



# 4th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship 8th to 14th September 2014

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## Welsh Dragon roars to victory



Photograph by Norma Bain

At 19:40 BST the defeat of England by the Chairman's team by 46 to 35 IMPs meant that the new Commonwealth Nations Team Gold Medallists would come from the other semi-final.

Two minutes later, it was Wales – represented by Patrick Jourdain, Tony Ratcliff, Tim Rees, Gary Jones, Mike Tedd and John Salisbury – who emerged victorious after a 92 to 68 IMPs triumph over India.

In the Championship Final for the Trophy, Wales meet the Chairman's Team while the match between England and India will decide who wins the Silver and Bronze medals.

### Today's matches on **VuGraph** and **BBO**

#### **VuGraph**

#### **Championship Teams Final**

Wales v Chairman's Team

10:30 to 12:00; 12:15 to 13:45;  
14:45 to 16:15; 16:30 to 18:00

#### **BBO**

#### **Third-place Play-off**

India v England

10:30 to 12:00; 12:15 to 13:45;  
14:45 to 16:15



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# Today's Events

## Championship Teams Final and Third place Play-off

**Session 1 (12 boards) – 10:30 to 12:00**

**Session 2 (12 boards) – 12:15 to 13:45**

**Session 3 (12 boards) – 14:45 to 16:15**

**Session 4 (12 boards) – 16:30 to 18:00 (final only)**

Final	Wales	Chairman's
Play-off	India	England

## Trans-National Swiss Teams

**Session 1 (3 x 8-board matches) – 10:30 to 13:40**

**Session 2 (2 x 8-board matches) – 14:40 to 16:45**

# Yesterday's Results

## Championship Teams Quarter-finals

Match		IMPs
England	Scottish President's Team	54 – 51
Canada	Wales	46 – 76
Chairman's Team	Australia	101 – 27
Scotland	India	60 – 62

## Championship Teams Semi-finals

Match		IMPs
Chairman's Team	England	46 – 35
India	Wales	68 – 92

## Trans-national Swiss Teams

Rank	Team name	Matches						Total VPs
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	Canadonia	16.46	14.68	20.00	9.56	20.00	10.86	91.56
2	SBU	9.56	16.68	10.44	14.68	16.00	16.23	83.59
3	Pryor	12.42	16.00	3.10	14.96	18.53	18.21	83.22
4	The Roofuls	13.12	14.96	20.00	10.44	18.04	3.77	80.33
5	Adamson	14.39	15.23	10.00	10.44	17.69	9.14	76.89
6	Canada *	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.12	11.67	17.69	75.48
7	Guernsey Chillis	4.77	18.37	15.75	14.96	1.96	19.11	74.92
8	Kenya	13.12	18.68	0.00	13.12	16.90	12.77	74.59
9	Australia *	11.00	11.00	11.00	2.50	19.85	18.97	74.32
10	Scotland *	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.27	16.00	12.05	72.32

