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Bridge with Richard Ward

The trials for the 2023 Queensland Open Team concluded last weekend after four intense days and more than 200 hands. The star pair, Kim Morrison and Andy Braithwaite, led all the way to a very convincing win. Second place went to Alison Dawson and Peter Evans with third going to Pam and Jim Evans. The reserve pair is Andrew Woollons and Richard Fox.

The ABF teams for the 18th World Team Youth Championships, to be held in Veldhoven Netherlands on 31 July – 7 August 2023 are: **U26 team:** David Gue – Joshua Tomlin, Sebastian Langdon Macmillan (QLD)– Tomer Libman, Damon Flicker – Seb Wright, Mike Doecke (non-playing captain); **U21 team:** Jack Luke-Paredi (QLD) – George Bartley, Lara Topper – Jacob Rose, Alex Goss – Bertie Morgan, Rebecca O'Reilly (non-playing captain).

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			2NT
PASS	6NT	ALL PASS	

West led the ten of hearts. Declarer counted eleven sure winners, with decent prospects of an extra trick in both minors. So, declarer took the lead in dummy with the king of hearts and then played the ace and queen of clubs then the king and ace of diamonds. This was not all bad news however, revealing that East had nine cards in the minor suits and four in hearts and spades. All five major suit winners were cashed ending in dummy whilst carefully watching East's club discards. Declarer knew that, if East threw two clubs, then the king and ten of clubs would be winners. When East threw one card from each minor, he was left with the queen of diamonds and jack-seven of clubs. So, declarer called for dummy's nine of diamonds. East won the trick and then had to concede the last two tricks to dummy's king and ten of clubs.

SUNSHINE COAST TEAMS [Director – Peter Busch] **A** 1 Kate Macdonald / Ben Leung / Paul Collins / Ian Afflick; 2 Gabrielle Elich / Fay Stanton / Tony Walford / Judith Slade; **B** 1 Debbie & Gary Gibbards / Vesna & Voyko Markovic; 2 Pauline Clayton / Tricia Merefield / Saad Boctor / Julie Pigdon