



South African Bridge Federation

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### The Big Swing

Although we have seen innumerable slams and tricky plays and even a rare, two-trick squeeze by Cape Town's expatriate Canadian Glen Holman, I like this hand that yielded a really big swing for the Anglo-European team of Roy Welland, Sabine Auken, Graham Osborne and Frances Hinden against the formidable South African line-up of Neville Eber, Chris Bosenberg, Val Bloom and Tas Nestoridis. Here's the hand, played in Match 2 on Thursday morning. The swing was entirely the result of the bidding; once bid, both hands played reasonably easily.

In the Open Room, with Osborne and Hinden NS against Bloom and Nestoridis, the bidding went:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1C
X	1S	2C <sup>1</sup>	2S
P	4S	X <sup>2</sup>	P
5D	X	P	P
P			

<sup>1</sup> for the red suits

<sup>2</sup> say something, anything!

As we said, the play was straightforward, and the contract was made for +750, which was always going to be a good result. And how much better was it when their partners were allowed to play, almost unchallenged, in 4S at the other table, making for +420, a total of +1 170, or 15 IMPs! How did you go in your sections? 5D or 4S or both or neither? Let me know if you like!

Board 19	AQJ93	
Dealer: S	T	
Vul: EW	Q3	
	AT875	
T642		-
J432		AK87
AKT94		87652
-		J943
	K875	
	Q965	
	J	
	KQ62	

### Who's Who Our Dealer!



Mncedisi Simon Mtwa, known far-and-wide as Simon, hails from Umtata, but is now a long-time resident of Cape Town. He had a lucky break in that he started work, as a gardener, for André Truter, who introduced him to the arcane art of dealing hands for bridge tournaments. And his dealing for this Congress has been impeccable! Fuss-free and error-free – Simon, it's been a pleasure having you as our dealer.

With the finals now in full swing, we are sure you will be interested in this hand from Hazyview in 2016, contributed by Chris Bosenberg, Craig Gower and Neville Eber, and entitled

## Number 24!

In the Teams Championship Head-to-Head Finals, everything, and we mean everything hinged on the last board, board 24; whichever team gained an advantage would be crowned Champions. And what a challenging board it was to play at the end of the final taxing session. We've decided to leave the names out of it, but you may make your own assumptions!

♠ KQ64  
 ♥ 9742  
 ♦ J32  
 ♣ J5  
 ♠ AJT98      ♠ 753  
 ♥ QJ          ♥ AT6  
 ♦ A9          ♦ Q87654  
 ♣ AK32      ♣ 4  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ K853  
 ♦ KT  
 ♣ QT9876  
 Dealer: W                  Vul: None

At the one table, NS found themselves in 3♣ doubled, duly going down 2 for – 300 but still with a small over-all lead! It now all hinged on how EW did at the other table. They found the optimum contract of 4♣, and received the expected heart lead, ducked to South's King. Back came the ♠2, and now we are at decision-point X with three critical choices:

*Choice 1* – play low, North wins with the King, comes back a second spade, and we go down!

*Choice 2* – Go up with the Ace and maybe make it. Play A♣ and ruff a club; cash two heart tricks' pitching a diamond from hand. Then return to hand with the ♦A and ruff another club; we still go down as North will soon have more trumps than we have, and we will also not make our K♣.

