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### **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.

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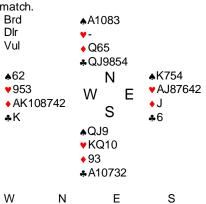
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## **SELECTIONS**

Nothing to report.

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

Here is one of the sillier moments from the



No Forrester's 1NT was supposed to be 14-16. Hyett's 2♣ was supposed to be the minors. Armstrong bid an innocent 4♥.

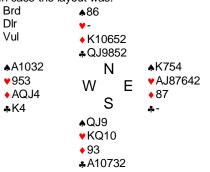
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No

In case the layout was:

2.\*\*

1NT!



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♥.

#### **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 12th 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 8th.

15<sup>th</sup>.

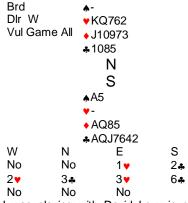
The Manchester Congress is on Jan 4-5 at the Renaissance Hotel. It is an ideal event for recovering from the hangovers.

#### **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



I was playing with David Levy in our first outing together and rather to my surprise we had survived both the qualifying and The Santa Claus Pairs is at M.B.C. on Dec 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 new-year 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 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

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 3A opening by W.

#### **ADVERT**

If anybody would like to help the county cut costs by placing an advert in the newsletter then please contact the editor. We produce 900-1000 of these for each edition.

## Presidents Cup on August 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 2002 by maybe rectify the count for a squeeze. He 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 Hishmurgh Joyce Hishmurgh

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. Mersevside. 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

(Sunday)

89 VPs Manchester 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 Ax VKJ109 ◆AKQ109x Axx 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 ♥ Axxx ♦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 vou 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"!

# O Commercial with 0 without the count

2. Squee	ze with & without the count
Brd	<b>♦</b> KJ8xx
Dlr	♥KJx
Vul	♦10xx
	<b>♣</b> XX
	<b>♠</b> Q7xx
	<b>♥</b> Ax
	♦ AQ9x
	<b>♣</b> AJx

We had an uncontested sequence to 4♠ and LHO leads \$9, I play small, RHO wins twelve 3-board rounds with each pair ♠A and switches instantly to ♦7. I play playing every other pair. Manchester gained small, LHO wins •J and switches to •K to an early lead and although there was a near which I duck hoping to Bath Coup him and

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 AQ. Now Cash ◆A(Vienna Coup) draw the last trump with AK 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.

Aggregate Score

Manchester

5.G.Newman

B.Grayson

6.J.Procter

S.Davies

D.Whyte	J
J.Morris	1520
J.Roberts	
D.Gray	-150
M.Halliwell	
K.Nelson	-210
B.Hirst	
A.Kenworthy	4740
J.Blakey	
L.Gorodkin	-590
B.Cooke	
E.Lighthill	450
D.Musson	
D.Robinson	
D.Waxman	
S.Davies	
S.Teshome	
P.Tempest	
A.Brosgill	
N.Woolven	
	J.Roberts D.Gray M.Halliwell K.Nelson B.Hirst A.Kenworthy J.Blakey L.Gorodkin B.Cooke E.Lighthill  D.Musson D.Robinson D.Waxman S.Davies S.Teshome P.Tempest A.Brosgill

Manchester led by 2420 points at half time and won by 5760 aggregate points.

A.Golding

D.Lewis

J.O'Sullivan

S.Galloway

The match was run in the usual format of

3000 swing back to Yorkshire in one set, Manchester led throughout emerging as comfortable winners. 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	<b>PROBLI</b>	EM.
<b>↑</b> 74 <b>♥</b> 963 <b>↑</b> AJ62 <b>♣</b> 9652	W	N / E S	Love All
W	N	E	S
No			4♠
No	N 1NT No s on Page	4♥ No	S 4 <b>♠</b>

## World Bridge Championships - Montreal by Bernard Goldenfield.

This was an amusing hand from the Pairs: Brd ♠Q9 Dlr **♥**AJ94 ♦8743 **\$1096** 874 ▲A1053 ♥Q10632 **9**85 W ♦KQ J95 S **♣**Q75 ♣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 Dlr **♥**AJ Vul **\$**10 Ν **♥**Q10 W S \*Q **♣**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 | West led the \*J. The lead showed no of the EBU and a worthy contribution by the higher honour so John played the \*A felling 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

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.

