

2022 Australian National Championships



Interstate round robin ends, final continues

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What's coming up tomorrow:

Friday, 8 July	Interstate Matchpoint Swiss Pairs	9.30am
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Eating Crow (continued)

by Paul Lavings

Moving on to 2017, David Hudson (David's father Hugh Hudson played for SA in 1964) and I needed to win our last match to qualify for third spot on the NSW team to go to the ANC in Canberra. We were missing out until the last hand, where opponents bid a close slam and went down. But again a lot of luck had been used up.

The NSW team of Bob Sebesfi (npc), Pauline Gumby—Warren Lazer, André Korenhof—Maurits van der Vlugt, David Hudson - Paul Lavings faced SA, Phil Markey(c) - Justin Williams, David Anderson—George Smolanko, Nicholas Croft—Joachim Haffer over four 15-board sets. The match was a low scoring affair. SA took in a 10 IMP carryover and with one set to play led by 2.1 IMPs and won by 1.1 IMPs

In our round robin encounter I held as dealer, all vulnerable:

♠AK64, ♥K105, ♦AJ962, ♣6

The auction started 1♦ (1♠) dbl (pass)

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A difficult choice for most of you, but easy for me. I could see it all and passed! I pictured we would lead diamonds and force declarer to ruff. We would then get in with a top club or heart and I would draw ♠AK, leaving declarer with two spades and me with two. Now we would have trump control and playing on diamonds would hold declarer to

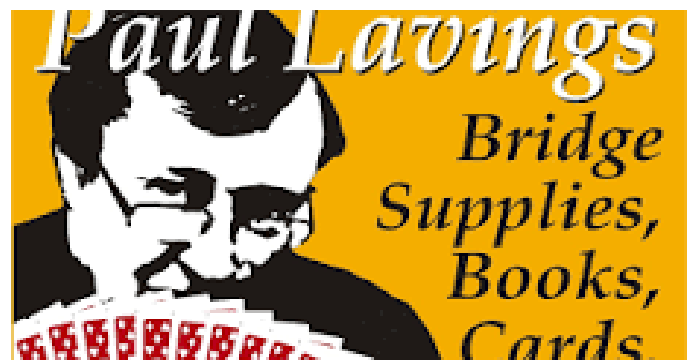
just three trump tricks, perhaps one other trick somewhere.

The problem was that George Smolanko had 7 tricks in his own hand for his 1♠ overcall:

♠ 5		♠ A K 6 4						
♥ Q 8 6		♥ K 10 5						
♦ 8 5 4		♦ A J 9 6 2						
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That was -160. In the other room East overcalled 4♠ (?) and South bid 5♦ for +600 and 13 IMPs away.

I had planned to write up just one or two hands but after considerable research I have discovered that SA indeed has a very rich bridge history, and that I am a considerable part of it. 😊



How do you play this?

Neville Francis asked how a hand from Round 11 should be bid. He held ♠109, ♥AKJ105, ♦Q2, ♣A962, and saw partner open 1♥ and RHO bid 3♠.

How to find out more about partner's hand? He doubled, LHO passed and partner bid 4♣.

Now he bid 5♥, hoping partner would work out he was looking for spade control. Partner passed, thinking 5♥ asked him to bid six with good hearts..

There are cases where a 5♥ bid asks partner to bid six with good trumps. However, in competition, 5♥ is the traditional "cuebid 5♠ with control in the opponents' suit, pass with no control."

Board 8, West deals, nil vulnerable

♠ — ♥ Q 9 7 3 2 ♦ K 9 8 6 ♣ K Q 7 4	♠ K Q 7 2 ♥ 6 ♦ J 10 7 5 3 ♣ J 8 5	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; background-color: #006400; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A J 8 6 5 4 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A 4 ♣ 10 3
♠ 10 9 ♥ A K J 10 5 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A 9 6 2			

I had agreed with Neville initially, but on reflection (and remembering the long-agreed meaning for the bid), I think his sequence did indeed ask partner to bid slam with good trumps.

Here's the bidding when James Coutts – Justin Mill had the NS cards:

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i> <i>Coutts</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i> <i>J Mill</i>
pass	1♥	3♠	5♥
pass	5♠	pass	6♥
all pass			

At the other table:

<i>West</i> <i>Thompson</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i> <i>Fruewirth</i>	<i>South</i>
pass	1♥	2♠	3♠
4♠	pass	pass	5♥
all pass			

Even though Robert Fruewirth's 2♠ bid gave the opponents more room, Ben Thompson's 4♠ bid gave North no room to make a bid with his minimum hand, and South subsided in 5♥.

Close end to Youth round robin

With one round to go, Team 1 plays Team 2 and 3 plays 4. With the scores very tight, SA needs to win by 2 IMPs, Victoria needs to win by 3 IMPs (at time of writing), and NSW can afford to lose by 1 IMP. A nail-biting finish.

A nervous but hopeful Victorian npc breathed a sigh of relief when they kept their loss to 4 IMPs and NSW lost by 31 IMPs.

After the first round of the final SA are leading Vic by 18.5 IMPs to 6 IMPs.



Congratulations to the Tassie Women's Team, third in the Interstate, playing four-handed! Dallas Cooper, Fiona Hickey, Alaine MacMorran and Barbara Holland.



Tassie Open, fourth in the interstate. Their best finish since 2009. Andrew & Sandra Richman, Hilton Francis, Julie Rhodes, Hugh Grosvenor, (captain) and John Bailey

Open Interstate

Congratulations to the NSW Open Team, Liam Milne – Sophie Ashton, Tony Nunn – Paul Dalley, Simon Zhang – Wayne Zhu, David Fryda (captain) who were first in the round robin on 622.6 VPs from Victoria, James Coutts (playing captain) – Justin Mill, Ben Thompson – Robert Fruewirth, Simon Hinge – Stephen Lester on 600.1 VPs.

In third place were SA, Attilio De Luca – David Lusk, David Gue – Jon Hunt, George Smolanko – David Middleton, Mike Doecke (npc) on 498.9 VPs

Women's Interstate

In the Women's, SA, Ingrid Cooke – Sue Lusk, Alison Fallon – Pam Morgan-King – Felicity Smyth – Therese Demarco, David Parrott, (npc).triumphed on 723.1 VPs, with NSW, Nazife Bashar – Kinga Moses, Rena Kaplan – Giselle Mundell, Avril Zets – Helena Dawson, Marcia Scudder (npc) second on 592.5 VPs.

Third were Tasmania, Dallas Cooper (playing captain) – Barbara Holland, Fiona Hickey – Alaine MacMorran on 486.3 VPs.

Seniors Interstate

NSW, Avi Kanetkar – Peter Buchen, Pauline Gumby – Warren Lazer, Paul Lavings – Robert Krochmalik, led the Seniors round robin on 636.8 VPs from ACT Seniors, Michael Cullen – Bernie Waters, David Hoffman (playing captain) – Sean Mullamphy on 629.3 VPs. Peter Kahler was forced to withdraw, and Adrienne Stephens transferred to the Women's field.

Third was SA Seniors, Peter Chan—Arjuna de Livera, Zolly Nagy—Russel Harms, Roger Januszke—John Zollo on 601.2 VPs.



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