

National Congress 2018 Daily Bulletin 3

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Winners of the New Zealand Pairs 2018

Liam Milne and James Coutts



Congress Noticeboard

Session Times – Tuesday

Session 1 - 10.30 am Session 2 - 1.15 pm Session 3 - 7.45 pm

Session Times – Wednesday

Session1 – 9.30 am Session 2 – 2 pm Evening – no play

New Zealand Teams

Entries must be in by 9.30 am this morning. Thereafter, a list of HUM teams will be posted on the noticeboard and copies of HUM systems in use will be available from the desk. Players are STRONGLY encouraged to collect a system colour coding dot from the Congress Desk and to attach it to their system card. IT IS MANDATORY TO COLOUR CODE FOR YELLOW AND RED SYSTEMS AND FOR THOSE WITH BROWN STICKER CONVENTIONS.

Colour definitions

Green – natural **Blue** - strong club **Red** - all others except HUMS. **Yellow** – HUM

Any system with a Brown Sticker convention is automatically red or yellow

Discourtesy in the NZ Teams

Once again, "Discourtesy in the Teams" report forms will be available. These are stored in the hand record archive racks. If an opposing team is late to the table or is otherwise discourteous, please complete one of these forms and give it to a director. They will be passed on to the recorder who will act on them as he deems appropriate **Will the following please call at the Congress desk to collect prizes.**

Back to the Future 2nd to 4th

NZ Pairs 2nd to 6th

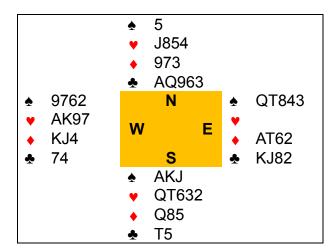
Rubber - all except winners

NZ Pairs Plate 2nd and 3rd

Congress Pairs 2nd to 4th Open Restricted Pairs – 2nd to 5th

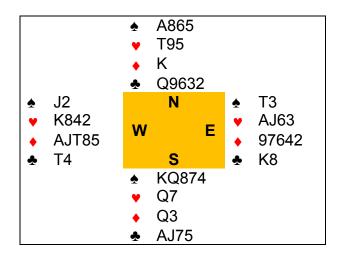
The Start Of The Final

The overnight board showed Liam Milne and James Coutts leading from Michael Courtney and Paul Wyer with a fairly tightly bunched pack chasing.



Last year's champions Julie Atkinson and Patrick Carter faced off against past Pairs winner Kieran Crowe Mai and his partner Matthew Raisin. Board 1 saw a competitive auction with Kieran, Julie and Matthew bidding hearts before Patrick won out in 4♠. Looking at Kieran's hand, sitting behind the 1♠ opener and facing a partner prepared to bid at the 3 level, a double didn't seem impossible but Kieran decided to let Patrick play undoubled. There wasn't much to the play as the ♣A was in a friendly place and Patrick was then able to find the ◆Q. However, Kieran's spades couldn't be overcome and that was one off. This not an uncommon result and the matchpoints were split 15 to Kieran and 11 to Patrick. A double from Kieran would have moved them into a tied top. Meanwhile Matt Brown and Steve Barron were facing off against Australian visitors Warren Lazer and Pauline Gumby Steve played the spade game for the same result.

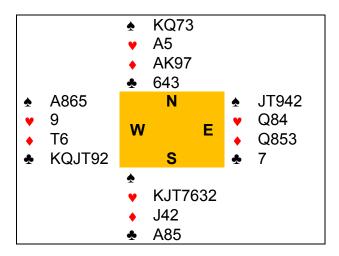
Big winners on the hand were overnight 1st and 2nd. Leaders Milne/Coutts shared a top (25mps) for doubling 4♠ while Courtney/Wyer reduced the deficit by one for doubling 4♥, beating it 3 and scoring all 26.



