# The First Camrose Weekend, January 2016

(Bob and Barry's Excellent Adventure)
By Barry Jones

A long time ago in a bridge club far, far away (well a couple of miles up the A483 anyway), I dreamt of playing for Wales…

The Camrose Trophy (home internationals for Bridge) comprises six teams, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales with the sixth team being fielded by the country scheduled to host the final weekend. With Wales hosting the final weekend this year (4th-6th March in Llandrindod Wells), they were permitted to enter a second (Welsh Bridge Union [WBU]) team as well as their own national team.

After a couple of very intense weekends playing over 200 hands of bridge in the Welsh Premier League, my partner Bob Pitts and I finished 6th in the x-imp rankings and were lucky enough to be selected for the WBU team to play in Dublin in the first weekend of this year's tournament.

We caught a late afternoon flight from Liverpool to Dublin (which took less time than driving from Wrexham to Manchester) and arrived in time to have a team meeting with Captain Patrick ('Jean-Luc') Jourdain : enjoy yourselves, sensible bridge, no silly overbidding etc. was the order of the day.

**Match 1**

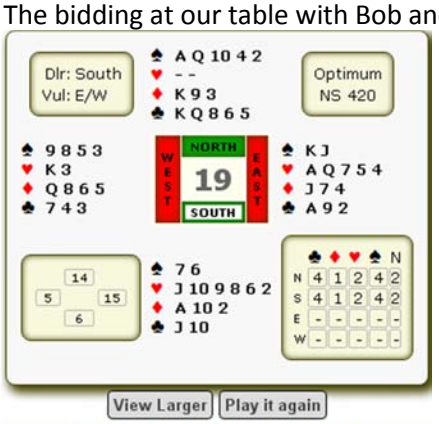
First set, the WBU team were to play team Wales and needed to get off to a good start for confidence building. Patrick thought it best we sit out and watch the first few hands on the Vugraph to experience what was going on. After 16 boards (half a match) a very solid set from our team mates John Salisbury/Mike Tedd and Tim Rees/Gary Jones brought us a healthy lead of 38 imps (45-7). Most of these imps came from two three no trump games, one being made by team WBU and one not being bid by team Wales. However, the biggest single gain for the WBU was from a five spades doubled contract being made when a four spades contract went one off in the other room – all down to the lead. Oooops, 13 imps in for the WBU.

Game on! Bob and I were thrown in for our debuts to partner John and Mike. Some imps dribbled in and out either way and although we ended up losing the set (19-33) our x-imp score was +0.46. We won the match overall (and local bragging rights) 64-40. We were off!

Many people say never try to double guess what is happening at the other table and also not to try and create a swing back if you have a bad board. This is because you never know what is going to happen at the other table where you team mates are playing. Probably the strangest deal of the set was our third board (19 of the 32). The bidding at our table with Bob and I North-South was :

| West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Pass |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

Declarer mistimed the play slightly and went one more off than needed for -1100.




| Board No 19 E/W Vul Dealer South | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deal: Camrose2016W112 | | | | | | | | | |
| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
| 2 | 202 | 3NT* | W | ♦7 | -4 | 1100 | | 56 | -56 |
| 102 | 302 | 2♥* | E | ♥J | -4 | 1100 | | 56 | -56 |
| 3 | 203 | 2NT | E | ♥J | -3 | 300 | | -8 | 8 |
| 1 | 201 | 2♥ | S | ♦8 | = | 110 | | -29 | 29 |
| 103 | 303 | 3♣ | N | ♦4 | = | 110 | | -29 | 29 |
| 101 | 301 | 2♥ | S | ♦8 | -1 | - | 50 | -46 | 46 |

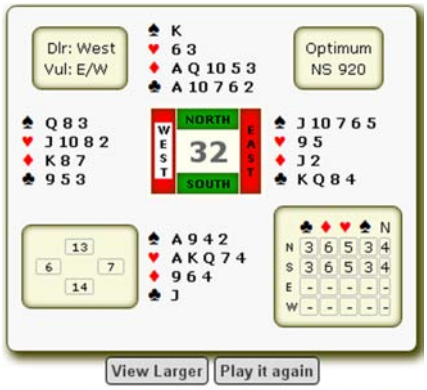
A very nice gain. Not!

