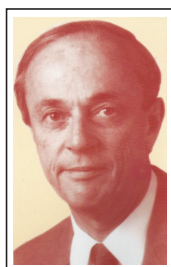




Final stretches

The final of the Open Teams will be decided today. Flip to page two for some gory details from the Semis.

The Dick Cummings Pairs will also finish this evening. Remember there are cash prizes and playoff points for both events.



Liam Milne spotted this neat defensive surround play:

Cummings Pairs 2, Bd 11

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

Most Wests were on lead to 3♥ or 4♥. Nearly every declarer made nine tricks.

After cashing the ♠A, the defence to hold declarer to eight tricks is for West to switch to the ♣Q, surrounding declarer's jack. Mike Hughes was the only one who found that.

A hand from the Pairs leaders:

DC Pairs 2, Bd 14

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Harley	Zhu	Ewart	Yixiang
2♥ ^{p/c}	no	2♦ ^{multi}	no
3♠	4♥	no	dbl
4♠	dbl	end	no

The defence started with a heart and two rounds of clubs.

Neil Ewart played a diamond to the 10. When that held, it was routine to pick up trumps for +690 and 97%.

Teams match 6, Bd 20

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Foster	end	Weston

Open Teams final

ASHTON vs JOHANSSON

Sun 10.30 48 boards
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Dick Cummings Pairs & Ted Chadwick Nov/Rstr

Matchpoints converted to VPs

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

Leaders after 5 rounds

Dick Cummings Pairs

1	Harley - Ewart	77.64
2	Coutts - Milne	75.12
3	Coats - Clarke	71.94
4	Depasquale - Courtney	71.32
5	Whibley - Vadas	66.90
6	Carter - Hutton	66.55
7	Humphries - Brake	65.64
8	Brown - Jenner-O'Shea	65.33
9	Dawson - Gill	65.00
10	Fanos - Finikiotis	64.60

Ted Chadwick Restricted

1	Hardie - Jasper	78.25
2	Jiang - Li	73.76
3	Andrew - Taberner	69.76
4	Legge - Jones	65.94
5	Yates - O'Malley	57.64

The defence started well enough with three rounds of clubs. After a heart to the queen and a spade up, came a heart to the ace and another heart.

It seemed to West that declarer had taken a successful heart finesse was about to ruff this one, so a club was pitched. In with a chance, declarer cut loose with a diamond.

The only defence now is for West to return a diamond and for East to overtake to give partner a ruff. Then a club at trick 11 brings East's ♠6 into play for one off.

When they didn't find that, 1♠ scored a hard-earned +80.

Some hands from the Semis.

Four different approaches:

Semis, Bd 10

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

There was a 12 IMP swing in both matches on this hand. Everyone was in 4♥ on a diamond lead.

It's appealing to play three rounds of diamonds but Geeske Joel switched to her singleton club. -620.

At the other table, Sartaj Hans ruffed the diamond continuation with dummy's ♥8, overruffed.

When North's ♥J fell under dummy's ace, Hans crossed to the ♠K to lead the ♥10-7-K for one off. Just looking at the trump suit, it's better to play South for the queen but the 6-2 diamond break swings the odds. -100.

In the other match, both declarers chose to pitch a spade on the third diamond. They soon reached the same crucial position. John Hunt played trumps from the top for -100, while Les Grewcock finessed.

It's unclear but South had opened the bidding, though a stray quack here or there doesn't seem to carry much weight these days.

Here's an ugly one:

Semis, Bd 15

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

Sylvester Grewcock
 1♥ 1♠
 3♥? no

Game makes in four strains, so this must have felt like 6 IMPs out. However, Dalley - Nunn bid these cards to 7♥x for 9 IMPs the other way.

The first semi was close at half time. then JOHANSSON picked up 35 IMPs with boards like this:

Semis, Bd 29

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Klinger	Grewcock	Mullamphy	Sylvester
	1♠		3♠
	4NT		5♣ ^{1 KC}
	6♠		no

You can probably work out what happened. Matt led the ♥A. (Ron played the ♥8, maybe count)

Mullamphy saw that any switch could be costly, so played another heart for -1430. A mere 26 IMPs.

Given his time again, Klinger would surely play the ♥K at trick one.

And this:

Semis, Bd 28

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Zets	Nunn	J'sson	Dalley
no	1♠	3♦	dbl
no	4♠	end	

The Dalley double was a transfer. 4♠ looks normal and made in the other match on the ♣10 lead.

However, Axel found the ♦A lead to shoot the contract. When the ♦Q held at trick two, he switched to a trump for +200 and 9 IMPs.

JOHANSSON had overcome an 11 IMP carry-backward to win by 21 IMPs, so gained 32 IMPs at the table.

The other semi became a blowout, with ASHTON winning by 123 IMPs.

TBIB Open Teams semi-finals (48 boards)

	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
NUNN	10.8	13	23.8	22	45.8	2	47.8	31	78.8
JOHANSSON	0	26	26	26	52	37	89	11	100

Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley - Jon Hunt - Ian Thomson - Ron Klinger - Matt Mullamphy
 Axel Johannsson - Avril Zets - Liz Sylvester - Les Grewcock

	C/F	Set 1	Total	Set 2	Total	Set 3	Total	Set 4	Total
ASHTON	5.3	29	34.3	49	83.3	60	143.3	33	176.3
GUE	0	21	21	0	21	3	24	29	53

Sophie Ashton - Sartaj Hans - Andy Hung - Geo Tislevoll - Nick Jacob - Geeske Joel
 Phil Gue - Anthony Burke - Peter Chan - Attilio De Luca