**Trans-national Swiss Teams (continued)**

Rank	Team name	Matches						Total VPs
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
11	Pakistan 1	13.78	4.77	3.32	17.31	13.78	17.31	70.27
12	Seale	7.58	14.39	7.58	18.04	15.23	7.23	70.05
13	Pakistan 2	17.50	5.32	13.45	9.56	8.33	14.39	68.55
14	Harris 1	14.68	15.23	10.00	5.04	3.10	20.00	68.05
15	Scottish President's *	11.00	11.00	11.00	6.88	19.85	7.95	67.68
16	Moseley	17.87	10.44	0.00	18.04	18.68	1.79	66.82
17	Rainsford	10.86	4.00	19.37	10.44	4.00	17.31	65.98
18	Hodgson	3.54	10.86	17.31	6.88	11.67	14.68	64.94
19	England 2	12.77	12.42	13.12	9.56	4.77	10.86	63.50
20	Singapore	12.77	5.04	14.96	8.73	17.31	2.31	61.12
21	Smith	19.24	9.56	16.90	5.32	4.00	5.61	60.63
22	Black Swans	7.23	2.31	16.90	4.50	10.44	18.68	60.06
23	Clow	10.44	13.12	6.88	11.27	2.69	15.50	59.90
24	S Africa 2	0.76	17.31	18.37	5.32	15.75	0.89	58.40
25	McKinnon	14.96	12.42	9.56	10.00	1.47	9.14	57.55
26	Mitchell	9.56	3.32	15.50	4.77	12.42	11.27	56.84
27	Malaysia	7.58	17.69	15.50	14.68	0.00	1.03	56.48
28	Taylor	6.88	14.09	10.00	5.04	9.14	11.27	56.42
29	Jersey	9.14	5.61	18.37	17.50	2.31	2.69	55.62
30	Wiseman	13.45	1.32	0.63	16.68	7.58	15.75	55.41
31	Bokkies	13.45	7.58	1.63	15.50	8.33	8.73	55.22
32	Malta	15.23	4.77	10.00	1.96	17.69	5.32	54.97
33	Harris 2	10.44	15.50	4.50	8.73	6.22	8.73	54.12
34	Alexander	6.22	4.00	17.31	6.55	0.15	18.21	52.44
35	NIBI	9.56	6.88	5.04	2.69	10.00	18.04	52.21
36	Bruce	7.23	17.50	4.25	15.23	4.25	2.69	51.15
37	Verran	6.55	11.27	1.63	17.11	10.86	1.32	48.74
38	Isle of Man	12.42	7.58	16.68	10.00	1.32	0.00	48.00
39	Graham	2.50	9.14	2.69	3.32	14.68	13.78	46.11
40	Mixed Fortunes	10.44	4.50	12.42	13.45	0.15	4.50	45.46
41	Shenkin	5.61	16.00	6.55	1.96	9.56	4.25	43.93
42	O'Brien	2.13	2.69	15.23	2.89	10.00	6.22	39.16
43	Unethical	5.04	8.73	2.69	5.04	9.56	7.95	39.01
44	Plant	5.32	1.63	4.77	9.56	5.32	12.05	38.65
45	Perkins	6.55	5.91	4.50	14.96	2.31	1.79	36.02
46	Barbados	6.88	2.50	3.10	10.44	10.44	1.96	35.32

\* The losing quarter-finalists from the Championship Teams joined the Trans-national Teams at round 4. They were awarded 11 VPs for each of the first three matches.

**Round 13 - Scotland v Wales**

Mark Horton

For some reason matches which involve the home unions are always keenly contested. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that the Camrose Trophy is the longest running International series in bridge, having started in 1937.

On board 2 both teams reached 6♦ which depended on bringing in a trump suit of ♦J10872 opposite ♦K964 for one loser. The ♦AQ3 were offside, so that was one down, no swing.

Board: 4 Dealer: West Game all

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
Barton	Shields	Spears	Denning
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥*
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

2♥ Might just be a stopper

West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed and cashed the king of hearts, West pitching the five of spades. After taking the king of diamonds declarer played a diamond to the ace and the ten of diamonds. East pitched a spade so declarer played another diamond and claimed. East could ruff and would score another trump, but declarer had the rest, +620.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Plackett	Mould	Pottage	Matheson
1♠	Double	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All pass

The play started in identical fashion, but here declarer finessed on the second round of diamonds and had to go one down, -200 and 13 IMPs to Wales.

I suppose we have to credit those IMPs to West for lowering the standards for an opening bid even further.

On Board 5 East had to play 4♠ where the essential part of the equation was to deal with a trump suit of ♠963 facing ♠KQ1074. They started with the three for the king and eight, but on the next round it went six, five and they put up the queen and went down when North proved to have started with ♠AJ52.

Taking a second round finesse is the best line, offering a 61.04% chance, catering for a 4-1 break and also the cases where the defender has ducked with ♠A8.

