

2024 Camrose Trophy

Second Weekend



Best Western Manchester Altrincham Cresta Court 1st - 3rd March 2024



The 2024 Camrose Trophy Second Weekend

presented by the English Bridge Union

Welcome to Manchester

Bridge Great Britain and the English Bridge Union extend to all a warm welcome to the 2024 Camrose Trophy.

The venue is the Best Western Cresta Court Hotel, Altrincham, Manchester.

Refreshments

For all the players and officials, mealtimes are as follows:-

Friday – Dinner at 17.30 Saturday – Lunch at 14.35, dinner at 20.30 Sunday – Lunch at 14.35, dinner and closing ceremony at 20.30.

Camrose Timings

| Friday | 17.30 | Buffet meal | | | | |
|----------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----|--|--|
| | 19.00-21.10 | FvA | DvB | EvC | | |
| | 21.25-23.35 | FvA | DvB | EvC | | |
| Saturday | 10.00-12.10 | AvD | BvE | CvF | | |
| | 12.25-14.35 | AvD | BvE | CvF | | |
| | | Lunch | | | | |
| | 15.20-17.30 | FvD | CvB | AvE | | |
| | 17.45-19.55 | FvD | C v B A v E | | | |
| | 20.30 | Dinner | | | | |
| Sunday | 10.00-12.10 | EvF | AvB | DvC | | |
| | 12.25-14.35 | EvF | AvB | DvC | | |
| | | Lunch | | | | |
| | 15.20-17.30 | CvA | DvE | BvF | | |
| | 17.45-19.55 | CvA | DvE | BvF | | |
| | 20.30 | Dinner & Closing Ceremony | | | | |

The draw for 2024 is as follows:

Team A: Wales

Team B: Ireland

Team C: EBU

Team D: Scotland

Team E: England

Team F: Northern Ireland

The Teams

England



David Gold & Andrew Black
Peter Crouch & Simon Cope
Tom Paske & Andrew McIntosh

NPC: Peter Hasenson

Northern Ireland



Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay
Rex Anderson & David Greenwood
Sam Hall & Hastings Campbell

NPC: Michael McFaul

Ireland



Mark Moran & John Carroll
Tom Hanlon & Conor Boland
Ciaran Coyne & David Walsh

NPC: Grainne Barton

Scotland



Martin Bateman & Callum McKail

Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder

Brian Spears & Barnet Shenkin

NPC: Alex Adamson

Assistant NPC: Robert Ferrari

Wales



Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage

Tim Rees and John Salisbury

Mia Deschepper and Richard Plackett

NPC: Ceri Pierce

EBU Team



Tim Leslie & Mike Bell

Stefano Tommasini & Ben Norton

Sarah Bell

NPC: Paul Barden

Profiles of the players are on pages 9 - 19.

Officials

Match Manager

Alex Smalley

Director in Charge

Sarah Amos

Tournament Director

James Carpenter

EBU Vugraph Team

RealBridge Coordination: Volunteers:

Shireen Mohandes & Alex Smalley, Barbara Lewis

Andy Bowles Maggie Pierce, David McAndrew

Tracy Sherman, Phillip Taylor Tom Slater, Michael Byrne

Gilbert Lee, Fly Leung, Alan Mould

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The Camrose Trophy Format

The Camrose Trophy comprises six teams, the sixth team being fielded, in rotation, by the country hosting the final weekend. In 2024, England fields two teams, one as "England" the other as "EBU".

Five head-to-head matches of 32 boards, in 16-board stanzas, will be played on each of two weekends. The scores from the first weekend are carried forward to the final weekend. The two teams from England play against each other in the first match of each weekend.

Systems and Conventions

The Camrose Series is considered to be a Category 1 event as defined within the WBF Systems Policy. Systems permitted in the Camrose Trophy are laid out in the Bridge Great Britain regulations.

Public presentation

In any one session, three matches are in progress, and we intend that as many as possible of them be covered live on the internet on RealBridge. The coverage of the closed room of one of these matches will be shown in the Vugraph room, where sitting-out players and NPCs are invited to offer commentary to spectators. Results from the Open Room of the same match and from both rooms of the other matches will also be available in the Vugraph room.

The Match Manager will announce which matches will be shown on Vugraph.

