

# Ashton NOT champions again

Lusk wins Women's Final

# Sunday, January 23

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### <u>Results</u>



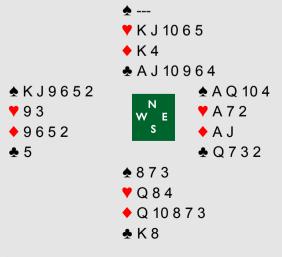


Like a juggernaut<sup>1</sup>, ASHTON kept up pressure on their opponents, and while there were opportunities for COUTTS to forge ahead, judgement actions favoured ASHTON over COUTTS.

Take this decision Michael Ware faced from the second set:

## **NOT Final**

Board 16, West deals, EW vulnerable



West	North	East	South
Ware	Edgtton	McManus	Ashton
pass	1♣	1NT	pass
2 <b>♥</b> <sup>1</sup>	37	4♠	5♣
pass	pass	dbl	pass
5♠	all pass		
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1. Transfer

Who can blame Ware for removing the penalty double, which would have yielded a thin +100. OK, it was not a winning action, but the damage had in fact come from the COUTTS action in the other room:

West	North	East	South
Hans	Tislevoll	Gill	Jacob
pass	1♣	1NT	pass
2 <b>∀</b> ¹	dbl	<b>3</b> ♥ <sup>2</sup>	4♦
4♠	all pass		

- 1. Transfer
- 2. Superaccept, not bad

<sup>1</sup> Noun *a huge, powerful, and overwhelming force.* **1 Sunday, January 23**

I prefer Nabil Edgtton's action in showing the extreme distribution of his hand to GeO Tislevoll's heart-showing double.

After East, Peter Gill showed a super accept in spades, Nick Jacob had a difficult bid, but 4♦, whatever it was intended to mean, had no effect on the auction (perhaps Jacob took Tislevoll's double to be takeout). NS sold out to the vulnerable game, -620 while Sophie Ashton, the heroine of the deal, accurately and effectively saved, holding two good cards for North - ♣K and ♥Q.

Pushing EW to a non-making 5♠ was an added bonus.

This was the sort of juggernaut decision that has kept ASHTON at the forefront of bridge . By the end of the third stanza, ASHTON were ahead 85 -45, and by the last board of the match, further outages meant ASHTON led 122 - 60.

Bidding a grand slam on this deal, where Hans and Gill missed even a small slam, Liam Milne and James Coutts brought in 16 IMPs, the largest swing of the match, making the final score a more respectable 122 - 76.

# **Events finalized today**

#### **National Women's Team Final**

**LUSK,** Paula McLeish, Pele Rankin, Sue Lusk, Viv Wood 86.1

**CREET**, Karen Creet , Felicity Smyth, Sheila Bird, Anita Curtis 58

#### **OZ Youth Challenge Teams**

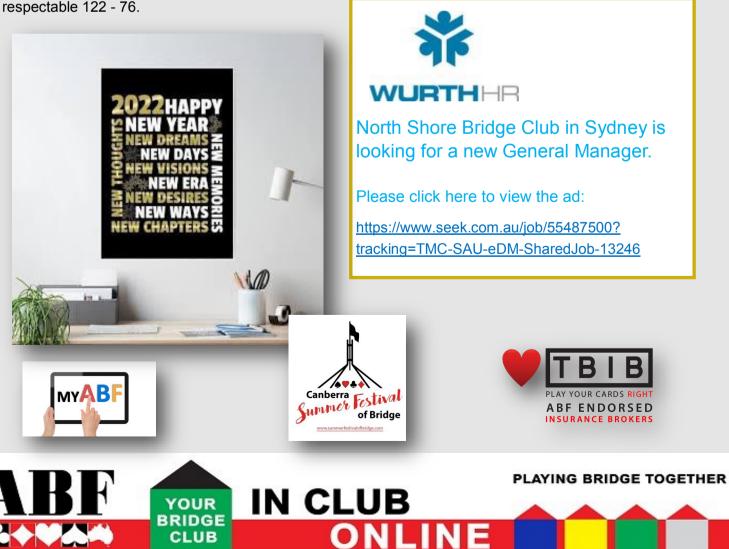
**FLICKER**, Damon Flicker, Joshua Tomlin, Oliver McCarthy, Darren Brake

#### **Open Matchpoint Swiss Pairs**

1. Russel Harms - Attilio de Luca, 2. Ross and Pam Crichton, 3. Jack James - Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin

#### **Under 750 Matchpoint Swiss Pairs**

1. Marelle Irvine - Peter Robinson, 2. Cheryl Henke - Jacky Gruszka, 3. Mardi and John Grosvenor



# Tasmanian Festival of Bridge



# Thu 24th- Sun 27th March 2022

## Thursday/Friday:

**TFoB** Restricted Swiss Pairs

Australian Mixed Swiss Pairs - PQPs

Roger Penny Senior Swiss Pairs

# Saturday/Sunday:

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