



# Spring Nationals Bulletin

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## SNT - One day to go

Two teams have a handy lead with three matches to go.

It's been leapfrog so far. **Noble** led after Day 1 with 67 out of 75. Then they were smashed 23-7 by **Hutton** who took over the lead. **Smith** did the same to Hutton on Tuesday afternoon then **Rothfield** beat Smith 23-7 to lead into today. **Marston** had been hovering midfield then scored 25 last night to join then at the top.

## Canberra & Surfers

Grab a Canberra brochure and get lined up. Big change is dropping the Convention Centre as a venue. It's Rydges & the Hyatt instead.

Tony Jackman is in the Hutton Team here (#17). He has some Surfers brochures hot off the press. New events include a Seniors and Restricted Teams.

## A place to eat tonight

Peter Gill reports that the Night Noodle Markets in the park at the west end of Circular Quay from 6pm to 9pm (Mon, Tues, Wed only) are a great place for dinner. Part of Sydney's Good Food Month - many of Sydney's top Asian restaurants have set up stalls with dinner from \$6. We went there Mon night and it's excellent.

## Datums are up on the net

Now don't go doing them before the end of the event!

You can order lunch at the kiosk. Cappuccinos are \$2, coffee \$1.30

## Step back in time

Here are some hands from earlier.

Rnd 5, Bd 14

E/Nil ♠ AKQ9874

♥ 5

♦ AKJ107

♣ —

♠ J1065

♥ 108

♦ 62

♣ AKQJ9

♠ —

♥ J943

♦ Q985

♣ 108654

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
No ? 2♥ No

How many blasted themselves into 6♠? One thought is to start with 4♥, then rip 4NT/5♣ to 5♠, forcing a reluctant preference to 6♦.

## Tough to find

SNT Rnd 4, Bd 6

E/EW ♠ 8

♥ J82

♦ A76

♣ KQ10865

♠ Q10732

♥ Q53

♦ K4

♣ AJ9

♠ KJ

♥ AK1074

♦ J982

♣ 73

♠ A9654

♥ 96

♦ Q1053

♣ 42

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠

3NT

2♣

End

1♥

2♦

No

No

## SNT after 6 Rounds

1st	10	Rothfield	124
2nd	3	Marston	121
3rd	1	Cummings	115
4th	4	Neill	112
5=	17	Hutton	110
5=	32	Watts	110
5=	6	Noble	110
8th	2	Smith	109
9th	9	Horton	108
10th	24	Jamieson	107

Top two to final on Thursday

North leads the ♠K, ducked. Now the only defence is a low diamond, with South having the presence of mind to duck dummy's ♦9. Quite tough.

Of course 4♥ has no play, even 3♥ is in danger.

## Liz Havas did well here

SNT Rnd 4, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ 1094

♥ Q6

♦ A7654

♣ Q102

♠ K8632

♥ J75

♦ 1098

♣ K3

♠ AQJ5

♥ AK9

♦ Q32

♣ J65

♠ 7

♥ 108432

♦ KJ

♣ A9874

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
Malaczynski Havas

1NT No

2♥ No

4♠ End

3♠ No

Somebody should have tried 3NT, a better spot. South led the ♥2. Liz called for the ♥J (bad) but at least she did it quickly (good).

After drawing trumps, she played a club to the king and another back to the 10-J-A. South was unsure of the club position so he exited a heart, expecting North to have the nine.

Instead declarer won that card, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a club and ran the ♦10 to the jack. Finis.

Nice but North could have helped out by hopping the ♣Q, a no cost play.

## Muddied waters

Paul Sherman snuck through this bad slam:

## Spring National Women's Teams (SNWT)

Thu 16th SNWT 1-3 at Vista, 11.30, 3pm & 8pm. \$380 per team (SNOT final, 10am ? start)

Fri 17th SNWT 4-6

Sat 18th SNWT 7-9

Sun 19th 7 Round Swiss Teams at Vista, 10am start. \$100 per team (SNWT final, 10am start)

Yellow systems are okay in SNT & SNWT.

Vista Hotel phone No: 9274 1222.

SNT Rnd 4, Bd 15  
 S/NS ♠ A Q 9 6 3  
 ♥ J 7 4  
 ♦ K 5 2  
 ♣ 8 3

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

How did he make 6♥? I bet you're thinking "♦A lead, spade switch, rise ace, take spade pitch, run the ♠Q, etc." That would work but West

## Youth News

The ABF Youth Committee met on Sunday.

Our main international youth bridge events in 2000 will be the World Junior Teams in Brazil in August and the PABF Juniors in Singapore.

Our Youth week in Canberra in January will be similar to 2000, beginning with a match against NZ on January 13-14 followed by a week of youth bridge for everyone from January 15 to 19, including the selection event for our National Junior Team and special Under 16 events. The Youth week is open to anyone born on or after 1 January 1971.