Board: 7 Dealer: South Game all

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
Barton	Shields	Spears	Denning
1♣	2♥*	2♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♣	All pass

2♥ Pre-empt except strong over weak

South led the king of clubs and when that held continued with the jack. Declarer put up dummy's ace and North ruffed with the six of spades and returned the two. Declarer won and played a the two of diamonds for the king and ace. He had to lose a diamond, one down, -100.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Plackett	Mould	Pottage	Matheson
1♣*	2♥*	2♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♣	All pass

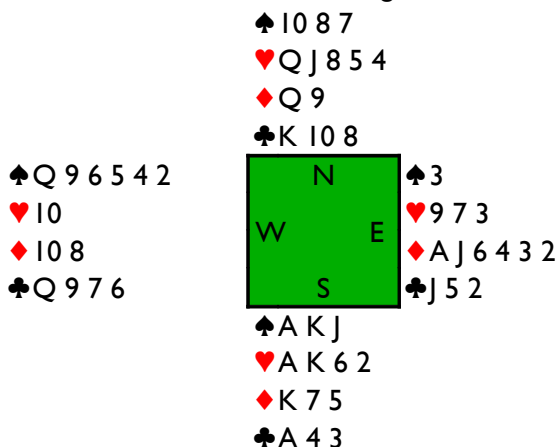
2♥ Weak

South led the four of hearts and declarer ruffed North's jack, drew trumps and played the two of clubs, ducking when South played the jack. South switched to the six of diamonds and declarer played the queen, continuing with the ace of clubs and a club ruff when it held. A diamond went to the ten, king and ace and North returned a diamond to South's jack, declarer claiming the rest, +620 and 12 IMPs to Wales.

On Board 8 Wales bid 2♠ - 4♠ at Love All with ♠A10754 ♥K ♦Q10753 ♣A2 facing ♠Q632 ♥QJ76 ♦AJ4 ♣A8. Having passed on the first round East speculated with a double on ♠KJ98 ♥852 ♦K ♣QJ976 and a slight error by declarer meant that was worth +300.

At the other table West opened 2♥ with his ♠♥A10943 ♦9862 ♣K1053, was raised to three and managed to escape for one down, -50 but 8 IMPs for Scotland.

Board: 9 Dealer: North E-W game



Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Barton</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Spears</i>	<i>Denning</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	

- 2♦ Multi, weak in a major or 20-22 balanced
- 2♥ To play opposite hearts
- 3♣ Stayman

Declarer won the spade lead in dummy, drew trumps and eliminated diamonds and clubs, end-playing whoever won the third round of clubs for eleven tricks, +450.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Plackett</i>	<i>Mould</i>	<i>Pottage</i>	<i>Matheson</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Double	4♥
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♥	All pass	

- 2♣ Strong, usually game forcing
- 2♦ 0-1 controls
- 2NT 22-23
- 3♦ Transfer
- 5♣ Cue bid
- 5♦ Cue bid

I have it on excellent authority that Alan Mould misremembered the 2NT rebid as promising 24-25.

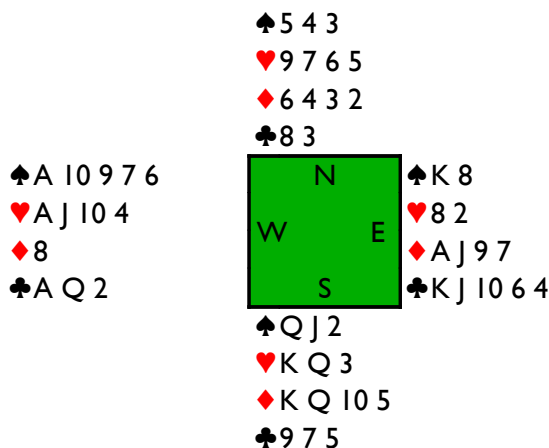
West led the ten of diamonds for the queen and ace and when East returned the two declarer ran it to dummy's nine. He drew trumps, cashed the king of diamonds pitching a spade, cashed the ace of spades and played two rounds of trumps throwing a club from hand. On the last of these, West, down to ♠Q9 ♣Q97 threw a spade so declarer was able to claim by playing a spade to the king, +980 and 11 IMPs for Scotland.

