



**Play With The Experts Pairs Winners:**  
Chrissie Mobbs & Bernard Themis



**Midweek Championship Pairs Winners:**  
Irene Robinson & Mathew Kime

## Results

### The Mixed Pairs Championship (London Duplicate Club Cup)

1	Anna Kovacheva & Valio Kovachev	63.45 %
2	Maureen Hiron & Nissan Rand	62.20
3	Anne Catchpole & Mike Feltcher	62.01

### Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

1	Elspeth Coe & Colin Jones	63.90 %
2	Jacqueline & Robert Baker	61.55
3	Tom Dessain & Geraint Harker	61.53

### Afternoon Knock-out Teams Final

Ben Green      Beat      C. Draper      +4 IMPs



**Mixed Pivot Teams Winners:**  
Brian & Nevena Senior, Geoff & Ros Wolfarth



**Mixed Pairs Winners:**  
Anna Kovacheva & Valio Kovachev

# Swiss Teams

## Ranking After 3 Matches

Position		VPs
1	Margaret James, Martin Nygren, Martin Garvey, John Howard	58
2	Alice Kaye, Nick Boss, Stuart Nelson, Mark Lehto	56
3=	Nigel Gutrie, Bob Dowdeswell, Pat Dowdeswell, David Barnes	55
3=	Barry Stoker, Barbara Stoker, Tony Eastgate, Bob James	55
5	Mark Teltscher, Bernard Teltscher, Victor Silverstone, Gunnar Hallberg	54
6	Alan Goodman, Ian Harley, Malcolm Copley, Kathleen Copley	52
7=	Neil Rosen, Anne Rosen, Catherine Draper, Ian Draper	51
7=	David Herman, Shirleen Seahbodi, Milos Sujdic, Artur Malinowski	51
9=	Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, Andrew McIntosh	50
9=	Rob Lawy, Stefan Lindfors, Jim Grant, Mike Fletcher	50
9=	Graham Pollack, Roland Gronau, Keith Ashcroft, John Griffiths	50
12=	Glyn Liggins, Michael Byrne, Andrew Woodcock, David Bakhshi	49
12=	Sandra Probst, Alexander Hydes, Richard Probst, Ben Handley-Pritchard	49
14=	Waseem Naqvi, Jerry Harouni, Jerry Stamatov, Viallo	47
14=	Peter Lee, Jeffery Allerton, Graham Osborne, Frances Hinden	47
16=	Celia Oram, Derek Oram, John Cuthbert, Sally Bennett	46
16=	Peter Carbutt, Kathy Williams, Pyers Pennant, David Howard-Houston	46
16=	Nigel Marlow, Alan Boothroyd, Nigel Lancaster, Stuart Strachan	46
19=	Andrew Stimson, Anne Stimson, Chris Webley, Moira Roomes	45
19=	Jennie Corfield, Bruce Franklin, David Dwew, Steve Lee	45
19=	Paul Gipson, Lorne Anderson, Alex Gipson, Bill Godenzie	45
22=	Warner Solomon, Louise Solomon, Gwynn Davis, Pat Davies	43
22=	Mike Goddard, Heather West, Michele Lundquist, Sandra Cape	43
22=	Jenny Morris, Jim Morris, Joyce White, Bill White	43
22=	Darren Evetts, Matthew Haag, Paul Delaney, Eamon Galligan	43
26=	Vida Bingham, Nigel Osmer, Liz Hoskins, Jens Toft	42
26=	Ben Green, Duncan Happer, Glyn Preece, Chris Potter	42
26=	Sarah Dunn, Dom Goodwin, Ryan Stephenson, Liz Clery	42
26=	Manny Marks, Martin Hoffman, Tony Priday, Vivian Priday	42
26=	Margaret Grinter, Tricia Gilham, Marietta Andree, Anila Bahal	42
31=	Rune Hauge, Jan Svendsen, Jon Furunes, Per Austberg	41
31=	Stuart Davies, Jeff Smith, Kath Nelson, Alan Nelson	41
33=	Neill Marcus, Jonathan Osgood, Thanassis Argiropoulos, Philip Town	40
33=	Chris Burley, Steve Gore, David Beaver, Peter Hall	40
33=	Richard Currie, John Amor, Tim Green, Penny Macleod	40
33=	Matthew Hoskins, Nick Hills, Andy Bowles, Andrew Southwell	40
37=	Paul Shannon, Janet Barnes, June Knott, Joe Dinnen	39
37=	Lawrence Gaunt, Uriah Jacobson, Adrian Scheps, Brian McGuire	39
37=	Julian Mitchell, Rick Green, Sarah Mitchell, Mike Davies	39
40=	Simon Cope, Stuart Haring, Andrew Murphy, Tom Slater	38
40=	Jeremy Baker, Steve Auchterlonie, Dave Huggett, Steve Preston	38
40=	Muriel Bailey, Valerie Benson, Amanda Bolton, Barbara Pinto	38
40=	Jane Jensen, David Jensen, Nadia Stelmashenko, Victor Milman	38
40=	John Golding, Gerard Brito, Jan Chignall, Sue Shaw	38
40=	Suzanne Gill, Harry Ingham, John Harrison, Nawal Fenwick	38
40=	Geoffrey Wolfarth, Espen Erichsen, Brian Senior, Nevena Senior	38
40=	Mark Denny, Alan Hobden, Brenda Garrini, Dennis Brogan, Sandra Blount	38
40=	Norman Agran, Martine Rothchild, Michael Isaacs, Robert Kane	38
40=	Alan Cooke, Maris Sheppard, Andy Fenn, Chris Cook	38
40=	Gad Chadha, Graham Orsmond, Debbie Sandford, Jackie Fairclough	38
51=	Marie Gritt, David Gritt, Adam Dickinson, Robert Morris	37
51=	Mary Lawrenson, David Park, Pat Kent, Kathy Kent	37
51=	Geoff Bawdon, Andy Holland, Roger Cortis, Adrian La Chappelle	37
51=	Phil Lloyd, Sue Maxwell, Helen Schapiro, Maureen Hiron	37

