

Your Letters



Dear Sir,

The Camrose pre-trial took place recently and the selectors issued a letter to all trialists stating that only the first pair would qualify by right and that they would then select 2 other pairs to complete the numbers for the final trials. They also stated that there would be no half tables and if any pair could not play then they would eliminate another pair or play the reserve pair.

However on arriving at Swansea B.C. we were told that one pair would only play on the first day and there would be a half table on the second day. Pairs sitting out on the second day would then be given a factored score against this missing pair according to their results up to that point (this did not happen).

When the trials were over, my partner and I were placed either 2nd or 3rd depending on whether the selectors decided to include the missing pair's first day's results plus averages!! or not.

A few days after the trial, I received a letter from the selectors giving their selections for the final trial including a reserve pair. I found it hard to accept that my partner and I were not included (not even as the reserve pair) and neither were the pair which may have finished second. I understand that the selectors have a difficult job on hand, but if my partner and I really had no chance of qualifying except by finishing first, it would have been nice of them to tell us at the beginning.

The selections seem to indicate that if the pairs containing experienced previous internationals finished close enough then they would be selected regardless of who finished above them. If this had been for the Camrose team itself, I could maybe understand, but qualifying for the final trials, surely the lesser known pairs could have been given the chance to prove their ability. If people cannot get into the final trials, how are they ever going to gain the experience?

Paul Gagne.

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NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Apologies for the late appearance of this edition of the Newsletter. However, I have a good excuse - the printer that I use went bust in the last week of September!

The Gold Point scheme is explained in some detail in this issue and Noelle Bond has compiled a ranking list of all those members fortunate to have amassed any. Turn to page 8 to see if you figure in the rankings.

Congratulations to the backroom team that made the Junior European Championships such a success in Cardiff this year. They did Welsh Bridge proud.

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ORGANISER'S REPORT**

Here we are again at the start of a new season. The entries for the Welsh Cup are the same as last year (36), while the Cambria Cup is two up (35). Both draws have been made and circulated. Please play your matches as soon as possible. Please amend Brian Crawford's telephone number to read 855956 (Cambria Cup draw only).

The Welsh Foursomes had to be played a week earlier than planned. The winners were A. Haworth, K. Pratt, A. Disley and R. Charlesworth.

Val Kennewell has taken over as Editor of the WBU Journal. Any amendments for next year's Journal should be sent to her at: 39 Pastoral Way, Tycoch, Swansea. SA2 9LY.

**Dillwyn Evans**

**WBU MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

This year it was decided to edit the list of masterpoint holders in the Journal to include only those who had paid a WBU subscription for the relevant year. This mammoth task, involving cooperation between myself, the Masterpoint Sec. and the Journal Editor had to be achieved within a few short days and resulted in pruning the list by an estimated 10%. Unfortunately a few errors crept in and in particular apologies are due to W091 Liz Williams (Reg. Master) and to E083 Mrs Elsie Evans (Advanced Master).

Please note that failure to appear in the Journal does not mean that Noelle has not got your Master points safely tucked away, but it might mean that there is some confusion over your membership record. I would be grateful to hear of any discrepancies (eg incorrect ID numbers, misspelt names and incorrect initials). Hopefully the 1997 Journal list will be error-free.

**Val Kennewell**

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		(Wish Tower)		E	St Margarets Lodge
	31-2nd	Chichester	£145	N	Tel 01481 35757
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	14-16th	Morecambe	£105	E	Gogarth Abbey Hotel
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		(3 Nights)			MORECAMBE
	21-23rd	New Forest	£139		Strathmore Hotel
	28- 2nd	Chichester	£145		Tel 01524 421234
		(Director Richard Fidler)			
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MAR	7- 9th	King's Lynn	£120		Crown Hotel
	14- 16th	New Forest	£139		Tel 01703 282922
	17-24th	Guernsey	£391		
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MASTER POINT OF VIEW



20th September 1996

By Noelle Bond

I admit I that don't know anything about the rights and wrongs of it, but I must say that to someone like me whose life revolves around the morning letters, the postal strikes have been difficult to come to terms with. At this quieter time of the year for masterpoints, I like to plan my week in advance, enter the MP letters into my book each day as they arrive, then handle several days' together, adding all the points up one day (much easier if I was sent a total) and entering them into the computer all together on another, but all this falls apart when the mail does not get through and several days post arrive after I should have dealt with it.