At the other table Richard Plackett decided that the South hand was worth opening three hearts.

This was passed around to East, John Salisbury, who bid three no trumps. This was promptly doubled and also went for -1100. A flat board!

Bob and I had a nice 10 imp gain by bidding a very thin diamond slam on board 32.

| West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♠ (GF) |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♠ | Pass | 6♦ |

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Board No 32 E/W Vul Dealer West

Deal: Camrose2016W112

| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 102 | 302 | 6♦ | N | ♦J | = | 920 | | 50 | -50 |
| 103 | 303 | 4♥ | S | ♦3 | +1 | 450 | | -7 | 7 |
| 3 | 203 | 4♥ | S | ♦2 | +1 | 450 | | -7 | 7 |
| 101 | 301 | 3NT | N | ♦6 | +1 | 430 | | -12 | 12 |
| 1 | 201 | 3NT | N | ♦J | +1 | 430 | | -12 | 12 |
| 2 | 202 | 3NT | N | ♦3 | +1 | 430 | | -12 | 12 |

East led the spade Jack and Bob realised that the thin slam I had put him in would need some luck and a little planning.

He won in hand, led a heart to the dummy and played a trump to the Queen. When this held he cashed the Ace of diamonds dropping the Jack from East. All it needed now was careful play by Bob and we had our slam. Luck was on our side.

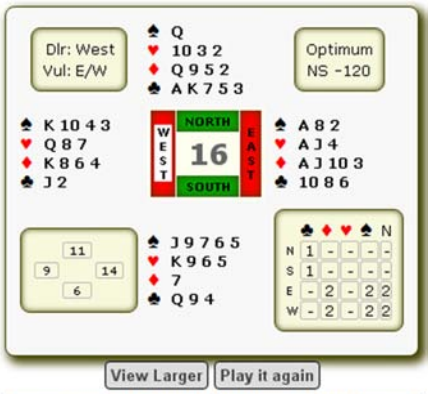
**Final VP score WBU 14.39 – Wales 5.61**

**Match 2**

Scotland on Saturday morning at 10.00 am. Early starts these Camrose matches…

In straight away for boards 1-16, Bob & I were to play against a very experienced Scotland pair of Brian Short & Alan Goodman. Out best gain was when they bid to a poor five diamond contract (after a slight bidding misunderstanding) which we managed to get four off. This combined with the other table score gave us +11 imps.

It seemed a strange set this. Bob only played two hands, one heart making nine for a two imp gain and one spaded making seven for a 9 imp gain. I also only played two hands, two spades one off for a three imp gain and one no trump one off for a five imp gain. This Camrose bridge is easy… Of course, the secret of good teams bridge is having good team mates.




| Board No 16 E/W Vul Dealer West | | | | | | | | | |
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| Deal: Camrose2016W121 | | | | | | | | | |
| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
| 103 | 303 | 4♦ | W | ♣A | -3 | 300 | | 45 | -45 |
| 102 | 302 | 2♣ | N | ♣8 | -1 | - | 50 | -1 | 1 |
| 3 | 203 | 1♦ | W | ♣K | = | - | 80 | -6 | 6 |
| 1 | 201 | 2♥ | N | ♣8 | -2 | - | 100 | -10 | 10 |
| 2 | 202 | 2NT | E | ♦6 | = | - | 120 | -13 | 13 |
| 101 | 301 | 2♦ | E | ♣3 | +2 | - | 130 | -15 | 15 |

The hand above is where Bob played in one spade. Although we play a 14-16 no trump in third seat, I felt this hand (especially vulnerable against not) with no real source of tricks in a 4333 shape was not really worth it's 14 hcp even with two tens to bolster it slightly. I opened the bidding with a lead directing one diamond, Bob responded one spade and I decided to pass this. South with his broken five card spade suit and only a six count was stuck and could say nothing.

