

2024 Summer Festival of Bridge, January 9-21

Last day of the SWPT Swiss

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Grand bidding

featuring **Pablo Lambardi**

South deals deals, all vulnerable

♠ A 7 4

♥ A 10 2

♦ A 5

♣ K Q J 6 2

♠ Q J 10 8 2

♥ 3

♦ K Q J 9 8 6 4

♣ ---

♠ K 5

♥ J 9 7

♦ 10 3

♣ 10 8 7 5 4 3

♠ 9 6 3

♥ K Q 8 6 5 4

♦ 7 2

♣ A 9

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<i>Pellegrini</i>		<i>Lambardi</i>
			2♥
3♥ ¹	3♠ ²	pass	4♣
4♦	4NT	pass	5♠
Pass	7♥	all pass	

1. Spades and a minor
2. Forcing heart raise

This deal comes from the 2021 US Fall Nationals, held in Austin, TX. Carlos Pellegrini and Pablo

Lambardi arrived in a grand slam against Geoff Hampson and Eric Greco.

Lambardi won the opening spade lead and felt that the likelihood of 4–0 trumps was high enough that he needed to start hearts with the ace. (Would ♥10 have been better? We shall see.) When both opponents followed, he was at the crossroads.

Playing against top-class players, it was surely correct to do as Lambardi did, by leading a low club to the nine. West had taken two bids at game, all without ♠K. He surely had plenty of shape to justify doing so opposite a silent partner. When West showed out but could not ruff, declarer was home. At the other table, NS arrived in 3NT, so this was a 17 IMP pickup for Team Narasimhan.

Note that if trumps had indeed been 4–0 (and clubs 5–1), it would have been necessary to begin hearts by running ♥10 at trick two (or ♥2, covering whatever East played). Declarer can then take the club finesse, or cross to ♥A first if necessary before doing so.

Double-dummy, therefore, the right order of plays would be to win ♠A and run the heart 10. If it is not covered, cash ♥A then take the club finesse. After drawing trump, ♣A is unblocked and ♦A provides an entry to dummy's good clubs.

It's good to be brave

by **Shayne Palfreyman**

We have been a bit timid with bidding, and mentor Joan Butts has been telling us ad infinitum to "bid 'em up a bit - with a fit." We put all our hands for discussion into email docs to Joan and go through them via Zoom.



Pablo Lambardi and Hector Camberos at the 2023 GCC

We are now able to play a lot of tournaments, and to be lying at or near the top of the field is amazing, so we must have done some good stuff, but I couldn't find anything I considered noteworthy

The hand below is illustrative of our new less timid style, and our results do encourage us to be more aggressive.

BD: 21	♠ Q5	Dlr: N
	♥ 85	Vul: NS
	♦ AK3	
	♣ AT9854	
♠ A64		♠ KT8732
♥ AQ643		♥ KT72
♦ T54		♦ 87
♣ K2		♣ 3
	♠ J9	
	♥ J9	
	♦ QJ962	
	♣ QJ76	

West	North	East	South
	1♣	3♠	pass
4♠	all pass		

Note: We follow the Rule of 2 and 3 when preempting.

Ed: Just what we need -- another rule!

Actually, this one is quite old, but has some merit. It concerns preempting and vulnerability. As some players have found this week, it means little to some players . . .

In a nutshell : when at unfavourable vulnerability, you should be within two tricks of your bid. Yeah, right, you say as you note opponents' preemptive bids!

Vale Denny Sacul



On December 13 Indonesian player Bert Toar Polii reported that his popular teammate and friend Denny Sacul had passed away.

Denny was runner up in the World Championships in 1966, and as well as many other successes which brought great honour to Indonesia, teams spearheaded by Denny won the 1995, 1996 and 1997 NOT.

Sacul makes it three in a row

This is the heading of NOT News 13, January 28, 1997, edited by Nick Hughes.

Here are some words from the NOT News:

For the third year running, an Indonesian team captained by Denny Sacul has won Australia's premier teams event, the National Open Teams. Congratulations to Denny Sacul, Tawfik Asbi, Santje Panelewen and Franky Karwur, who defeated Michael Courtney, Peter Gill, Barbara Travis and Liz Havas 117 – 77 in the 64 board final on the Monday.

From memory, it was a final fraught with drama: the Bulletin Editor reports: "A controversial -1100 seemed to throw Gill - Courtney off their stride, and there were rumblings within the team during the break between sets."

I leave it to your imagination to decide what was happening, but COURTNEY conceded after 48 boards.

Interestingly there were 7075 tables (not including the Youth) at the 1997 NOT.



The Old Master finds the killing lead

with apologies to Ron Klinger

BD: 20	♠ QJ3 ♥ J863 ♦ A9 ♣ AK95	Dir: W Vul: ALL
♠ ♥ AT9754 ♦ 42 ♣ QT632		♠ 8754 ♥ K2 ♦ T76 ♣ J874
	♠ AKT962 ♥ Q ♦ KQJ853 ♣	

West North East South

Old Master

2♥ 2NT pass 6♦

All pass

The auction needs some explaining: South, an elderly gentleman was under the impression the 2NT opening showed both minors – an alert was accompanied by a verbal explanation.

