

DAY ONE - AUSTRALIA AT THE 2004 WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australia lead the Bermuda Bowl after five of 21 matches and are doing reasonably in the other two events.

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BERMUDA BOWL

Australia: Ishmael Del'monte - Rob Fruewirth (DF), Bobby Richman - Matthew Thomson (RT), Theo Antoff - Al Simpson (AS), non playing captain John Roberts.

Comments (by Peter Gill): Australia's pairs put in a lot of effort to be unusually well-prepared, with DF playing in lead-up events in Shanghai (4th) and Portugal, and AS warming up in London's big Lederer (6th). Meckstroth-Rodwell sat out for USA in our first match, which we lost 37-45 IMPs, after leading early by 27-0 on Vugraph at www.bridgebase.com. Australia is not currently scheduled for any more Vugraph appearances at that website. As USA1 and Poland are expected to make the final eight, and Egypt and Spain were rated some chance of making the final eight, our team has started excellently, with a relatively easy draw for the rest of Day 2. Our original ranking as an outside chance of making the final eight is looking conservative at this stage.

Round	vs	Score	Total	Place	Line-up
1	USA1	13-17	13	17/22	DF RT
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				
7	Pakistan				

VENICE CUP

Australia: Inez Glanger - Marcia Scudder (GS), Berri Folkard - Rena Kaplan (FK), Lyn Kalmin - Ellie Urbach (KU), NPC Pauline Evans.

Comments (by Peter Gill): Venezuela defeated the strong China team in Round 2, so perhaps our first round loss was not as bad as it might seem. Indonesia did well at the recent PABF Championships, so Kalmin - Urbach did well to win their debut match for Australia. The win over the strong China team is an excellent result. A good fightback by the team. We have a very tough draw on Day Two, and qualifying for the top eight will be very difficult.

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	not known
4	Nethlds				
5	Italy				

WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Australia: Ron Klinger - Zoli Nagy (KN), John Lester - Gabi Lorentz (LL),
Bill Haughie - Alan Walsh (HW).

Commenary (by Peter Gill): A sound start. This Championship is just a round robin, with no finals.

Round	vs	Score	Total	Place	Comments
1	USA1	15-15	15	7/15	line-ups not known
2	Egypt	18.5 -10.5	33.5	7	perhaps there were slow play fines?
3	Italy				
4	Paki				