One post post-strike morning, (there's a pun there somewhere) the letters arrived hand delivered by a postman who required a signature for a recorded delivery. Handing over a very large bundle of assorted mail, he said, "These are yesterday's, I'll be back in five minutes with today's." He complained about having to climb up our hill twice in the same morning, but that day I don't think I felt very sympathetic.

Mail goes astray at the best of times, and I am sure that many of us worry whether more get lost when the post is so disrupted, and I have had many phone calls from anxious members asking if I had received their points, fortunately, so far, I have been able to reassure all those who phoned.

Long before the strikes began I posted off an MP card only to find that after two months of waiting, it had still not been received. I issued a new card, then heard from the member that the old one had turned up much later, without any explanation of where it had been on its travels.

Another thing that surprised me recently is the difference in cost, amounting to nearly one Pound, between the postages on two very similar packages of master points sent by recorded delivery. I had always assumed there were standard charges for recorded delivery, but these two letters made it look more as if the charges were made up on the spot. Perhaps a stamp fell off the cheaper one.

After having a letter weighed in the post office a while ago, I stuck on the stamps and passed it back across the counter. I then watched with interest as the woman gave each stamp a desk shaking thump with the heel of her hand, before tossing it into the sack. Obviously she did not have a great trust in the adhesive. Perhaps that's a warning for us all.

Much time has been spent in the last month or two on examining the MP records to calculate the new Gold Points, (roughly, one gold point is earned for every five green points won in one event) the first ranking list for the five MP years 1991/92 to 1995/96 should appear elsewhere in the newsletter. The introduction of this new scheme has necessitated a change to the way points are issued for events which take place over a period of months, such as the Welsh Cup. In future, these points will only be issued when the competition ends. Unfortunately this means anyone needing only one green for a promotion and earning it in an early round will have to wait impatiently for it.

I had hoped to have the master point requirements for each rank in the last newsletter but the Master Point year end promotions overwhelmed the space available. (Also, the layout in columns is very difficult to set up! - *editor*. I'll try for next edition).

I always get a lift when people are promoted when I enter their points. To see a new Grand Master appear is particularly exciting, recently two were promoted on the same day, obviously Grand Masters are like buses, you wait for ages then two come along at the same time.

Sincerely,  
Noelle

**LIST OF PROMOTIONS FOR EACH RANK**

Only ranks with promotions are printed.

**Club Master**

Mr Syd Craven S  
 Mrs Rosa C Hicks GA  
 Mr Kevin Horsburgh CN  
 Mr David Kershaw CBY  
 Mrs Estelle Merlyn S  
 Mr Jim Morton CBY  
 Mrs Judith Owen BV  
 Mrs Kate Wynds S

**Local Master**

Mrs Aida Aris R  
 Mrs Joan Davies S  
 Mrs Dorothy Loxton C  
 Mrs Mary Rees MB  
 Mr Peter Richards CR  
 Mr John Roberts MG

**County Master**

Mrs B D H Baker S  
 Mrs Mary Caulfield-Giles CBY  
 Mr John A Evans MB  
 Mr Dennis Hudson LP  
 Mrs Floss James CD  
 Mr Michael O'Leary MG  
 Mrs Margaret O'Nions MB

**Master**

Mr Gwyn Evans R  
 Mr Les Fletcher CBY  
 Mr David Hirst T  
 Mr Dennis Lansing C  
 Mr Rick Law S  
 Mrs Jean G Lockwood CL  
 Mrs Sue Lowe CN  
 Mr Alun Preece PN  
 Mrs Marilyn Runham CN  
 Dr John Valentine A

**Advanced Master**

Mr Michael Ashe C  
 Mr Rodney Burden C  
 Mr W Eric Evans PD  
 Miss M D Gorst LD  
 Mrs Celia Holt A  
 Mr John Ryan S

**1 Star Master**

Mrs Sheila Bickel MB  
 Mr Jim Dalton LD  
 Mrs Jean Gamblin R  
 Mrs Lena Morgan S  
 Mr George B Powell AG  
 Mrs Jean M Powell AG