As you can see, there is no game on for either side. When Scotland overbid their 23 hcps to four spades on a Moysian fit and drifted three of vulnerable, this resulted in a very nice +9 imps for the WBU.

It just goes to show that you do not have to be in game on every hand. Just making your contract or even sometimes going one off could well lead to a good score for your side.

The first half of the match ended in a very cool 61-17 imp win for team WBU. Bob and Barry were also positive on the x-imps again ☺.

In the second set, the Mike Tedd for WBU managed to play five spades doubled correctly for only -300 while the Scots were pushed to six spades doubled and went an extra trick off for -800. A good start with +11 imps. However, a misunderstanding on a slam hand resulted in the WBU bidding to seven hearts while Scotland played in the making six hearts. That was 17 imps to Scotland. Ouch! Our biggest imp loss on a single board over the whole weekend.

Scotland won the second half of the match 40-39 for a final imp score of 100-57 to the WBU.

**Final VP score WBU 16.69 – Scotland 3.21**

**Match 3**

Bring on the *big boys*, 'Engerlund', who fielded an extremely strong team of professionals that also included former World Junior and European champions.

Bob and I were put in against Andrew Robson and Alexander Allfrey who, along with their team mates, had won (in recent years) the English Premier League and also the very prestigious Gold Cup.

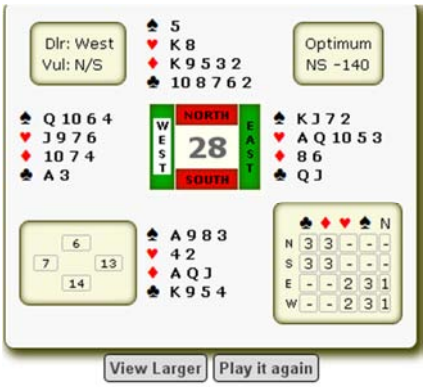
Our largest gain of 9 imps was when Andrew decided to bid a conventional two diamonds over Bob's one no trump opening bid to show diamonds and a Major. Inexplicably, this was left in by his partner who held 3 cards in both Majors and only queen doubleton in diamonds. This drifted three off for +300 while at the other table they bid to four spades on our cards which was one off.

Again, a few imps drifted either way but our main loss of 10 imps was due to a no play four spades game creeping home at the other table. After 16 boards of the match, we were only 4 imps down. That's only a small part score and anything could happen. Time for us to sit out.

Plenty of excitement came in the second set of 16 boards when huge amounts of imps swung.

On one hand England bid to six hearts (on a combined 21 hcp) which drifted two off while the WBU bid only to four hearts and were doubled! This made with an overtrick and resulted in 13 imps to WBU.

This quiet little hand just goes to show, it is not about system, sometimes, it is all about which way up a hand is played and who leads what.




| Board No 28 N/S Vul Dealer West | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deal: Camrose2016W132 | | | | | | | | | |
| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
| 1 | 201 | 4♣ | N | ♥A | = | 130 | | 20.00 | -20.00 |
| 102 | 302 | 3♣ | N | ♦2 | +1 | 130 | | 20.00 | -20.00 |
| 3 | 203 | 4♣ | N | ♥A | = | 130 | | 20.00 | -20.00 |
| 101 | 301 | 4♣ | S | ♥6 | -1 | | - 100 | -15.00 | 15.00 |
| 2 | 202 | 3♥ | E | ♦A | = | | - 140 | -21.00 | 21.00 |
| 103 | 303 | 3♥ | E | ♥5 | +1 | | - 170 | -24.00 | 24.00 |

With WBU North-South, England led the Ace of hearts against four clubs which let ten tricks make. When England were North-South, the WBU led a heart through the King and four clubs was held to 9 tricks. Plus 130 and plus 100 only led to a small 6 imp gain but all these small gains mount up.

