AUSTRALIA at the 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in MONTE CARLO

Not much to update today. Just the semi-final scores. No further results yet in the Transnationals.

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

TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS (not updated since yesterday)

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.Crittle, 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:

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 after 3 of 6 sets: USA1 102.5 vs USA2 85, and Italy 128 vs Norway 61.7.

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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.

Roun	d 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	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 Taipe	ei 15-15	289.5	7	DF RT
19	Indonesi	a 20-10	309.5	7	RT AS
20	Bermuda	ı 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 113.5 vs USA2 82, and China 129 vs Neth 82.

Datums: 1st a USA1 pair from 2^{nd} a Chinese pair, 20^{th} K-U +0.13 IMPs per board from 176 bds, 36^{th} G-S -0.20 IMPs per board from 192 boards, 37^{th} 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

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     India
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     Sweden
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     Brazil
              20-10
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     USA2
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     Germany 4-25
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     Egypt
               22-8
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                                  GS FK
     Pakistan 11-19
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     Canada
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                                            Average 13 VPs per match.
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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 surely 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 the accuracy is questionable.

Round	vs	Score	Total	Pla	ice Comments
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/Aı	g 14-16	237.5	7	Average 16 VPs per match