

## WALES CAMROSE HOPES DASHED

After a record win in the first match against Northern Ireland, Wales were brought down to earth with a bump in their next encounter with Scotland.

The match, played at Troon in January, resulted in a 61-29 win for Scotland. Scotland won the first session comfortably and disastrous results in the final 10 boards on the Saturday night put the match out of reach. Wales did manage to salvage some pride by winning the Sunday session.

In the final match of the series, a large partisan crowd at Aberystwyth saw Wales take an impressive 23-6 win in the first session against England. With Northern Ireland surprisingly leading against favourites Scotland at this time, the Camrose table became very close at the top with Wales, England and Scotland all in with a realistic chance of the trophy.

The Saturday evening session saw England digging in to their greater experience and winning all three stanzas by a steady 14 imps to leave the running score 30-29 in Wales' favour.

In the first session on the Sunday, Wales again stormed into a substantial lead, and at this point must have been heading the table, but again England steadily pegged them back to run out winners by 47-42. Despite losing, this was Wales closest match against England for quite some time.

The final positions were: 1. England, 2. Scotland, 3. Wales, 4. N. Ireland.

**Wales:** Peter Goodman & Filip Kurbalija played in all three matches, Mike Hirst & Jim Luck played in the first two, Gary Martin & Dean Hardie played in the last two, Patrick Jourdain & Tony Ratcliff played in the first and last matches. NPC's: G. Martin, G. Evans, M. Hirst

### I'll tell you what's interesting

By Filip Kurbalija

S: A Q 3 2

H: A 3 2

D: K 7 6 5

C: A 5



S: K 5 4

H: J 4

D: A Q J 3 2

C: 4 3 2

### DON'T GIVE UP

In a National Pairs qualifying event, needing a good last board to qualify and with no opposition bidding you get to 6D. West leads the King of clubs - how do you proceed?

Seeing no reason to duck the first trick, you win in dummy. The Ace, Queen of diamonds reveals that East started with 3.

You exit with a small club which West wins and East shows out. West returns a small heart and you rise with the Ace. A spade to the King follows, a club ruffed with the diamond King and then a diamond back to hand. You run the last 2 diamonds throwing hearts from dummy. Your end position is

#### North

S: A Q x

H: ---

D: ---

C: ---

#### South

S: x x

H: J

D: ---

C: ---

East has the K and Q of hearts and 5 spades and is squeezed on the last trump. Lady Luck has smiled benevolently - see you in the Mens Pairs final.



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## Editorial:

The finances of the Union are in a very healthy state thanks mainly to the efforts of our treasurer Robert Upton. This has prompted discussion at Executive meetings as to how we can best put this money to good use. One school of thought is that we should reduce our surplus by increasing prize money substantially and by reducing costs to the membership. However, one of the main reasons that we have a healthy bank balance is because, unlike the English Bridge Union, our officials undertake their duties voluntarily and give vast amounts of their time for just a small honorarium. As the workload imposed by a growing membership increases, it may not be so very long before the WBU will be forced to appoint full-time salaried officials and then this surplus will help cushion the demands that this will make upon our funds.

As an initial step, it has been decided to constitute a working party with the grand title of "Forward Planning Committee" with a brief to explore ways of putting this current surplus to good use. This party is to consist of 1 delegate from each area and the inaugural meeting is expected to take place shortly.

If you have any ideas that you think should be considered by this committee, then put them in writing and send them to Mary Aherne who will ensure that they are forwarded for consideration.

This year is reputed to be the 100th anniversary of the invention of the game of bridge as we know it. To mark this occasion, perhaps some of our longer-toothed members have some interesting anecdotes of bridge in the early years that they would like to share. Please send them in for publication.

**NAT. TOURN. ORGANISER'S REPORT**

The venue for this year's Webber Cup final has had to be moved but for 1994 only. It will now be held in the Esplanade Hotel in Porthcawl. Apart from this, there is nothing else to report this quarter.

As this is my last report as NTO, I would like to thank all the people who do so much hard work at club, area and national level, for all their help over the last four years. Before getting involved in the organisation of bridge I never realised just how much hard work they put in behind the scenes to enable us to play the game.

