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Spring Nationals on Real Bridge

14-24 October 2021

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Teams at half way

Unbeaten in the Open and 12 VPs clear is Team 6:

T Nunn, P Dalley
J Hunt, I Thomson
R Klinger, M Mullamphy

Here are two of their good boards:

Teams 4, Bd 44, W/NS

Paul Dalley held these West cards:

♠ Q ♥ Q975 ♦ A1095 ♣ 9865

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
no	1NT	no	2♥
no	2♠	no	no
?			

An easy pass for most of us but Dalley doubled, passed out. Partner leads the ♠A, swallowing your queen.

How do you feel? +800.

Here's a good game in a 4-3 fit:

Teams 2, Bd 22

E/EW ♠ 10 7 5
♥ J 9 8 7 6
♦ 9 6
♣ J 10 5

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

♠ A K 3
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ K 8 7 4
♣ 6 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Hunt		Thomson	
1♥ ^{as}	no	1♣	dbl
2♦ ^{GF}		1♠	no
3♥		3♦	
4♠		3♠	
		no	

3NT by West was headed for -300. (3NT by East is more interesting)

Jon Hunt wisely chose the suit game, which made when trumps broke 3-3 and had chances if they didn't. (Note that 4♠/W would fail on a diamond lead. Another win for damned transfer responses.)

Here are some tricky hands I spotted, starting with a spectacular lead that reaped a reward:

Teams 2, Bd 23

S/Both ♠ K 10 3
♥ 6
♦ K J 10 6 4 2
♣ J 10 4

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

♠ J 9 6 5
♥ K J 10 9 8 5
♦ Q 9
♣ Q

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Foster		Weston
2♠	no	3♣	no
3NT	end		

Julian Foster led a diamond, choosing the king! This can gain by picking up a singleton ♦Q.

Declarer won dummy's ace as the ♦Q was unblocked. On a low club from dummy, the other minor queen appeared. Now what?

Ducking works but you would look a goose if clubs were 2-2. South figured to be 3-6-2-2, so declarer played ♣A and drifted three off.

Better is to duck the opening lead, then duck again when the ♠Q appears.

KQJT86 is too fine a suit:

Teams 1, Bd 5

N/NS ♠ 7 5 4 2
♥ Q
♦ A Q 10 9 3 2
♣ J 10

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

♠ K Q J 10 8 6
♥ 9 5
♦ 4
♣ Q 9 8 7

Teams after 4 of 8 Rnds



TBIB Open (52 teams)

1	6	NUNN	68.65
2	3	GILL	56.94
3	36	ASHTON	56.74
4	33	CURTIS	55.92
5	12	GUE	54.22
6	50	ZHU	53.64
7	46	DONOVAN	51.68
8	30	MOSKOVSKY	51.02
9	32	FREE	50.31
10	2	MORRISON	49.49



Intermediate (16 teams)

1	12	LI	65.82
2	2	FEYDER	60.85
3	6	ROGERS	48.91
4	3	WARD	45.25
5	5	RAYMOND	44.67
6	4	HOLGATE	43.97

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	no	1♥	2♠
3♠	4♦	4♥	4♠
dbl	no	5♥	end

A common enough auction. East could have passed the double for +500 but 7-4 wants to bid on.

After losing the first two tricks to the ♦A and a ruff, 19 (!) declarers basically cashed out for one off. Best chance was South having four clubs and all the spade honours.

Justice!

How did this 3NT make:

Match 2, Bd 20

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

Most Souths led the ♥Q-4-3-2. It was easy enough to shoot 3NT after that start. Some declarers played the ♥K at trick one. Can you guess what happened next?

Trick two went ♥3-5-9-4 and that was the end of the defence.

South should work out the layout. If declarer had started with ♥T-x-x, dummy's king would not have been played at trick one.

Here is an undeserved relay "success" from the first match:

Match 1, Bd 2

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	Ebery		Frazer
		no	1NT
no	2♦	no	2♠
dbl	2NT	no	3♥
	3♠		3NT
	4♣		4♥
	4♠		5♣
	5♥		5NT
	7♦		no

Hope it didn't take too long. Anyway, East ignored partner's double of 2♠ and led the ♥J.

+2140. Make sure you ask Jamie what went wrong.

Online results

Results on the RealBridge website are provisional only. The official results for the competition will be at

<https://tinyurl.com/5aapb5uw>

Hermant lulls

Do people play worse on RealBridge and LoveBridge? I think so. The busy and unfamiliar interface plays tricks with our minds. We find ourselves having aberrations that would not happen at the table.

Take this from the **USA play-offs on LoveBridge**:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Lall		Weichsel	
1♠	dbl	no !	2♥
no	no	4♥	no
5♦	no	5♥	no
no	no		

Peter Weichsel would have done better to act first time. Anyway, he got to show his void. Encouraged by the 5♦ cue(?), East tempted fate with another cue.

Under pressure, it looks to me like Hermant Lall decided to "sign-off" but clicked pass in error. Who knows? This would be less likely to happen face-to-face.

The Americans love a good 4-0 fit:

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Kamil		Becker	
1♠		2♣	
2♥		4NT natural ?	
6♦ 1 KC + void ?		no	

Crossed wires, though Becker's pass looks strange. Perhaps he pictured partner with

♠ K 10 xxx	♥ A Q xx	♦ K Q xx	♣ —
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In fact 6NT would have made on a diamond lead because the ♠J-10 fall.

Timetable

Open & Intermediate Tms

Fri	10.30	2 x 12 bds
15	2.15	2 x 12 bds

Top four (in Open) to semis on Saturday, 10.30 start.

You can kibitz these on 30 minute delay. Go to

kibitz.realbridge.online

Dick Cummings Pairs & Ted Chadwick Nov/Rstr

Enter before 7pm Friday
Matchpoints converted to VPs

Sat	10.30	2 x 10 bds
16	1.30	3 x 10 bds

Sun	10.30	2 x 10 bds
17	1.30	3 x 10 bds

Open & Novice Swiss Prs

Wed	10.30	3 x 8 bds
20	2pm	3 x 8 bds

Mixed Teams

Fri	10.30	2 x 12 bds
22	2.15	2 x 12 bds

Sat	10.30	2 x 12 bds
23	2.15	2 x 12 bds

Penline Swiss Pairs & Two Men & a Truck Pairs

Sat	10.30	3 x 8 bds
23	2pm	3 x 8 bds

NSWBA Jacaranda Tms

Sun	10.30	3 x 8 bds
24	2.15	3 x 8 bds

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If your partner or one of your opponents does something interesting, please text or email the details to me.

Still waiting



ANC Australian Butler Pairs Championships 2021 (Online)

These events will be run online using **RealBridge**.

The Open Butler and the Restricted Butler will award **GOLD POINTS**

The Open Butler will award **Play Off Points (PQPs)**

The **Open Butler** will be run in two stages:

Stage I - Saturday / Sunday 13-14th November

Stage II - Monday / Tuesday 15-16th November



- Stage 1 of the TBIB Open Butler will consist of four sessions - with the format being dependent upon the number of entries.
- Stage 2 will consist of 11 x 9-board matches. The top 12 eligible pairs from Stage I will progress to Stage II.

The **Restricted Butler** (players with less than 300 masterpoints as of 1 January 2021) will be run as a stand-alone event:

Saturday / Sunday 13-14th November

The format will be a Swiss Pairs comprising 8 x 12-board matches

Both events start at 12:00 AEDT and finish on the weekend at about 18:30 AEDT

All entries and payments should be made via MyABF.com.au

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