Position		VPs
55=	Phil Green, Roger Karn, Richard Samter, Norman Botton	36
55=	Debby Sutcliffe, Chris Chambers, Peter Gemmell, Peter Sutcliffe	36
55=	Lynne Randall, Jo Whitty, Diane Richmond, Margaret Owen	36
55=	Lyn Dempster, Roy Dempster, Robert Baker, Jacqueline Baker	36
55=	John Carter, John Wheeler, Stuart Staveley, Anne Staveley	36
55=	Laurie Burt, Stephanie Burt, Myra Burrows, Peter Burrows	36
61=	Wendy Miller, Marie Horlock, Jane Morton, Garda Derwig	35
61=	Ray Cornell, Tessa Beer, Margaret Curtis, Albert Kitchen	35
61=	Jackie Davies, David Watkins, Mike Kinsey, Mike Fithyan	35
61=	Gareth Bartley, Matthias Schueller, Alex Morris, Dave Debbage	35
61=	Andrew Thompson, Tony Clark, Eddie Lucioni, David Moir	35
61=	Maroc Alcalay, Andrew Kambites, Agnes Blewitt, Stan Collins	35
61=	Martin Jones, Philip Dunn, Guy Hart, Fiona Huchison	35
61=	Jeremy Dhondy, Keith Bennett, Francis Morton, Anthony Golding	35
61=	Pauline Cohen, Peter Breabell, Simon Cocheme, Elizabeth Barnard	35
70=	Adam Lea, Alex Harding, Ben Gibbons, Arnout Kalverda	34
70=	Tom Paske, Ben Paske, Dave Rogers, Ed Jones	34
70=	Luke Porter, Michael Clark, Stephen Hurst, Bryony Youngs	34
70=	Richard Harris, John Dakin, Andy Morris, Duncan Curtis	34
74=	Roger Stevens, Beryl Pitman, Vera Bird, Peter Bird	33
74=	Mike Finch, Molly Freeman, John Bramall, Beryl Bramall	33
74=	Phil Jones, John Miller, Brad Featherman, Marian Hunt	33
74=	Robert Miller, Trevor Thrower, Jim Deacon, Bill Taylor	33
74=	Linda Tigwell, Bill Marsden, Tony Nixon, Ian Blackburn	33
74=	Norman Le Cocq, Rosemary Pallot, David Stone, June Le Blancq	33
74=	Bernard Mitchell, Richard Farrer, Damian Nicholls, Mark Peers	33
74=	David Dickson, Iain Roberts, Roger Morton, David Ould	33
82=	Mary-Ann Sheehy, Cathy Rowland, Colin Jones, Jim Bochsler	32
82=	Anna Onishuk, Karel de Raeymaeker, Rob & Hennie van de Gragt	32
82=	Ernest Schlesinger, Martin Lerner, Mike Webley, John Slater	32
82=	Clive Owen, Malcolm Oliver, Chris Owen, John Atthey	32
82=	Owen Leigh, David Hinkin, Des Biott, Brian Stanley	32
82=	Ian Monaghan, Alistair Kent, Joe Fawcett, Brian Callaghan	32
82=	Kathy Talbot, Denis Talbot, Nathan Piper, Chris Cooper, Nigel Dent	32
82=	Alex Wilkinson, Tony Wilkinson, Susan Stockdale, Dave Cropper	32
82=	Dave Franklin, Gerry Stanford, Ian Lancaster, John Frosztega	32
82=	Marit Langston, Peter Langston, Fran Thornton, Anthony Whiteway	32
92=	Janine Griffiths-Baker, Gareth Evans, Robert Covill, David Jones	31
92=	Nigel Barnes, Jos Beresiner, Guy Beresiner, Gavin Essex	31
92=	Dennis Valtisaris, Roger Bright, Ray Clarke, Simon Moorman	31
92=	Nigel Freake, Anne Catchpole, Paul Lamford, Stefanie Rohan	31
92=	Mary Homer, Tom Fox, John Williams, David Cooper	31
92=	Ted Latham, Janet Latham, Heather Hobson, Roy Garthwaite	31
92=	Barbara Biggins, Diane Bishop, Eric Cummings, Graham Stanley	31
92=	John Sadler, Ivor Miller, Tony Waterlow, Ian Panto	31
100	Jill Feldman, Harry Silverman, Barry Murray, Ian Budden, Bert Mitchell	30
100	Karen Pryor, Malcolm Pryor, Malcolm Harris, Maria Budd	30
100	Liz Blande, Mike Rafferty, Jean Fishleigh, Paul Fishleigh	30
100=	Mike de Winter, Jenny Irvine, Fred Tedore, Beryl Tedore	30
100=	Paul Martin, Richard Johnson, Olivia Woo, Alan Woo	30
100=	Ruth Edmondson, Brigid McElroy, Alison Pollok, Peter Bowles	30
100=	Sue Taylor, Chris Taylor, Robert Elliott, Sandy Riach	30