When the last board went on the table, the WBU were leading by 2 imps! However when the English declarer, Mike Bell, correctly finessed for the club Queen in a three no trumps contract, a swing of 7 imps to England meant they won the match by 5 imps instead of possibly losing it by 7 imps.

This was the closest any team came to defeating the England team all weekend.

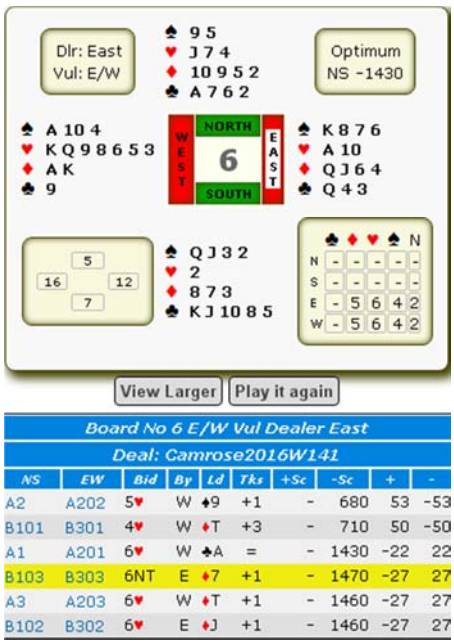
**Final VP score WBU 8.93 – England 11.07**

**Match 4**

And so to Sunday for an 'all Irish' day.

First up were Ireland. Bob and I were again chosen to sit in on the first 16 boards. The match swung on two slam hands. Both very fortunate for the WBU.

| West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1NT[1] | Pass |
| 2♦[2] | Pass | 2♥[3] | Pass |
| 2♠[4] | Pass | 2NT[5] | Pass |
| 3♥[6] | Pass | 3♠[7] | Pass |
| 4NT[8] | Pass | 5♥[9] | Pass |
| 6♥[10] | Pass | 6♠[11] | Pass |
| 6NT[12] | Pass | Pass | Pass |




| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A2 | A202 | 5♥ | W | ♦9 | +1 | - | 680 | 53 | -53 |
| B101 | B301 | 4♥ | W | ♦T | +3 | - | 710 | 50 | -50 |
| A1 | A201 | 6♥ | W | ♣A | = | - | 1430 | -22 | 22 |
| B103 | B303 | 6NT | E | ♦7 | +1 | - | 1470 | -27 | 27 |
| A3 | A203 | 6♥ | W | ♦T | +1 | - | 1460 | -27 | 27 |
| B102 | B302 | 6♥ | E | ♦J | +1 | - | 1460 | -27 | 27 |

These were **MY** thoughts :

1 12-14
2 Transfer to hearts or Game Forcing Relay
3 Not maximum or minimum with four hearts
4 Game Forcing Relay
5 Minimum 12 hcp (I don't know why he bothers asking – I never have a maximum)
6 Natural 4+ card suit, denying a four card minor suit
7 Natural
8 RKCB for Spades
9 Two of the five 'Ace values'
10 ? My Irish screen partner asked about this bid and I informed him it did not exist! It could only possibly be asking if I had any 'extras' in the minor suits, K♣ or K♦ looking for a grand slam.
I also explained that we did have a direct 1NT – 3♥ bid available as a slam try in hearts.
11 I had neither so settled for 6♠.
12 Ah well

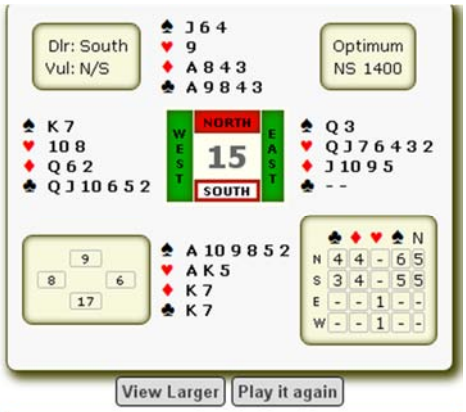
Dummy came down and I thought "*Ooops, that's 4 off if the clubs are 5-4 or 5 off if they are 6-3*". I looked to my left and saw the seven of diamonds. I counted my tricks, Ace and King of diamonds in dummy, Ace of spades, King of spades, Queen and Jack of diamonds and seven heart tricks seemed to make 13 tricks. I counted again, just checked to see if the seven of diamonds was still on the table as the opening lead and said "Sorry chaps, this is a terrible slam and we have been very lucky".