Master-point Promotions continued

**2 Star Master**

Mr Brian Schofield RH  
 Dr Alan B Williams BR

**3 Star Master**

Mr Gwynne Maddox BR  
 Mr Colin Thomas S  
 Mrs Lavinia Thomas S

**5 Star Master**

Mr Chris Bickel MB  
 Mr Ray Heslinga T  
 Mrs Linda Saunders P

**Regional Master**

Mr Fred Hiles CD  
 Mrs Betty Jones BR  
 Mrs Margaret Morris CD  
 Mrs Betty Spencer CD  
 Mr Tony Waller RH

**Premier Regional Master**

Mrs Susan Ingham BV  
 Dr Paddy Murphy CBY

**National Master**

Mr Chris Rochelle R

**Premier National Master**

Mr Joe Patrick C

**Life Master**

Mrs Val Kennewell S

**Grand Master**

Mr Bob Graham SH  
 Mr Keith Pratt P

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**SWANSEA BRIDGE CONGRESS**

*Mixed Pairs:*

Linda Greenland & Ken Richardson.

*Open Pairs:*

Linda Greenland & Ken Richardson.

*Teams:*

A. Daniel & G.R. John,  
 A. Preece & Mrs G. Jones

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## GOLD POINT RANKING LIST

This is the first WBU Gold Points listing. The scheme is designed to cover five master point years, the first five being 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96.

Each year a Gold Point loses 20% of its original value, so each Gold Point from the oldest year, 1991/92, is now worth only 0.2.

One Gold Point is earned for every five Green points in a single competition. In past years, points from congresses where various events have taken place have not been kept separate when issued, so there will be some inaccuracies in the listing for the oldest years.

As master points do not have to be sent for registration by any particular time, the computer records for any MP year usually contain points from several previous years. Also, in some years, due to the year end delays, points earned in May of one year have been entered in with the previous MP years' records, this has commonly happened with the results of the Webber Cup. As the value of a Gold Point is related to when it was earned, all the computer records have been examined and records have been assigned to their correct years before the Gold Point calculations could be made.

For some events, such as the Welsh Cup, the Cambria Cup, and Gold Cup, the points have been issued at various points during the length of the competitions. For each competition, these points have been collected together and allocated to the MP year in which it ended. In future the points for these events will only be issued at the end of the competition.

All these necessary but complicated manoeuvres may make it difficult for members to assess their gold points. If anyone requires one, I can supply a detailed listing of their Gold Points for any year.

## Current Gold Point Rankings

Adrian Thomas	64.08	Paul Gagne	6.51
Tony Ratcliff	59.22	Simon Edwards	6.18
Filip Kurbalija	58.29	Gordon Roxburgh	6.16
Patrick Jourdain	38.89	Mike Baker	6.13
Akram Zaman	35.36	Diana Harris	5.82
Dean Hardie	34.89	Simon Richards	5.37
Peter Goodman	34.57	Mike Hampton	5.14
Gary Martin	33.23	Liz Atkinson	4.79
Mike Hirst	30.91	Roger Scott	4.75
Diane Kurbalija	30.57	Harry Leach	4.65
Stephen Daniel	29.7	Graham John	4.46
Keith Pratt	28.28	Joe Patrick	4.4
Tony Haworth	27.72	John Isaac	4.36
Jill Casey	27.49	Bob Graham	4.28
Gilly Clench	25.65	Brian Clements	4.26
Tony Disley	19.61	Wendy Wood	4.16
Maggie Pierce	17.49	Andrew Scott	4.16
Rob Charlesworth	17.1	Pam Edwards	4.03
Tony Casey	16.95	Paul Seal	3.84
John Glubb	13.71	David Melville	3.79
Tom Reddy	12.79	Martin Jones	3.65
Nick Forrest	11.75	John Seal	3.65
Alex Maddocks	11.65	Ann Hirst	3.51
Liam Sheridan	11.44	Paul Allsopp	3.3
Maureen Sheridan	10.44	Diana Panniers	3.1
Steve Jarvis	10.13	Sheila Leyshon	3.1
Trevor Towers	9.52	John Cox	3.08
Peter Gamer-Gray	9.27	Kathryn Cox	3.08
Jill O'Sullivan	9.23	Ken Richardson	3
David Birt	8.57	Robin Parris	2.96
Geoff Evans	8.44	Pat Haworth	2.74
Anne Hyatt	8.39	Anne Garvie	2.66
Fred Hyatt	8.39	Shirley Howarth	2.66
John O'Sullivan	8	Robert Upton	2.62
Ceri Pierce	7.2	Irene Weaver	2.6
David Ronson	6.71	Harry Packer	2.6
David Hamilton	6.66	Laurie Delmonte	2.6
Philip Felman	6.54	Pearl Nash	2.6