Board 2 saw Patrick make an advance sacrifice to good effect. Kieran opened 1♠ and Julie overcalled 2♠. 3♠ from Matthew drew a 5♦ call from Patrick. Nobody doubled which again, to this observer at least, seems a little reticent. The contract was down at trick 3 after spade, spade club. The heart finesse failed and with the inevitable trump loser that was 3 down for an excellent board to Patrick and Julie against North-South's spade game. Indeed, it was all 26 as -150 not only scored against the spade game but also against those who pulled up in part score but still score 170. Board 2. Warren led the T Clubs at trick 1. This brought in the suit, and after drawing trump, Matthew discarded one of his losing Hearts on the clubs, Making 5. This was worth a healthy 20 out of 26. The big winners were Fisher / Masters who claimed the lot for doubling 5♦ and beating it 4.

Patrick and Julie moved on to play Swedish visitor Martin Lőfgren and

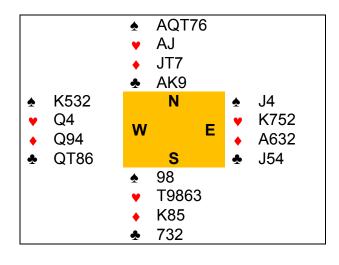
previous Pairs champion Richard Solomon, this time occupying the North- South seats.



Patrick and Julie cruised to the obvious heart game, disdaining a club intervention from Richard. Deepfinesse can make 5 but in the real world there doesn't seem to be any reason to get the hearts right and Patrick made 10 tricks. This was mediocre minus as some did solve the heart suit and there were some misadventures as well. For instance:

South opened 3H, Justin Mill doubled (?) and North bid 4 . Michael Ware bid 4♠, and the opener with a void in Spades bid 5♥. Justin doubled again and led ♣K. A diamond to the Ace and the &K looking for a Club discard followed. Justin took his ♠S, won another Club trick, but the third was ruffed, and a Heart to the Ace and a Heart finesse won. Declare drew trump, and discarded his losing Diamond on the ♠Q. Making 5! +650 was only worth 22 as Crowe Mai/ Raisin and Ranson / McMahon both tickled up 4♠ and took it for 800. The other big winner was the Stuckey / Palmer combination who defended a rather optimistic 6 v contract and took it 2 shy for all 26.

Onto board 4



After a Precision Club opening and 1. response, 1♠ from opener was passed out. A club lead to the Queen and Ace. Then a Diamond towards the King, but Michael rose with the Ace, and played the &J. Happily partner had the ten! Declarer exited with his last Club. Justin won and switched to a low Heart. The Ace won, and he exited with ▼J. Michael thought about playing the King, but eventually played small, Justin won the Queen, and partially end played, led a Spade. Michael won the Jack and tried the effect of the ♥K. Declarer ruffed while Justin threw a diamond, keeping the thirteenth club for his exit card. When he won the ♠K, declarer claimed.

Julie played the hand in 1♠ looking as if she were desperate to have the defence open the trump suit. She received a club lead to the Queen and Ace and the next 8 tricks were all in the off-suits. Finally, at trick 9, with nothing left except 5 spades she led one and emerged with 7 tricks.

1♠ making one was only worth 6 as many made 8 tricks. The big winners were Gumby / Lazer and Ransom / McMahon who both found a 9th trick somewhere to take 25 each.

