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**SELECTIONS**

Nothing to report.

**Commonwealth Quarter Final-  
Patron 1 v Patron 2 by Boris Ewart**

Here is one of the sillier moments from the match.

Brd	♠A1083		
Dir	♥-		
Vul	♦Q65		
	♣QJ9854		
♠62	N	♠K754	
♥953	W	♥AJ87642	
♦AK108742	E	♦J	
♣K	S	♣6	
	♠QJ9		
	♥KQ10		
	♦93		
	♣A10732		

W	N	E	S
1NT!	2♣*	4♥	No
No	No		

Forrester's 1NT was supposed to be 14-16.  
Hyett's 2♣ was supposed to be the minors.  
Armstrong bid an innocent 4♥.

In case the layout was:

Brd	♠86		
Dir	♥-		
Vul	♦K10652		
	♣QJ9852		
♠A1032	N	♠K754	
♥953	W	♥AJ87642	
♦AQJ4	E	♦87	
♣K4	S	♣-	
	♠QJ9		
	♥KQ10		
	♦93		
	♣A10732		

I led the ♦9 and of course 4♥ now made. If Gary had X-1NT(Major-Minor) I would have led the ♣A and also X - 4♥.

**EDITORIAL**

I did get some entries for the quiz – see back page for results. As the league gets underway I would appreciate any interesting hands to be sent to me as it saves me having to deal problems.

Although it has been well expressed in the E.B.U. magazine, I would like to personally thank all of the organisers of the Commonwealth Bridge Festival and to the volunteers who made it all go smoothly.

**RESULTS**

Manchester won the President's Cup.  
See article for more details.

Manchester also won the match against Yorkshire.

Risley Swiss Teams  
Michelle Brunner, Rhona Goldenfield, John Hassett & Bernard Goldenfield.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

The Great Northern Swiss Pairs is on Oct 5-6 at Risley Conference Centre.

**HUGGILL Sat Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Mersey. BC**

Selections reported in August issue.

The Atheneum Club of Bury are running a Swiss Teams on Nov 17.

The Ben Franks Trophy (Pairs) is at M.B.C. on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Santa Claus Pairs is at M.B.C. on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Manchester Congress is on Jan 4-5 at the Renaissance Hotel. It is an ideal event for recovering from the new-year hangovers.

**ANECDOTES**

**Jeff Smith.**

At the Presidents Cup, after a rather odd sequence my partner David Adelman turned to the opponent Jill Knight of Cumbria and said "Has your partner been making any funny bids"? She replied..."Well if he has been, then I'm not laughing!"

**Montreal World Championships  
By John Armstrong**

Brd	♠-
Dir W	♥KQ762
Vul Game All	♦J10973
	♣1085
	N
	S
	♠A5
	♥-
	♦AQ85
	♣AQJ7642

W	N	E	S
No	No	1♥	2♣
2♥	3♣	3♥	6♣
No	No	No	

I was playing with David Levy in our first outing together and rather to my surprise we had survived both the qualifying and semi-final stages. In the circumstances science seems out of place and my bid (punt) of 6♣ ends the auction. The ♥3 is led. How do you play? Presumably LHO is 7-3 in the majors with at most one King, but even with this knowledge there doesn't appear to be a 100% line. If LHO is 3-0 or 0-3 in the minors then only a successful guess as to which, or a singleton ♦K, will make the contract. If LHO is 2-1 or 1-2 in the minors then ruffing a ♠ and leading the ♣8 to the ♣Q is 100%. If this loses then dummy can be re-entered with the ♣10 to take the diamond finesse. This was the chosen line and LHO had:-

♠J1087432  
♥J93  
♦6  
♣K3

1370 was worth 47 out of 70 matchpoints. Out of 36 tables there were just four 1370s, but nine 1540s and one 1720 (4♣XX+2). Presumably the auction was a lot more competitive at some tables after a 3♣ opening by W.

**ADVERT**

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**Presidents Cup on August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 2002 by Jeffrey Smith**

The Manchester team was represented by  
 Jeff Smith David Adelman  
 Adrian Kenworthy Mike Goldsmith  
 Michael Byrne Mike Newman  
 Dave Baskin Derry McCarthy  
 (Saturday)  
 Peter Hishmurch Joyce Hishmurch  
 (Sunday)

The team that played was largely different to the original selection due to the unavailability of most of the pairs. Howard Kay did a sterling job in getting this team together. The venue was Eden Bridge Club Carlisle. There were 7 teams participating – Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, North Wales, Cumbria and Mid-Wales. The format was an all-play-all with each team playing 16 boards against every other team with the total IMPs over each board finally converted to VPs using the 32 board scale.