Current Gold Point Rankings - continued

Peter Nickson	2.56	Mike Best	1.24
Dianne Knight	2.56	Chris Burdett	1.24
Eileen Jenkins	2.41	Jackie Chimes	1.2
Jill Knight	2.4	Adam Dunn	1.17
Margaret Banks	2.36	Brian Crawford	1.16
Krista Stephenson	2.35	Frank McAleavy	1.16
Susan Ingham	2.28	Bill Turner	1.11
Laura Woodruff	2.28	Margaret Watson	1.1
Richard Trew	2.2	Charles Watson	1.1
Geoff White	2.12	Margaret Hathaway	1.1
Cliff Rushton	2.1	Gaynor Jones	1.1
Binnie Job	2.06	Terry Stanton	1.1
Carmel Wiseman	2.06	Renee Cox	1.06
Dewi I Jones	2	Eric Howells	1.02
Linda Maria Tatham	2	Jack Fine	1.02
Barrie Robinson	1.94	David Williams	1
Diana Jones	1.76	Shelton Cross	1
Elaine Evans	1.76	Chris Rochelle	1
Adrian Trickey	1.76	Sybil Thomson	1
Vera Robinson	1.7	Paul Cunningham	1
Nate Gable	1.7	Colin Heard	1
Don Jenkins	1.66	Hazel Heard	1
Rona Morgan Edwards	1.6	Dorothy Staggs	1
Michael Clare	1.6	John J Evans	0.98
Arwyn Evans	1.59	Bryan Edwards	0.96
John Salisbury	1.53	Fred Hiles	0.96
Philip Dunn	1.52	Marjorie Paschkes	0.96
Sheila Shea	1.5	Andrew Phillips	0.96
Marjorie Morris	1.41	Mike Jones	0.96
Marjorie Williams	1.4	Irene Thomas	0.93
Annie Favager	1.36	Ann Fox	0.93
Eric Favager	1.36	Liz Williams	0.92
Paul Chimes	1.35	John Butler	0.9
Esme Parry	1.35	Viv Hamilton	0.9
John Poole	1.32	Don Owen	0.89
Margaret Lane	1.3	Richard Thomas	0.88
Peter Lane	1.3	Geoff Rollings	0.88

Current Gold Point Rankings - continued

Bill Nicholls	0.88	Connie Clancy	0.64
Jimmy James	0.88	John J Butler	0.64
Max Powell	0.88	Bill Williams	0.64
Eleanor Price	0.84	June Hurst	0.62
Anna Edwards	0.84	Mary Baker	0.62
Mark Hooper	0.84	Graham Hadlow	0.6
Menna Roberts	0.8	Alan R Powell	0.6
Gwynne Williams	0.8	George Novak	0.6
Geoff Fielding	0.8	Simon Murray-Williams	0.56
Pat Fielding	0.8	Margaret Mayer	0.48
Pearl Duncan	0.75	Henry Chapman	0.48
Peggy McCombie	0.75	Tim Barsby	0.46
Sid Evans	0.72	Pat Shimell	0.44
Marion Brooke	0.72	Kevin G Thomas	0.44
Warwick Horspool	0.72	Mike Downey	0.42
Sandra James	0.72	Janet Hirst	0.4
Dave Barwood	0.72	Ruth Williams	0.4
Ann Ellis	0.66	Bill Davies	0.24
Glyn Ellis	0.66	John Murray	0.2
		Phil Jones	0.2

Camrose Trials

The first final trial was held at Cardiff Bridge Club on Sat/Sun 21/2 September, 1996. Each of the four teams played a match of 32 boards against each other team and the IMP scores were converted to VP's using the Camrose scale. Results:

1. Filip Kurbalija & Jill Casey, Trevor Towers & Adrian Thomas 57 VP's  
(beat Haworth and Jourdain)
- =2. Gary Martin & Dean Hardie, John Glubb & Akram Zaman 44 VP's  
(beat Jourdain and drew with Kurbalija)
- =2. Tony Haworth & Keith Pratt, Rob Charlesworth & Tony Disley 44 VP's  
(beat Martin and drew with Jourdain)
4. Patrick Jourdain & Tony Ratchiff, Mike Hirst & Jim Luck 34 VP's  
(beat Haworth)