Bob also expressed his regret at bidding the wrong slam. He explained he had tried to find out too much about my hand instead of just using the three hearts bid to suggest a heart slam.

Flat board when opponents correctly bid to six hearts (plus one). We were led to believe that this brought hilarity in the Vugraph room (and much stress to Bob's watching wife, Margaret).

The second slam hand that we gained on was also a trifle fortunate.

| West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1♠[1] |
| Pass | 3♦[2] | Pass | 3NT[3] |
| Pass | 4♣[4] | Dbl[5] | 4NT[6] |
| 6♣[7] | Pass[8] | Pass[9] | 6♠[10] |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |




| Board No 15 N/S Vul Dealer South | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deal: Camrose2016W141 | | | | | | | | | |
| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
| A3 | A203 | 4♠ | S | ♥T | +2 | 680 | | 17 | -17 |
| B101 | B301 | 4♠ | S | ♣Q | +1 | 650 | | 12 | -12 |
| A2 | A202 | 4♠ | S | ♣Q | +1 | 650 | | 12 | -12 |
| A1 | A201 | 4♠ | S | ♣Q | +1 | 650 | | 12 | -12 |
| B102 | B302 | 4♠ | N | ♦J | +1 | 650 | | 12 | -12 |
| B103 | B303 | 6♦ | S | ♣Q | -1 | - | 100 | -65 | 65 |

1 Playing 5 card Majors
2 Showing a 3 card raise in spades
3 A serious slam try in spades
4 Cue bid
5 Please lead a club partner
6 RCKB for spades
7 We have a massive club fit
8 Explained as showing two key cards
9 Well I'm not doubled yet so hearts can wait
10 If partner only has a singleton and East has the Ace, it looks like my King is going to win

Of course the two key cards held by North just ***could*** have been the King of spades and the Ace of diamonds to go along with his ***possible*** singleton club.

Bob duly led a club (as he was going to anyway) and the slam was one off. At the other table the contract was only four spades and the ten of hearts lead let it make 12 tricks when the King and Queen of trumps fell together on the second round of spades. 13 imps to the WBU. Six hearts would have cost -1100 when six spades from South depended on the lead. We could easily have lost 12 imps. Note however, that six spades is rock solid when played from the North hand. I don't know what system you would have to play to supress that six card suit in the South hand to get North to bid spades first though!

The WBU had won the first 16 boards by 37-27 imps. A lead of 10 and Bob and I were positive on the x-imps yet again. Both not feeling 100% well we went and had a quite rest while the next 16 boards were played.

Arriving back just as team mates were to score up, we found we had lost the set by 18-41 imps. The match was lost by a total of 55-68 imps.

The team were doing so well, but all the lead went away on three consecutive hands. Ireland bid a grand slam while the WBU played in a small slam, they also bid a small slam while the WBU played in game and a four spade contract slipped through on a mis-defense.

**Final VP score WBU 7.40 – Ireland 12.60**

However, in the Camrose league table we were still holding on to second place.

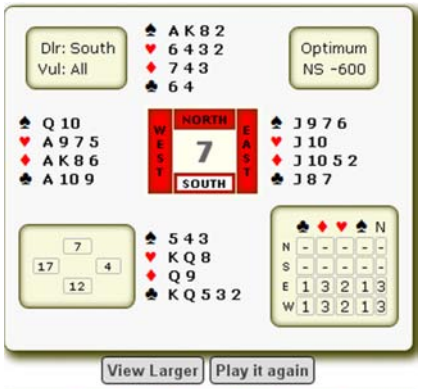
**Match 5**

So, we entered the final match against Northern Ireland.

