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Bridge with Richard Ward

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

North opens 1C then -1S-2S-4S reaches the normal contract. This is teams play so making the contract is your sole aim. West leads the two of hearts won in dummy and trumps are drawn in two rounds. The obvious line is to lead up to dummy's diamonds twice. If the ace and king are split, this will create a diamond winner for a club discard so there will be no need to guess who holds the club queen. As always in bridge columns and also at the table, once you have found a good line of play, you should look around for a better one. In this case it is simply a matter of making the opponents open up one of the minor suits for you. Cash the other top heart and exit with a third heart. No matter who wins it, your contract is now secure. On the given layout, with the diamonds badly placed, you might go down losing a heart, two diamonds and a mis-guessed club.

After ten intense days of trials all four Queensland teams for the Australian National Championships to be held in Perth in July have been selected. The Women's and Seniors trials ended last weekend: **SENIORS** 1 Ian Afflick / Paul Collins; 2 Jim Evans / Mike Pemberton; 3 Kerry Wood / Charlie Howard; 4 [reserve pair] Larry Moses / Ralph Parker **WOMEN** 1 Pele Rankin / Greer Tucker; 2 Toni Bardon / Yolanda Carter; 3 Margaret Millar / Sue O'Brien; 4 [reserve pair] Maureen Jakes / Abby Wanigaratne.

REDLANDS TEAMS: RESTRICTED 1 Eugene Pereira / Sumant Handa / Geoff Saxby, Sameer Pandya; 2 Magdeline Wong / Kenneth Griggs / Roxanne Blaylock / Ilo Hellaby; **NOVICE** 1 Don Weerheim / Lilly Jia / Martin Wu / Rob Swann; 2 Louise & Stephen Bennett / Debbie Carroll / Jacinta Lee; **TOWNSVILLE PAIRS** 1 Jan Smith / Leigh Owens; 2 Pat Larsen / Bill Bishop; **B** 1 Felicity Horne / Coleen Evanson; 2 Ched Twyman / Audrey Ledbrook; **C** 1 Charlie Georgees / Russell Woolley; 2 Ann Smith / Andree Galeano
