

Sydneysider Peter Newman, playing his annual NOT with Matthew Thomson had a suggestion for us bridge editors after chatting to his opponents early in the tournament.



He found that one of his opponents had been a rising English cricket professional, playing for Cheshire and living in Manchester, until his career was cut short by a knee injury.

I'm all for sharing stories and showing more interest in the players we meet.

A switch in time

Let's test your defence. North deals and opens 1♣.

You overcall 1♥ with ♠AJ103, ♥KQ1063, ♦4, ♣976 and South bids 2♦. North rebids 2NT, raised to 3NT and you lead ♥Q (asking for an unblock).

This is what you see:

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

Partner discourages with ♥8 and declarer plays ♥9. How do you continue?

The full hand:



Bulletin Editor. "Did you leave this for me? How kind."

BD: 17	♠ 9652 ♥ AJ9 ♦ KJ5 ♣ KT5	Dlr: N
		Vul: None
♠ 84 ♥ 852 ♦ A732 ♣ Q843		♠ AJT3 ♥ KQT63 ♦ 4 ♣ 976
	♠ KQ7 ♥ 74 ♦ QT986 ♣ AJ2	

Your thinking should run along these lines: I can't continue a heart as this will obviously result in a Bath Coup (leading into declarer's ♥AJ).

A spade switch is not going to be a success, handing declarer two easy spade tricks.

We are hoping partner has a quick entry to push a heart through; what should we switch to?

If partner has ♣K, that may be enough to thwart declarer's line for nine tricks, but not if the club switch establishes three tricks for declarer; then he may have five diamonds, three clubs and a heart.

The card in partner's hand which will generate five defensive tricks is ♦A (as long as declarer can't cash four club tricks.) Declarer will get four diamonds, one heart and three clubs (declarer finessing West for ♣Q). One down.



BOARD 4		
BD: 4	♠ Q9 ♥ KQ8532 ♦ AQ ♣ KT6	Dir: W Vul: ALL
♠ A86 ♥ JT76 ♦ T4 ♣ QJ73		♠ K532 ♥ A4 ♦ K987653 ♣
	♠ JT74 ♥ 9 ♦ J2 ♣ A98542	

Keeping spades in the picture

Table 1

West	North	East	South
		<i>Jane</i>	
pass	1♥	dbl	1♠
1NT	2♥	3♦	pass
3NT	all pass		

Table 2

West	North	East	South
		<i>John</i>	
pass	1♥	3♦	dbl
pass	3NT	all pass	

It's reasonably common to see both sides declare 1NT, but both sides declaring 3NT is a different scenario. Let's put ourselves in the mind of the two Easts; we'll call them Jane and John.

Jane has been told time and time again not to lose the spade suit, hence the takeout double. Jane's partner sees her bid 3♦ over North's 2♥ bid, so expecting a strong hand with long diamonds, she reevaluates her hand and bids 3NT.

This is cold, so Jane and her partner score +600.

At the other table, John treats the hand as a preemptive one-suiter, bidding 3♦. After South's

whisker thin takeout double, North's 3NT seems a logical action, with the lead coming around to his ♦AQ. However, dummy is not an attractive sight, and 3NT drifts four down, -200 and 5 IMPs to the ebullient takeout doubling side.

Are you a Jane or a John?

Thanks to Sue and David Smith for the last two hands.



The Boathouse Experience

A group of 40 of us experienced a wonderful evening at the Boathouse Restaurant on Wednesday evening. Hopefully, this may become a part of the Summer Festival program.



Here are some comments:

Tania Lloyd: Fabulous. A delicious dinner, great wine list and magnificent views over the lake.

Owen Camp: Beautiful food in a fabulous setting, and what a good idea to bring sometimes reclusive bridge players together.



Playoff Final Bd 5	♠ A83	Dir: N Vul: NS
	♥ A7	
	♦ 74	
	♣ AQ9532	
♠ KQJ976		♠ T52
♥ T4		♥ 98532
♦ QT85		♦ KJ2
♣ 6		♣ K4
	♠ 4	
	♥ KQJ6	
	♦ A963	
	♣ JT87	

West	North	East	South
	1NT	pass	2♣
2♠	pass	pass	dbl
pass	3♣	pass	3♠
pass	3NT	all pass	

Bridge Notes with Len Dixon

<https://www.lendixonbridge.com>

Veteran bridge journalist Len Dixon has provided, free of charge a service to bridge players by continuing the bridge material once featured in The Canberra Times. An example follows:

“This early deal from the Women’s and Senior Playoff Final could have contributed 16 or 17 IMPs to the losing team’s total. Who knows what eventual psychological effect it might have produced.

