

WARWICK BRIDGE CLUB

Dealer: N **Vul:** Nil

NORTH	
♠	8
♥	9
♦	J965
♣	AKQ10985
WEST	EAST
♠	QJ932
♥	4
♦	Q42
♣	J764
SOUTH	
♠	K4
♥	AK8752
♦	AK1083
♣	--



*GNOT Zone finals. Pat and Mavis playing a
Dalby pair.*

Last weekend I had the privilege of captaining a Warwick team (Tony Hinde, Pat Kelly, Mavis Simpson and myself) which competed in the Darling Downs Zonal Finals of the Grand National Open Teams. Our team finished less than one 1% short of second place. We are the reserve team to compete at the next level if one of the top two teams is unable to play. Our most spectacular result came on Board 15 in the afternoon session.

The bidding proceeded with Tony (South) opening with a quiet 1H, to which I replied 2C. After Tony had bid 3D, I decided that it was time to jump to 5C. Tony, with no clubs, must have had nerves of steel to leave me there. East helpfully led the Ace of spades, thereby promoting the King. The play then was straightforward. Dummy was entered with a top heart and the King of spades was cashed. There was still a club to lose, but six clubs, one spade and the Ace-Kings in the red suits came to eleven tricks and plus 600.

At the away table, South unwisely reached 6H, which teammate Pat happily doubled. Declarer won only eight tricks for a penalty of 1100. This gave our team 17 IMPs, enough to swing this match our way. Surprisingly, of the twelve times this board was played, only four players settled in 5C. Of these only two succeeded.

Results

Monday, 17/08/26 (3-table Howell): P. Kelly J. Rose (60.0) 1; J. Loy S. Head (53.3) 2.

Friday, 21/08/26 (3½-table Howell): P. Kelly N. McGinness (58.6) 1; H. Price R. Hart (52.5) 2; N. Bonnell T. Hinde (52.1) 3.