## Today's Schedule

11.00 a.m	Discuss it with an Expert
1.00 p.m	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , Session 2 (4 matches)
8.00 p.m	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , Session 3 (3 matches)
Midnight	Night Owls Speedball (Knock-out Teams)

# APPEAL No 1

## Was it a usual unusual no-trump?

**Report by David Stevenson**

**Tournament Director:** Ian Spoors

**Appeals Committee:** Jeremy Dhondy (Chairman), Richard Bowdery, Matt Haag

**Swiss Pairs. Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.**

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

### Basic systems:

North/South play Reverse Benji  
East/West play five card majors, weak NT

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass(i)	1♠
2NT(ii)	3♥	All Pass	

- (i) Alleged hesitation
- (ii) Minors

**Result at table:** 3♥-1 by North, N/S -100, lead ♣Q

**Director first called:** When West bid 2NT.

### Director's statement of facts:

TD was called to establish the fact of East's hesitation. West said she had not noticed. East said "I had something to think about". TD was recalled at the end of play.

**Director's ruling:** Table result stands

### Details of ruling:

The knowledge that partner may be close to an opening bid does not suggest that 2NT is likely to reap a better score than passing and that with this distribution, at the vulnerability, 2NT would be the choice of more than 70% of similar Wests.

**Appeal lodged by:** North/South

**Basis of appeal:** Pass is a logical alternative to 2NT.

**Comments by North/South:** South considers that the auction should go:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

**Appeals Committee decision:** Director's ruling upheld. Deposit returned.

**Appeals Committee's comments:** 2NT was not made more attractive by any hesitation by East.

N/S argued that if West passed then it would go:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

We thought it was very likely that North would continue with 3♥ or 4♥.

**David Stevenson's comments:** In unauthorised information cases the four questions are:

### Was there unauthorised information (UI)?

Yes, the Director decided there was since the player said he had something to think about, so the Director felt he had hesitated.

### Were there logical alternatives (LAs) to the chosen action?

N/S felt that West might have passed. To be a logical alternative (LA), at least three in ten players of similar standard might find the call. This is pretty doubtful: everyone seems to use the Unusual No-trump whenever they have both minors these days!

### Did the UI suggest the chosen action (2NT) over an LA?

Even if you decide pass is an LA, then this seems unlikely, and the Appeals Committee (AC) said it did not.

### Were the opponents damaged by the chosen action?

Even if you allow pass as an LA, and assume 2NT was suggested by this, where's the damage? If West passes and 2 is passed round to him, now 2NT is automatic. If South rebid 2NT himself – the appellant's final idea – as the AC pointed out North will probably bid 3♥ or 4♥.

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What was the previous name of each of these countries?