The other option for spectators is to watch live in the Open Room, where one table from each match is in play. Spectators are subject to the regulations set out below. Spectators at the Closed Room tables are prohibited.

Regulations for Open Room Spectators

You may watch the players live in the Open Room tables provided you observe the following rules:

- 1. No spectator may enter the Open Room while play is in progress. (Please note that this applies even if a match has started before the advertised time).
- 2. If a spectator leaves the Open Room while play is in progress he may not return until the play session (i.e. the match) has been completed.
- 3. During play in the Open Room spectators must refrain from mannerisms or remarks and must not converse with a player or display any reaction to bidding or play.
- 4. Spectators are permitted to observe the cards of one player only.
- 5. They should be seated behind that player and may not get up to walk round the table or seek to look at the cards of any other player.
- 6. Spectators are not permitted to sit where they can see the screen of the computer operator covering the internet match.
- 7. Spectators may not draw attention to any irregularity or mistake, nor speak on any question except by request of the Director.
- 8. The Director in Charge and/or the Match Manager is empowered to control the presence of spectators, individually or collectively.
- 9. Under no circumstances may a member of the audience enter either of the Closed Rooms.

Spectator facilities in the Open Room tables is limited.

Smoking and Alcohol

Please note that smoking is not permitted anywhere in the hotel. In addition the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the playing areas. This also applies to tournament staff. During a session no player may leave the playing area in order to smoke.

Mobile Phones

Please note that mobile phones, pagers or other electronic equipment brought into the playing areas by players or NPCs must be switched off, placed visibly on a table and left in the room if the player leaves it during play for any reason. Spectators in the Vugraph theatre must ensure that mobile phones are switched off. Any player or team official breaching this regulation will result in his team being fined an automatic penalty of 2VP.

Player profiles



Andrew Black & David Gold

Andrew is 60 and lives on a farm in Surrey with his wife Jane, four large children and two large dogs. He was the original founder of Betfair, but he took the money and ran eleven years ago. Today he owns an oil re-refining business, a Victorian water works housing a biotech company that manufactures DNA and some racehorses. In 2022 team Black won the Gold Cup and were losing semi-finalists in the Rosenblum in Poland

David was born in Perth, Scotland. He started his career in the sports world as a top junior chess player going on to learn bridge at school aged about 16. He also played a little rubber bridge in London with his father who was an avid bridge player. After deciding that further education and a maths degree wasn't what he wanted to do, David started to get seriously into bridge in 1999 when he had just turned 19. He began working as a

David has numerous domestic titles on his bridge CV. Internationally David over the years has competed in the European Teams Championship, the World Team Olympiad/Championship and the Camrose Trophy.

Peter Crouch & Simon Cope

host at the St John's Wood Bridge Club.

Peter lives just south of London with his wife Sara, two grown up children and his five year old grandson Theo. He retired from his day job at the start of Covid and now spends his time playing and coaching bridge, playing bad golf and helping look after his grandson.



Simon, 40 years old from Radlett in Hertfordshire. He plays bridge full time but is also often found hacking around various golf courses. Away from those two, he enjoys travelling, eating out and following various sports.



Tom Paske & Andrew McIntosh

Tom, is 32 years old grew up on a farm in rural Herefordshire where he spent most of his time climbing trees or chasing cows around a field. At school he was introduced to a more interesting game, bridge, by his maths teacher Richard Croot and hasn't looked back since. After studying maths and science at college he had a brief foray into university life before enjoying the pace of life on the continent. He currently spends his time between England, hotel rooms and Austria where his

He currently spends his time between England, hotel rooms and Austria where his wife Adele lives. When he isn't enjoying bridge he can normally be found at the climbing wall, cycling or sipping on one his several daily espressos.

Andrew, it's now 31 years since Andrew made his Camrose debut in 1993 in Perth playing for Scotland v Northern Ireland with Malcolm Cuthbertson. Time has flown but playing with Tom 'Mini' Paske keeps him young and as part of Team Black they have won the Gold Cup, English Premier League and a bronze medal in the 2022 World Open Championships. Ageing doesn't bother him for, as the attached photo proves, he is still some 20 years younger than Peter Crouch.