**Competition Round-up**

The national knockout teams events are now nearing completion. In the semi-finals of the Welsh Cup Sheridan will play the winner of Edwards v Haworth and Isaac will play the winner of Lloyd-Lewis v McKinley. In the Cambria Cup the winner of Kennewell v Reddy will play Atkinson who beat Haworth in the other semi-final.

In the Gold Cup, the two seeded Welsh teams, Hardie (14) and Thomas (15) got safely through to the third round. Thomas had a comfortable win over a Cheltenham team while Hardie beat Haworth by 55 imps.

Paul Chimes (0495-244401).

**NATIONAL RESULTS**

**Graded Masters Pairs**

- Section 1  
A & M Pierce
- Section 2  
J Young & J Williams
- Section 3  
P Chimes & M Hooper
- Section 4  
C & H Heard
- Section 5  
J Henson & G Tinkler
- Section 6  
R Trew & M Close
- Section 7  
G Williams & D Childs

**National Mixed Pairs**

- 1. A Ratcliff & D Kurbalija
- 2. A Powell & E Parry

**Fitch Simultaneous Pairs**

- 1. Joan & Mel Brewer 74% Crickhowell BC
- 2. Maril & Brian Rossiter 67% Crickhowell BC
- 3. Vera & Robin Allen 66% Crickhowell BC

Judging by the results of this year's Fitch competition, in which 70 pairs took part, the place to book for a good score in the next simultaneous pairs event is a N/S seat at the Crickhowell Bridge Club!

(G.M.)

**Forthcoming Events**

April 9/10	National Open Pairs Final (N)	Jun 5	Area event (M)
April 17	Area events (E - W - M)	Jun 12	Nat Teams of 8 Final
April 23/24	National Mens/Ladies Pairs Final (E)	Jun 18/19	Camrose Trial I
May 1	Area event (Mid)	Jun 24/26	Swansea Congress
May 7/8	Webber Cup Final (Porthcawl)	Jun 26	Area event (N)
May 14/15	Perry Shield: Spickett Bowl: AGM (Langstone Motel, Newport)	Jul 2/3	Nat Swiss Pairs
May 29	Area events (E - N)	Jul 10	Executive
Jun 3/5	Tenby Congress	Jul 23/24	Mid-Wales Congress
Jun 4/5	Lady Milne Trophy (North Wales)		

**ADVANCES IN BIDDING**

By Dean Hardie

**Raising Partner's Major Suit  
Opener After The Opponents  
Take-out Double**

Direct raises are pre-emptive and the rule is to bid one more than without the double. Therefore

- 1S - X - 2S - 3-5 supp. pts.(1) & 3+ Spades
- 1S - X - 3S - 6-9 supp. pts & 4+ Spades
- 1S - X - 4S - 10-12 supp. pts. & 5+ Spades

(1) Support points - High card pts. + distributional points.

This style of bidding puts maximum pressure on the opponents to find their fit if the hand belongs to them.

All constructive raises, game-raises and raises with slam interest are bid using the following scheme:

- 1S - X - 3N - "Pudding raise" with 12-15 HCP and 4+ spades.
- 1S - X - 4C/D/H - } void in the suit bid
- or 1H - X - 3S/4C/D } 12+ HCP and } 4+ trump support.

1S - X - 2N - This is known as the Jordan 2NT Raise and is the catch-all bid for all the other raises. i.e.

- 1) An invitational raise with 10-12 HCP and 4+ card support.
- 2) A balanced hand, 16+ HCP and 4+ card support.
- 3) A hand with a singleton, 12+ HCP and 4+ card support.

Opener will now bid according to the strength of his hand. With a minimum he simply bids 3 of the major. Responder now passes with hand type (1) and bids game with the others.

With non-minimum hands, opener bids 3C to elicit which of the 3 hand types responder holds.

Over:-  
1S - X - 2N - P  
3C - P - ?

Responder defines his hand type as follows:

- 3D - Singleton diamond
- 3H - Singleton heart
- 3S - 10-12 HCP raise
- 3N - Balanced raise 16+ HCP
- 4C - Singleton club

Over:  
1H - X - 2N - P  
3C - P - ?