Nominations for the 2000 Helman-Klinger Award so far are Nic Croft of Adelaide, Kylie Robb from Sydney and Nathan van Jole from Queensland. Rabbi Leonard Helman donated the funds for this annual award. If you want to nominate someone, please contact us. There is a secondary award for the leading masterpoint earner in 2000 - Tony Nunn has a commanding lead at present.

The details of a new group called Friends of Youth Bridge are being finalised. It is for all people who are willing to assist youth bridge financially.

For more information about any of the above, contact Peter Gill  
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found the killing ♠8 opening lead. With the king clearly with East, Paul tried the old ruse of rising the ♠A and "ruffing" a spade. East took the bait and ducked, guessing partner had led from ♠10-8-x. The ♠10 won then West caught the disease and ducked when a diamond was led towards the king. Saved having to guess the ♥Q ...

### The making save

SNT Rnd 3, Bd 8  
 W/Nil ♠ —  
 ♥ A Q J 8 2  
 ♦ J 9 7  
 ♣ J 10 9 7 5  
 ♠ K 9 8 7 2 ♠ A Q J 10 6  
 ♥ 7 5 4 ♥ 10  
 ♦ 10 4 ♦ Q 6 5 3 2  
 ♣ K 3 2 ♣ A 6

♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ K 9 6 3  
 ♦ A K 8  
 ♣ Q 8 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
No	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♠	No ?	No	No ?

It takes the ♣A lead to shoot 5♥ so -420 against 4♠ was a bad result for NS. 2♥ was the usual hearts and a minor. North felt he couldn't act in front of partner and South fancied his chances in defence.

Better is for South to bid 4♥ first time, then North can have a go. If South really wanted to have the chance to whack at 4♠, he would have begun with a cue raise of 3♠.

### Trusting signals

SNT Rnd 4, Bd 20  
 W/Both ♠ 10  
 ♥ A K 4  
 ♦ A 6 4  
 ♣ A J 10 7 5 2  
 ♠ J 6 2 ♠ A 9 8 7 4  
 ♥ J 10 8 7 6 2 ♥ 9 5 3  
 ♦ Q 8 3 ♦ K 7 5  
 ♣ 3 ♣ 9 6  
 ♠ K Q 5 3  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ J 10 9 2  
 ♣ K Q 8 4

A diamond lead shoots 6♣ but it's cold otherwise. Peter Reynolds led a trump and it still failed. Needing the ♠A onside, declarer led the ♠10 and let it run when East played low! This is basically playing for misdefence but too be fair, Rosendorff as West had signalled possession of the ♠A.

### Bean counting

SNT Rnd 3, Bd 15  
 S/NS ♠ 3  
 ♥ 10 8 4 3  
 ♦ A 8 4  
 ♣ 10 9 8 6 5  
 ♠ A K Q 9 8 6 4 ♠ J 7 5 2  
 ♥ 7 2 ♥ J 9 5  
 ♦ K 7 3 ♦ J 2  
 ♣ J ♣ K Q 7 3  
 ♠ 10  
 ♥ A K Q 6  
 ♦ Q 10 9 6 5  
 ♣ A 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1♦
4♠	No	No	Dbl
No	4NT ?	5♠ ??	No
No	Dbl	End	

TNT suggests that North should bid but duplication of shortages is a real killer. East also fell into the trap of blindly counting trumps, turning +200 into -300.

### Choice of fits

SNT 3, Bd 16  
 W/EW ♠ K 7  
 ♥ 10 4  
 ♦ K J 10 8 3  
 ♣ 6 5 4 2  
 ♠ Q 10 9 5 3 ♠ J 8 6  
 ♥ K Q J 8 ♥ A 6 3 2  
 ♦ 9 ♦ 7 4 2  
 ♣ K J 10 ♣ A Q 7  
 ♠ A 4 2  
 ♥ 9 7 5  
 ♦ A Q 6 5  
 ♣ 9 8 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	No	2♣	No
2♥	No	3♥	No
4♥	End		

This time the 5-3 fit is better and 4♠ is cold. The "approved" 4♥ has no play on a diamond lead but can survive a trump lead or switch. Declarer draws a second trump then goes after spades. Go figure.

### Klinger plug

SNT Rnd 1, Bd 12 (rotated)  
 ♠ J 7 3 ♠ Q 8 5 4  
 ♥ A K 10 5 ♥ Q J 8 3 2  
 ♦ A K 6 ♦ 10 4  
 ♣ 10 5 2 ♣ K 4

1NT	2♣ - Puppet
2♦	2♥ - invitational
No	

A nice stop with Ron Klinger's new method. Could Stayman do as well?