Result		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Manchester	89 VPs
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yorkshire	85 VPs
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Merseyside	77 VPs

The venue was excellent, the weather hot, the team spirit bubbling with enthusiasm. It would be reasonable to say that Manchester led throughout and although the final score looks close, Manchester had held a 10VP lead with the last 3 board stanza to play, and only slipped because Yorkshire turned an 11-8 margin into a 15-5 victory on these boards. All the Manchester pairs played very competently with excellent discipline and good temperament.

**1. Bagging a Whopper**

You hold ♠x ♥KJ109 ♦AKQ109x ♣xx and at Green you hear 1♠ from Lefty and 4♥ (splinter) from Righty. A 5♦ bid looks innocuous enough however you are doubled by lefty and the stage is set for a dynamic defence. Lefty (David Adelman) holds ♠KQJxx ♥Axx ♦7x ♣Kx and Righty (Jeff Smith) holds ♠Axxx ♥x ♦Jx ♣AQxxx. ♥A led, ♥ ruff, ♠x underled to ♠J, ♥ ruff, ♣A, ♣K, ♥ ruff and now ♣Q. Somewhat rattled you carelessly ruff low and David overruffs with ♦7 to end the carnage at 1400. As my partner remarked, its not often you use a splinter bid to “bag a whopper”!

**2. Squeeze with & without the count**

Brd	♠KJ8xx
Dir	♥KJx
Vul	♦10xx
	♣xx
	-----
	♠Q7xx
	♥Ax
	♦AQ9x
	♣AJx

We had an uncontested sequence to 4♠ and LHO leads ♠9, I play small, RHO wins ♠A and switches instantly to ♦7. I play small, LHO wins ♦J and switches to ♣K to which I duck hoping to Bath Coup him and

maybe rectify the count for a squeeze. He now carries on with ♠10 to ♠J and RHO discards ♣. Based on the likely layout it looks like LHO has ♣KQ(xx) and ♦KJ(xx) and thus there should be an automatic squeeze with the ♦10 as the threat card. To get the end position right, play ♥A, ♥K and ruff ♥J with ♠Q. Now Cash ♦A (Vienna Coup) draw the last trump with ♠K and play two more trumps. In the 2-card ending, dummy is left with ♦10 ♣x and you hold ♣AJ and LHO is auto squeezed. Backing my hunch at the table, I played a club to the ♣A felling LHO's ♣Q to make the contract.

What is also interesting is that without the ♦10 in dummy, there are many squeeze variation endings available and the same squeeze is available (strip squeeze without the count). The play is identical with the ending where dummy's retains at least 1 ♦ and 1 ♣ but the 3-card ending for declarer is ♣AJ ♦Q. Again, if he can read LHO's discarding strategy to ♣Q ♦Kx or ♣Qx ♦K, he can drop the ♣ honour or throw him in with the ♦K to endplay him. In these squeezes endings, the ♣A rather than ♦A may be cashed earlier for a similar ending ...or indeed neither ♣A nor ♦A be cashed leading to the 4 card squeeze ending (♦AQ ♣AJ) where LHO can be thrown in for the endplay.

**Report on Manchester v Yorkshire 6<sup>th</sup> July 2002 by Jeffrey Smith.**

Manchester		Aggregate Score
1.D.Barton	D.Whyte	
L.Klein	J.Morris	1520
2.F.Bell	J.Roberts	
M.Costagliola	D.Gray	-150
3.J.Smith	M.Halliwell	
A.Nelson	K.Nelson	-210
4.J.Hassett	B.Hirst	
M.Goldsmith	A.Kenworthy	4740
5.I.Blakey	J.Blakey	
S.Travers	L.Gorodkin	-590
6.H.Kay	B.Cooke	
D.Debbage	E.Lighthill	450
Yorkshire		
1.G.Jepson	D.Musson	
R.Pike	D.Robinson	
2.D.Coley	D.Waxman	
T.Gisborne	S.Davies	
3.R.Winter	S.Teshome	
M.Marston	P.Tempest	
4.R.Jepson	A.Brosgill	
B.Townsend	N.Woolven	
5.G.Newman	A.Golding	
B.Grayson	J.O'Sullivan	
6.J.Procter	D.Lewis	
S.Davies	S.Galloway	

Manchester led by 2420 points at half time and won by 5760 aggregate points. The match was run in the usual format of twelve 3-board rounds with each pair playing every other pair. Manchester gained an early lead and although there was a near

3000 swing back to Yorkshire in one set, Manchester led throughout emerging as comfortable winners. Particularly outstanding was Team 4 which along with Team 1 accounted for most of the winning margin. There was no team with a big deficit, so I think the whole Manchester team should emerge with credit.