Responder defines his hand type as follows:

- 3D - Singleton diamond
- 3H - 10-12 HCP raise
- 3S - Singleton spade
- 3N - Balanced raise 16+ HCP
- 4C - Singleton club

All further bids are cue-bids and 4NT is your chosen form of Blackwood.

**BRIDGEND DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**

ANNOUNCE A

**BRIDGE SEMINAR**

PRESENTED BY

ANDREW KAMETTES

AT THE HERONSTON HOTEL, BRIDGEND  
ON SATURDAY APRIL 30TH, 1994

LIMITED AVAILABILITY - (0656 -)  
FURTHER INFO. FROM W. TURNER (657762)



**MASTER-POINT OF VIEW**

A letter from the Masterpoints Secretary - Noelle Bond

In 1993, those who were promoted in the last quarter of our bridge year were not listed in the Newsletter as their new rank would be seen in the new WBU Journal; on reflection however, it seems unfair that these members should not see their names in lights (or ink) so this year all those who have been promoted before this newsletter goes to press will appear in this issue, any other promotions before the end of April will appear in the next edition, with those for the next quarter.

Since taking on this job, not only have I made many new friends in the bridge world, but also I know all our postmen; there are three, whose ages almost span three generations; probably because of this fact, and the very steep hill we live on, they walk the route in different ways so that the mail arrives between 6:30 and 8:30 in the morning. The early man is very apologetic when he has letters which require a signature or excess postage; one of the others is an expert on First World War battles and we are warned not to mention this to him as he "will talk for an hour, then continue from where he left off the next time he sees you". My husband was quite interested in this but only if he could bring his armchair to the doorstep. I do not yet know where excess postage starts, but it seems that 2 registration cards, 56 MP

slips, a letter and an SAE require more than normal letter post.

Since my last little missive, several people have commented to me about the about the various fates of their masterpoints; recently I had to make some rise phoenix-like from the ashes after one member's points were burned in the fire. Obviously central heating radiators are much safer.

When a new pair of opponents came to my husband's table at the club the other night, one of them asked which was the day for sending in masterpoints. They were under the impression that masterpoints could only be sent in during April of each year. In case others share that view, I'd like to remind everyone that points may be sent in at any time during the year.

Those involved in teaching bridge, whether to adults or children, may like to know that the WBU have now instituted Novice Points which may be awarded to students when they reach the playing stage. The novice points are equivalent to one-third of a normal local point and may be registered when the student joins the WBU. Anyone interested please contact me for details.

**Master-point promotions**





From 30/12/93 - 17/3/94.

<b>Club Master</b>	Mrs J Petters	LD	Mr G Jones	Pc	
Mr R Aldridge	MH	Mrs C Scott	AG	Mrs P Jones	NT
Mrs M Aldridge	MH	Mr M Stanway	CBY	Mr N Key	MG
Mr S Barton	CR	Miss G Thomas	AM	Mr F McKeever	MG
Mrs M Barton	CR	Mrs P Verdon	PN	Mr M Newman	A
Mr G Carter	CA	Mrs M Williams	AM	Mr R Pepper	GA
Mrs C Clark	MG			Mrs S Price-Jones	Br
Mr T Clark	MG			Mr M Samuel	GA
Mrs G Dew	GA			Mr S Steele	S
Mrs D Dixon	GA			Mrs J Tonkin	S
Mrs M Farley	AG			Mrs A Williams	NT
Mrs O Hayes	AG			Mr V Williams	NT
Mr T James	MT				
Mrs D Jones	AM				
Mr J I Lewis	AG				
Mrs M Lewis	AG-				

		<b>Local Master</b>	
	Mr J Akister	PN	
	Mrs B Beeston	S	
	Mrs D Caddy	Br	
	Mr M Dent	AG	
	Mrs G Dent	AG	
	Mr A Evans	C	
	Mrs B Hinton Jones	A	

			
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**County Master**

Mr R Allan	CRI
Mrs V Allan	CRI
Mr J Barlow	PR
Mrs B Davies	AG
Mr L Ellis	D
Mrs M A Fletcher	S
Mrs M Harman	S
Mrs M Helme	LD
Mrs C Holt	A
Mr C Meyer	CN
Mrs A Raw Rees	A
Mrs B M Rogers	SP
Mrs B Saunders	MB
Mr B Saunders	MB
Mr W Smith	LD
Mrs V Stoyle	LD
Mrs V Sydenham	LD
Mr W Williams	Br

