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### Bridge with Richard Ward

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1H	3S
PASS	4S	ALL PASS	

West led the two of hearts, an obvious singleton. Declarer took this with the ace of hearts and led the jack of trumps to East's ace; East then played the king of hearts. The first declarer ruffed this with the nine of trumps. However, West overruffed this with the ten and returned a diamond to dummy's king and East's ace. The queen of hearts was not a pleasant sight. Declarer ruffed this with the queen of trumps and then cashed the king of trumps. East's discard of a low heart was a disappointment and West's eight of trumps was the setting trick. This result could have been avoided, as the other declarer demonstrated. The three of diamonds was discarded on the king of hearts and the next heart was ruffed with the nine of trumps. West overruffed, but that was the last defensive trick. The diamond return was ruffed and trumps were drawn. That was ten tricks – five trumps, a heart and four clubs.

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The Victor Champion Cup will be held at the Mooney Vally Racecourse in Melbourne starting next week. This is a popular ABF-licensed gold point congress. The substantial number of pairs wishing to play in some of the events has meant that late entries are now on a waiting list. Meanwhile in Brisbane, the Queensland Butler Pairs will be held at the Northern Suburbs Bridge Club next weekend.

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