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Bridge with Richard Ward

The Australian Interstate Teams was won by NSW [Michael Courtney, David Wiltshire, James Coutts, Nigel Rosendorff, Peter Buchen, David Fryda (NPC)] from ACT [David Appleton, Brad Coles, Christy Geromboux, Sebastian Yuen, Peter Reynolds, George Kozakos, Stephen Fischer (NPC)] 126-74. For Queensland, the Seniors team came within a whisker of reaching the finals and so ended up in 3rd place as did the Youth Team. The Interstate Pairs was won by Paddy Taylor and Zac Ross from Pamela and Jim Evans - a Queensland double.

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1NT
3H	6NT	ALL PASS	

How was declarer to make twelve tricks in notrumps? There were ten top tricks and an eleventh was available in the heart suit. If the diamonds were to break 3-3, there would be twelve easy tricks. The problem was to overcome the given layout, when East began with four diamonds. After winning the spade lead in hand, declarer advanced the five of hearts. What could West do? If the ace of hearts was played, declarer would then have two heart winners and the contract. When West played low and dummy's king of hearts won the trick, declarer then cashed the three top diamonds, discovering that East did indeed have a diamond stopper. However, a diamond could now be conceded to East who had only black-suit cards remaining. Declarer made two spades, one heart, four diamonds and five clubs.

BUNDABERG CONGRESS [Director – Chris Snook]: **PAIRS** 1 Helen Manzau / Peter Gordon; 2 Lydia George / Betty Theodore; **B** 1 Trevor Galletly / Selwyn Nitschke; 2 Anna Irminger / Eugenie Moonie; **C** 1 Cathy McKenzie / Michele Rau; 2 Veronica Cullen / Alanna Waugh; **TEAMS** 1 Jan Randall / Karen Le Roux / Adrian Lohmann / Don Cameron; 2 Judy Zeller / Elizabeth Zeller / Selwyn Nitschke / Trevor Galletly; **B** 1 Veronica Cullen / Alanna Waugh / Fran Martin / Pam Carmody; 2 Kerri Grant / Anne Portess / Sylvia Mason / Barbara Studholme.