NPC: Peter Hasenson

Peter, is 58 and lives in North London where he works as a property consultant advising clients on the high-end residential markets of North West and Central London. Peter is the immediate past Chairman of Middlesex County Bridge Association, an EBU Shareholder and previously served one term as a member of the EBU



Laws & Ethics committee and two terms on the EBU's Selection Committee. A member of the International Bridge Press Association, Peter was the editor of the 2004 British Bridge Almanack and has had photographs widely published by World, Zonal, National and County bridge organisations as well as by The Daily Telegraph. Peter has won various County and National events including the EBU National Pairs in 2016.



Ian Hamilton & Ian Lindsay

lan H, is a retired GP and Occupational Physician living in Belfast. As well as bridge he enjoys cricket, being Fixture Secretary for his club, and a League Secretary in the Northern Cricket Union. He has watched England home and away in all Test countries bar Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. He is also keen on baseball and follows Ulster Rugby.



He spends a lot of time running NIBU simultaneous pairs, has other NIBU duties, plus has played with a number of partners in both the Teltscher and Camrose over 25 years. This is his fifth Camrose weekend with Ian Lindsay.

lan L, has represented the NIBU with five different partners. He is a retired chartered accountant who now acts as Treasurer for six charities connected with music, the visual arts, health and the disabled. Ian is a past Secretary, Chairman, Selector, and Congress Organiser, of the NIBU a past President of the Irish Bridge Union and the examining accountant of BGB.



David Greenwood & Rex Anderson

David is a retired Financial Adviser. He has represented Ireland on a number of occasions and has played in 8 Camrose matches with his wife Diane. His partnership with Rex has been the bedrock of the N Ireland Camrose team for many years. He is the only member of the team to have won the Camrose (albeit playing for England at the time!)



Rex, a solicitor who retired in 2010, first played in the Camrose in 1969 partnering his father. He is returning to the fray after a two-year gap, unable to sustain going cold turkey any longer. His book about the performance of Northern Ireland in the Camrose aptly entitled 'A Worm's Eye View' is available from amazon. His advice, gained from bitter experience, to budding authors is that few readers are interested in purchasing a book about failure. When compiling information about the history of the NIBU in the Camrose, Rex has become convinced that Albert Einstein was correct when he said – "Only two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity. And I'm not sure about the universe."

Sam Hall & Hastings Campbell

Sam is a retired ENT surgeon who returned to Camrose a few years ago after a 30 year exile. His partner is unchanged as is most of their system!



Hastings is a retired university lecturer who also manages a large property portfolio. He has represented Northern Ireland in the Camrose Trophy for over forty years, playing with Sam Hall, Brian Senior & Greer MacKenzie. He has both represented and captained Ireland in the European Championships. In common with his partner Sam, his passion is cricket.



Michael McFaul NPC

Michael has been teaching and writing about Bridge since the 1970s. He has been Secretary of the Northern Ireland Bridge Union since 2013. Michael has been NPC to the Camrose and Teltscher teams on numerous occasions as well as playing in both events.





IRELAND

Mark Moran & John Carroll

Mark, originally from Offaly, represented Ireland at junior level, but for a long period after that bridge took something of a back seat to a very successful business career. On returning to the game more seriously, it didn't take him long to re-establish himself, being part of the 2005 Camrose winning team in partnership with Peter Pigot. Playing initially with Rory Boland and more recently with John Carroll, he has been a regular on the Irish panel since 2013, and has been part of many successful teams, winning the Camrose in 2015 and 2017, as well as the Gold Cup in 2020. He has also been non-playing captain of several Irish teams, including the first Irish team to win the Camrose in 2000.

John is an executive in the software industry, based in Dublin, and is part of an Irish bridge dynasty, with both his mother and his wife having represented us internationally. He has been a member of the Irish team for the best part of two decades and was part of the European silver medal winning team in 2006, and the fourth-placed team in the World Teams championships in 2012. He has won multiple Camrose and Lederer trophies, and recently added the Gold Cup to his CV.

