	<u>4</u>	Weir	95
10	<u>21</u>	Ashcroft	95
11	<u>1</u>	McRae	95
12	<u>14</u>	Bednarz	93
13	<u>9</u>	Jacka	92
14	<u>26</u>	House Teams	91
15	<u>25</u>	Ma	88
16	<u>22</u>	Balkin	86
17	<u>18</u>	Carson	85
18	<u>23</u>	Jeffrey	85
19	<u>11</u>	Nehmy	81
20	<u>15</u>	Hansen	79
21	<u>10</u>	Willis	76
22	<u>16</u>	Donald	76
23	<u>5</u>	Higgins	74
24	<u>20</u>	Farmer	72
25	<u>19</u>	Devlin	65
26	<u>24</u>	Macklow	34

### **OPEN LAST TRAIN Round 4 - 2009**

Place	Team	Name	Score
1	<u>1</u>	I Robinson, A De Livera	82
2	<u>5</u>	M Whibley, L Milne	81
3	<u>8</u>	S Burgess, C Boylson	78
4	<u>9</u>	S Konig, J Wallis	71
5	<u>11</u>	N Van Vucht, R Van Der Hoek	67
6	<u>4</u>	K Morrison, D Weston	67
7	<u>2</u>	T Burke, M Prescott	67
8	<u>7</u>	D Geromboux, M Porter	63
9	<u>14</u>	R Hills, C Quail	63
10	<u>18</u>	C Ritter, C Mill	62
11	<u>13</u>	N Dutton, M Merven	60
12	<u>22</u>	T O'Loughlin, M Fairlamb	58
13	<u>6</u>	M Abraham, L Mitchell	58
14	<u>19</u>	D McLeish, P McLeish	58
15	<u>10</u>	B Waters, G Jesner	55
16	<u>12</u>	M Bookallil, S Fischer	53
17	<u>3</u>	P Gosney, M Wilkinson	53
18	<u>15</u>	N Francis, A Maluish	50
19	<u>17</u>	P Livesey, M Pemberton	49
20	<u>16</u>	G Finikiotis, P Gallasch	46
21	<u>20</u>	E Lindh, P Phillips	46
22	<u>21</u>	P Beaton, P Carter	25