



# Central West Festival of Bridge and 84th ANC in Orange NSW — 6-18 July 2024

## Bulletin 11 Tuesday 16/7



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### Half time in the TBIB Open Butler

Three 60-board days down, three to go. The Stage Two field is starting to spread out. Top five each way make it to Wednesday.




Lance isn't a common name these days, but in medieval times, people were named Lance a lot.

### Real World News

A good week for Spain.  
Their football team beat England 2-1 to win the European Championships, while Alcaarez beat Djokovic to win Wimbledon.  
Krejciikova beat Paolini in the Women's.  
Argentina won the Copa America.  
In Rugby, Australia beat Wales again.  
Ireland squared their series with South Africa  
Argentina did likewise against France.  
State of Origin is tomorrow night.  
Trump names JD Vance as his running mate.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

### Meanwhile in Poland

The U26 Australian **Women** finished second in the qualifying, so made it to the Round of Four. However, they did not progress to the final.

In this hand, Lauren Morgan opened a typical Australian 3♦ as dealer, all vul.

After West overcalled 3♥, East Blackwooded to the unlucky 6♥. 7♠ is a decent spot, making as the cards lie. Their teammates languished in game after West's weak 2♥ opening was raised to game and were pleasantly surprised to gain 13 IMPs.

Consensus was that West's 6331 10-count should open 1♥

The Australian U26 **Open** team finished 9th.

### ANC Timetable

- Tue 16 TBIB Open Butler S2 10 & 1.30  
Mixed Butler S1  
Paul Lavings Swiss A
- Wed/Thu TBIB Open Butler S3 10 & 1.30  
Mixed Butler S2  
Paul Lavings Swiss B



## Stage 2 halfway

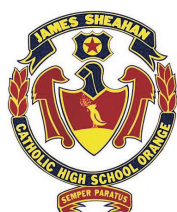
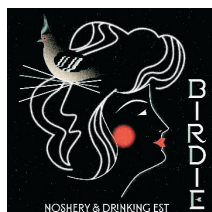
### NS

1	Avinash Kanetkar - George Kozakos	69.88
2	Kevin Skoropada - Moss Wylie	60.56
3	Tony Nunn - Paul Dalley	57.92
4	Ella Jacob - Jenny Thompson	57.26
5	Tony Leibowitz - Ian Thomson	53.41
6	Tania Lloyd - Hugh Grosvenor	44.52
7	Joan Butts - Peter Buchen	39.77
8	Dee Harley - Stephen Weisz	39.37
9	Paul Hooykaas - Pele Rankin	39.33
10	Sonya Palfreyman - Shayne Palfreyman	21.54

### EW

1	Bill Powell - Marjorie Askew	68.56
2	Jessica Brake - Shane Harrison	65.39
3	Joachim Haffer - Philip Markey	64.41
4	Axel Johannsson - Kate Mccallum	62.32
5	George Stockham - Alexander Hewat	60.01
6	John McMahon - Charles McMahon	59.24
7	Kitty Muntz - Leigh Gold	43.18
8	Christy Geromboux - Sebastian Yuen	41.42
9	Justin Williams - James Coutts	35.84
10	David Weston - Julian Foster	16.07

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## Mixed Stage 1 leaders (top 10 qualify)

1	Michele Tredinnick - Michael Courtney	77.93
2	Trevor Fuller - Val Biltoft	66.39
3	Jonathan Free - Mimi Packer	63.42
4	Stephen Mendick - Elizabeth Havas	62.76
5	Maurits Van Der Vlugt - Dagmar Neumann	61.77
6	Paula Mcleish - David Mcleish	59.64
7	Kevin Steffensen - Carolyn Miller	59.02
8	Gerry Daly - Viv Wood	56.38
9	Kerry Wood - Charles Howard	56.37
10	Arlene Dalley - Nick Jacob	55.46
11	Kimberley Zhao - Alan Cransberg	53.73
12	Jane Lennon - Simon Hinge	51.10
13	Sandra Richman - Andrew Richman	50.38
14	Warren Lazer - Pauline Gumby	50.33