**LEAD PROBLEM.**

♠74		N		Love All
♥963				
♦AJ62	W		E	
♣9652			S	

W	N	E	S
	1NT	4♥	4♠
No	No	No	

Solution is on Page-3.

**World Bridge Championships - Montreal by Bernard Goldenfield.**

This was an amusing hand from the Pairs:

Brd	♠Q9		
Dir	♥AJ94		
Vul	♦8743		
	♣1096		
♠874		N	♠A1053
♥Q10632			♥85
♦KQ	W		♦J95
♣Q75		S	♣AJ73
			♠KJ62
			♥K7
			♦A1062
			♣K42

W led ♥3 against my 1NT contract. I won with the ♥9 and ducked ♦3 to ♦Q. W continued ♥2 to ♥K. I played ♦10 to ♦K. W tried ♠7 switch to ♠9, ♠10 and ♠J. ♠2 back to ♠Q and ♠A. E exited with ♠3 to ♠K and I noted ♠8 drop from W. I now cashed ♠ and ♦ winners ending in dummy.

E discarded ♣7 coming down to:

Brd	♠-		
Dir	♥AJ		
Vul	♦-		
	♣10		
♠-		N	♠-
♥Q10			♥-
♦	W		♦-
♣Q		S	♣AJ3
			♠-
			♥-
			♦-
			♣K42

I now played ♣10 and E rose with ♣A. E then led ♣3 and I knew the ♣4 was going to win. Its not very often that you can finesse with a 4 on the second round of a suit. Had E ducked the ♣10 then I would have played the ♣2 to end-play W to lead into the ♥AJ.

**The Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship By Raymond Semp**

This, the first Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships was an outstanding success and a prestigious feather in the hat of the EBU and a worthy contribution by the many members of the Manchester Contract Bridge Association who worked so hard to make it the success it was. It was the initial idea of Jeff Morris proprietor of the Manchester Bridge Club.

Let us now hope that from it is born a new International Commonwealth Competition that will continue. It will also help to persuade those who matter, that bridge is a sport of the mind and can no longer be ignored.

The competition was won overall, by the strong Patron Team No. 1 comprising of: Tony Forrester & John Armstrong; Jason, Justin & Paul Hackett. (NPC John Williams).

The Gold Medallists - Canada: Judith & Nick Gartaganis, Gordon Campbell & Keith Balcombe.

The Silver Medallists - Wales: Gary & Dafydd Jones, Peter Goodman & Adam Dunn, Tim Rees & Filip Kurbalija. (NPC Jim Luck).

The Bronze Medallists - India: C R Bandrinath, K R Venkataraman, P Sirdharen, R Krishnan, Sunit Chokshi & S Sundarraman.

In fourth place - Patron Team No. 2 comprising of: Boris Ewart (Captain) & Gareth Hyett, Bernard Goldenfield & John Holland, Bill Hirst & John Hassett.

At the post competition banquet at the Yang Sing restaurant, the chairman of the organising committee, Denis Robson and Paul Hackett, paid tribute to the generous patrons, Brigitte Mavromichalis who sponsored Team No 1. Bill Fung, chairman of Maple Financial Group of Canada who sponsored Team 2 and also donated the trophy. They also paid tribute to Jose Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation, the tournament directors, commentators, press officers and the numerous Manchester workers who diligently worked throughout the tournament with an enthusiasm unsurpassed.

There were undoubtedly numerous hands of outstanding brilliance and therefore there could not be enough space within these pages to show them all. As this is a Manchester sponsored event, I shall highlight two Manchunians. John Holland played the first hand.