With three of our team suffering from illness and all of us from tiredness (you would not believe how exhausting concentrating all the time is), Bob and I sat to play against a very experienced David Greenwood and Rex Anderson from Northern Ireland. John and Mike made up the team in the other room.

David had recently had a stroke but played extremely well, as did all the N.I. team who were belying their current wooden spoon placing.

The imps dribbled to Northern Ireland. David (after initially passing) found a speculative double of my five clubs opening bid. Rex passed this and I went two off for -300. I thought this might be a gain because three no trumps was cold from the correct side. However, a similar auction without the double left us with a 5 imp loss.




| Board No 7 Both Vul Dealer South | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deal: Camrose2016W151 | | | | | | | | | |
| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
| 3 | 203 | 1NT | W | ♥5 | +2 | - | 150 | 16 | -16 |
| 103 | 303 | 1NT | W | ♣6 | +2 | - | 150 | 16 | -16 |
| 102 | 302 | 1NT | W | ♥4 | +3 | - | 180 | 12 | -12 |
| 101 | 301 | 1NT | W | ♦A | +3 | - | 180 | 12 | -12 |
| 1 | 201 | 2♥ | N | ♥J | -4 | - | 400 | -21 | 21 |
| 2 | 202 | 2♥* | N | ♥J | -2 | - | 500 | -35 | 35 |

The above hand was a success for the strong no trump. It ended up with a large loss for the WBU.

Rex Anderson opened the south hand one club and Bob overcalled a 15-17 no trump where he made ten tricks. At the other table, a weak 12-14 no trump was opened which was promptly doubled.

Although they had various escape mechanisms, John and Mike could not escape for less than -500. This was a further 8 imps in the out column.

As a matter of style, I might just pass the above South hand when playing a weak no trump vulnerable. No Aces and a poor Queen doubleton. I know, I know, just bid it etc. But those are my thoughts when vulnerable with a poor hand. At pairs it may be a different matter but this is against GOOD players who know what to do.

| | West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ♠K73 | | | | |
| ♥AK6 | | | 1NT | Pass |
| ♦KJ102 | 2♥ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| ♣732 | 3NT | Pass | ?? | |

My dilemma. Well, do you bid four spades or leave three no trumps with the above hand after the bidding shown?

I chose to leave three no trumps which had a very small chance but Rex Anderson correctly switched to clubs when in with the diamond Ace and I was one off. Four spades was cold as Bob had a small doubleton in clubs. Yet another 11 imps to Northern Ireland. It was all going their way.

After 16 boards, we were 2-40 imps down. Our heaviest defeat. Never mind, there were the final 16 boards to go. 'Jean Luc' left Bob and I in to play, this time with Gary and Tim.

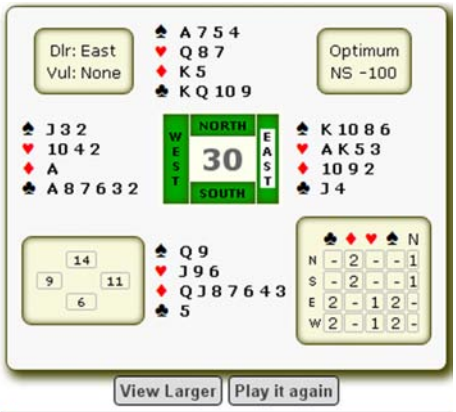
We started by bidding an excellent six hearts, played the correct way up to protect a King, which Bob played extremely well, managing to squeeze out an overtrick for +1460. The Irish stopped in four hearts making only 11 tricks from the wrong hand. This 'swing' of 13 imps could have been 17 imps had then bid to six hearts as well and gone off on the spade lead.

Our luck stopped there though. Four spades one off and two spades making nine was another 5 imps out. A cold four spades bid against Bob and I but missed by Gary and Tim was another 10.