In the heart of battle it is easy to overlook something.

If declarer held the 2-4-3-4 shape that West was playing him for then he would have simply ruffed a spade in hand for his twelfth trick.

Triskaidekaphobia, fear of the number 13, seems to affect many bridge players – perhaps it is because board 13 regularly seems to provide the opportunity for a big swing. (In Italy the number 13 is considered to be lucky, which might explain why they have won so many World titles.)

Board: 13 Dealer: North Game all



Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Barton</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Spears</i>	<i>Denning</i>
	Pass	1♣	Double
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
6♣	All pass		

The North hand is of the type that has always made me resist any temptation to play rubber bridge.

4♣ might have been asking for key cards, but the convention card says that the first step shows 0/3 so perhaps it simply agreed clubs after which the players exchanged cue bids before West bid the slam.

With spades 3-3 and both hearts inside declarer was not tested, +1370.



Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Plackett	Mould	Pottage	Matheson
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All pass		

3♣ Fourth suit forcing  
4♦ Cue bid  
4♥ Cue bid  
4♠ Cue bid

Declarer won the diamond lead, ruffed a diamond and played three rounds of spades, ruffing, +1370 and a flat board.

You will have noticed that the 3-3 spade break means that there are always 13 tricks, declarer simply ruffing two diamonds in dummy.

You can replay all the deals from this match at <http://tinyurl.com/pg4b3xf>

## Lightner Fails to Strike Twice

Mark Horton

This deal from the mentally draining Round 12 was unavoidably held over (something to do with a shaggy dog story). It illustrates to perfection the old adage, "There is not always a Lightner at the end of the Tunnel."

Board: 20 Dealer: West Game all

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
Curtis	Moore	Fegarty	Free
2♥*	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	4NT*	5♥	5♠*
Pass	Pass	6♥	Double
All pass			

2♥ Hearts and a minor  
4NT RKCB

5♠ 2 key cards

North led the ace of clubs for the six, nine and eight.

Given that West might have held ♣J8432 the commentators speculated on the possibility that North might play a second club, hoping that South could ruff it, but that would hardly explain South's double.

However, North did not play a club.

Unfortunately North chose to exit with a spade and declarer was soon claiming, +1660.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Packer	Kendrick	Tearne	Mestel
2♥*	2♠	3♠*	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♥	Double
All pass			

Perhaps thinking his partner was doubling on power North allowed himself to be lulled into a false sense of security. His lead of the two of spades did not trouble the scorers, +1660 and another dull, flat board.

... and so, ladies and gentlemen, as the muffled mobile of time goes off in the theatre of destiny, and the surgeon of fate realises he's sewn his phone inside a patient once again... I leave you with this thought - try beating 6♦ by EW.

You can replay all the deals from this exciting match at: <http://tinyurl.com/ogk5ljy>

## The Quarter

### England v Scottish President's Scotland v India

Mark Horton

Mention the word quarter in Scotland and I can think of no finer interpretation than as a reminder of the incredible Eric Liddell, who was immortalised in the Oscar-winning *Chariots of Fire*. Liddell was an outstanding wing three-quarter for Scotland's rugby team and he earned undying fame when he won the 400 yards at the Paris Olympics in 1924.

My intention was to cover the first half of two matches, but some technical difficulties mean that India and Scotland get only a passing mention.

On Board 3 East-West held ♠AQ1074 ♥K ♦Q43 ♣10964 opposite ♠K32 ♥A3 ♦A109 ♣AKJ75.

England and the Scottish President's got no higher than 4♠, but in the other match India bid 6♣ while Scotland were in 6♠. South, who was on lead both times, held ♠J8 ♥QJ1085 ♦852 ♣Q83 but neither player was able to find the diamond lead that would have defeated the contract.

Board: 4 Dealer: West Game all

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Gordon</i>	<i>Green</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

2♣ Game forcing

East led the two of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to the ace and a diamond to the king and ace. West continued with the jack of diamonds (essential) and when it was allowed to hold (fatal) he continued with a club for the queen and king. At this point declarer can ruff a club, finesse in hearts and play two more rounds, pitching a diamond on the third and ruffing the fourth before exiting with a diamond. West, down to trumps has to ruff and surrender three trump tricks.

