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### Bridge with Richard Ward

The Grand National Open Teams was played last week and featured 60 teams from all over Australia playing online in a knockout format. It all came down to a close final between two Sydney teams - with Peter Jeffery, Wayne Zhu, Yumin Li, Wei and Simon Zhang defeating Mauritz van der Vlugt, Andre Korenhof, Liam Milne, Nabil Edgton, Tony Nunn and Paul Dalley by 23 imps.

In the round-of-16, SYDNEY-5 and BRISBANE-1 traded blows with two 1100 penalties. The first went against BRISBANE-1 when a third hand pre-emptive opening of 3S holding S KJ98543 H A7 D J9 C 105 ran into S AQ762 H QJ D KQ10 C A43 sitting over him. At the other table, the opening was just 1S and so the penalty was avoided. Then SYDNEY-5 gave it all back with this hand:

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

<b>WEST</b> BRISBANE	<b>NORTH</b> SYDNEY	<b>EAST</b> BRISBANE	<b>SOUTH</b> SYDNEY
1H	PASS	1C	PASS
2NT	4C	2H	PASS
		DBL	ALL PASS

4H was reached in all of the of the other matches, most making ten tricks. But here, North was seduced by the attractive 4-1-1-7 shape and, despite East's opening bid which promised at least three clubs and despite the dangerous vulnerability, he took the plunge to four clubs where he was duly penalised. This match ended in a tie, broken in favour of the Queenslanders.

**NOOSA PAIRS:** [Director – Peter Busch] 1 Charlie Lu / Watson Zhu; 2 Rosemary Crowley / Richard Perry; **B** 1 Debbie & Gary Gibbards; 2 Penny Sykes / Lorraine Vachon; **GOLD COAST TEAMS:** [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Lynne Gray / James Wallis / Pamela & Jim Evans; 2 Kerry Wood / Charles Howard / Sue & David Smith; **B** Lynley Jenkins / Lindell Day / Lesley Sutherland / Philip Roberts; **C** Fiona Evans / Charles Rees / Alan Kestenberg / John Lemarchand; **TOOWONG PAIRS:** [Director – Alan Gibson] **A:** 1 Alan Smith / John Luck; 2 Alan Corkhill / Ralph Parker; **B** 1 Deanne Gaskill / Dewi Eastman; 2 Fay Jeppesen / John Henderson; **C** 1 Bill Thomson / Bernard Gama Silva; 2 Carmel Dwan / Tricia Merefield

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