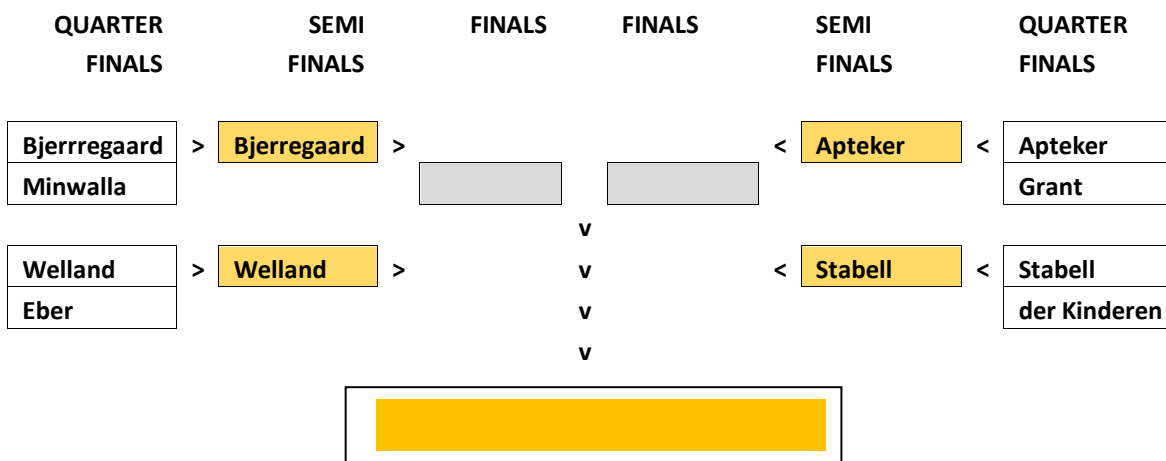
*Choice 3* - Go up with the Ace and make it! How? Cash the AK♣ and play a third club, aiming to ruff in dummy. Any expert North would ruff first with the Queen, and then continue with the ♠K and a third spade. It looks like we'd have to go down one with a loser each in clubs and diamond and only one discard; but don't despair. Play off all your trumps to come to this position:

♥ Q                  ♥ AT  
 ♦ A9              ♦ Q4  
 ♣ 2                  ♣ --

South is now holding the ♦K which he has to protect along with the ranking club; this proves impossible on the lead of the ♥Q to the Ace followed by the ♥T. Unfortunately, we chose *Choice 1* and went down! And that was that – the title going to Anton der Kinderen, Glen Holman, Chris Castelein and Hennie Fick! So near and yet so far.

## The Championship

The semi-finalists have been decided after the 48-board quarter-finals that ended on the Thursday evening!



# The Leader Boards

Thursday evening, 18 May

Here's how it looks after the first five 12-board matches in the Congress and Plate sections' finals:

## CONGRESS

	Teams	Names	Rank	Total VPs
5	Donde	Bernard Donde & Robert Stephens & Noah Apteker & Jude Apteker	1	81.06
11	Pad	Maureen Narunsky & Joy Swiel & Brian Pincus & Robert Sulcas	2	65.77
2	Brown	Terry Brown & Jeanette Reitzer & Susan Ingham & Peter Gill	3	62.60
1	Mutch	Mary Mutch & John Barlow & Yvonne Hulett & Beth Oldacre	4	57.75
3	Child	Chris Child & Avril Whelan & Brenda Foster & Di Rosslee	5	53.70
7	Levin	Laurie Levin & Merle Liebesman & Rosemary Kelley & Pam LaShelle	6	53.40
8	Dornon	Glynis Dornon & Ester Goosen & Sally Potgieter & Carol Shaw	7	48.01
10	Hewitt	Bev Hewitt & Trish Crosse & Charmaine Lipshitz & Rene Kenny	8	46.95
6	Brooke	Andrew Brooke & Gail Cameron & Hanley Philips & Angela Marr	9	38.24
4	Bunker	Steve Bunker & Tony Popplestone & Neil Hayward & Malcolm Siegel	10	32.63
9	Grotepass	Marie Grotepass & Ann Sturrock & Cheryl Maritz & Jill Matatodes	11	31.97
12	Strydom	Bryan Strydom & Colette Stott & Ingrid Wheeler & Fred Alger	12	27.92

## PLATE

	Teams	Names	Rank	Total VPs
6	Wilson	Roger Wilson & Brian Thomas & Carol Grunder & Denise Nordengen	1	69.37
10	Cohn	Meryl Cohn & Lili Watkin & Rose Duff & Griet Smuts	2	67.84
1	Cruise	Andrew Cruise & Paul Reynolds & Martin Grunder & Imtiaz Kaprey	3	67.21
3	Mcleod	Wilson Mcleod & Jeanne Mcleod & Barbara Bowden & Lin Welham	4	57.86
2	Wilensky	Harold Wilensky & Aubrey Fein & Merle Bracher & Richard Bowdery	5	56.13
9	Bernstein	Roz Bernstein & Sharon Lang & Helen Kruger & Kit Gilmour	6	54.67
5	Omar	Yunus Omar & Ismail Ebrahim & Dawood Mohammed & Yusuf Daya	7	53.86
12	Praetorius	Wendy Praetorius & Moira Hugo & Madeline Joffe & Hilary Sacks	8	48.93
11	Inbona	Paul Inbona & Natie Herscovitz & Lulie Lovelace & Colin v.d. Westhuizen	9	36.86
4	Curzon	Trish Curzon & Judy Deuchar & Sally King & Pamela Field & Anne De Matteis	10	31.93
7	Urisohn	Rochelle Urisohn & Merle Saxe & Patty Geddes & Myrna Katz & Janette Schewitz & Joan Mendelsohn	11	28.39
8	Gubb	Linette Gubb & Mary Walter & Heidi Atkinson & Gail Bezuidenhout	12	25.95