## Paul Lavings Swiss A leaders

1	Martin Doran - Chris Mulley	72.72
2	Peter Clarke - Hans Van Weeren	71.47
3	Therese Demarco - Pam Morgan-King	71.00
4	Rosalie Broughton - Ken Wilks	70.09
5	Paul Weaver - Terry Bodycote	67.14
6	Elizabeth Zeller - Alison Dawson	62.43
7	Winston Guymer - Paul Smith	59.33
8	Martin Brown - Michael Hogan	59.13
9	Lalita Kanetkar - Frank Hardiman	58.91
10	Kevin Lange - Andrew Eddie	58.12
11	Bruce Crossman - Niek Van Vucht	57.92
12	Paul Ruan - Kevin Gu	57.48
13	Sandy Carter - Nerida Gillies	57.31
14	Maha Hoenig - Janeen Solomon	56.15

## Extra curricular activities

(Most leaving from Mercure)

Tue 16	9.30 - 4.30	Modern cattle and cropping conservation farm
Tue 16	Evening	Sri Lankan Dinner @ Red Chilli (Sale Street Car park) 0402 136 819 to book
Wed 17	9.30am - 3pm	Bathurst and Mt Panorama




My wife yelled from upstairs and asked,  
"Do you ever get a shooting pain across your body, like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?"  
I replied, "No"  
She responded, "How about now?"

## Butler hands

So great that we are all playing the same boards.

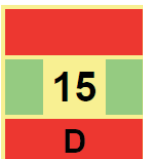
### Match 2

<b>Board 14</b>	♠ QJ4	
<i>Dealer E</i>	♥ K84	
<i>Vul None</i>	♦ J5	
	♣ AJT65	
♠ A953		♠ 86
♥ QT		♥ AJ75
♦ KQ2		♦ A943
♣ K832		♣ Q97
	♠ KT72	
	♥ 9632	
	♦ T876	
	♣ 4	

There are a number of ways to make this 3NT. On the good ♠Q lead, David McLeish ducked twice then cashed the ♦KQ, noting North's ♦J. Then came ♥Q-K-A, and heart to the ten.

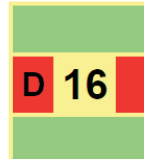
After a club towards dummy's queen held, South was thrown in with a heart. After cashing the ♠K, South had to lead a diamond into dummy' A-9 at trick 12. Well done.

The other way is to duck a club to North for a second club trick.

<b>Board 15</b>	♠ T84	
<i>Dealer S</i>	♥ KQJT65	
<i>Vul N-S</i>	♦ -	
	♣ 9862	
♠ AQ9		♠ KJ763
♥ A92		♥ 74
♦ AJT43		♦ KQ87
♣ K3		♣ A4
	♠ 52	
	♥ 83	
	♦ 9652	
	♣ QJT75	


Perhaps indicating the disparity between fields, nine out of 10 Open pairs bid these cards to slam, with Jessica Brake and Shane Harrison bidding the grand.

In the sheltered workshop of the Mixed, only three of 14 bid slam.

<b>Board 16</b>	♠ K952	
<i>Dealer W</i>	♥ T52	
<i>Vul E-W</i>	♦ AQ75	
	♣ KJ	
♠ T		♠ 8764
♥ KJ9843		♥ -
♦ 9832		♦ KJ4
♣ A9		♣ T87432
	♠ AQJ3	
	♥ AQ76	
	♦ T6	
	♣ Q65	

Three Mixed pairs and one Open pair were stung for 800 and 10 IMPs when they opened this vul vs not weak two. (or Multi).

Not so easy for North to double, nor for South to pass the double.

<b>Board 17</b>	♠ KQT85	
<i>Dealer N</i>	♥ 83	
<i>Vul None</i>	♦ K6	
	♣ 9654	
♠ J7		♠ A64
♥ KQJ7		♥ T9
♦ Q9874		♦ J3
♣ A7		♣ KQT832
	♠ 932	
	♥ A6542	
	♦ AT52	
	♣ J	

In the Mixed, three out four pairs allowed 3NT to make, even after the essential spade lead. After ducking twice, declarer ran clubs, leaving a 4-card ending

At our table, declarer won trick 12 with the ♦J. See if you can work out how that might have happened. It takes two to tango.