Tom Hanlon & Conor Boland

Tom, originally from Rochfortbridge, Co Westmeath, but based in Dublin, Tom (aka "Kinder" – you can ask him where he got the nickname) has been a fixture on Irish bridge teams for three decades, moving straight from the Junior to the Open team in 1994. Now a full-time bridge professional, he plays, and wins, extensively in Europe and the USA. Aside from more than 50 national championships, Tom is a multiple winner of both the Camrose and the Lederer, and a European Team silver medallist in 2006, Tom is also a successful high-stakes poker player.

Conor is a former junior international who made his senior debut in last year's Camrose and has become an integral part of the open squad. He already has a home international title under his belt, having been a member of Ireland's (only) Peggy Bayer winning team in 2016. In partnership with Karel De Raeymaeker, he has won several national titles in the past few years. Recently graduated from Dublin City University, Conor has embarked on a career in the world of accounting and taxation, and is currently living in Paris.

Ciarán Coyne & David Walsh

Ciarán lives in Cork with his wife Cynthia and their three sons. He is now a lecturer in Computer Science after many years working in technology roles in industry. He has several previous Camrose appearances with David Walsh as well as with Donal MacAonghusa and Peter Goodman, and also played with Donal in the European Championships. In addition, he has served as NPC of both the IBU Open and CBAI Camrose Teams. In his free time, he enjoys supporting his sons' sports teams, and playing golf.

David hails from Galway and is part of a well-known Irish bridge family. He took up bridge properly while in college, along with several other card games! Married to Orla, they have four children, which keeps them both very busy. This is his ninth Camrose appearance, partnering Ciarán on most occasions; he has also served as NPC. He has a keen interest in sports, with hurling and rugby to the fore.



Gráinne Barton NPC

Gráinne has been the NPC of this Irish Team for more than ten years now, guiding them to many successes, including in the Camrose. The team are always quick to acknowledge the key role that Gráinne's organisation and motivation plays in their success. Perhaps less well known is that her playing credentials are also impeccable – she is an international medal-winner in her own right, and has represented Ireland in both the Camrose and the Lady Milne.



Martin Bateman & Callum McKail

Martin, I came on to the bridge scene as a fresh faced 11 year old, playing my first Peggy Bayer in Wales. For the next decade or so, I played in numerous Peggy Bayer's, Junior Camrose's and a couple of European's. Over the course of my junior exploits, I won the Peggy Bayer twice and represented the British Schools team in Arnhem in the early 90s. After my last Junior Camrose, I then took around 15 years out



to concentrate on careering and rearing. These endeavours produced 2 children (the gentleman's couple), a first in mathematics and a career as Quant; where I currently work as the Global Principal Quantitative Analyst/Developer for a multi-national. In other words, I make software for pricing financial instruments.

As the kids grew older and time constraints freed up, I decided to re-learn the game around 5 years ago, thankfully forgetting the many flaws and bidding excesses from my time as a past-my-sell-by-date junior. Improving player with much still to learn.

Callum, lives in Hertfordshire and works in London as a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser. Growing up in a small town in south west Scotland, he started playing bridge with his great aunt at twelve years old. He moved to Edinburgh at the age of 17 to start university and was taken under the wing of Liz McGowan, from whom he quickly learned that he had, so far, learned almost nothing about bridge.



After a short period of tuition and confirmation that he could reliably count to thirteen, he joined the small Scottish junior squad and played a number of Peggy Bayers and Junior Camroses, with various partners, winning the former in 1995 and the latter in 1998. A move down south after graduating resulted in a period of playing ever more bridge whilst starting a career. However, the career then took priority, and he stopped playing for a number of years. During that time, he met and married Michelle in 2001, returning to the bridge table in the early 2010s. Michelle considers herself a bridge widow at times but is very supportive of Callum's bridge exploits, despite having no interest herself! Callum played local and county bridge around the south east of England for some time. During lockdowns he struck up an online partnership with Martin Bateman. Martin and Callum had been part of the Scottish junior teams around the same time, but they had never played together. They have been building their partnership for the last three years and are delighted to be selected to represent Scotland in what is their first Camrose.

Paul Barton & Jun Nakamaru-Pinder

Paul and Jun have several Camrose caps and an outing at the European Championships since debuting as a partnership at the Camrose in 2017. Paul's first Camrose was in 2013 with Brian Spears, Jun's in 2015 with Phil Morrison.