Brd	♠K975		
Dlr	♥Q9		
Vul	♦AK5		
	♣AQ83		
♠A2		N	♠J108643
♥104		W	♥AJ76
♦Q64		E	♦109
♣J109764		S	♣K
	♠Q		
	♥K8532		
	♦J8732		
	♣52		

W	N	E	S
	1♠	No	1NT
No	2NT	No	3♥
No	3NT	End	

West led the ♣J. The lead showed no higher honour so John played the ♠A felling East's stiff ♣K. The ♥Q was played at trick 2 which East won and returned the ♠6. ♠Q, ♠A, ♠5 and the ♠2 was returned by West, which John judged well to win with the ♠K. Now it seemed that in order to land this contract the ♦ must come in for five tricks, so John cashed ♦A, ♦K both defenders following with small cards. Now for John's well thought out plan "B" - he exited with a ♦ to West's ♦Q. West now made a fatal error, which John took full advantage of, when he played back his last ♥. John won, cashed his two remaining ♦ and exited with a ♣, West put in the ♣9 and John ducked and West had to concede the last 2 ♣ tricks for a well deserved 13 imp's to the Patron 2 Team.

The second hand features John Hassett another one of Manchester's fine card players.

Brd	♠AQ5		
Dlr	♥953		
Vul	♦QJ93		
	♣AQJ		
♠K8643		N	♠J1072
♥J1076		W	♥Q4
♦10		E	♦K864
♣1085		S	♣K64
	♠9		
	♥AK82		
	♦A752		
	♣9732		

W	N	E	S
	1♦	No	1♥
No	1NT	No	3♠*
No	4♣	No	4♥
X	4♠	No	5♦
No	No	No	

The bidding was a little ambitious on Bill's part who tried to search for a slam on his 11 count but generally, when one is behind in a serious match, then he is the best man one can have to reverse the team's fortunes. East led the ♣4 into John's tenace, but as we can see it did not cost. After a long thought he laid down the ♦Q, which held the trick, West contributing the ♦10. The ♦J followed and was ducked again by East, West throwing the ♠3. A ♥ was led to the ♥A and the losing ♣ finesse taken. East played back the ♥Q which John won and played a ♣ to the ♣A and a ♦ back to dummy's ♦A. Now the 4<sup>th</sup> ♣ fixes East whom effectively is end played. He in fact threw a ♠ but as John had ditched his 3<sup>rd</sup> ♥ on the ♣, was able to ruff a ♥ to be over ruffed and again end playing East. Had East held the ♠K instead of the ♠J, then N-S may well have gone down in 3NT. As it was, it became a flat board.

**COMPETITIVE BIDDING.**

The following hand indicates that is often right to keep on bidding when you don't know who is making what.

Brd 11	♠K3		
Dlr S	♥Q732		
Vul Nil	♦Q964		
	♣Q42		
♠QJ10876		N	♠A954
♥J105		W	♥AK9864
♦A		E	♦752
♣976		S	♣-
	♠2		
	♥-		
	♦KJ1083		
	♣AKJ10853		

W	N	E	S
			1♣
2♠	X	4♣	5♦
No	No	5♥	6♣
6♦	X	6♥	?

E could have started with a quiet 3♥ over the negative X but decided to Splinter-4♣ to show the ♠ fit. As the bidding progressed S just kept on bidding his 2-suiter. The critical point comes when W cue bids 6♦. You need an agreement as to the meaning of the X by N. Is it warning S off or encouraging him to save? S knows N has 4♥ but cannot be certain if 6♥ is about to be passed by W. N is probably going to X, expecting to make the ♠K and a trick from S – not realising 7♥ is cold. The safe move is for S to bid 7♣ and hope N passes when E-W double. 7♣-X is cheaper than 7♦-X, as E can get 2 ♣ ruffs in 7♦.

The Law of Total Tricks comes up with some interesting results on this hand. N-S Have 10 ♣ and E-W 10 ♠ so we have 20 tricks. E-W can make 6♠ (S ruffs ♥) so N-S should only make 8 tricks – not so. The double-fits and voids actually produce a total of 23 tricks. E-W can make 7♥ and N-S are 3 down in 7♣ on best defence.

**LEAD PROBLEM SOLUTION.**

Brd	♠AJ106		
Dlr	♥AQ5		
Vul	♦10973		
	♣K7		
♠74		N	♠3
♥963		W	♥KJ108742
♦AJ62		E	♦K4
♣9652		S	♣AJ3
	♠KQ9852		
	♥-		
	♦Q85		
	♣Q1064		

If you lead ♣6 partner takes ♣A and then leads ♦K and ♦4 to take 4 tricks. If you lead ♥6 declarer discards ♦ loser on ♥A and makes 4♠. The clue to not leading a ♥ is your ♥ length – you know declarer has 1 at the most so need to get tricks from somewhere else.