However, when declarer played the jack of spades it was covered by the queen and king and East pitched the seven of clubs. Now it was impossible to survive the 5-0 trump break for as soon as West came in with a trump he could exit with the ten of clubs and had to score another trump, one down, -100.

To be sure of defeating 4♠ East must overtake the jack of diamonds with the queen and give West a ruff. Given that declarer was known to hold four diamonds this is a difficult but perhaps not impossible play to find.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>King</i>	<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Small</i>	<i>Sanders</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♠	All pass	

3NT Balanced raise

Here East led the four of clubs and declarer won with the jack and cashed the ace of spades, East discarding the nine of clubs. Declarer unblocked the ace of clubs and continued with a spade to the jack and king.

Declarer pitched a diamond on the club return and played the six of spades for the five and seven followed by a diamond to the king (if declarer ducks this the defenders are helpless). West won and played the jack. When it held he exited with a heart (a trump into the tenace sees East get squeezed in the red suits) and declarer played four rounds of the suit, catching West's trumps for +620 and 12 IMPs.

At the point where West played the jack of diamonds it is clear for East to overtake and play another diamond when West's ruff will be the setting trick.

India's Malhotra played the hand to perfection on a club lead. He won with the jack, played a heart to the ace, a spade to the queen, unblocked the ace of clubs, took a heart finesse, cashed the king of clubs pitching a diamond, took the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart and exited with a diamond, not caring who had the ace.

Board: 10 Dealer: East Game all

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Duncan</i>	<i>Holland</i>	<i>Gordon</i>	<i>Green</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6NT	All pass	6♦*

1NT 15-17

2♦ Game forcing check-back

4NT RKCB

5♣ 1/4 key cards

5♥ Asking

A minor wheel came off the English auction. 5NT would have asked for specific kings, so 5♥ was presumably asking about the queen of diamonds. Whatever 6♦ was intended to show/deny it clearly left North uncertain about the all important red queen, +1470.

Closed room:

<b>West</b> King	<b>North</b> Peterkin	<b>East</b> Small	<b>South</b> Sanders
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	6NT	All pass	2NT

NS were lucky to survive this non-investigatory auction.

Patrick Jourdain and Tony Ratcliffe showed how they bid in Wales:

<b>North</b> Ratcliffe	<b>South</b> Jourdain
1♠	1♦
3♠	2NT*
4♦	3NT
4NT*	4♥*
5♥*	5♦*
7NT	6♦*
	Pass

- 2NT 18-19
- 4♥ Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 1 or 4 key cards
- 5♥ Asking for the ♦Q
- 6♦ ♦Q but no side kings

That gave Wales a well earned swing on the way to the semi finals.

England led 33-28 as the second half got underway and immediately struck a blow.

Board: 13 Dealer: North Game all

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

Open room:

<b>West</b> Punch	<b>North</b> Holland	<b>East</b> McGowan	<b>South</b> Green
2♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
	All pass		

South led the ten of clubs, covered by the jack, queen and ace. Declarer played the two of hearts to the jack, a diamond to the ace and a heart. South pounced with the ace of hearts and played a third heart.

Declarer won in dummy and played a club, but North won with the nine and played another club. South ruffed, killing the dummy and exited with a diamond leaving declarer a trick short, -100.

Declarer was perhaps unlucky to find hearts 4-1, but there is another line that might be considered:

After a diamond to the ace, play a club to the king, ruff a diamond, cash the top spades, ruff a spade, ruff a diamond, and ruff a spade with the king of hearts. Even if North can over-ruff the ♥109 must deliver one more trick, declarer's tenth.

Closed room:

<b>West</b> King	<b>North</b> Duncan	<b>East</b> Small	<b>South</b> Gordon
2♥	Pass	1♥	Pass
	Pass	4♥	All pass

South led the two of spades and when dummy's jack held declarer played a diamond to the ace, a heart to the jack, a club to the ace and a heart to the king. When that held he claimed eleven tricks via a cross ruff, +650 and 13 IMPs.