After both opponents pre-empted in spades, a difficult play in five hearts went one off while four hearts was made in the other room. Yet another 10 imps.

Both teams had a chance for a big gain with a 29 hcp heart slam but it was missed in both rooms. It was bid in both rooms of the Ireland-England match for a flat board of a different kind.

When our final board to play of the Camrose came to the table Bob and I knew we were losing heavily. Very little had come our way in the previous 31 boards.

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| Board No 30 None Vul Dealer East | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deal: Camrose2016W152 | | | | | | | | | |
| NS | EW | Bid | By | Ld | Tks | +Sc | -Sc | + | - |
| A2 | A202 | 3NT | N | ♦2 | = | 400 | | 37 | -37 |
| B103 | B303 | 4♣* | W | ♦K | -2 | 300 | | 24 | -24 |
| A1 | A201 | 4♣ | E | ♦Q | -3 | 150 | | 4 | -4 |
| B101 | B301 | 4♣ | W | ♣K | -2 | 100 | | -4 | 4 |
| B102 | B302 | 3♦ | S | ♦2 | -1 | - | 50 | -24 | 24 |
| A3 | A203 | 3♦ | N | ♥K | -3 | - | 150 | -37 | 37 |

For Northern Ireland, Ian Lindsay opened the East hand an 11-14 no trump and with two diamonds being conventional, I decided to jump to three diamonds. Bob knows not to move over this bid but with such a good hand and a 'fit' he chose three no trumps.

I apologised as I put my hand on the table – it was about an Ace short of what he expected (probably the diamond Ace). However, you never know. East began with the three rounds of hearts, Bob unblocking the Queen from hand to win the third round in dummy. He led a diamond from the dummy and this time unblocked the King under the Ace. West mistakenly cashed the Ace of clubs before playing a spade and Bob and soon had an unexpected nine tricks wrapped up. A welcome 10 imps back.

The overall imp score was not good however and we had lost the match 26-95. Northern Ireland had climbed off the bottom of the half time Camrose table leaving Scotland with the half time wooden spoon.

Our adventure was over.

**Final VP score WBU 0.96 – Northern Ireland 19.04**

A message from the far side of the galaxy belied the rumour that 'Jean-Luc' had short arms and deep pockets.  Patrick bought all the team a celebratory drink for finishing second.

Would we have taken this result before playing a card?  **You bloody bet we would**!

So, off to the second weekend in Llandrindod Wells, where runaway leaders (and probable winners) England are to change their whole team while all the remaining places could be occupied by any of the other teams.

The selectors pre –picked the team for the second weekend.  John Salisbury is again to play with Mike Tedd and Gary Jones to play with Tim Rees while the established partnership of Patrick Jourdain and Tony Ratcliffe are to make up the WBU team

I have been lucky enough to be selected as non-playing captain for the WBU team over the second weekend while Bob and Margaret are also hoping to attend and support us all in our attempt to retain second place.

The final Camrose table with all imp and VP scores for the weekend were :

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## Camrose Trophy Weekend One 2016 (hosted by CBAI)

| | Team | England | WBU | Ireland | Wales | N. Ireland | Scotland | Total | Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | England | | 11.07 (70 - 65) | 18.61 (83 - 20) | 19.25 (103 - 31) | 18.05 (104 - 48) | 18.37 (111 - 51) | 85.35 | 17.07 |
| 2nd | WBU | 8.93 (65 - 70) | | 7.40 (55 - 68) | 14.39 (64 - 40) | 0.96 (26 - 95) | 16.79 (100 - 57) | 48.47 | 9.69 |
| 3rd | Ireland | 1.39 (20 - 83) | 12.60 (68 - 55) | | 8.93 (63 - 68) | 18.37 (108 - 48) | 4.90 (43 - 72) | 46.19 | 9.24 |
| 4th | Wales | 0.75 (31 - 103) | 5.61 (40 - 64) | 11.07 (68 - 63) | | 8.33 (55 - 63) | 18.05 (96 - 40) | 43.81 | 8.76 |
| 5th | N. Ireland | 1.95 (48 - 104) | 19.04 (95 - 26) | 1.63 (48 - 108) | 11.67 (63 - 55) | | 4.63 (40 - 71) | 38.92 | 7.78 |
| 6th | Scotland | 1.63 (51 - 111) | 3.21 (57 - 100) | 15.10 (72 - 43) | 1.95 (40 - 96) | 15.37 (71 - 40) | | 37.26 | 7.45 |