The Old Master thought about the shape of the hands around the table. He was suspicious about the explanation, wondering what on earth had happened to the spade suit.

He could see that he needed an entry to partner's hand for a spade ruff, but what could it be?

It was obvious South had a void somewhere for the dizzying leap to 6♦. Would it be in clubs or hearts? If North did have both minors, the club void was possible.

The Old Master, with some trepidation tabled the expert ♥10. Partner cooperated by winning ♥K and the return of a low spade scuttled the contract.

Ed: OK, forget all that nonsense. West led a club and South was alert enough to claim 13 tricks.

Board 20 frequencies			
Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
7♦ by NS	=	2140	1
6NT by NS	+1	1470	1
6♠ by NS	+1	1460	6
6♠ by NS	+1	1460	3
6♠ by NS	=	1430	14
6♠ by NS	=	1430	33
6♦ by NS	+1	1390	2
6♦ by NS	=	1370	3
4♠ by NS	+3	710	5
5♠ by NS	+1	680	3
4♠ by NS	+2	680	1
4♠ by NS	+2	680	1
4NT by NS	+1	660	1
3♣ X by EW	-2	500	1
3♦ by NS	+3	170	1
6NT by NS	-1	-100	1
5♣ by NS	-7	-700	1

BOARD 19		
BD: 19	♠ Q862	Dlr: S
	♥ AKJ86	Vul: EW
	♦ A6	
	♣ A4	
♠ 7		♠ AT3
♥ T752		♥ 43
♦ JT43		♦ Q752
♣ 7632		♣ KQT9
	♠ KJ954	
	♥ Q9	
	♦ K98	
	♣ J85	

“+180, four in,” said Jeremy. Just another day at the office.



Prem

Sorry, teammates

Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin related yet another Tale of the Ace of Spades several rounds ago.

His partner Prem had, with a little help, negotiated 2♦ doubled from the West seat for +180 on the deal above.

Teammates came back to scoreup and apologised in advance for getting to 7♠ missing the ace of trumps.



2023 Youth representative team members: Seb Langdon Macmillan (Under 25T), Mike Doecke (Under 25T captain), Damon Flicker (Under 25T), Josh Tomlin (under 25T), George Bartley and Alex Goss (Under 21T)



Women's playoff winners, Renee Cooper, Ella Jacob, Jenny Thompson, Jane Reynolds



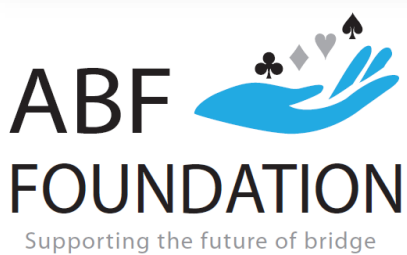
Kiwi Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin told me how the "OOPS" from the Tale of the Ace of Spades occurred.

Remember I said "Just what we need - another rule (or convention.)"

One player plays Gerber (a pet love) and the other plays CRO Gerber (Colour Rank Odd)! Modern.



The Old Master considers his lead



BRAHMA (33)		27	92.64	3-2-4			
Results after 9 of 12 matches							
Place	Team	STUART (20)	Imps	VPs	92.38	WDL	Next Opp.
		HOFFMAN (19)	-24		91.83		5-1-3
1	J THOMPSON (2)		226	128.57		6-1-2	5-0-4
2	ASHTON (8)		196	123.43		6-1-2	8
3	DALLEY (6)		179	120.84		6-1-2	2
4	B THOMPSON (3)		143	118.61		7-1-1	3
5	LAZER (4)		146	117.83		7-0-2	6
6	TISLEVOLL (10)		147	116.81		5-1-3	17
7	HUTTON (17)		120	115.22		6-1-2	12
8	GROSVENOR (12)		117	110.77		6-1-2	4
9	TRAVIS (7)		151	110.49		5-0-4	10
10	HAVAS (9)		125	110.44		5-1-3	9
11	WATTS (25)		108	110.19		5-1-3	7
12	QUAIL (24)		104	107.44		5-1-3	24
13	VAN VUCHT (38)		112	106.97		6-0-3	25
14	BARTLEY (14)		76	106.64		5-2-2	14
15	COX (26)		83	106.17		5-2-2	38
16	MINSK (11)		68	105.54		7-0-2	11
17	HANS (1)		93	105.17		4-2-3	26
18	MORGAN-KING (22)		64	104.82		6-1-2	22
19	STERN (16)		72	103.22		5-1-3	1
20	WESTON (5)		60	101.80		5-0-4	5
21	DOWLING (34)		48	100.97		6-0-3	16
22	BUGEIA (61)		92	100.73		5-0-4	30
23	FRASER-HOSKIN (30)		58	99.25		4-1-4	18
24	PACKER (18)		63	98.43		4-1-4	34
25	STEFFENSEN (58)		45	98.37		5-1-3	61
26	DUTTON (29)		30	96.52		4-1-4	29
27	KAPLAN (21)		52	95.96		5-0-4	58
28	MUNDELL (23)		71	95.18		4-2-3	23
29	CAMP (43)		10	94.97		6-0-3	21
30	WURTH (41)		24	94.73		4-2-3	41
31	SYLVESTER (15)		24	93.15		4-1-4	43
32	MCGRATH (40)		14	93.09		4-1-4	40
33	BRAHMA (33)		27	92.64		3-2-4	15
34	GOSS (63)		16	92.53		4-2-3	20
35	STUART (20)		-7	92.38		5-1-3	19
36	HOFFMAN (19)		-24	91.83		5-0-4	33
37	KOZAKOS (13)		17	91.48		2-4-3	63
38	NASH (31)		-7	91.12		5-1-3	31
39	GENC (27)		-6	90.60		5-0-4	13
40	DRESSLER (49)		37	90.42		3-2-4	49

