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 Courier-Mail Bridge Column by Tony Jackman

Victor Champion, a Victorian of English heritage, was Australia's dominant player from the 1930's to the late 50's, when Tim Seres and his NSW teammates became our nation best, The memory of 'Champ' as he was rightly known, is now honoured by an annual national congress in Melbourne. This year's has just finished and, sad to say, our Queensland contingent came home empty-handed. The major event was the open teams for the Victor Champion Cup. Victory went to the young group of G. Harrison, S. Williams, M. Smith and J. Thompson ahead of A. Bach, P. Dalley, M. Mullamphy and Ron Klinger. The Wally Scott Open Swiss Pairs went to T. Nunn/ A. Coutts.

Back to our Sunshine State – last weekend the Queensland Graded Pairs was hosted by the QCBC. Again (relative) youth struck with a good victory going to Peter Evans/ Tony Treloar ahead of Jill Magee/ Terry Strong then Richard Fox/ Andrew Woollons. The event also incorporates our Men's Pairs title – that obviously went to Evans/ Treloar and the Women's Pairs championship, won by seventh placed Bev Stacey/ Alison Dawson.

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WEST		EAST	
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© KQ10932		© J65	
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§ 52		§ J7	
	SOUTH		
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	.. AKJ9865		
	§ AK1093		
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2H	Pass	2S	1D
Pass	Pass	3S	3C
4S	Pass	Pass	4D
Pass	5D	5S	5C
			6D (ends)

The Bridge Encyclopaedia defines a 'Par Result' on a hand as when 'both sides have done as well as possible'. That is certainly not when either side achieves that side's best possible score. Today's hand, from recent club play, is a real freak and had a great variety of auctions and results. Here 'par' would be 7SX (or 7HX). Both make ten tricks for -500. N/S can make 7D from either hand. 7C makes from North only – from South a diamond lead beats it when East can ruff. In the event 'par' was beaten by most N/S pairs who were allowed to play 6D (or 6C) when E/W failed to find the cheap sacrifice.