**Master**

Mrs J Bakewell	PW
Mrs U Bryant	MB
Dr J Butler	N
Mr D Childs	Br
Mr M Close	BV
Mrs J Doughty	BV
Mrs E Evans	PW
Dr A Evans	LD
Mr D Evans	A
Mrs E Evans	Dd
Mrs F Goza	MB
Dr R Havard	A
Mrs J Jones	PN
Mr R King	MT
Mrs P Palmer	PN
Mr N Saunders	ROF
Mr G Simmons	MB
Mrs M Stephenson	CL
Mr G Williams	Br

**Advanced Master**

Mrs J Brewer	CRI
Mr M Brewer	CRI
Mr M Close	BV
Mrs K Dyer	BV
Mr R Dyer	BV
Mrs O Ellis Davies	CN
Mrs J Hutchinson	N
Mr P Klee	T
Mr J Pelton	Br
Mr D Stephenson	CL
Mrs M Worthington	PW

**1 Star Master**

Mr P Haywood	GA
Mrs S James	R
Mr J Job	PV
Mr M Jones	CA
Mr K Perkins	MT
Mrs K Perkins	MT
Mrs D Preston	R
Mrs D Reynolds	MB
Mrs J Yates	LD

**2 Star Master**

Dr M Evans	PW
Mr K Hayes	AG
Mrs D Job	PV
Mr M Jones	CA
Mrs P Maslin	CA
Mr P Maslin	CA
Mr P Oeppen	SP
Mrs M Parish	MB
Mrs M Pell	N

**3 Star Master**

Mrs D Gilbert	R
Mrs C McCreary	Cd
Mr P Walker	Br
Mrs P Woodhouse	A

**4 Star Master**

Mr A Powell	GA
Mr R Winstanley	F

**5 Star Master**

Mrs M Edwards	H
Mr H Edwards	H
Mr B Goddard	MG
Mrs H Heard	L
Mr D Utting	LD

**Tournament Master**

Mr M Green	OH
Mr B Sadleir	LD
Mr J White	Br

**Regional Master**

Mrs W Davies	R
Mrs S Ellis	PW
Mrs S Moyses	S
Mr S Murray-Williams	PW
Mr D Smith	S

**Premier Regional Master**

Mrs D Jones	C
Mr G Thomson	MB

**Premier National Master**

Mr P Allsopp	A
Mr B Clements	S
Mr D Hill	Pc

**Life Master**

Mrs G Jones	S
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## Tournament Coordinator's Report

By Bill Starr

Over the past year, 80 people have received "A" and "B" certificates at the director training courses and 28 went on to receive their "C" Certificate of Competence as a club director.

As those who have already attended the courses will confirm, the ordinary player who is never going to direct will benefit enormously from attending.

Dates and venues for this year are:-

Sat. Apr 16th	"A"	Swansea/Cardiff
Sat. Apr 30th	"A"	Wrexham
Sat. May 21st	"B"	Wrexham
Sun. May 22nd	"A"	Aberystwyth
Sat. May 28th	"B"	Swansea/Cardiff
Sun. Jun 5th	"C"	Aberystwyth
Sat. Jun 18th	"C"	Swansea/Cardiff
Sat. Jun 25th	"C"	Wrexham

All courses will start at 11a.m. and end by 5:30 p.m. Course fees are £15 for each of the "A" and "B" while the "C" is £20. Cheques should be made payable to "The Welsh Bridge Union" and applications sent to:

Bill Starr,  
42 College Street,  
Birmingham  
B18 7PD  
(Tel: 021 - 554 - 7305)

A National Director's course will be held on the 16/17th July at a central location. The course will be open to "C" certificate holders and persons with relevant experience. There will be no charge made for this course but participants will be expected to meet their own travelling and accommodation expenses.