41	KUMAR (44)	-38	89.64	4-1-4	50
42	WEAVER (50)	0	89.37	3-3-3	44
43	CARTER (64)	29	88.92	3-1-5	45
44	LOVRECZ (45)	-39	88.91	5-1-3	64
45	NEUMANN (28)	-4	88.60	5-0-4	53
46	ABRAMS (53)	-22	86.76	4-1-4	28
47	STRUIK (67)	-32	86.32	4-1-4	32
48	FRYDA (32)	-8	86.31	3-3-3	67
49	MOSES (35)	-22	85.93	4-0-5	60
50	BOLT (60)	-19	85.48	3-2-4	35
51	WANIGARATNE (69)	-26	85.05	4-0-5	57
52	ZULFIQAR (57)	-21	84.43	3-2-4	69
53	SMITH (36)	32	84.14	3-0-6	59
54	FAIRLAMB (59)	-38	84.13	3-2-4	36
55	MCILRATH (52)	-29	83.12	3-1-5	54
56	FANOS (54)	-22	82.69	3-1-5	52
57	ZELLER (42)	-54	80.82	2-0-7	74
58	HUTCHINS (74)	-60	79.31	3-1-5	42
59	HOWES (51)	-59	79.05	3-2-4	65
60	LICHTNECKER (47)	-80	78.33	3-1-5	37
61	TANT (65)	-66	78.07	3-1-5	51
62	GOOREVICH (37)	-81	77.22	4-0-5	47
63	BEAN (70)	-99	72.95	3-1-5	71
64	GLOVER (71)	-116	72.35	3-2-4	70
65	HACKETT (55)	-97	72.01	2-3-4	73
66	KLUGMAN (39)	-114	71.83	3-0-6	66
67	MACDONALD (73)	-96	71.15	2-1-6	55
68	LEACH (66)	-97	69.57	2-1-6	39
69	KAHLER (46)	-56	69.06	2-0-7	48
70	PRINCE (48)	-103	68.76	3-0-6	46
71	PORRIDGE (72)	-102	68.48	1-3-5	76
72	PETERS (76)	-133	68.31	3-1-5	72
73	GRANT (77)	-222	64.80	3-0-6	75
74	CHETTLE (62)	-158	62.48	2-0-7	56
75	COOK (68)	-158	58.62	2-0-7	78
76	YOFFA (75)	-182	57.36	3-0-6	77
77	HOUSE (78)	-327	48.70	3-0-6	68
78	CALLANDER (56)	-255	45.65	2-0-7	62

Under 750/300 Swiss Teams

Results after 9 of 9 matches

Place	Cat	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL	Gold Pts
1		PALFREYMAN (4)	200	126.14	6-2-1	20.66
2		WILLIAMS (1)	148	117.85	5-2-2	15.34
3	B	CARTER (12)	152	117.69	7-0-2	13.13
4		PANDYA (15)	146	115.48	6-0-3	9.82
5	B	BROWN (16)	131	110.20	6-1-2	8.97
6		WILLS (2)	92	105.88	5-0-4	7.01
7		SWAINE (3)	39	97.91	4-2-3	6.51
8	B	TEAKLE (19)	11	92.71	3-2-4	5.35
9		NELAN (9)	8	92.18	3-2-4	3.20
10		BRAKE (8)	-9	91.41	5-1-3	4.40
11		DRAKE (11)	46	90.47	4-1-4	3.60
12		WALTERS (18)	-70	84.72	4-0-5	3.20
13		WILLCOCKS (5)	-48	84.69	5-0-4	4.00
14		PAREKH (13)	16	83.51	3-2-4	3.20
15	B	BANHAM (17)	-55	83.40	3-3-3	3.60
16		TING (10)	-14	79.54	3-2-4	3.20
17		BUSTANY (7)	-49	78.81	3-0-6	2.40
18	B	MCKAY (21)	-67	77.50	3-1-5	2.80
19		HOUSE (22)	-92	75.24	3-1-5	2.80
20		KLOREN (20)	-180	62.79	2-1-6	2.00
21		MCMURRAY (14)	-222	58.00	3-0-6	2.40
22		CARIOLA (6)	-177	55.05	1-1-7	1.20



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