

## **AUSTRALIA at the 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in MONTE CARLO**

USA1 won the treble after possibly the most controversial dramatic bridge match of all time in the Open.  
This is the final report in this series.

### **TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS**

8 of 74 teams made the Quarter-Finals after 15 short matches:

		Place	VPs	
Jansma	Neth	1 <sup>st</sup>	291	
Brachman	USA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	282	The Defending Champions
Zhuang	China	3 <sup>rd</sup>	276	
Lasut	Indo	4 <sup>th</sup>	265	
Milner	USA	5 <sup>th</sup>	253	
Gamrath	Denmk	6 <sup>th</sup>	251	
Lavazza	Italy	7 <sup>th</sup>	251	
De Botton	Eng	8 <sup>th</sup>	250	

Quarter-Finals: Jan Jansma 99 beat Gamrath 71, Brachman 111 beat Janet de Botton 18, Zhuang 49 beat Milner 37, Lavazza 68 came from behind to beat Lasut 58.

Semi-Finals: Zhuang 91 beat Brachman 40, Lavazza 55 beat Jansma 45.

Final: Lavazza 122 won from Zhuang 53.

The Lavazza team is Mme Lavazza (npc) , Ferraro - d'Avossa, Lanzarotti - Buratti and Mariani - Burgay. The third named pair did not play in the Q/F, S/F or Final. The Zhuang team is from China.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 22 and lost to Italy in the Quarter Final.

REAL DATUMS (64 pairs) from Thursday's Daily Bulletin

1st: Lauria-Versace	Italy	224 boards	+1.04 IMPs per board
11 <sup>th</sup> A-S	Aus	160 bds	+0.49
17 <sup>th</sup> R-T	Aus	272 bds	+0.31
43 <sup>rd</sup> Helgemo-Helness	Norw	224 bds	-0.23

QUARTER- FINALS - 96 boards: Italy 292.5 beat Australia 120, USA1 323 beat Ch Taipei 148, USA2 262 beat Poland 156, Norway 261.5 beat Bulgaria 192.

SEMI-FINALS: Italy beat Norway and USA1 beat USA2.

GRAND FINAL: USA1 304 won from Italy 303, after an extraordinary (but correct) Director ruling and Appeals Committee hearing about whether the very last card played on the very last hand was played or not. Bronze medal went to USA2. Drama galore as Italy came from 64 IMPs behind about 22 boards to go, to lead by 21 IMPs with two boards to go, only to lose 22 IMPs on the last two boards.

USA1 had a 13 IMP carryforward from the Qualifying Stage. Italy's revokes cost 1 and 2 IMPs respectively. Versace with DAJ9xx opposite Kxx ran the jack through Qxx (with 10x under the AJ9xx) to make a brilliant doubled contract near the end.

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.

### VENICE CUP

Australia: Inez Glander - 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 251.5 vs USA2 179, and China 279 vs Neth 202.

GRAND FINAL: USA1 229.3 won from China 210. USA1 win the Gold Medal for  
J Seamon-Molson - T Sokolow, K Wei-Sender - B Kennedy, J Levin - S Picus. Bronze to Netherlands.

DATUMS (53 pairs):

1 <sup>st</sup> : Gu Zhang from China	+0.94 IMPs per board
24 <sup>th</sup> G-S	+0.09 for 192 boards
28 <sup>th</sup> F-K	+0.05 for 176 boards
45 <sup>th</sup> K-U	-0.43 for 176 boards

### 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Australia. 2<sup>nd</sup> France, 3<sup>rd</sup> USA2, 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

1 <sup>st</sup> Romik - Levit Israel	+ 1.05 IMPs per board over 288 boards
13 <sup>th</sup> L-L	+0.30 over 216 boards
20 <sup>th</sup> K-N	+0.16 over 240 boards
27 <sup>th</sup> H-W	-0.05 over 192 boards.