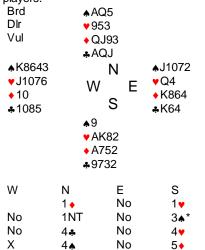
At the post competition banquet at the Yang Sing restaurant, the chairman of the organising committee, Denis Robson and Paul Hackett, paid tribute to the generous Brigitte Mavromichalis patrons, sponsored Team No 1. Bill Fung, chairman of Maple Financial Group of Canada who sponsored Team 2 and also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

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

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 **A**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.

another one of Manchester's fine card players.

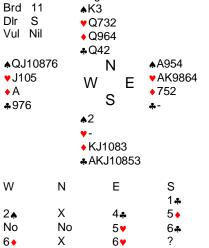


Nο Nο Nο The bidding was a little ambitious on Bill's part who tried to search for a slam on his 11 count but generally, when one is behind in a serious match, then he is the best man one can have to reverse the team's fortunes. East led the ♣4 into John's tenace, but as we can see it did not cost. After 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 VQ which John won and played a ♣ to the ♣A and a ♦ back to If you lead ♣6 partner takes ♣A and then whom effectively is end played. He in fact threw a h but as John had ditched his 3rd on the ♣. was able to ruff a ♥ to be over 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.**

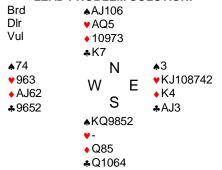
The following hand indicates that is often right to keep on bidding when you don't know who is making what.



E could have started with a guiet 3♥ over the negative X but decided to Splinter-4\* to The second hand features John Hassett show the A 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 AK 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.



dummy's ◆A. Now the 4<sup>th</sup> ♣ fixes East 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 ruffed and again end playing East. Had the most so need to get tricks from somewhere else.