To Bid Or Not To Bid – Once Each Should we compete for the part score, or should we try for game? We pass, NV, with

▲JT843 **♥**Q987 **◆---- ♣**Q865

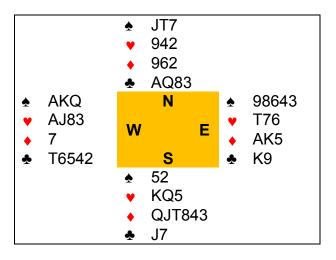
We pass, and the bidding proceeds 1NT (12-14) pass, pass back to us. Well we know partner has at least 11 points, (they have a maximum of 24 points), surely we can find a fit in the Majors? It won't be good if they hold a 6 card Diamond suit, and couldn't bid over 1NT. We bid 2 Clubs for the majors, partner bids 2Diamonds, equal length, we hope. We bid 2S, and after consideration partner invites with 3S. We pass with alacrity, and little else. Dummy goes down with

♠Q62 **♥**KJ2 **♦**A983 **♣**A93

And we get the &J lead. We try to reverse the dummy, but at the end of the day go one light for a 15% board. Should we protect? Yes. Should we try for game? Only at teams vul. At pairs a plus is a plus.

It's All Very Well...

It's all very well having a system, but one should sometimes vary from it, if the hand is not in the right sphere. Playing Precision, Board 23 was a classic example.



We held a quick poll, what to open with the West hand? Most felt that 2 Clubs did not do justice to the hand, and the bid should be 1 Diamond, with all the strength in the majors. (Mr. Ware offered 1NT, no comment from here.)

At the table we were watching, the bidding started

West	North	East	South
			Р
2♣	Р	2♦	X
2♥	3♦		

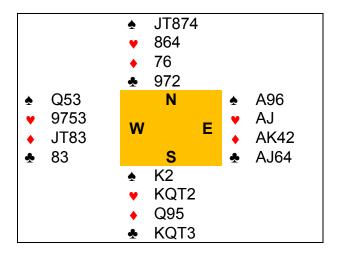
2♣ - Less than 16, 6 clubs or 5 clubs and 4 of a major

2♦ - please clarify

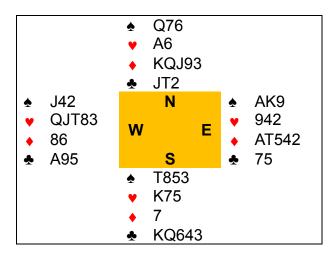
Not a very nice contract, going 1 light, Spades never mentioned. What do our readers who play Precision think?

Frustration

Bob Hurley held a very nice hand: ♠ A96 ♥AJ ♦AK42 ♣AJ64 He was in 4th seat and watched the auction begin INT (strong), pass, 2 (transfer) - well what do you bid. A takeout double is surely going to get a heart response and 2NT with a strong no trump sitting over you looks insane. Anyway, who knows it's unlikely but they might get overboard. So Bob passed. Opener dutifully called 2♠ and this came back to Bob. All the same arguments, except the last still apply, so with some frustration Bob passed it out. And virtue was its own reward. 12 times East - West declared a contract. There were 2 scores of +140 and 1 of +120. The remaining 9 went for a total of 3400 (yes, 3400). The layout



There was a different form of frustration for Chris Ackerley and Mike Pemberton on this one:



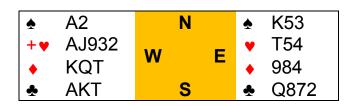
Mike, North, declared 1NT and received the lead of the ◆4, covered by the 7, 8 and 9. Mike returned the ◆K to the Ace while pitching the ♠3 from dummy. East persisted with the ◆2 and the trick was completed with the ♣3, ♥3 and ◆3 – a total of just 11 pips. That's pretty cheap but the frustration arose when it was realised that West could have reduced the total to 10 by pitching the ♠2 instead of the pip-heavy ♥3.

Unknown(?) or Dlsregarded(?) Law

In my view, the least understood and most abused Law in the game is that relating to unauthorised information. The Law states

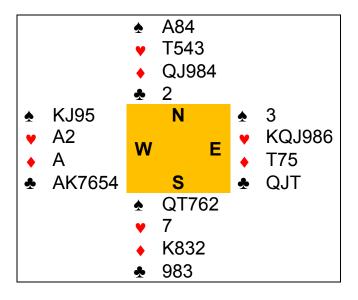
73C. Player Receives Unauthorized Information from Partner 1. When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, such as from a remark. question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, an unexpected alert or failure to alert, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information [see Law 16B1(a)]. 2. A penalty may be assessed against a player who violates C1, but if the opponents have been damaged, see also Law 16B3.

