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### Bridge with Richard Ward

Two Australian teams were decided last week, all from New South Wales: **WOMEN'S** Helena Dawson – Wei Zhang – Avril Zets – Kinga Moses – Nazife Bashar – Catherine Zhang; **SENIORS** Gabi Lorentz – Stephen Burgess – Robert Krochmalik – Paul Lavings – David Beauchamp – Avinash Kanetkar. They will be playing in Marrakech, Morocco in August.

**JUNIOR SQUAD TRIALS:** Joshua Tomlin (SA) – David Gue (SA); George Bartley (SA) – Jack Luke-Paredi (QLD); Sebastian Langdon Macmillan (QLD) – Tomer Libman (NSW). Great to see some Queenslanders doing so well.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠ Q 5			
♥ 2			
♦ K 9 8 5			
♣ A J 10 9 8 3			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ 8 7 6 3		♠ A J 10 9 2	
♥ Q 9 7		♥ K J 10 4 3	
♦ A 6		♦ 2	
♣ Q 7 6 2		♣ K 5	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠ K 4			
♥ A 8 6 5			
♦ Q J 10 7 4 3			
♣ 4			
<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
		1S	2D
2S	5D	ALL PASS	

North may have thought that a five diamond contract would be a good sacrifice against a possible East-West game but, when the shapely dummy appeared, eleven tricks seemed surprisingly possible. When the opponents have bid to game with few points a trump lead is usually best so as to cut down on declarer's ruffing capability. So West started with ace and another diamond. Declarer realised that, with only two heart ruffs available, the club suit needed to provide one more trick for a heart discard. Next came the ace of clubs and a club ruff followed by the winning play of the spade king. East was powerless. If the spade king was taken, there would be sufficient entries to establish the clubs. If it was ducked, a heart would be ruffed in dummy and the spade loser would be discarded on the jack of clubs as West won the queen. Well played!

**QCBC GRADED PAIRS** [Director – Alan Gibson]: **A** 1 Yolanda Carter / Peter Evans; 2 Edward Perera / Joyce O'Brien; **B** 1 Kate Macdonald / Ben Leung; 2 Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis; **NOVICE** 1 Louise & Stephen Bennett; 2 Carolyn North / Peter Fredericks