## East Wales Congress 1994

This event was held at the Gwent County Hall over the 18th-20th of February. Over 400 players competed in the three day congress. The entry of 93 teams for the Green-point Swiss event on the Sunday was a record for East Wales. Prizes exceeded £1000 and the main prize winners were:-

### Womens Pairs (Entry of 27)

1. Margaret Pierce & Maureen Dennison
2. Wendy Williams & Margery Young
3. Mary Ahern & Viv Hamilton

### Mens Pairs (Entry of 30)

1. Tony Haworth & Tony Disley
2. Adrian Thomas & Liam Sheridan
3. Tony Casey & John Glubb

### Novice Pairs (Entry of 22)

1. Ralph Evans & Brian Rich
2. Darren Bellamy & Spencer Thomas
3. Brian Roderick & Nigel Baker

### Pivot Teams (Entry of 16)

1. Anne Jones, Ernie Morris,  
David Bryant, Mike Ash
2. Daphne Patrick, Pamela Ward,  
Dorothy Ritson, Eileen Spalding

### Championship Pairs (Entry of 72)

1. Jason Hackett & John Hasset
2. Geoff Evans & Alex Maddocks
3. K. & A. Bawdon

### Consolation Pairs

1. Tony Disley & Rob Charlesworth
2. Granville Lloyd-Lewis & John Evans
3. Paul Gagne & Diane Harris

### Championship Teams (Entry of 93)

1. P Jourdain, T Ratcliff, A Zaman, J Glubb
2. T Haworth, K Pratt, T Disley, R Charlesworth
3. F & D Kurbalija, J Casey, G Clench,  
G Evans, A Thomas

## Your letters.....



Dear Sir,

I read Patrick Jourdain's letter in the Winter 1993 Newsletter with great interest as the combination of Laws 46 & 43 have caused me some problems in the past.

I agree with Mr Jourdain that it is wrong to ignore the first part of Law 46B but surely this principle must also apply to all of the laws. I therefore must disagree with Mr Jourdain's interpretation of Law 43C.

If declarer says "spade" it is perfectly clear that the laws require dummy to play the lowest spade without asking a question. To say that dummy doesn't understand the instruction is rather blinkered - He might not like the instruction but that is just hard luck; he must still do as declarer says. If dummy asks "which one" he is clearly prompting declarer and this is surely not allowed. The grey area appears to be when dummy does as he is told viz. he plays the lowest spade only to be then told by declarer that he wanted the top spade played, and this is where the director has to start his mind reading act!

It is perhaps, wrong of Mr Jourdain from his position on the BBL Laws & Ethics Committee to give his own personal opinion or interpretation of the Laws unless he has the full backing of the BBL, as it follows that players and directors will assume this to be so and act accordingly. Mr Jourdain may well have this backing but this is not made clear in his letter.

As to the present, could the WBU Laws & Ethics Committee, after consultation with the BBL if necessary, give some guidance in respect of these laws and perhaps answer one specific question:- When declarer says "spade" can dummy ask "which one"? There are of course several corollaries to this question depending on the answer and I for one would be grateful for some official guidance on these matters.

Yours faithfully,  
K. H. Jones (Wrexham)

Dear Sir,

I was very interested to read Mr Jourdain's letter in the last Newsletter regarding Law 46B, especially as a major Gold Cup match was lost some years ago when the TD ruled as Mr Jourdain suggested. The matter went to appeal and the Appeals Committee overturned the ruling stating that declarer had to play the lowest card of the suit. The Chairman of that appeals committee at that time then went into print at some length stating that the non-offending side had every right to benefit from the letter of the law. What was particularly pleasing to see was the furore this created, as many players felt that they would prefer to scrub out the London sewers with a toothbrush than win a match in this manner.

The rule book is quite specific in stating that the TD must be called for any infraction, and that players on their own initiative may not waive any penalty even if they feel they have not been damaged. What many players do not seem to realise is that they may then request the TD to waive the penalty (Law 81C8) which he can do at his discretion. Perhaps this rule should have more publicity.

We will always have the minority of "win at all costs" players with us, it is all a matter of attitude.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Nicholls (Mumbles)

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks - and I am sure I am not the only one - to Noelle Bond for all her hard work in keeping our masterpoints on record.

She has a great sense of humour - and always a kind word to say when she returns one's points booklet. I loved her funny article in the Winter 1993 issue of the Newsletter about the points tickets which had gone into someone's washing machine!

Yours sincerely,

Ursula Bryant (Mumbles)