(Please excuse the revolting Americanism of "unauthorized" but I kopied this off the web, where nobody kan spell (much like your editors) In my experience this Law is honoured far more frequently in the breach than in the observance. A common response when this situation arises is for the player to say "I was always going to do that." But that is not what the Law requires (even leaving aside the possibility that that statement is merely self-serving). Consider these two. The first came up on Sunday when the East-west hands were:



After 2 passes West opened an 18+ 1♣ and next hand put in a 1♥ Suction bid which showed either spades or the minors. East passed showing 4 to 6 and South called 1♠ - pass or correct. West passed which was systemically game forcing though East had forgotten this. North was happy to play 1♠ so he passed the ball to East. Both the major bids had been alerted but not asked about at the time. Now East was athirst for information. Armed with the explanations he bid 1NT, thinking it to be natural. West alerted and now East woke up. West bid 2♣ - remember, she thinks she's in a game forcing situation and East has a Law 73 problem. He has been given unauthorised information by his partner's alert that's the only way he knows that it's a game force - he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information. Partner's 2. bid isn't explicit in the system but absent discussion it is probably natural. So East bit the bullet and passed – knowing full well that partner could have 7 hearts and a club void. And then the sun came out, 2. made 3 while the games were going down on an unfriendly layout and East-West had a 75% board...

Now turn the coin over and look at this one from Saturday.



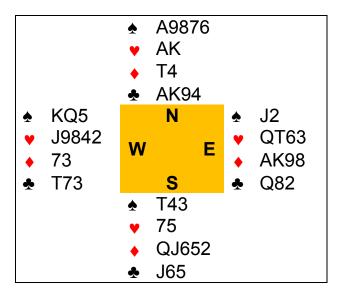
East opened a multi and West enquired with 2NT. East replied 3♠. At this point, South was considering a lead directing double and asked what 3♠ was. He was told that it was definitely spades but West couldn't remember if it was weak or strong. Knowing that there were spades in East, South passed and West (look at her hand and remember she thinks East has 6 spades) not unnaturally reached for Keycard. East knows that her partner has misinterpreted because of the response to South's question and that is the only way she knows that. So she should carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information. Did she? Well. no! She called 6♥ over 4NT which is equivalent to holding up a sign saying "Partner, you *******, you've got it wrong, I've got hearts."

6 ▶ made 7 without a spade lead for +1010. Well actually, it made -100 when the director ruled -100 after adjusting the score for a blatant infraction of Law 73. Personally, I'm of the opinion that East was lucky, correction very lucky, to avoid a disciplinary penalty as well.

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There Must Be A Reason

Why a relatively young pair can win the NZ Pairs in such convincing fashion. Perhaps these 3 hands will give you a clue.

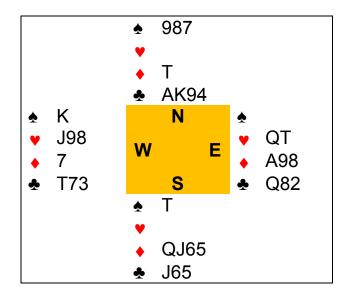


Liam Milne played 3♠ from North after this auction:

West	North	East	South
			Р
Р	1♠	Χ	2♠
3♥	X	Р	3♠

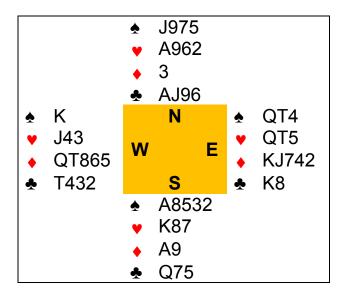
The defence started with the ◆K and then the spade Jack which Liam allowed to score. The spade continuation went to the Queen and Ace.