Paul grew up in Somerset where he started learning bridge as an older teenager. After a bridge pause for study and work, on moving to Scotland in 2001, Paul took up playing again. He has won major national competitions with different partners, including the Scottish Cup three times.

Away from bridge you might spot Paul in the mist at the top of a hill as he tries to get round all the Munros with his partner. Paul works part time as a tax consultant, and hopes to retain all his fingers as he takes on home renovation this year.

Jun grew up in Aberdeen where he learned to play bridge as a junior. After studying maths at the University of Edinburgh, he moved into actuarial consulting, advising Trustees and sponsors of pensions schemes, splitting his time between Edinburgh and London. Jun's favourite sports are running (participating) and sumo (watching).



Brian Spears & Barnet Shenkin

Brian, I have played bridge all my life and have been lucky enough to play with some very strong players. One of my favourite partners and very close friend was John Murdoch, who sadly recently passed away. I have now formed a partnership with Barnet Shenkin, after taking a few years away from the game.

Along with bridge, I am an enthusiastic poker player and my main other passion is supporting the green and white football team in Glasgow.

Barnet, first played in the Camrose in 1972 and was part of Scotland's winning run in the seventies. He had a very successful partnership winning the Sunday Times invitational and Gold Cup with Michael Rosenberg who moved to USA becoming a multiple World Champion. Barnet followed Michael to USA and played and coached there professionally for 25 years. He has written two books "Playing with the Bridge Legends" and recently" Heroes Icons and Scandals",

-stories of famous players and insight into both old and new Scandals. He has returned to Scotland with his wife Maggie also a keen bridge player.

NPC: Alex Adamson

Alex, has played for Scotland a number of times, as well as Captaining the Scottish Open, Women's and Junior teams. Only the Seniors have escaped – so far.

He works in the Heritage sector, as a research manager, and has written books on history, as well as bridge. But not the history of bridge. He enjoys dragging his dogs out for long walks.

Assistant NPC: Robert Ferrari

Robert -I'm a Chartered Accountant who works in the Hotel Industry. I've spent most of life in the Manchester Area where I learned to play Bridge whilst at University.

Been away from Bridge for about 25 years but have recently returned to the fold - short clubs and transfers responses seem like heresy. Despite that, what is it that draws us all back - it's because it's the greatest game in the world and I'm dead lucky to be able to enjoy it.

I'm Glasgow born and like Brian my one true love play in Green and White Hoops



WALES

Tony Ratcliff & Julian Pottage

The partnership of Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage formed soon after Julian moved to Porthcawl in 2005. In recent years they have won a number of domestic events, including the Welsh Premier League, the Welsh Cup, the Welsh National Pairs and several Welsh online (Geoff Evans) leagues. Internationally, they played together in the 2016 European Championships in Budapest and in the 2022 European Championships in Madeira, in the Camrose for each of the last five years and in the 2021 European Bridge League qualifier.

Tony lives in Barry and works as an Accountant for a group of Companies in Cardiff. He leads the all time Master Point List in Wales and was part of the team that brought home the Gold Medal for Wales in the 2014 Commonwealth Nations Championships in Glasgow. In his spare time, Tony spends some time selling collectibles on Ebay and also enjoys gardening.



Julian lives with his family in Porthcawl. He is Bridge
Correspondent for the Daily Telegraph and is the host of the
Bridge Questions Forum for Bernard Magee Bridge. He
contributes to several bridge magazines, at home and abroad,
and has written over 25 books on the game. Julian's other
business interests are dog breeding (golden retrievers) and stock photography
(mainly landscapes and general scenes). Julian is also an avid genealogist,
managing DNA results for several of his relatives.

Tim Rees & John Salisbury

Tim has represented Wales in over forty Camrose weekends and several European Championships, in partnership with Peter Goodman, Filip Kurbalija and Gary Jones. This is Tim's eighth Camrose weekend playing with John. Tim topped the EBU's Gold Point rankings for most of the 2000s. He has won the majority of the major UK domestic competitions, including the Gold Cup twice, Crockfords and Spring Fours, and also the Welsh and Scottish Cups. Tim is a former chairman of the Laws and Ethics Committee of the EBU and still serves on the committee. He is approaching retirement from his role in road research at TRL, studying ways to make our roads work better.