QUIZ 2					QUIZ 1 SCORES					BRIDGE SQUEEZE SOLUTION By Raymond Semp.				
1. Love All	W	N	E	S	1.3♠ - 10. No - 7. 4♠ - 5.	♠KQJ8	S is to make 6NT on ♣J							
♠J94		1♦	No	1♠	2.4NT - 10. 4♠ - 8. 4♦ - 6. 4♣ - 4.	♥AQ9	lead. All suits break							
♥10742	No	2♦	No	No	3.3NT - 10. X - 7. 4♦ - 5. No - 4.	♦K32	evenly. Minors 4-3							
♦A1096	X	No	?		4.2NT - 10. 3♦ - 7. No - 5. 3NT - 3.	♣Q87	Majors 3-3							
♣74					The ♠ suit is split as follows:	N	No E-W bidding							
2.N-S Vul.	W	N	E	S	♠Qx	S								
♠Q			1♦	No	♠AKxxxx	♠Jx								
♥J54	1♥	No	2♣	No	♠10xx									
♦AQ976	2♠	No	3♥	No	Partner has ♥K & ♣J10x so 2NT is cold.									
♣AKJ7	4♦	No	?		3♦ runs into ♠ ruffs and is 2 down.									
3.E-W Vul.	W	N	E	S	5.1♠ - 10. 2♠ - 7. 4♣ - 5. 4♥ - 4. 3♥ - 3. 2♥ - 2.	♠AJ10975	♠K64	You need to bid						
♠K9				No	♥6543	♥AK82	♠ if you are to							
♥AQJ1074	No	No	1♥	No	♦A5	♦K63	avoid the poor							
♦QJ108	1♠	No	2♦	No	♣10	♣KQJ	6♥ contract.							
♣6	2NT	No	?		6.X - 10. 3♥ - 6. No - 4.									
4.Game All	W	N	E	S	It looks like partner has a light opener and									
♠J	1♣	1♠	3♣	No	the 1♥ overcall is minimal or somebody has									
♥64	3♥	No	?		psyched. X - as you expect to defeat 2NT.									
♦Q7654					7.X - 10. 5♥ - 6. No - 4.									
♣AJ862					8.X - 10. 5♠ - 7. 4♣ - 5. No - 3.									
5.N-S Vul.	W	N	E	S	♠A9	♠KQ63	5♣ needs a lot							
♠A		No	1♦	3♠*	♥AKJ7	♥1054	right to make.							
♥KJ82	No	No	?		♦753	♦42	Keep leading ♦ to							
♦AJ9852					♣A876	♣KJ94	collect 2-3 down.							
♣63					9.5♠ - 10. 5♣ - 7. 4♠ - 6. X - 5. 4NT - 4.									
6.E-W Vul.	W	N	E	S	Partner has:	♠Qxx	6♠ makes because the 3♣							
♠AKJ5			♣+♠	Intm.	♥QJxx	♥AQJ10x	pre-empt also has ♠KJx							
♥-	2♣	3♦*	3♠	No	♣x		but you don't want to be							
♦KJ9863	4♠	No	?		10.4♥ - 10. 4NT - 7. 5♣ - 6. 5♦ - 3.		higher than 5♠ normally.							
♣KQ6					Brd	♠AJ632								
7.Game-All.	W	N	E	S	Dlr	♥96								
♠8				No	Vul	♦9								
♥J10753	1♠	No	2♥	No		♣J9863								
♦AK952	4♦*	No	?		♠87	N	♠KQ5							
♣A3					♥AJ5	W	♥3							
8.Love All	W	N	E	S	♦Q6	S	♦AKJ10742							
♠AQJ2	No	2NT*	X	4♣	♣AQ10742		♣K5							
♥AK62	No	No	?				♠1094							
♦A10							♥KQ108742							
♣943							♦853							
9.EW-Vul	W	N	E	S			♣-							
♠K1076		No	1♠	No										
♥AK3	3NT*	No	?											
♦A84														
♣KQ7														
10.Game All	W	N	E	S										
♠KQ76			1♦	X										
♥8	No	1♥	X	2♥										
♦AKJ107	2♠	No	?											
♣A106														