	QUIZ	<u>.</u> 2			Q	UIZ 1 SC	ORE	S	BRIDGE SQL	JEEZE SOLUTION	
1.Love All	W	N	E	S	1.3♠ - 10. No				By Raymond Semp.		
<b>▲</b> J94		1 ♦	No	1♠	2.4NT - 10. 4	<b>•</b> - 8. 4 <b>•</b>	- 6. 4	<b>.</b> - 4.			
<b>♥</b> 10742	No	2 •	No	No	3.3NT - 10. X - 7. 4 • - 5. No - 4.			- 4.	<b>♦</b> KQJ8	S is to make 6NT on &J	
◆A1096	Χ	No	?		4.2NT - 10. 3			NT - 3.	♥AQ9	lead. All suits break	
<b>.</b> 74					The ♠ suit is split as follows:				♦K32	evenly. Minors 4-3	
2 N C V/vl	۱۸/	N.I	_	C		Qx			<b>.</b> •Q87	Majors 3-3 No E-W bidding	
2.N-S Vul. <b></b> ♠Q	W	N	E 1•	S No	<b>♠</b> AKxxxx		∳Jx		N S	NO E-W blading	
•Q ♥J54	1♥	No	2♣	No	-	10xx		ONIT 's sald	♠A109		
◆AQ976	2♠	No	2 <b>₩</b> 3 <b>♥</b>	No	Partner has ♥ 3 • runs into •				▼KJ108		
*AKJ7	<b>4</b> ♦	No	?		5.1 <b>a</b> - 10. 2 <b>a</b>				• A54		
4,57 4 10 7	•		•		5.1♣ - 10. ∠♣ ·	-7. 4 <b></b> - 5 		ou need to bid	♣A65		
3.E-W Vul.	W	N	Ε	S	<b>♥</b> 6543	•AK82		if you are to			
<b></b> ▲K9				No	• A5	♦K63		void the poor		ends on West having led from	
♥AQJ1074	No	No	1♥	No	<b>*</b> 10	KQJ		contract.		ast holding the <b>&amp;</b> K. South	
♦ QJ108	1 <b>A</b>	No	2•	No	6.X -10. 3♥- 6		·	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		mall from dummy and win the	
<b>.</b> 6	2NT	No	?		It looks like pa	rtner has	a ligh	t opener and		the ♣A. Cash 4 ♠, discarding	
			_	_	the 1 voverca		_	•		d. Cash 3 rounds of 🛂, coming	
4.Game All	W	N	E	S	psyched. X - a	as you exp	ect to	o defeat 2NT.	down to the fo	ollowing five-card ending:	
<b>♠</b> J	1.	1 <b>A</b>	3*	No	7.X -10. 5♥ - 6	6. No - 4.			Brd		
<b>♥</b> 64	3♥	No	?		8.X -10. 5 <b>*</b> - 7	′. 4 <b>♣ -</b> 5.	No -	3.	Dlr	<b>^</b> -	
• Q7654					<b>♠</b> A9	♠KQ63	5♣	needs a lot	Vul	<b>v</b> - ◆K32	
<b>♣</b> AJ862						<b>v</b> 1054	right	to make.	Vai	• N32 • Q8	
5.N-S Vul.	W	N	Е	S		<b>♦</b> 42		p leading • to			
5.N-3 vui. ♠A	VV	No	1 ♦	3 <b>.</b> *		<b>.</b> KJ94		ct 2-3 down.	<b>^</b> -	N •-	
▼KJ82	No	No	?	34	9.5♠-10. 5♣ -7	7. 4 <b>♠</b> - 6.	X - 5.	4NT - 4.	♦ Hxx	W E ♣- Hxx	
◆ AJ9852	.,,	110	•		Partner has:				<b>♣</b> 109	S *Kx	
<b>*</b> 63								ause the 3.	<del>4</del> 103	#1CX	
<b>4</b> 00	3 <b>.</b>	5-5	<b>*</b> + <b>*</b>	Intm.	<b>♥</b> QJxx			has <b>▲</b> KJx		<b>^-</b> ♥J	
6.E-W Vul.	W	N	Ε	S	◆AQJ10x	•		vant to be		• A54	
♠AKJ5			_ 1•	1 🔻	♣X			normally.		<b>♣</b> 6	
<b>y</b> -	2*	3♦*	3♠	No	10.4♥-10. 4N7			-3.	On the 🛂 fro	m South, West is squeezed in	
♦KJ9863	4♠	No	?		Brd Dir	AJ632				*109. If he throws the *9	
<b>.</b> KQ6					Vul	<b>♥</b> 96				s the &6, West the &10	
					Vai	♦9 ♣J9863				♣Q and East the ♣K - thus	
7.Game-All.	W	N	E	S	<b>♠</b> 87			♠KQ5		mmy's <b>4</b> 8 to the 12 <sup>th</sup> trick.	
<b></b> 8				No	•AJ5	N	_	<b>*</b> RQ5	Therefore, he	e lets go •x. Dummy throws	
♥J10753	1♠	No	2 🗸	No	• Q6	W	Ε	◆AKJ10742	the ♦2. Nov	w East is squeezed with the	
♦ AK952	<b>4 *</b> *	No	?		• AQ10742	S		*K5	♣Kx and his	Hxx. If he throws the ♣x,	
<b>.</b> A3	4 .	Spl.			/ NQ 101-72	<b>↑</b> 1094		<del>4</del> 10		in plays the 🗚6 this time	
0 1 0 10 11	<b>4</b> ♦		_	c		<b>♥</b> KQ10	8742		playing low fro	om dummy dropping East stift	
8.Love All	W	N NT*	E	S 1•		♦ 853	J. 12		♣K to promot	e dummy's ♣Q to the 12 <sup>th</sup>	
AQJ2 ✓AK62	No No	2NT* No	X ?	4 <b>.</b> *		<b>.</b> -			trick, so East	throws . x, now South cashes	
♦AN62 ♦A10	110	INU	:		Although 6 lo	-	t goe	s down – trv		make his contract. The trap of	
♦ A10 • 943					to make 6NT of					clarer ducking the 1 <sup>st</sup> trick in	
<del>₹ 340</del>	2NT	5-5	<b>♣+</b> ♦	Weak	Raymond's bo					y the count. If he does, he is	
9.EW-Vul	W	N	E	S		5 .	-			• breaking 5-2 or worst, with	
♠K1076	••	No	1♠	No	Leading scores		iz-1.			a long shot. The lay of the cribed, is much better odds.	
♥AK3	3NT*		?	-	John Liebershi	uetz	86			nultaneous Double Strip	
◆ A84					Jeff Smith		83		Squeeze".	Taltarioodo Dodbie Otrip	
♣KQ7					Rodney Lighto	n	83		3403020 .		
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10.Game All	W	N	E	S	Scores will be on the website		116 116	SAL BUILION OF	entry so wins		
<b></b> AKQ76			1 ♦	Χ	STITLE WEDSILE	-					
<b>♥</b> 8	No	1♥	X	2♥	All problems a	re assume	ed to	be IMP.			
♦ AKJ107	2♠	No	?		Entries to my						
♣A106								<b>7</b> 1			