Stage 2 will involve the same teams over another 96 boards on 5/6th October, 1996

Lloyd Lewis

**THOUGHT PROCESSES**

By Dean Hardie

You are declarer as West in 3NT after the bidding went 1N-3N. North leads the Queen of clubs and South follows with the 9:-

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♠ KJ32	♠ A54
♥ K2	♥ 543
♦ QJ32	♦ AK54
♣ K32	♣ A54

I was playing with Tony Disley and at our table the declarer ducked the opening lead, won the continuation, cashed 4 rounds of diamonds and finally pinned his hopes on the spade finesse for his 9th trick. Unlucky it was wrong, as was the heart ace. Did you follow a similar line? Well, if you did, you were in good company because I gave the hand to six Welsh Internationals and they all ducked the opening lead and then started thinking. My team-mate Tony Haworth, playing the hand at the table, had different thought processes. He decided that the lead was probably from a 5 or 6 card suit, which is consistent with South's play of the 9. If North has 5 clubs then the hand is 100%, but there is a hidden danger. Win the club, cash 3 rounds of diamonds only, cash another club and then throw North in with the last club. He is now end-played after cashing his clubs.

Notice that if you casually run all your diamonds and then exit with the club declarer will be squeezed when the clubs are cashed! Try it out and see. If North turns up with 6 clubs, which will be apparent when the 2nd club is cashed, you can revert to the spade finesse or, if you prefer, cash A and K of spades hoping to drop the doubleton Queen and if that fails try your luck with the position of the A of hearts.

In the next match you are faced with a crucial defensive problem. West opens 4H which is passed out. Partner leads the Q of diamonds and you see:-

**Dummy**

- ♠ KQ32
- ♥ J32
- ♦ K63
- ♣ 763

**You (South)**

- ♠ 9876
- ♥ 9
- ♦ A42
- ♣ AJ952

Your primary signaling methods are attitude followed by count. Declarer ducks the diamond in dummy, what card do you play? Well declarer is hardly likely to duck the A in his hand so you don't need to tell partner the good news that he has kicked off with a great lead, he can work out himself you hold the A, so play 2 of diamonds to give count. Partner then plays J of diamonds, dummy the K and you the A. You see the danger of the K of spades in dummy which might provide a discard for a losing minor so you must cash out now. You cash the A of clubs, declarer plays the Q and partner the 8, how do you continue?

The crucial decision is whether to try and cash a club or a diamond. These were my thought processes. If we have the A of spades or a trump trick they can wait as the contract will be off anyway. If I play the wrong suit declarer may be able to ruff, draw trumps, cash A of spades, cross to dummy and throw a loser away. When I cashed the A of clubs declarer played the Q and partner the 8. The one card that is likely to help me the most is partner's 8 of clubs. He knows that we need to cash out and most importantly he knows I started with 3 diamonds and therefore whether or not we have a diamond to cash. If he started with QJ10x in diamonds he must give me a discouraging signal even if he holds the K of clubs because he knows we have another diamond to cash and that the club might be ruffed. So where is the 4 of clubs. If declarer has it we can cash a club (if declarer has the K of clubs he can't have the A of spades and A & K of hearts). If partner has it he is not discouraging me in order to play a diamond and therefore we may have a club to cash. Having taken my usual 10 minutes to work all this out I confidently played a club, alas declarer ruffed, drew trumps and threw his losing diamond away. Oh well, it was the first time we had played together so we couldn't be expected to be 100% in tune with each other!

# ADVANCES IN BIDDING

By Dean Hardie



## THE BOURKE RELAY

Acól has a number of problems when trying to develop the auction. One of those problems arises when responder, with game values, has bid a new suit and opener rebids his own suit at the minimum level. How does responder now continue? All bids in his own suit or opener's suit are traditionally limit bids as are no-trump bids. The answer is that he has to bid a new suit, which should be natural, but will often only have only 3 cards. This can lead to confusion later in the auction.

One solution to this is to employ the Bourke Relay so that when opener rebids his suit at the minimum level, a bid by responder in the next available unbid suit is artificial and forcing to game. It is a bit like fourth suit forcing and it asks opener to continue describing his hand.