1. Thailand
2. Ethiopia
3. Zambia
4. Belize
5. Myanmar
6. Vanuatu
7. Lesotho
8. Surinam
9. Bangladesh
10. Mali

**By David Jones**

♠ A 8 x x  
 ♥ A 9 7  
 ♦ A x x x  
 ♣ A x

♠ x x  
 ♥ x  
 ♦ Q x x  
 ♣ K Q J 10 x x x

♠ K J 10 9  
 ♥ J 6 x x  
 ♦ K J 10  
 ♣ x x

♠ Q x x  
 ♥ K Q 10 x x  
 ♦ x x x  
 ♣ x x

N  
 W E  
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West	North	East	South
—	3♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	AllPass		

This 4♠ is an interesting contract from Sunday evening's Open Teams. The lead was a high club.

I chose to win the ace of clubs and play a spade to the king, run the jack of spades and, when that held, drew the last trump. At this point I exited with my last club, hoping to endplay North to make a helpful lead in a red suit, a diamond or a heart return perhaps assisting me.

North got off play with a heart to the ten and ace and I returned the ♡9. South took his two heart winners then got off play with a fourth heart to dummy's jack. I now had to guess the diamonds and, being almost certain that they were three-three, duly misguessed.

An improvement as the cards lie is to cash the ace of hearts before exiting with the club, and now North is forced to either open up the diamonds or give a ruff and discard, either of which permits the contract to make.

Against this idea, is the fact that on some lay-outs a heart switch may assist and it will take a good defender to unblock a heart honour from ♥Kx or ♥Qx. If you intend to cash the ♥A, perhaps it is best to do this at trick two, before the defence is ready?

(Personally, I favour the original line tried at the table, even if it didn't work out. There are too many heart layouts where a heart switch will help declarer, and North will not often have a small singleton, so cashing the ♡A gives up a significant chance. ED)

**(11.00 a.m in the Cambridge Room)**

Today's Expert is Andrew Robson

# The Mixed Pairs

So you get up at 4 a.m. to catch a plane from Sofia to Gatwick, where you are to play the Mixed Pairs with your husband, who has been relaxing in Brighton all week. It makes for a long and tiring day, as in Anni Kovacheva discovered. Early in the session this board came along:

## Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	Kovachev	—	Kovacheva
Dble	Pass	1♠	2♦
4♠	3♦	3♥	Pass
	All Pass		

Anni led the queen of diamonds to dummy's ace and declarer led a low spade off the table. Valio Kovachev is an expert, and only an expert could have allowed this contract to make, as there are three spades and a club to be lost. But, as I say, Valio is an expert, and he visualised a rather different spade layout – maybe one where declarer held ♠A J 8 x x and South ♠Q x.

If that was the lay-out, declarer was going to put in the eight, forcing the queen, and later take a finesse of the jack, holding his trump losers to one.

But an expert is familiar with this suit combination; to give declarer a chance to go wrong, he puts up the king on the first round, hoping that after this has lost to the ace, declarer will play him for the queen on the second round, thereby creating a second trump loser.

Unfortunately, declarer played for the spade position to be exactly as it was and, after Valio had won the first round with the king, ducked the second round to the now bare ace, and held his trump losers to two, so made an 'impossible' game.

It was all very well for Valio to explain that East had to have better spades to explain his strong bidding, the bottom line was that the Bulgarian pair had a complete bottom on the board, and for Anni what already felt like a long hard day felt even longer and harder.

The good news was that Valio and Anni went on to win the Mixed Pairs, recovering well from the above disaster. On this next deal they went plus when their opponents played 4♠ and failed by a trick, when for most it was all about overtricks in no trump contracts.

## Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Youngs	Senior	Hallberg	Wolfarth
—	3♣	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Eddie Lucioni is normally a rich source of hands for the bulletin, but he has been strangely quiet this year. On this deal he complains that his partner, Diane Rogers, made 6NT plus one, for 97 out of 102 MPs, but not in the most elegant manner.

What Eddie would have liked to see, apparently, was West to win the opening club lead with the king and come down to an edning of ace-ten of spades and two clubs, facing jack-doubleton spade, the ace of clubs, and the last diamond winner.

When declarer now cashes the last diamond and throws the ♠10 away, North is caught in a criss-cross squeeze. Whichever suit he unguards, declarer cashes that ace next, crosses to the other ace, and there is a winner there to be cashed for the overtrick.

I am sure that the rare criss-cross squeeze is very pretty, but it is quite unnecessary to complicate things in this fashion. Gunnar Hallberg and Bryony Youngs sailed into 6NT against us on the auction above and Gunnar played it as a simple squeeze.

