

AUSTRALIA at the 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in MONTE CARLO

These reports now cover the Finals and the Transnational Open Teams. Datums shown below.

Online Vugraph is at www.bridgebase.com and perhaps at www.e-bridgemaster.com.

TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS

74 teams. Four teams will make the semi-finals, I believe. Results after 2 matches:

VPs Place

37	15	NZ	T. Jacob - R. Jedrychowski, S. Burgess- A.Bach, M.Cornell - M. Mayer
19	65	ENG/AUS	C. Gregson team including Ishmael Del'monte and Rob Fruewirth
31	38	ENG/AUS	H. Dhondy team including T. Antoff
13	=72	AUS	M. Scudder, I. Glanger, B. Folkard - R. Kaplan, L. Kalmin - E. Urbach
20	64	AUS	P.Crittler, P.Evans, J & E Quittner

Interesting highly rated teams include Lavazza (44th), Miroglio (7th), Milner (16th) and Jacobs (60th), all of which include superstars who played in our NOT in recent years.

BERMUDA BOWL

Australia: Ishmael Del'monte - Rob Fruewirth (D-F), Bobby Richman - Matthew Thomson (R-T), Theo Antoff - Al Simpson (A-S), non playing captain John Roberts.

Australia qualified in 6th place out of 22 and lost to Italy in the Quarter Final.

Qualifiers in order: Italy, USA1, Poland, Norway, Ch Taipei, Aus, Bulgaria, USA2 (by 1 VP).
Non-qualifiers included: Canada, Indonesia, China, Sweden (big surprise) and NZ (16th).

Datums are on the Monte Carlo Website's Results Page now. They suggest that A-S played 9 matches for Australia (10 according to line-ups below) and D-F played 15 matches (14 from line-ups below).
1st: A Spanish pair, 2nd A-S +0.83 Imps per board from 144 boards, 11th D-F +0.52 from 224 boards, 13th Bach-Burgess +0.50 240 bds for NZ, 28th R-T +0.07 from 224 boards (but they played a lot as Australia's worst results happened when they sat out), 40th Cornell-Mayer -0.13 224 boards for NZ, 42nd Lauria-Versace -0.13 224 boards for Italy, 43rd Helgemo-Helness -0.13 208 boards for Norway, 61st of 64 J-J 208 bds for NZ.

QUARTER- FINALS - after 96 of 96 boards:

	C/F	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96	Total
Aus	0	24	13	45	49	15	34	180
		RT AS	DF RT	AS DF		RT AS	DF RT	
Italy	6.5	57	77	46	30	57	19	292.5
		LV NF	BD NF	LV BD		LV NF	BD NF	

LV = Lauria-Versace, BD = Bocchi-Duboin, NF = Nunes - Fantoni (2002 World Pairs Champs)

USA1 323 beat Ch Taipei 148, USA2 262 beat Poland 156, Norway 261.5 beat Bulgaria 192.

SEMI-FINALS: USA1 C/F 13.4 vs USA2, and Italy vs their nemesis team Norway who C/F 1.7 IMPs.

Daily Bulletin #3 reports on Australia's Open Round 1 match vs USA1.
 Daily Bulletin #6 reports on Australia's Open Round 12 match vs China.

Round	vs	Score	Total	Place	Line-up	Comments
1	USA1	13-17	13	17/22	DF RT	USA 1 are the second favourites in this event.
2	Spain	24-6	37	4	AS DF	
3	Poland	13-17	50	5	RT AS	
4	Egypt	25-5	75	4	RT DF	
5	Uruguay	25-2	100	1 st	RT AS	
6	S Africa	20-10	120	2	AS DF	
7	Pakistan	9-21	129	3	DF RT	
8	Monaco	16-14	145	3	AS RT	
9	Canada	3-25	148	8	DF AS	Canada's Wolpert - Demuy are in the 2004 NOT.
10	Bulgaria	15-15	163	7	RT DF	
11	Italy	12-18	175	8	DF RT	Italy are the favourites to win.
12	China	10-20	185	10	AS DF	
13	Brazil	19-11	204	8	RT DF	
14	Norway	15-15	219	9	RT AS	Norway are the third favourites.
15	India	16-14	235	9	DF RT	
16	USA2	16.5-12.5	251.5	9	RT AS	Includes fines for 2 minutes of slow play.
17	NZ	23-7	274.5	6	RT DF	
18	Ch Taipei	15-15	289.5	7	DF RT	
19	Indonesia	20-10	309.5	7	RT AS	
20	Bermuda	21-9	330.5	6	RT DF	RT played last 9 matches without losing a match.
21	Sweden	21-9	351.5	6	DF RT	Average 17 VPs per match.