It was the fifth of 96 boards in the JACOB vs LUSK grand-final of last week’s play-off to select Australia’s 2024 women’s international team.

After the diagrammed auction, East’s opening lead against 3NT was a low spade to East’s jack, ducked. West continued ♠Q, ducked and a third spade, won with the ace.

At this point declarer lost ♣K and claimed the remaining tricks for a table-score of 630.

Different bidding at the other table saw NS

reach 5♣, making 620 so no IMPs changed hands.

Neither of the LUSK pairs had done as well as it could be wished. West, with nothing to gain after trick two by leading a third spade, didn’t find the diamond shift that would take 3NT one down.

Though NS did well to avoid the iffy notrump game they stopped short of the virtually laydown club small slam. Even after the only threatening opening lead of a diamond, declarer can first cross to ♣A, claiming an overtrick if ♣K drops. When (as here) it doesn’t, cashing three hearts on the last of which dummy’s remaining diamond spot-card is discarded remains a distinctly odds-on prospect.

In the concurrent LORENTZ vs FREE seniors selection final, 3NT was similarly let home at one table but defeated at the other where the above-described killing defence was indeed found by Stephen Burgess, West for a 12-IMP pick-up

Long time no see

It was good to run into Erin Waterhouse, one of the wonderful ladies I used to know and love at Trumps Bridge Centre, where I used to work until 2012.

Erin has had a name change and a change of scenery (she now lives on the Gold Coast). She is playing in the PETERS team, Bev Peters, Janet Rowlatt and Shirley Lau.

It’s great to come across friends you’ve missed at the Summer Festival.



South-West Pacific Teams

Results after 12 of 12 matches

Place	Team	Imps	VPs	WDL	Gold pts
1	LAZER (4)	241	166.16	10-0-2	66.68
2	J THOMPSON (2)	266	165.92	8-1-3	49.08
3	MINSK (11)	143	151.11	10-0-2	41.34
4	DALLEY (6)	170	150.13	7-2-3	29.69
5	WESTON (5)	145	148.63	8-0-4	25.47
6	ASHTON (8)	171	147.77	7-1-4	22.14
7	TRAVIS (7)	178	146.22	7-0-5	19.65
8	B THOMPSON (3)	131	145.97	8-2-2	21.64
9	HAVAS (9)	144	145.65	7-2-3	19.14
10	TISLEVOLL (10)	153	145.57	6-1-5	16.03
11	HANS (1)	154	145.18	6-2-4	16.27
12	VAN VUCHT (38)	145	143.95	8-1-3	18.21
13	MUNDELL (23)	166	142.29	7-1-4	16.22
14	KOZAKOS (13)	131	139.36	4-5-3	14.30
15	BARTLEY (14)	86	138.91	6-3-3	15.62
16	GROSVENOR (12)	128	138.32	6-1-5	13.78
17	QUAIL (24)	104	137.88	7-1-4	15.17
18	DOWLING (34)	84	135.76	7-1-4	14.98
19	STERN (16)	69	134.21	7-1-4	14.82
20	COX (26)	58	132.06	6-3-3	14.67
21	HUTTON (17)	54	132.00	6-2-4	13.73
22	STEFFENSEN (58)	60	130.75	6-2-4	13.61
23	NEUMANN (28)	47	130.51	8-0-4	15.10
24	MORGAN-KING (22)	40	130.06	7-1-4	14.20
25	PACKER (18)	70	130.04	6-1-5	12.51
26	WURTH (41)	50	130.03	6-2-4	13.23
27	BRAHMA (33)	87	129.26	5-2-5	9.60
28	WEAVER (50)	52	128.47	5-3-4	10.40
29	FRYDA (32)	82	128.44	5-3-4	10.40
30	WATTS (25)	40	128.24	5-2-5	9.60
31	LOVRECZ (45)	17	128.12	7-1-4	12.00
32	FAIRLAMB (59)	62	126.62	5-2-5	9.60
33	HOFFMAN (19)	-20	124.80	7-0-5	11.20
34	KAPLAN (21)	55	124.31	6-0-6	9.60
35	DUTTON (29)	6	123.33	6-1-5	10.40
36	CAMP (43)	4	123.32	7-0-5	11.20
37	STUART (20)	-32	122.46	7-1-4	12.00
38	FRASER-HOSKIN (30)	25	121.32	4-2-6	8.00
39	GENC (27)	3	121.16	6-0-6	9.60
40	NASH (31)	-4	120.03	6-1-5	10.40