### Board 24

Dealer W  
Vul None

♠ -

♥ AJ8764

♦ KJT932

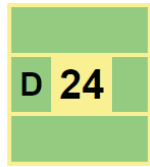
♣ 4

♠ T8762

♥ Q2

♦ AQ75

♣ 97



♠ AJ54

♥ K95

♦ 864

♣ A86

♠ KQ93

♥ T3

♦ -

♣ KQJT532

What do people open as North? 4♥ is the go these days but diamonds is the suit with texture, so 1♥ might be preferred by some. The problem with that is partner taking a solo flight to 5♣.

### Match 3

#### Board 10

Dealer E  
Vul Both

♠ AQ3

♥ 8764

♦ 9765

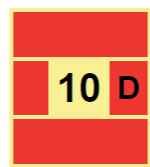
♣ 62

♠ K65

♥ KQ92

♦ AQ4

♣ J73



♠ JT4

♥ T53

♦ K832

♣ KQ5

♠ 9872

♥ AJ

♦ JT

♣ AT984

You have to bid your 24-point vulnerable 3NTs to do well. Equally, you have to shoot them.

3NT made more often than not. South has to grab one ace to lead a spade through, using the other one to cash the 13th spade.

### Match 4

#### Board 22

Dealer E  
Vul E-W

♠ -

♥ 754

♦ KQJ862

♣ A954

♠ 95

♥ AJT982

♦ -

♣ KT872



♠ AQJ8762

♥ 6

♦ A743

♣ 3

♠ KT43

♥ KQ3

♦ T95

♣ QJ6

4♠ is dicey but it can make, unless South leads a trump!

Half of those in it were successful, often doubled. Say South leads a diamond. Ruff, ♥A-ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff. Then lead a club up. It's hard for South not to split, so ♣3-J-K-A and a diamond back.

After winning the ♦A, declarer has to lead the ♠Q! In chess terms, this maintains the *opposition*. If you play ♠A-Q instead, South can duck.

### Match 5

#### Board 3

Dealer S  
Vul E-W

♠ 74

♥ T82

♦ 6432

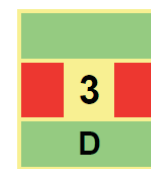
♣ J952

♠ J63

♥ Q653

♦ KJT

♣ T64



♠ KQT85

♥ K74

♦ A5

♣ A83

♠ A92

♥ AJ9

♦ Q987

♣ KQ7

**Nobody** doubles a strong notrump these days.

I was hoping to see at least one 500 from the 24 Open and Mixed tables but No.

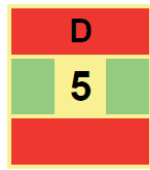
Just 100 or 140 for every East-West.



**Board 5**  
Dealer N  
Vul N-S

♠ J75432  
♥ T954  
♦ 54  
♣ T

♠ A9  
♥ AQ6  
♦ KJ9  
♣ J8742



♠ KT8  
♥ K3  
♦ AQT863  
♣ A5

♠ Q6  
♥ J872  
♦ 72  
♣ KQ963

**Board 11**  
Dealer S  
Vul None

♠ JT  
♥ KT63  
♦ 83  
♣ AT862

♠ AK53  
♥ Q74  
♦ 4  
♣ KJ973



♠ Q842  
♥ 82  
♦ AKJT65  
♣ Q

♠ 976  
♥ AJ95  
♦ Q972  
♣ 54

Over half the Open field bid slam here, with Bill Powell and Marjorie Askew reaching 7♦.

Maybe the East hand is a bit too strong to open a 15-17 notrump?

Perhaps the West players even suggested as much after they routinely raised 1NT to game.

4♠ is touch and go on three rounds of hearts. You could draw two rounds of trumps and take the ruffing finesse but that's odds against.

Better is to work on clubs. Even so, you still have to leave a trump outstanding when you play diamonds from the top.

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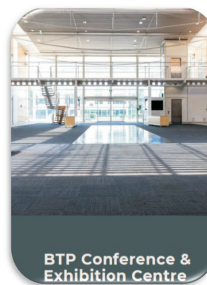
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**EVENTS**

Interstate Teams Monday 7<sup>th</sup>-Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Interstate Swiss Pairs Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Open Butler Pairs Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> →  
Mixed Butler Pairs Monday 14<sup>th</sup> →  
Swiss Pairs Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> &  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

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