Liam cashed 2 high hearts and exited a diamond to endplay East in this situation



If East plays a heart it concedes a ruff sluff while a club solves that suit. Finally a diamond means West has to ruff and the ♠T will give access to dummy's diamonds.

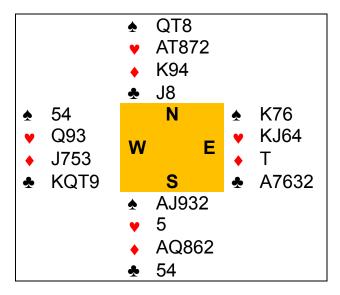
James is in the spotlight on the next:



Patrick Carter opened 1NT as East and 2 passes saw Liam make a 2♣ takeout manoeuvre. James closed proceedings in 4♣. Julie Atkinson led a diamond to the King and Ace. James cashed the trump Ace on which Julie dropped the King, making it manifest that it was, in fact, a singleton. James, therefore, abandoned trumps. He ruffed a diamond and led a small club

towards the Queen. Patrick could take his &K and two trumps but that was all.

James was back at the helm on the next.



A competitive auction ensued:

West	North	East	South	
Р	Р	1♣	1♠	
X	XX	2♥	3♦	
Р	4♠			

James received the lead of the ♣K and the Queen followed. The heart continuation was taken by the Ace and three rounds of spades followed when the finesse succeeded.

Now James had to negotiate the diamond suit. He weighed up his knowledge:

Spades – W2, E3

Hearts – although West had made a takeout double, East was happy enough to bid 2♥ when he didn't have to so it looks like W3, E4 Clubs – if west had had 5 clubs then surely he would have raised clubs rather than doubling so W4, E5

That only leaves space for 1 diamond in East so played a diamond to the Ace and then finessed the 9.



WINES PLAY OF THE DAY

Goes to James for this gem of card reading. If James would call at the Bulletin Office (Seminar 1) we'll be delighted to help him drink it.

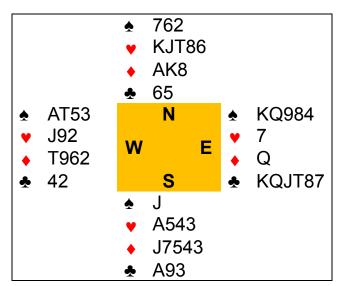


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When It really Matters

The last board of the final was



West dealt and passed. North bid 1♥. East bid 2♥,(Spades and a minor.) South bid 3♠, (a splinter agreeing Hearts), and West doubled to show Spades. Then it got interesting. North bid 4♠, (perhaps for a lead?) and Paul bid 5♠ with his non vul 4 loser hand. This was passed round to James in the North seat, who bid 6♥. Nobody

Knew who could make what, and although 5♠ was going 2 light, for 300, and 6♥ was going 1 light for 200, Liam and James were home as most pairs were allowed to play in 4S or 5S. But just in case 6H was making, Vul, (and it IS only 1 light), Michael bid 6S, which James doubled for 300, and all the match points. The End.