John played his first Camrose against Scotland in 1974, in his home town of Wrexham. Since then he has represented Wales in the Junior Camrose, Camrose, Senior Camrose, European Open and Seniors, and Commonwealth Nations, when Wales won the gold medal. He also won a bronze medal representing Great Britain in the Mixed Teams in the Common Market Championships. It is curious that in all that time and in all those events John has only had four partners – Jessie Newton, Robert Upton, Mike Tedd and for the past three seasons Tim. He has also undertaken some of the most thankless tasks in bridge: Chairman of the WBU Selectors and NPC. John also found time to have a career in Social Services.

Mia Deschepper & Richard Plackett

Mia started playing bridge 8 years ago and was quickly totally hooked. She was lucky (she thinks) to find much better players who trained her (special forces style by some) to become a better player. She has now represented Wales in the last four LMs with Ceri Pierce, in the European Mixed Teams with Adrian Thomas and Richard Plackett and in the world championships mixed teams with Richard Plackett. Away from the bridge table, Mia is interested in just about anything bar watching sports, beach holidays or fine dining.

Richard, born in Newport Gwent, Richard won the bridge Great Britain gold cup in 1988 and returned to bridge in 2013 after a 20 year absence pursuing a career in investment, since when he has regularly represented Wales. In 2023 Richard was victorious in the European Winter Games, the EBU Spring Foursomes and the Marit Sveas International pairs



NPC: Ceri Pierce

Ceri has represented Wales in many Lady Milnes (more recently with team-mate Mia, and previously with her wicked step-mother Maggie who is also here this weekend). This is her first time as NPC and she will hopefully find it slightly less stressful than being a player — although that is not guaranteed. She is Welsh, lives in England and works in IT for a company based in Belfast. Ceri is also the CEO of the WBU. She has three children who of whom have left home and none of whom play bridge. Yet.



EBU Team

Tim Leslie & Mike Bell

Tim, originally from the South of England, Tim moved to Shropshire 17 years ago to run a farm.

Bridge is a relatively new hobby; he took it up 7 years ago, and finds it as hard now as he did then. He hopes that pulling on an England shirt for the first time will change this, but that seems doubtful.



Mike, with teammates who have a total of two Camrose appearances between them – and that's including their NPC – Mike Bell is very much the veteran of the team, making his 7th appearance with his 4th and 5th Camrose partners. This weekend has opened his mind to the possibility that, one day, his number of Camrose partners might exceed his number of Camrose appearances.



On the topic of 'veteran status', Mike is somewhat dismayed that, despite not yet having reached his 40th birthday, his age is greater than his team's average. For the avoidance of doubt, this calculation most decidedly does not include his NPC as a team member.

Mike is known for being something of a system freak. He is trying to escape this reputation, but is unlikely to have helped his cause by submitting convention cards for both of his partnerships that included methods that said partners didn't know and hadn't ever played.

In his spare time, Mike enjoys arranging bridge matches. His latest project is trying to persuade Sarah to give up teaching so she can spend more time learning his preferred system.

Stefano Tommasini & Ben Norton

Ben Norton, 26, is a professional player from Loughborough, England. He has played in the Camrose once before, in partnership with Mike Bell in 2020, but now appears with Stefano Tommasini. Norton recently published his first book, Why I Lose At Bridge, where he presents 64 of his most blatant card play mistakes in problem format. Norton's partners believe he is preparing a sequel.



Stefano Tommasini, 32, Google Software Engineer Manager full time and part time bridge professional from Brazil. Has changed allegiance to England in 2022 and since then has been selected to play for England in the Europeans 2022 and 2024 with different partners. This is his first Camrose appearance. In the meantime giving a lot of material do my partner Ben Norton's book Why I lose at bridge.



Sarah Bell - This will be Sarah's first Camrose and her first event representing her country with her husband, Mike. She has previously played for the England mixed team in the 2022 European Championship in Madeira. She will play in the mixed again this cycle, this time with Mike, teaming with Michael, Maggie, and Kieran, who are their EBU team mates from the first Camrose weekend. Her other bridge highlights include winning a silver medal in the World Women's pairs in 2022 and an NABC+ event in 2017. Sarah works full time as a chemistry teacher, with an additional role in her school's learning support department. In her free time she enjoys cooking and knitting, and is also studying for another degree

NPC Paul Barden lives in Cambridge with his two children. He has more time for bridge now that they're away at university, and is hoping to make some progress in his mixed partnership with Claire Robinson. Meanwhile, such is the respect in which his bridge game is held that the team is always happy to see him acting in a non-playing capacity.