| Match 1 | VP | Stanza 1 | Stanza 1 | Total IMPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| IRL V SCO | **4.9 - 15.1** | 28 - 46 | 15 - 26 | 43 - 72 |
| WAL V WBU | **5.61 - 14.39** | 7 - 45 | 33 - 19 | 40 - 64 |
| NI V ENG | **1.95 - 18.05** | 20 - 22 | 28 - 82 | 48 - 104 |

| Match 2 | VP | Stanza 1 | Stanza 1 | Total IMPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ENG V WAL | **19.25 - 0.75** | 44 - 17 | 59 - 14 | 103 - 31 |
| NI V IRL | **1.63 - 18.37** | 18 - 64 | 30 - 44 | 48 - 108 |
| SCO V WBU | **3.21 - 16.79** | 17 - 61 | 40 - 39 | 57 - 100 |

| Match 3 | VP | Stanza 1 | Stanza 1 | Total IMPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WBU V ENG | **8.93 - 11.07** | 23 - 27 | 42 - 43 | 65 - 70 |
| SCO V NI | **15.37 - 4.63** | 44 - 19 | 27 - 21 | 71 - 40 |
| WAL V IRL | **11.07 - 8.93** | 20 - 32 | 48 - 31 | 68 - 63 |

| Match 4 | VP | Stanza 1 | Stanza 1 | Total IMPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NI V WAL | **11.67 - 8.33** | 23 - 27 | 40 - 28 | 63 - 55 |
| ENG V SCO | **18.37 - 1.63** | 36 - 19 | 75 - 32 | 111 - 51 |
| WBU V IRL | **7.4 - 12.6** | 37 - 27 | 18 - 41 | 55 - 68 |

| Match 5 | VP | Stanza 1 | Stanza 1 | Total IMPs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SCO V WAL | **1.95 - 18.05** | 20 - 46 | 20 - 50 | 40 - 96 |
| WBU V NI | **0.96 - 19.04** | 2 - 40 | 24 - 55 | 26 - 95 |
| IRL V ENG | **1.39 - 18.61** | 7 - 32 | 13 - 51 | 20 - 83 |

| Teams | Players |
|---|---|
| England | Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Mike Bell, David Gold, David Bakhshi, Tony Forrester (David Burn) |
| WBU | Tim Rees, Gary Jones, John Salisbury, Mike Tedd, Bob Pitts, Barry Jones (Patrick Jourdain) |
| Ireland | Ciaran Coyne, Donal MacAonghusa, Enda Glynn, David Walsh, Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann (Gay Keaveney) |
| Wales | Paul Denning, Adrian Thomas, Richard Plackett, Mike Pownall, Simon Richards, Julian Pottage (Alan Stephenson) |
| N. Ireland | Rex Anderson, David Greenwood, Ian Lindsay, Robin Burns, Helen Cole, Tyrone Currie (Ian Hamilton) |
| Scotland | Brian Short, Alan Goodman, Sam Punch, Stephen Peterkin, Phil Stephens, Frazer Morgan (Derek Sanders) |

**Match Manager: Paul Porteous, Asst Match Manager: Valerie Mathers, Scoring: Mairéad Basquille, BBO: Eamon Galligan, Appeals: Peter Goodman, TD: Fearghal O'Boyle**

Pictured below are the WBU team who played in the first weekend in Dublin.

**Team WBU**

Left to Right :

Tim Rees, Barry Jones, Patrick Jourdain (npc), Bob Pitts, Gary Jones, Mike Tedd, John Salisbury