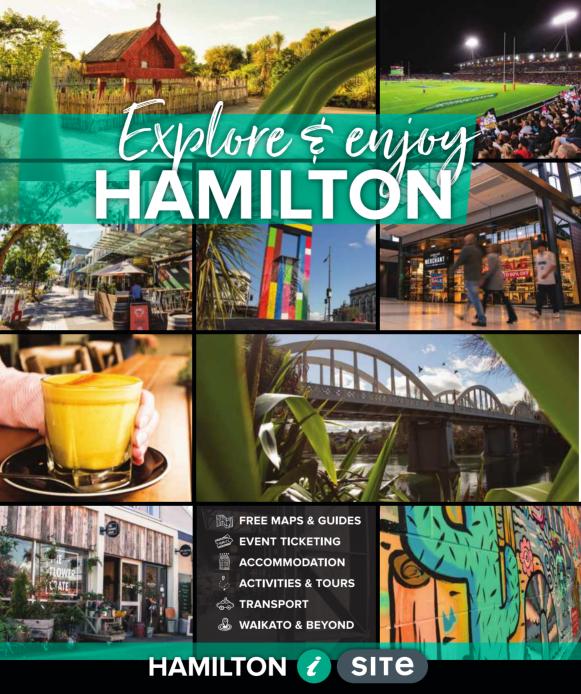


Winners of the New Zealand Pairs Plate were Martin Reid and Peter Newell

NZ Pai	NZ Pairs Final				
Results after 27 rounds					
Place	Result	%	Pair Name		
1	901.3	59.69%	JAMES COUTTS - LIAM MILNE (28)		
2	834.6	55.48%	MICHAEL COURTNEY - PAUL WYER (27)		
3	807.1	56.05%	SAM SIMPSON - JO SIMPSON (9)		
4	801.8	56.05%	KATHY YULE - KENNETH YULE (23)		
5	790.3	56.20%	NICO RANSON - JOHN MCMAHON (19)		
6	787	54.20%	YUMIN LI - ANDREW LIU (6)		
7	774.5	51.99%	JUSTIN MILL - MICHAEL WARE (16)		
8	759.9	53.21%	MATTHEW RAISIN - KIERAN CROWE-MAI (18)		
9	753	50.14%	STEVE BARON - MATT BROWN (22)		
10	741.6	49.07%	JULIE ATKINSON - PATRICK CARTER (11)		
11	738	51.57%	PAULINE GUMBY - WARREN LAZER (7)		
12	737.8	51.21%	BLAIR FISHER - GEORGE MASTERS (17)		
13	732.2	50.07%	WAYNE BURROWS - CLAIR MIAO (4)		
14	729.5	51.78%	PATRICK D'ARCY - GRAEME NORMAN (8)		
15	719	50.57%	SUSAN HUMPHRIES - ELLA PATTISON (13)		
16	716.6	49.22%	MARTIN LOFGREN - RICHARD SOLOMON (20)		
17	709.7	49.36%	MARGARET PERLEY - PAUL FREELAND (12)		
18	706.4	47.58%	JENNY MILLINGTON - BARRY JONES (21)		
19	705.9	48.01%	JEFFERY REN - JAMES YANG (15)		
20	705	48.93%	MICHAEL JOHNSTONE - PAULA GREGORY (1)		
21	692.4	46.15%	JEFF MILLER - GRAEME STOUT (5)		
22	674.3	45.30%	ALAN GRANT - JOHN SKIPPER (10)		
23	672.1	47.15%	SPRING LIN - KEVIN FAN (2)		
24	661.9	44.52%	JIN YAN - WASON ZHOU (26)		
25	649.8	44.87%	NEIL STUCKEY - BARRY PALMER (25)		
26	639.7	44.87%	MINDY WU - KATE TERRY (14)		
27	614	43.73%	SEBASTIAN YUEN - JOHN DAVIDSON (3)		
28	611.4	43.02%	COLIN CARRYER - SANDRA CALVERT (24)		