## STOP PRESS

After the first round of 24 boards of the Championship the positions are as follows:

1. Bjerregard leads Welland 50 – 16
2. Apteker has a 22 IMP lead over Stabell

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# The Leader Boards

Thursday evening, 18 May after the first four 12-board matches in the President and Vice President finals:

## PRESIDENT

	Teams	Names	Rank	Total VPs
4	Ashberg	Jocelyn Ashberg & Shirley Kaminer & Lynn Cunningham & Susan Botha	1	52.77
10	Solovei	Jackie Solovei & Harold Bernstein & Ella Danilowitz & Roy Danilowitz	2	50.20
6	Shepard	Delys Shepard & Peter Ward & Sheila Francis & Lotte Sorensen	3	46.78
2	Dorfan	Jack Dorfan & Errol Pieters & Desiree Pieters & Diana Balkin & Kathy Driver	4	45.93
3	Cassim	Ebrahim Cassim & Ahmed Patel & Abdul Vally & Abdul Adam	5	41.68
5	Boreanaz	Georgette Boreanaz & Bernard Sort & Dominique Lariau & Patricia Lariau	6	39.48
1	Barrell	Veronica Barrell & Lynn Brown & Jimmie Potgieter & Val Cleveland & Graham Spolander	7	37.07
8	Mason	Rosemary Mason & Deirdre Ingersent & Zoe Charnock & Shirley Phillips	8	31.54
7	Mestern	Eileen Mestern & Pat Reid & Elizabeth Sylvester & Anne Zulich	9	30.58
9	Rosenberg	Brenda Rosenberg & Phyllis Rubin & Anne Dannheiser & Martin Dannheiser & Ann Murray & Liz Irving	10	21.97

## VICE PRESIDENT

	Teams	Names	Rank	Total VPs
1	Armstrong	Vanessa Armstrong & Tanya Rawson & Mignon Leigh & Jenny Ten-Bokum	1	61.06
4	Hendler	Toni Hendler & Cynthia Posniak & Lydia Marks & Betty Rodman & Audrey Shearer & Eric Matatodes	2	55.83
5	Sendin	Di Sendin & June Pryce & Liz Cork & Sandy Davey & Jane Underwood & Suzanne Mullord	3	50.15
7	Burrows	Graham Burrows & Wilf Sperry & Marc De Borchgrave & Sonia Levy	4	40.52
6	Bartlett	Margie Bartlett & Betty Lechmere-Oertel & Anita Lapage & Debbie Law	5	39.70
2	Nick	Hilary Nick & Kitty Cruise & Marilyn Bradley & Gundi Bunker & Peter Terblanche & Guy Wilson	6	39.44
10	Sutherland	Iain Sutherland & Alison Puggia & Wendy Tee & Trish Burns	7	33.85
3	Van Vught	Lex Van Vught & Joan Van Vught & Sameena Esmail & Mudi Deen & Sandy Wentzel & Jimmy Deen	8	28.03
8	Bryant	John Bryant & Mark Kenyon & Eilat Unger & Jane Bodin & Gerard Verhoog & Ian Holdsworth	9	27.48
9	Aufrichtig	Rosie Aufrichtig & Miriam Meyer & Barbara Crosby & Anita Kowarski	10	23.94

## Overheard on my Rounds



It happened before the session started. Two ladies who were playing together for the very first time were discussing their system. The time came to look at discarding.

The conversation I heard went like this:

Brunette: *"Do you play MUD?"*

Blonde: *"No"*

Brunette: *"So what do you lead from three small?"*

Blonde: *"Fourth highest, I guess!"*