41	WANIGARATNE (69)	13	119.56	6-0-6	9.60
42	BOLT (60)	-8	118.10	5-2-5	9.60
43	FANOS (54)	26	118.03	4-2-6	8.00
44	SYLVESTER (15)	-17	117.43	6-0-6	9.60
45	TANT (65)	-29	115.38	5-1-6	8.80
46	KUMAR (44)	-61	114.34	5-1-6	8.80
47	KLUGMAN (39)	-67	112.56	5-1-6	8.80
48	MOSES (35)	-41	111.32	4-2-6	8.00
49	BUGEIA (61)	-26	111.13	5-0-7	8.00
50	LICHTNECKER (47)	-70	110.90	4-3-5	8.80
51	CARTER (64)	-23	110.28	3-3-6	7.20
52	MCILRATH (52)	-40	110.22	3-3-6	7.20
53	MCGRATH (40)	-60	108.09	5-1-6	8.80
54	ZELLER (42)	-52	108.04	3-0-9	4.80
55	DRESSLER (49)	-62	107.37	4-2-6	8.00
56	KAHLER (46)	-17	107.23	3-2-7	6.40
57	HACKETT (55)	-74	106.97	4-3-5	8.80
58	CHETTLE (62)	-95	106.65	5-0-7	8.00
59	HOWES (51)	-70	106.59	4-2-6	8.00
60	ZULFIQAR (57)	-74	106.39	4-2-6	8.00
61	STRUIK (67)	-99	106.16	5-1-6	8.80
62	GOSS (63)	-85	105.78	4-3-5	8.80
63	ABRAMS (53)	-94	101.82	4-1-7	7.20
64	LEACH (66)	-94	98.97	3-1-8	5.60
65	PORRIDGE (72)	-96	98.42	2-3-7	5.60
66	PRINCE (48)	-113	97.92	5-0-7	8.00
67	BEAN (70)	-125	97.54	4-1-7	7.20
67=	MACDONALD (73)	-139	97.54	4-1-7	7.20
69	GLOVER (71)	-154	94.93	4-2-6	8.00
70	COOK (68)	-130	93.91	3-2-7	6.40
71	SMITH (36)	-107	93.25	3-0-9	4.80
72	PETERS (76)	-180	89.31	4-1-7	7.20
73	YOFFA (75)	-203	82.55	4-0-8	6.40
74	GRANT (77)	-301	78.05	3-0-9	4.80
75	HOUSE (78)	-377	71.81	4-0-8	6.40
76	CALLANDER (56)	-280	69.61	2-1-9	4.00

Two Day Pair

Place	Pair Names	Match Imps (rounded)				Totals		
		M1	M2	M3	M4	Imps	VPs	WDL
1	ROBYN STANHOPE / LIZ SHONK (2)	19	12	1	19	51.00	54.50	3-1-0
2	JIM STEWART / DAVID OWEN (1)	2	17	12	13	44.67	52.96	3-1-0
3	MAGGIE CRAWFORD / MARIA GIBBS (4)	0	5	-1	16	19.33	45.84	2-2-0
4	PAUL BRAKE / KIM MCDONALD (6)	22	1	-16	-19	-12.67	36.32	1-1-2
5	PETER WAIGHT / CATHY NICHOLS (7)	-19	-5	16	-13	-21.00	33.94	1-0-3
6	CATHERINE WHIDDON / DAVID FARMER (5)	0	-1	-12	-9	-22.00	33.40	0-2-2
7	SUSAN BANKS / PERELLE SCALES (8)	-2	-12	3	-16	-26.67	32.06	1-1-2
8	STEVE GEDDES / JACQUES CHERBUIN (3)	-22	-17	-3	9	-32.67	30.98	1-0-3



2nd in SWPT, J THOMPSON, Michael Whibley, Jamie Thompson, Robert Fruewirth, Tony Leibowitz

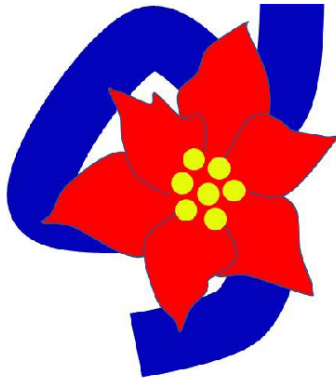


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