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Bridge with Richard Ward

This hand was reported three decades ago by the late and great Australian international player Dick Cummings.

NORTH			
♠	K 4 2	S / NIL VUL	
♥	A K 5 2		
♦	8 6		
♣	Q 5 3 2		
WEST		EAST	
♠	7 5	♠	A J 10
♥	J 10 9	♥	Q 7 3
♦	10 9 5	♦	7 4 3 2
♣	A 8 7 6 4	♣	K J 9
SOUTH			
♠	Q 9 8 6 3		
♥	8 6 4		
♦	A K Q J		
♣	10		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1S
PASS	2C	PASS	2D
PASS	4S	ALL PASS	

At the table West led the jack of hearts to the 4S contract, won in dummy. Then came the spade 2 - J (a good card) - Q - 5 and another spade which allowed East to draw all of dummy's trumps. Declarer lost two spades, one heart and one club. A less obvious line is available if, at trick two, the spade king is led. This will almost certainly be taken by the ace which later allows a second trump to be drawn whilst leaving one in dummy. The king of hearts is cashed followed by the ace-king-queen-jack of diamonds, throwing two hearts from dummy then a heart ruff provides the tenth trick. Magic!

QLD OPEN TEAM TRIALS – FINAL: 1 Therese Tully / Richard Ward; 2 Paul Hooykaas / Peter Evans; 3 Tony Hutton / Malcom Carter; 4 Pamela & James Evans

TOOWONG NOVICE PAIRS: **A** Elizabeth & Tony Thorne; 2 Rod Wilson / Leith Cameron; **B** Chris Green / Stephen Bennett; **C** Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis

SUNSHINE COAST GRADED TEAMS: **A** 1 Verna & Stephen Brookes / Ken Dawson / Adrienne Kelly; 2 Rosemary Green / David Harris / Tim Ridley / Sam Halvorsen; **B** 1 Debbie & Gary Gibbards; Tony Davidson / Noreen Weyling; 2 Geoff Saxby / Sameer Pandya / Eugene Pereira / Sumant Handa

ROCKHAMPTON CONGRESS: PAIRS A 1 Malcolm Saunders / Ian Price; 2 Malcolm Allan / Ken Cupples; **B** Marie & Selby Downing; **C** Tom Ferris / Lee Chenowith; **TEAMS A** 1 Frances & Alan Brown / Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; 2 Terrence Sheedy / Janelle Conroy / Noel Bugeia / Val Holbrook; **B** Mike Duggan / Don Cameron / Ruth Goerg / Adrian Lohmann; **C** Sue Rohrig / Penny Johnson / Lesley Halliday / Carolyn Greasley