Board: 14 Dealer: East Love all

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

Open room:

<b>West</b> Punch	<b>North</b> Holland	<b>East</b> McGowan	<b>South</b> Green
Pass	2NT*	1♣	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
		All pass	

2NT Four card limit plus ♠ support

West led the jack of diamonds and declarer put up dummy's ace and played a club. East won with the queen and returned the nine of hearts to dummy's ten. Declarer ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, played a heart to the king, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and played a club, ruffed by the king of spades and over-ruffed in dummy. When declarer now played a spade East took the jack and played the ace of clubs. Declarer could ruff, but East was looking at two more trump tricks for one down, -50.



If declarer plays the winning queen of diamonds instead of the trump East has no answer.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
King	Duncan	Small	Gordon
Pass	4♣	1♣*	1♠
All pass		Pass	4♣

Declarer won the diamond lead with dummy's ace, ruffed a diamond and exited with the ten of clubs. East won and tried to cash the king of diamonds but declarer ruffed, played a spade to the king and ace and claimed ten tricks, +420 and 10 IMPs back to the President.

Both teams then did well to bid 6♦ with ♠AQ73 ♥J ♦KJ9652 ♣J9 facing ♠6 ♥AKQ1085 ♦AQ1087 ♣6.

Board: 16 Dealer: West E-W game

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
Punch	Holland	McGowan	Green
1♣	1♠	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All pass		

South led the seven of spades and North won with the queen and decided to switch to a club. He might have survived that if he had chosen the jack (although if declarer ducks North must then give South a spade ruff) but when he went for the five declarer ducked it to South's ten. She won the king of clubs return, drew trumps, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond and ran the ten of spades to North's king, her losing club going on the jack of spades, +620.

That would have failed if North had started with the ♣QJ5, so perhaps a club towards the ♣97 would be safer?

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
King	Duncan	Small	Gordon
INT	2♠*	3♦*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♦*	4NT*
Double	5♦	Double	All pass

- 2♠ Spades and a minor
- 3♦ Transfer with at least invitational values
- 3♠ Agrees hearts
- 4♦ Cue bid
- 4NT Minors

Declarer lost to the four aces, two down, -300 so 8 IMPs to Scotland leaving the match tied at 46 -46.

Board: 17 Dealer: North Love all

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
Punch	Holland	McGowan	Green
	Pass	INT*	Double
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	3♣
Pass 3NT	All pass		

- INT 11-14
- Double Penalties
- 2♦ Diamonds and a higher suit
- 2♥ Both majors

East led the queen of hearts and when it held she switched to the four of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's king and ran the jack of hearts to East's king. Back came the five of spades and when dummy's king held it was time to play on clubs.

If declarer was confident East held the ♠A ♥KQ and ♦A then she could not have the ♣Q but declarer played a club to the king, cashed the ace of hearts and then ran the ten of clubs. West won and East's aces meant one down, -50.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
King	Duncan	Small	Gordon
	Pass	1♣*	INT
All pass			

West led the four of spades and East took the ace and returned the five. Declarer won with the king, played a club to the king, a diamond to the king and a club. West took the queen and switched to the two of hearts and declarer played low from dummy and was soon claiming nine tricks, +150 and 5 IMPs that put the President ahead.

England managed three overtrick IMPs over the next five deals, so when the last board settled on the table they trailed by 2 IMPs.

Board: 24 Dealer: West Love all

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

West	North	East	South
Punch	Holland	McGowan	Green
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠

All pass

East led the seven of clubs and when declarer played low from dummy West, looking at a decent holding in declarer's second suit, switched to a trump, the only winning defence.