International Match Point scale

| Points | IN | /IPs | | |
|--------|----|------|---|----|
| 0 | - | 10 | = | 0 |
| 20 | - | 40 | = | 1 |
| 50 | - | 80 | = | 2 |
| 90 | - | 120 | = | 3 |
| 130 | - | 160 | = | 4 |
| 170 | - | 210 | = | 5 |
| 220 | - | 260 | = | 6 |
| 270 | - | 310 | = | 7 |
| 320 | - | 360 | = | 8 |
| 370 | - | 420 | = | 9 |
| 430 | - | 490 | = | 10 |
| 500 | - | 590 | = | 11 |
| 600 | - | 740 | = | 12 |

| Points | IMPs | | | |
|--------|------|--------|---|----|
| 750 | - | 890 | = | 13 |
| 900 | - | 1090 | = | 14 |
| 1100 | - | 1290 | = | 15 |
| 1300 | - | 1490 | = | 16 |
| 1500 | - | 1740 | = | 17 |
| 1750 | - | 1990 | = | 18 |
| 2000 | - | 2240 | = | 19 |
| 2250 | - | 2490 | = | 20 |
| 2500 | - | 2990 | = | 21 |
| 3000 | - | 3490 | = | 22 |
| 3500 | - | 3990 | = | 23 |
| 4000 | and | dabove | = | 24 |
| | | | | |

Victory Point scale

VP Scale (32 boards):

| | VPs | IMDc | VPs | IMDc | \/Dc |
|------|---------------|------|--------------|------|--------------|
| IMPs | | IMPs | | IMPs | VPs |
| 0 | 10.00 - 10.00 | 30 | 15.24 — 4.76 | 60 | 18.37 — 1.63 |
| 1 | 10.22 — 9.78 | 31 | 15.37 — 4.63 | 61 | 18.45 — 1.55 |
| 2 | 10.44 — 9.56 | 32 | 15.50 — 4.50 | 62 | 18.53 - 1.47 |
| 3 | 10.65 — 9.35 | 33 | 15.63 - 4.37 | 63 | 18.61 - 1.39 |
| 4 | 10.86 - 9.14 | 34 | 15.76 - 4.24 | 64 | 18.69 - 1.31 |
| 5 | 11.07 - 8.93 | 35 | 15.88 - 4.12 | 65 | 18.76 - 1.24 |
| 6 | 11.27 - 8.73 | 36 | 16.00 - 4.00 | 66 | 18.83 - 1.17 |
| 7 | 11.47 - 8.53 | 37 | 16.12 - 3.88 | 67 | 18.90 - 1.10 |
| 8 | 11.67 - 8.33 | 38 | 16.24 - 3.76 | 68 | 18.97 - 1.03 |
| 9 | 11.86 - 8.14 | 39 | 16.35 - 3.65 | 69 | 19.04 - 0.96 |
| 10 | 12.05 - 7.95 | 40 | 16.46 - 3.54 | 70 | 19.11 - 0.89 |
| 11 | 12.24 - 7.76 | 41 | 16.57 - 3.43 | 71 | 19.18 - 0.82 |
| 12 | 12.42 - 7.58 | 42 | 16.68 - 3.32 | 72 | 19.25 - 0.75 |
| 13 | 12.60 - 7.40 | 43 | 16.79 - 3.21 | 73 | 19.32 - 0.68 |
| 14 | 12.78 - 7.22 | 44 | 16.90 - 3.10 | 74 | 19.38 - 0.62 |
| 15 | 12.95 - 7.05 | 45 | 17.01 - 2.99 | 75 | 19.44 - 0.56 |
| 16 | 13.12 - 6.88 | 46 | 17.11 - 2.89 | 76 | 19.50 - 0.50 |
| 17 | 13.29 - 6.71 | 47 | 17.21 - 2.79 | 77 | 19.56 - 0.44 |
| 18 | 13.46 - 6.54 | 48 | 17.31 - 2.69 | 78 | 19.62 - 0.38 |
| 19 | 13.62 - 6.38 | 49 | 17.41 - 2.59 | 79 | 19.68 - 0.32 |
| 20 | 13.78 - 6.22 | 50 | 17.51 - 2.49 | 80 | 19.74 - 0.26 |
| 21 | 13.94 - 6.06 | 51 | 17.60 - 2.40 | 81 | 19.80 - 0.20 |
| 22 | 14.09 - 5.91 | 52 | 17.69 - 2.31 | 82 | 19.85 - 0.15 |
| 23 | 14.24 - 5.76 | 53 | 17.78 - 2.22 | 83 | 19.90 - 0.10 |
| 24 | 14.39 - 5.61 | 54 | 17.87 - 2.13 | 84 | 19.95 - 0.05 |
| 25 | 14.54 - 5.46 | 55 | 17.96 - 2.04 | 85 | 20.00 - 0.00 |
| 26 | 14.68 - 5.32 | 56 | 18.05 - 1.95 | | |
| 27 | 14.82 - 5.18 | 57 | 18.13 - 1.87 | | |
| 28 | 14.96 — 5.04 | 58 | 18.21 - 1.79 | | |
| 29 | 15.10 — 4.90 | 59 | 18.29 - 1.71 | | |
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First Weekend scores