Gunnar won the heart lead with the jack, tested the diamonds, then cashed the ace of spades before rattling off all the red winners. In the ending, dummy had king to three clubs and declarer ace doubleton club and the jack of spades. North was helpless, of course.

I also heard that one of the youngest players in the event, Tiffany Beard, made the thirteenth trick on the simple squeeze line.

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1. Siam
2. Abyssinia
3. Northern Rhodesia
4. British Honduras
5. Burma
6. New Hebrides
7. Basutoland
8. Netherlands (or Dutch) Guiana
9. East Pakistan
10. French Sudan

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## Two Tricks?

**By John Probst**

This problem is currently doing the rounds in London, coming originally from Gunnar Hallberg.

With plenty of entries, what is the lay-out and line of play that permits you to make two tricks by force from this suit combination?

West

East

A 7 3 2

J 4

## The European Championships

The English Open team continues to have a mixed time of it in the European Championships in Warsaw, but are moving up the rankings. Since we last looked at their results they have played the following matches, bringing us to the end of Friday's play:

Portugal	71-18 IMPs	25-5 VPs
Russia	21-30	13-17
Norway	27-25	15-15
Scotland	84-33	25-5
Netherlands	49-63	12-18
Iceland	33-45	13-17

That leaves England in 10th place out of 33 with 255 VPs. The leaders are still defending champions Italy, on 319 VPs, followed by Hungary 292, Norway 278, Sweden 277.5, Ireland 277, Netherlands 270 and Germany 269.

The English Ladies are only two days into their Championship. Their first few results were:

Netherlands	51-68 IMPs	11-19 VPs
Greece	32-15	19-11
Israel	43-15	21-9
Scotland	77-42	22-8
Poland	40-27	18-12

England lie 3rd of 22, with 91 VPs. The leaders are Germany with 99, closely followed by The Netherlands on 98, then come England. Next in line are Denmark and Ireland on 88, ahead of France 86 and the host nation, Poland on 83.

The Seniors team has also only just begun its Championship. Early results were:

France	28-47 IMPs	11-19 VPs
Estonia	19-19	15-15
Netherlands	44-27	19-11
Scotland	31-51	10-20
Denmark	24-32	13-17

That puts England in 10th place of 16, with 68 VPs. The rankings are topped by Denmark and Turkey on 98, closely followed by Sweden on 97, Scotland and Germany 88, France 84 and Italy 83.

# Afternoon Knock-out Teams Final

The final of the afternoon knock-out teams was a very close affair. DRAPER (C. Draper, K. Nelson, A. Woodcock, M. Byrne) took a 35-IMP lead from the first 10-Board set, but GREEN (B. Green, D. Happer, G. Preece, C. Potter) came back to win the second set by 38 IMPs to lead by 3 IMPs with a set to play. The last set was 28-27 to GREEN, so they won overall by 4 IMPs.

This deal from the final set proved to be decisive:

**Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.**

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

West	North	East	South
Preece	Draper	Potter	Nelson
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	Dble	3♥
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Woodcock	Green	Byrne	Happer
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	2♥	4♥
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Although Glyn Preece/Chris Potter had an extra level of bidding to play with, the difference was really that Potter was prepared to let Preece out at game level where Michael Byrne drove Andrew Woodcock to slam. On another day, the ♦Q would have been onside and the 10 IMPs which went to GREEN would have been 11 the other way and we would have had different winners.

## Two Tricks Solution

How to make two tricks by force from this holding:

West	East
A 7 3 2	J 4

The lay-out has to be KQ65 in North and 1098 in South. Declarer's first play has to be low towards the jack and North must go in with an honour to prevent the jack from scoring. On the second round, declarer runs the jack to North's remaining honour. Two of South's 1098 have already been played, and the third one falls under the ace, leaving West's seven to beat North's six on the fourth round.

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

West	North	East	South
Byrne	Green	Woodcock	Happer
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♥(i)	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(i) Natural and invitational

In the other room, 4♥ was played by East and a diamond lead led to a quick one down. Here, the diamond lead was not so obvious, and Ben Green actually chose a club.

Michael Byrne won the ♣A, crossed to the ♥K and threw a diamond on the king of clubs. Then he conceded a spade to South's jack and Duncan Happer returned a heart to dummy's nine. He won the next spade play and found the only defence to defeat the contract – the king of diamonds followed by the ♦10. That forced dummy to ruff with its last trump and now declarer could not enjoy the spade winners as Happer still had a trump. In the fullness of time, the defence came to a diamond trick to defeat the contract by one for a flat board.



**Afternoon Knock-out Teams Winners:**  
Glyn Preece, Duncan Happer, Chris Potter, Ben Green