East took declarer's king with the ace and had only to play a spade (any spade will do) to ensure that the contract would be at least one down. However, she tried the king of hearts and declarer took dummy's ace, played a diamond to the queen, cashed the ace and played a diamond, ruffing when East pitched a club. A heart to the queen was followed by a diamond and West won as East threw her remaining club. East played a heart and declarer ruffed and the ♠QJ meant +110.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
King	Duncan	Small	Gordon
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Double	2♦	Pass	2♠

All pass

Here the defenders made no mistake, East returning the ten of spades at trick three. Declarer won and tried a diamond to the ten. West took the jack and switched to the ten of hearts for the queen, king and ace. A diamond to the ace was followed by the queen of diamonds but East ruffed. There were still three tricks to lose, two down, -100 and 5 dream breaking IMPs to England, who advanced to the semifinal.

### Saturday's problem hand

Dealer: West E-W game

♠ A J 10 7 6 ♥ A ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 8 7 6 4		♠ K Q ♥ Q 10 9 5 4 ♦ J 10 8 5 4 ♣ K	♠ A J 10 7 6 ♥ A ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 8 7 6 4
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Contract: 6♠ by West Lead: ♦A

North leads the ace of diamonds and follows with a diamond to the queen. How do you play?

### Friday's problem – solution

Dealer: West E-W game

♠ 10 ♥ A K 8 7 3 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ A K Q 2		♠ A J 6 5 ♥ Q J 2 ♦ J 7 4 2 ♣ 5 4	♠ K 4 3 ♥ 6 ♦ Q 9 8 3 ♣ J 9 8 7 6
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Contract: 6♥ by West Lead: ♦3

You beat South's king with the ace and play queen-jack of hearts, North discarding a club. What now?

This looked simple: ruff a club and set up a diamond trick, but North's discard, almost certainly from length, strongly suggests that South would be overruffing the club. The idea should now be to put pressure on North in the minors.

When you play two more trumps, North is down to eight cards: four clubs, three diamonds and a spade to keep everything covered. Play the ten of diamonds which North must take. Now, whatever North returns, you have the entries for a minor suit squeeze.

### The Lighter side of Bridge

This is the section of the Bulletin where we attempt to offer you some relief from the deals that have been giving you nightmares for the last six days.

At the risk of boring some of our readers we will start by reprising an idea suggested to us by Barry Rigal relating to the famous BBC Radio show *I'm sorry I haven't a clue*. It usually contains an item at the end where the panel members are invited to give their list of late arrivals to a particular ball.

To give you an idea of what is meant, take the example of a late arrival to *The Mad Scientist's Ball ...*

Mr & Mrs Tube and their daughter, Tess Tube.

Barry suggested that we ask for your late arrivals to the VuGraph commentators' ball – and we start you off with these examples:

Mr & Mrs Analysis and their daughter, Miss Analysis.

Mr & Mrs Keycard and their Italian cousin, Roman Keycard.

Mr & Mrs s'Fork and their son, Morton s'Fork.

The first person to produce a list of guests was Alan Mould.

Unfortunately Count Squeeze is unable to attend at all, but his wife is here, a Squeeze without the count. She has also brought along her twin sons (a double squeeze) and her daughter who is an 'exotic dancer', strip squeeze.

Mr & Mrs Transfer are here, with their son Jacoby. They have also brought their American cousin, Texas. The cousin lived in Johannesburg for many years and is now called South African Texas.

Mr & Mrs Club have bought their young daughter, short club, their boy scout son, prepared club, their body builder son, strong club, their Italian relation, Neapolitan Club, and their Alaskan cousin, blue club.

Mr & Mrs Major have brought their son, little Major.

Mr & Mrs Sykes have bought their son, Ferdinand Sykes, who can be a lot of fun.

Patrick Jourdain came up with these:

Mr & Mrs Esse and their son, Fin.

Fin's schoolteachers cannot agree on his progress. His maths teacher describes him as Backward, his philosophy report says he is Deep. Another boy who looks very like Fin has the nickname Double Fin Esse.

Tim Chanter sent his efforts by email:

Mr and Mrs Hubble are proud to present their twin daughters Dee Hubble (who usually wants to be taken out) and Rita Dee Hubble.