NZ Pairs	Plate				
Results after 27 rounds					
Place	Result	%	Pair Name		
1	859.3	59.46%	PETER NEWELL - MARTIN REID (22)		
2	821.3	57.37%	JOHN WANG - JETER LIU (26)		
3	799.1	56.59%	PAVLA FENWICK - MAX MORRISON (23)		
4	788	55.13%	IAN BERRINGTON - GRANT JARVIS (8)		
5	778.1	54.31%	JANE LENNON - JANE SKIPPER (15)		
6	771.3	54.55%	DAVID SKIPPER - TIMOTHY SCHUMACHER (1)		
7	762.7	52.10%	GEORGE SUN - DONG HUANG (27)		
8	755.4	53.56%	JENNA GIBBONS - JULIAN FOSTER (18)		
9	750.1	53.04%	WARREN JOHNSON - DEAN SOLE (19)		
10	745.2	51.56%	GARY FOIDL - BRETT GLASS (5)		
11	744.7	51.76%	NOEL WOODHALL - IAN CLAYTON (10)		
12	730.2	51.01%	FIONA TEMPLE - JOHN KRUINIGER (6)		
13	725.1	49.21%	JOHN EVITT - STEVE BOUGHEY (28)		
14	724.7	50.51%	KATE DAVIES - JOHN PATTERSON (4)		
15	714.9	50.79%	BRUCE INGLIS - STEPHEN GOODMAN (14)		
16	706.2	49.58%	CAROL RICHARDSON - ANDI BOUGHEY (25)		
17	701.4	49.06%	ANISIA SHAMI - OWEN CAMP (20)		
18	697.8	48.89%	STEVE GRAY - LINDSEY GUY (9)		
19	697.2	49.11%	VAL GARDINER - PETER GILL (17)		
20	679.5	46.82%	TONY NUNN - MARTIN BLOOM (16)		
21	674.9	46.12%	JUNE LEI - GARY CHEN (11)		
22	666.6	47.45%	CAROL DE LUCA - BEV HENTON (13)		
23	652.9	46.30%	PATSY MCCARTNEY - ANNE BARROWCLOUGH (2)		
24	642.9	44.45%	HANK PING - ALICE YOUNG (21)		
25	638.4	45.26%	CAROLYN YEOMANS - JAN WHYTE (3)		
26	603	42.95%	GREG BUZZARD - HARRY SHEPHERD (24)		
27	598.6	42.33%	PREM SOUNDRA - GEO TISLEVOLL (7)		
28	576.9	40.73%	ALAN DODDRIDGE - JENNY WILSON (12)		

Place	Pair Names	Carry Fwd	Session	Total
1	ANNA KALMA - LYNETTE MORGAN - LESLEY QUILTY - IAN BOND	54.13	112.15	166.28
2	JEFF THOMPSON - NEIL HAWKINS - PETER MCCASKILL - RICHARD LAPTHORNE	54.97	111.28	166.25
3	BILL HUMPHREY - ALAN PARKES - PAUL CARSON - GRAHAM STERN	54.88	109.9	164.77
4	MICHAEL CURRY - ELIZABETH FISHER - PHILIP BEALE - MICHELLE ENGLAND	54.46	109.72	164.18
5	MARK ROBERTSON - JOHN O'CONNOR - PETER HENSMAN - SYLVESTER RIDDELL	56.97	104.51	161.49
6	MALCOLM MAYER - ANDREW MILL - ANTHONY HOPKINS - ANNETTE MALUISH	53.37	105.56	158.92
7	ANNE-MARIE RUSSELL - MARK HANGARTNER - TRACEY LEWIS - PAUL HANGARTNER	53.27	105.56	158.83
8	DONG GAO BI - KC LEE - JOEY CHANG - BRIAN CRAIG	54.4	101.56	155.96
9	DOUGLAS RUSSELL - MIKE PEMBERTON - CHRIS ACKERLEY - GRAHAM WAKEFIELD	58.25	92.88	151.13
10	CHRISTINE WILSON - LINDA CARTNER - FUXIA WEN - GLENIS PALMER	57.59	93.23	150.81
11	RHONDDA SWEETMAN - JILL CHURCH - MURRAY PHILLIPS - MURRAY MCMILLAN	55.98	84.2	140.18
12	TONY REN - KEVIN HU - JEREMY FRASER-HOSKIN - MATTHEW HUGHES	53	85.42	138.42
13	ALAN GEARE - DEBBIE COOPER - PAUL TOMLINSON - TONY WINTERS	53.53	84.03	137.56



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