VENICE CUP

Australia: Inez Glanger - Marcia Scudder (G-S), Berri Folkard - Rena Kaplan (F-K),
 Lynn Kalmin - Elli Urbach (K-U), NPC Pauline Evans.

Qualifiers in order: China, USA1, USA2, Neth, Germ, Ch Taipei, Canada, Sweden (no surprises).
 Non-qualifiers included: England, Australia.

Q/F after 96 of 96 boards: China 266 beat Sweden 187, USA1 271.5 beat Ch Taipei 205.5,
 USA2 234 beat Canada 175, Neth 232 beat Germany 195.

SEMI-FINALS: USA1 C/F 9.5 vs USA2, and China vs Neth C/F 1.0 IMPs.

Datums: 1st a USA1 pair from 2nd a Chinese pair, 20th K-U +0.13 IMPs per board from 176 bds,
 36th G-S -0.20 IMPs per board from 192 boards, 37th of 53: F-K -0.24 from 176 boards.

Round	vs	Score	Total	Place	Line-up
1	Venez	6-24	6	15/18	GS FK
2	Indo	19-11	25	13	KU FK
3	China	18-12	43	11	KU GS
4	Nethlds	7-23	50	13	GS FK
5	Italy	12-18	62	12	KU GS
6	England	16-14	78	14	FK KU
7	S Africa	17-13	95	13	GS FK

8	USA1	15-15	110	12	GS	KU	
9	Ch Taipei	12-18	122	15	KU	FK	
10	India	12-18	134	15	FK	GS	
11	Sweden	14-16	148	13	KU	GS	
12	Brazil	20-10	168	12	FK	GS	
13	USA2	6-24	174	14	KU	FK	
14	Germany	4-25	178	16	GS	KU	
15	Egypt	22-8	200	15	GS	FK	
16	Pakistan	11-19	211	13	FK	KU	
17	Canada	8-22	219	16	GS	KU	Average 13 VPs per match.

WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Australia: Ron Klinger - Zoli Nagy (K-N), John Lester - Gabi Lorentz (L-L),
Bill Haughie - Alan Walsh (H-W), npc David Stern.

Won by USA1. Just a round robin. 7th Australia, 2nd France, 3rd USA2, 4th Indonesia.

Daily Bulletin #4 reports on Australia's Round 5 match vs Japan.

Daily Bulletin #9 reports on Australia's Round 13 match vs Israel.

DATUMS: Daily Bulletin #9 includes Seniors Datums which are clearly inaccurate - the datums imply that all three winning USA1 pairs scored lower in the datums than all three USA2 pairs which is impossible even allowing for maximum wins. These inaccurate datums suggest that for Australia, K-N played 240 boards for +0.25 IMPs per board (17th), L-L played 216 boards for +0.04 IMPs per board (23rd) and H-W played 192 boards for +0.02 IMPs per board (24th). An Egyptian pair head the datums from a Pakistani pair but their accuracy is questionable.

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1	USA1	15-15	15	7/15	USA1 includes Gaylor Kasle who played the NOT last year.
2	Egypt	18.5 -10.5	33.5	7	Includes fines for slow play.
3	Italy	19-11	52.5	6	
4	Paki	25-4	77.5	3	
5	Japan	18-12	95.5	2	
6	Monaco	19-11	114.5	2	
7	Denmrk	10-20	124.5	6	
8	Guadel	12-18	136.5	6	
9	France	11-19	147.5	6	
10	Indon'a	14-16	161.5	7	
11	USA2	5-25	166.5	8	
12	Fr Poly	25-0	191.5	7	
13	Israel	14-16	205.5	6	
14	Bye	18	223.5	7	
15	Braz/Arg	14-16	237.5	7	Average 16 VPs per match