Let's see some examples:-

1H     2C  
2H     2S = the Bourke Relay, showing game values, saying nothing about spades and asking opener to describe his hand further.

Now:-

2NT = natural  
3C = club support, probably 3 cards  
3D = natural, probably 6-4  
3H = single-suited  
3S = natural

1H     2C  
2H     3C = How do you play this with your favourite partner, forcing or invitational? If you are using the Bourke Relay this is definitely invitational and takes the strain off your memory cells!

And more:-

1D     1S  
2D     2S = sign off, probably 6 spades  
         3S = invitational, 6 spades  
         2H followed by 3S = forcing, at least 5 spades

Let's take a look at responder's options when he has support for opener:-

1D     1S  
2D     2H = forcing and follow-up with diamond support  
         3D = invitational  
         3H = splinter bid (singleton or void)  
         4C = splinter bid (singleton or void)

When responder has a second suit and game values he will have to go through the Bourke Relay unless a bid in that second suit would have been a reverse or a non-jump bid at the three level. If the suit is the Relay suit he simply bids it next round.

The main loss with the Relay is when responder has invitational values and his second suit is the Relay suit. He has to bid no-trumps or raise his partner. If the invitation is accepted though, any 'lost fit' should be found.





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### *Forthcoming Events*

Oct. 18-20	Llangollen Congress
Oct 24-27	Porthcawl Congress
Nov 9-10	International Masters, Cardiff B.C.
Nov 15-17	Llangollen BBL Swiss Teams
Nov 18-20	BBL Seniors' Congress, Llangollen
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To save, or not to save, was the question on the following hand played on Vu graph:-

Dealer W - All Vul			
♠ A Q 6 5			
♥ T			
♦ A 9			
♣ A K 9 8 7 4			
♠ J 8 4 2	♠ -		
♥ A Q 8 7 3	♥ J 9 6 5 4 2		
♦ Q J T 3	♦ 7 6 2		
♣ -	♣ J 6 5 2		
♠ K T 9 7 3			
♥ K			
♦ K 8 5 4			
♣ Q T 3			

The bidding:

W	N	S	E
1H	X	4H*	4S
P	6S	All pass	

\* = pre-emptive.

6S made 12 on the Ace of hearts lead.

However, 7H is a very good save, going for 800 on best defence (Ace and another Diamond - unlikely on the bidding) and thus probably only minus 500.

So why didn't East West save? My suggestion in the Vu-graph room was that West may have felt that he could get the contract off - Ace of hearts, a possible diamond trick, or a club trick for partner with them breaking badly. This suggestion wasn't taken seriously by some, but the fact was that neither East West pair found the save. Of course, pushing opponents to a possibly making Grand may have entered the thinking!

A play problem:-

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

You reach 6D by North, with no opposition bidding. What's the best percentage line to play this hand on the Ace of hearts lead found in both rooms?

The Vu graph crowd thought that the Welsh East has given the contract by choosing this lead and not a trump.

Even after a trump continuation declarer can win it in South, cash Ace and King of clubs discarding

spades from North, cash King and Jack of hearts and discard a spade from South, and then simply high cross ruff the hand. On the actual distribution this line brings in 12 tricks.

The full deal			
♠ A J 9 5 4 3			
♥ K J 5			
♦ A K Q 8			
♣ -			
♠ 8		♠ K T 7 2	
♥ T 7 6		♥ A 9 8 4 3	
♦ 6 4 2		♦ 5 3	
♣ Q J 8 7 4 3		♣ T 5	
	♠ Q 6		
	♥ Q 2		
	♦ J T 9 7		
	♣ A K 9 6 2		

This play must be higher percentage to succeed, relying on no worse than a six-two club break and five-three heart break, than the line actually taken by the English declarer who won the second trick in South and immediately took the spade finesse. Adding insult to injury, East took the K and led another to give West a ruff and therefore two off. This was very expensive as Wales made the contract in the other room.

England

John Collings & Martin Jones  
Tom Townsend & Jeffrey Allerton  
David Price & Peter Czerniewski

npc: David Harris

Wales

Patrick Jourdain & Tony Ratcliff  
Mike Hirst & Jim Luck  
Keith Pratt & Tony Haworth

npc: Peter Goodman