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## Bridge with Richard Ward

At the recent World Championship Rosenblum Cup held in Wroclaw, Poland, two occasional partners and international stars, Andrew Robson and Zia Mahmood faced off against each other.

		<b>NORTH</b>		<b>S/ EW VUL</b>
		♠	10	
		♥	A Q 5	
		♦	A J 10 4 2	
		♣	A 10 4 3	
<b>WEST</b>				<b>EAST</b>
♠	A 5 4 3 2	♠	J 8 6	
♥	J 2	♥	10 7	
♦	K 8 5 3	♦	9 7 6	
♣	8 6	♣	K J 7 5 2	
		<b>SOUTH</b>		
		♠	K Q 9 7	
		♥	K 9 8 6 4 3	
		♦	Q	
		♣	Q 9	
		[Zia]		

The bidding at Zia's table was sedate as they settled in four hearts. West led the eight of clubs won by East's king. Later on, when South played the queen of diamonds, West understandably but mistakenly covered, so that was twelve tricks.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH [Robson]
			1H
1S	2S	PASS	3H
PASS	4C	DBL	4H
PASS	6H	ALL PASS	

Despite South's minimum responses after opening, North was undeterred and carried Robson all the way to slam. The eight of clubs was led so he rose with the ace, crossed to hand with the king of hearts and successfully ran the queen of diamonds. Back to dummy with a trump then the ace of diamonds pitching the club loser and a diamond ruff which failed to bring down the king. Now, knowing that West held the ace of spades, he led the spade seven towards the ten. It mattered not who had the jack, his spades could be established via a ruffing finesse. Well played!

**INGHAM HINCHINBROOK PAIRS** [Director – Charlie Georgees] 1 Margaret Azar / Sonja Ramsund; 2 Nina Doyle / Ian Leach; **B** William Van Bakel / Gideon Azar; **C** Kate Gargan / Patricia Ottone;  
**SUNSHINE COAST PAIRS** [Director – Peter Busch] 1 Lyn & Jim Martin ; 2 Rosemary Crowley / Richard Perry; **B** Sarah Huntington-Wynne / Tim Sayer; **REDLANDS PAIRS** [Director – Alan Gibson] 1 Ian Afflick / Paul Collins; 2 Pam Schoen / Phil Hale; **B** Geoff Saxby / Sameer Pandya; **SANCTUARY COVE PAIRS** [Director – Chris Snook] **NOVICE** 1 Robyn Kronenberg / Deb Carroll; 2 Elizabeth & David Ward; **UNDER 500** 1 Martin Wu / Eugene Pereira; 2 Mary Simon / Kevin Hamilton-Reen