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Number 75 for Tim

The pundits reckon Tim Seres secured his 75th Australian Open title last night when his team defeated the CORNELL team in the Gold Coast Teams final. It was the first local (Australian) win this century.

Some more numbers:

This was Tim's 41st Surfers, the first without Mary McMahon. It's the 13th time he has won this event. The vugraph panel reckon Tim has played around 800,000 bridge hands!

Tim played with Zoly Nagy. Their partners were Ron Klinger and Bruce Neill, who completed the double, having won the Pairs earlier this week.

The CORNELL team featured three of last year's winners, with David Stern, Mike's brother-in-law in for Malcolm Mayer. In their semi, they smashed CUMMINGS the Level 2 winners. In the other semi, SERES won a tight contest against the Indonesian ASBI team by 4 IMPs. Bruce observed later that it was his first ever win against an Indonesian team.

As is often the case, the standard of play in the final was average, with tiredness a factor. Thursday was a long day for the 4-person teams – 56 Swiss boards followed by the first 20 boards of the Semis. Then 60 more yesterday, culminating in 20 boards on David Grimshaw's VuGraph at night.

The final was virtually level coming to the 20-board vu-graph as about 200 spectators filed in.

While SERES were solid, CORNELL had some blind spots. Tom Jacob went down in a vulnerable game, Cornell - Stern missed an easy slam and Richard J played a hopeless 3NT. They lost the set 33-2. This



Tim Seres, Bruce Neill, Zoly Nagy & Ron Klinger – Gold Coast Teams winners

board was interesting:

Final 3, Bd 8

W/Nil ♠ Q 8 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ 2

♣ AK 9 6 5 3

♠ K 10 5 3

♠ A J

♥ Q 9 8

♥ K J 5

♦ A Q J 7 6 4

♦ K 9 8

♣ —

♣ Q J 10 8 7

♠ 9 7 6 4

♥ A 10 7 2

♦ 10 5 3

♣ 4 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♦ 3♣ No No

Dbl End

Same auction in both rooms. 6♦ is cold but both EW pairs took the money. The declarers made ♣AK, two ruffs and the ♥A for -800.

+1100 is possible on card-perfect defence. East leads a diamond, then comes a spade to the jack, the ♠A then the spectacular ♥K. This shuts out declarer's ♣9.

34 IMPs down with 10 to go is a tough ask but CORNELL started well. First Klinger - Neill missed a game then Seres - Nagy played a failing

Final Top 10

1st 4-3 Seres 36 PPs
2nd 4-2 Cornell ?

3= 2-13 Asbi
3= 2-4 Cummings 18 PPs

5= 2-6 Antoff 219
5= 4-1 Noble 227
(These teams get 4.5 PPs)

7= 2-14 Caplan 217
7= 4-6 Walsh 220

9= 2-2 Beauchamp 213
9= 4-10 Robson 218

Seniors

1st 3 Westwood 36 PPs
2nd 13 Kahler 18 PPs

3 5 Sme (9 PPs) 223
4 2 Varadi 215
5 3 Krishan 208
6 17 Hill 201
7 10 Kent 198
8 9 Solar 197
9 6 Croft 196
10 22 Brownie 193

Restricted

1st Torelli
2nd Ashwell

3 Lindsay 219
4 Seaborn 217
5 Dawe 214
6 Moschner 213
7 Millar 210
8 Foots 209
9= Rozier 208
9= Young 208

G C Teams final	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	
Tim Seres - Zoly Nagy Ron Klinger - Bruce Neill	29	40	33	27	129
Mike Cornell - David Stern Tom Jacob - Richard Jedrychowsky	18	48	2	29	97

5♦ when 4♠ in the 5-2 made at the other table. After another missed game and a partscore swing, the margin was down to 8 IMPs with 5 boards to go.



Chadwick, Pomfrey & Fordham on the mikes

Fordham spoke of momentum and said that the next swing would decide the match. It went to SERES. Jacob - Jedrychowsky reached a poor 4♠ and shelled out 500 when Tim held ♠AKT74.

Still chasing, Richard J raised his partner's 1NT opening straight to game with

♠A86 ♥Q9872 ♦QT3 ♣98

Not a success and another 11 out when 4♥ was cold.

With a few boards to go, CORNELL were back to 30 IMPs adrift, an impossible run rate. As Ish observed, they needed some wifes and no balls, or perhaps a well-timed phone call to Ron's mobile!

The final margin was 32 IMPs, then the winners shouted the room to drinks in the Tilba Room.

More finals

Also on Friday, the final of the Seniors and Restricted teams were held. In the Seniors, with Playoff



John Brockwell, Ian McKinnon, Bill Westwood & Eric Ramshaw won the Senior Teams

Points at stake, WESTWOOD defeated KAHLER 137 - 80.

There were a record 88 teams in the Restricted teams. For the first time, the top two teams played off for the final, with TORELLI defeating ASHWELL 82 - 72 over 20 boards.



Dewi Eastman, Sylvia Sender and sisters Ghada Torelli and Maha Hoenig won the Restricted Teams

Here are some hands from the last two rounds of the Swiss:

Keycard anyone?

Some pairs found it tough to avoid this slam from Friday morning.

Teams Match 12, Bd 19

S/EW	♠ 10 9		
	♥ A 9 4		
	♦ 9 8 4 3 2		
	♣ 6 5 4		
♠ 8		♠ AKJ43	
♥ QJ1076		♥ 532	
♦ QJ10		♦ AK	
♣ KQ102		♣ A73	
	♠ Q7652		
	♥ K8		
	♦ 765		
	♣ J98		

If West opens 1♥, it will be hard to restrain East. Yes there is a thing called Keycard Blackwood but some don't play it, or forget it ...

NZer Chris Prent bid and made 6♥. He won the diamond lead and played a heart to the queen, which North reasonably ducked. When the ♥J was led next, North hopped on it, to partner's disappointment. South was quick to apologize - "Sorry, I should have played the king on the first round." What a partner!

Here's a nice grand slam:

Teams Match 12, Bd 7

S/Both	♠ J 8 7 4		
	♥ —		
	♦ J 9 7		
	♣ QJ10654		
♠ A 9 5 2		♠ 3	
♥ A 9		♥ KQJ86432	
♦ Q10854		♦ A	
♣ K 3		♣ A 7 2	
	♠ KQ106		
	♥ 1075		
	♦ K632		
	♣ 98		
WEST	EAST		
1♦	1♥		
1♠	2♣	4SF	
2NT	3♥		
4♥	4NT		
5♥	5NT		
6♦	7♥		

This is a possible auction. West looks to have 4-2-5-2 and the ♣K (for 2NT) so it should be possible to ruff a club. Which brings me to possibly the worst two plays ever perpetrated to a single trick

South led the ♠K against 7♥. Declarer called for the ♥A?? on which South mysteriously dropped the 10?? +2210.

Say you reach 7NT. A spade lead shoots it but you can make via a double squeeze on any other lead. Pity it wasn't matchpoints, the real game.

We'll meet again, not sure where or even when ..



World's first bride players?

ANA shield

83½ tables

Winners:

Lynn Lovelock & Kieran Dyke
(that makes two in a row for Lynn)