| | Α | В | С | D | Е | F | Adj | Total | Rank |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| A: WALES | | 15.37 | 1.63 | 15.76 | 1.79 | 12.95 | | 47.50 | 4 |
| B: IRELAND | 4.63 | | 9.14 | 15.10 | 18.37 | 11.07 | -0.5 | 57.81 | 3 |
| C: EBU | 18.37 | 10.86 | | 10.00 | 13.78 | 16.12 | | 69.13 | 1 |
| D: SCOTLAND | 4.24 | 4.90 | 10.00 | | 4.76 | 19.04 | | 42.94 | 5 |
| E: ENGLAND | 18.21 | 1.63 | 6.22 | 15.24 | | 18.53 | | 59.83 | 2 |
| F: N. IRELAND | 7.05 | 8.93 | 3.88 | 0.96 | 1.47 | | -0.5 | 21.79 | 6 |

Second Weekend

| | C/F | Α | В | С | D | Е | F | Adj | Total |
|---------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|-------|
| A: WALES | 47.50 | | | | | | | | |
| B: IRELAND | 57.81 | | | | | | | | |
| C: EBU | 69.13 | | | | | | | | |
| D: SCOTLAND | 42.94 | | | | | | | | |
| E: ENGLAND | 59.83 | | | | | | | | |
| F: N. IRELAND | 21.79 | | | | | | | | |

PREVIOUS WINNERS

| 1966 | England | 1996 | Scotland |
|------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 1967 | Scotland | 1997 | England |
| 1968 | England | 1998 | Scotland |
| 1969 | England | 1999 | England |
| 1970 | Scotland | 2000 | Republic of Ireland |
| 1971 | Scotland | 2001 | England |
| 1972 | England & Scotland tied | 2002 | England |
| 1973 | England & Scotland tied | 2003 | England |
| 1974 | Scotland | 2004 | England |
| 1975 | England | 2005 | Republic of Ireland |
| 1976 | Scotland | 2006 | Republic of Ireland |
| 1977 | Scotland | 2007 | Republic of Ireland |
| 1978 | England | 2008 | Republic of Ireland |
| 1979 | Scotland | 2009 | English Bridge Union |
| 1980 | England | 2010 | England |
| 1981 | England | 2011 | Wales |
| 1982 | England | 2012 | England |
| 1983 | England | 2013 | England |
| 1984 | England | 2014 | England |
| 1985 | England | 2015 | Republic of Ireland |
| 1986 | England | 2016 | England |
| 1987 | England | 2017 | Republic of Ireland |
| 1988 | England | 2018 | England |
| 1989 | Scotland | 2019 | English Bridge Union |
| 1990 | England | 2020 | England |
| 1991 | England | 2021 | England |
| 1992 | England | 2022 | England |
| 1993 | England | 2023 | England |
| 1994 | England | | |
| 1995 | England | | |
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