Mr Dar Es Salaam is proud to present his ageing mother Gran Dar Es Salaam

Mr and Mrs K'not-Rump present both their diminutive son, wee K'not-Rump, and their equally diminutive Spanish adoptive son, wee K'Juan-not-Rump.

Harvey Fox mentioned Mr & Mrs Acol and their son Benjy.

Barry Rigal was there with Mr & Mrs Skewbid and their son, Michael Skewbid. (When he uses a trampoline they call him Leaping Michael Skewbid.)

Maureen Hiron's suggestion was:

Mr & Mrs Squeeze – unfortunately their son, Show

Up, who was also invited, did not arrive.

Perhaps you can come up with a few more suggestions but meanwhile we should also mention another game from the show, the *Film Club*, involving suggestions for film titles that might appeal to certain sections of society. For example, the Cheesemakers' Film Club might include such classics as *The Guns of Mascapone* and *The Edambusters*.

Can you come up with any titles for the Bridge Players' Film Club?

How about *Bring me the Hand of Alfredo Garcia?* Or for Bond addicts - *You only Bid Twice* or *Diamonds are Four One*.

French readers might enjoy *Les Bridgeurs of Madison County*.

Deliver your suggestions to the Bulletin, which is located in the Barras room, on the same level as the playing rooms. Or send them in by email to: markhorton007@hotmail.com

In case you have not seen it here is a clip that is well worth watching in which you get to see the contents of Brian Short's kilt: <http://tinyurl.com/ppwpfuz>

(Apologies for the typo, but I wanted to attract your attention.)

## All England

Mark Horton

Having survived by the skin of their teeth against the President's team England found themselves up against the Chairman's team in the semifinal - an all England affair.

Board: 1 Dealer: North Love all

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Justin</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Jason</i>
2♠	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4NT
All pass	5♠	Pass	6♥

East led the seven of spades and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the jack of hearts. West won and when East could ruff the spade return the contract was one down, -50.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Hackett	King	Mossop	Small
	1♥	Pass	2♣*
3♠	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
All pass			

2♣ Game forcing

The same defence quickly put paid to this, but declarer went two down, -100 so 2 IMPs to Chairman.

Suppose South were to bid 6NT, taking the view that with bad breaks likely because of West's intervention there might be 12 tricks there when a suit contract might fail.

If West fails to lead the ace of hearts at trick one then he risks being thrown in with it to his considerable discomfort.

On the next deal both E-W pairs bid a rock solid 6♠ on ♠K9872 ♥4 ♦Q1074 ♣J108 opposite ♠AQJ64 ♥A3 ♦AK6 ♣AQ9.

Board: 3 Dealer: South E-W game

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
Holland	Justin	Green	Jason
			1♦
1♠	Double*	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

West led the queen of diamonds and when declarer ducked continued with the ten. Winning with the king as East pitched the two of clubs declarer ran the eight of hearts to East's king and the spade return went to the six, ten and king. Declarer came to hand with a diamond and played the ten of hearts for the jack, queen and ace. He won the spade continuation with

the ace, took a club finesse, cashed the ace felling West's king and continued with two more clubs (by now they were all good, but if East held a master club he could be thrown in with it to lead into the heart tenace).

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Hackett	King	Mossop	Small
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	All pass	

Here North broke a rule I mentioned in an earlier report by not ensuring that with an opening bid facing an opening bid that his side got to game.

East led the ten of clubs for the king and ace and declarer ran the nine of diamonds to West's jack. The five of spades switch was taken by declarer's nine and he unblocked the king of spades and ducked a diamond to West. There were nine tricks now, +150 but 6 IMPs to Chairman.

Board: 5 Dealer: North N-S game

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
Holland	Justin	Green	Jason
			Pass
2♦*	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
		5♣	All pass

2♦ Transfer

England +400.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
Hackett	King	Mossop	Small
			Pass
2♦*	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
		6♣	All pass

North unerringly cashed two diamonds, so the error-free auction in the other room gave England 10 IMPs, but at the half-way point they trailed 18-26.