



### BEST DEFENDED HAND

Peter Gill and Ian Casselton (Australia)

Love All. Dealer North

|                                    |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                    | ♠ 76<br>♥ 943<br>♦ 107653<br>♣ A43 |                                    |
| ♠ AK5<br>♥ Q10762<br>♦ K82<br>♣ J8 |                                    | ♠ J932<br>♥ 85<br>♦ J4<br>♣ KQ1096 |
|                                    | ♠ Q1084<br>♥ AKJ<br>♦ AQ9<br>♣ 752 |                                    |

|                                  |                                      |                               |                                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| West<br><i>Ian<br/>Casselton</i> | North<br><i>Graham<br/>Horscroft</i> | East<br><i>Peter<br/>Gill</i> | South<br><i>Mike<br/>Fletcher</i> |
|                                  | Pass                                 | Pass                          | 1♠                                |
| All Pass                         |                                      |                               |                                   |

This was the first hand of the first match. Mike Fletcher, representing the Young Chelsea against Australia and playing four card majors and a weak no-trump, opened one spade, passed out.

West led his fourth best heart round to declarer's jack, the only friendly thing the Australians did on this hand. Fletcher played the ace and king of hearts, ruffed by East, who switched to a purposely misleading nine of clubs (Gill did not want declarer to play the jack from jack to three). Fletcher won the club in dummy and took a losing diamond finesse. Casselton returned the jack of clubs, overtaken by Gill, who played a third club, Casselton throwing a diamond. This was the position:

|                              |                               |                              |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                              | ♠ 76<br>♥ -<br>♦ 10765<br>♣ - |                              |
| ♠ AK5<br>♥ Q10<br>♦ 8<br>♣ - |                               | ♠ J93<br>♥ -<br>♦ J<br>♣ 106 |
|                              | ♠ Q1084<br>♥ -<br>♦ A9<br>♣ - |                              |

Gill now played a fourth club, ruffed in dummy while Fletcher and Casselton both discarded diamonds. A diamond to the ace was ruffed by Casselton who played the ace of spades and exited with a heart. Fletcher was left with the queen and ten of spades and misguessed by playing the queen to try and pin the jack. He ended two down and Australia went on to win the match 47-13.