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Bridge with Richard Ward

Queensland has had a mixed record in the Interstate Teams over the years. Best by far has been the Qld Women's Team which has won seven times, most recently in 2016. Back in 1992, the Western Australia Bridge Association hosted the national championships and the Women's Final was between New South Wales and Queensland [Di Rogers, Greer Tucker, Marion Cooke, Kim Ellaway, Pauline Evans, Jay Faranda with Lindy Vincent NPC]. In the first half of the match, The lead see-sawed with NSW trailing by 9 imps with this hand to play.

WEST

♠ A K 5
♥ A
♦ 10 2
♣ A Q 10 8 7 6 2

EAST

♠ Q 2
♥ Q 10 6 5 3 2
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ 9

Mott-Herden stopped safely in five clubs while Cooke-Ellaway blasted to six clubs, a slam with around a 30 percent chance of success. This came home when the clubs behaved for just one loser and the diamond king was with North. QLD 118 NSW 96.

This hand, reported by Canberra bridge journalist Tim Bourke, was Board 22 which was of interest with dangers for each side that resulted in 12 imps to QLD.

NORTH

♠ K 10
♥ A J 9 7 6
♦ A J 10 7 6
♣ 3

E/ NS VUL

WEST

♠ Q 9 5 3 2
♥ Q 8
♦ 2
♣ Q 10 8 7 5

EAST

♠ J 7 4
♥ K 5 4
♦ 9 5
♣ A K 9 6 2

SOUTH

♠ A 8 6
♥ 10 3 2
♦ K Q 8 4 3
♣ J 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
KAPLAN	COOKE	CHADWICK	ELLAWAY
		1C	PASS
1S	DBL	2S	3D
4S	5D	DBL	ALL PASS

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
ROGERS	MOTT	TUCKER	HERDEN
		1C	PASS
1S	DBL	PASS	3D
4C	4H	4S	DBL
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Marion Cooke and Judy Mott were in essentially the same bidding positions at the 4-level, but Cooke took the simple route to the making game whilst Mott went more slowly and then respected partner's double. 5DX +750 and 4SX -100. Go Queenslander!!