

AUSTRALIA AT THE 2003 WORLD BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Daily Bulletins etc are at www.worldbridge.org/tourn/MonteCarlo.03/Monaco.htm.

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 prepare themselves before Monte Carlo, DF playing in lead-up events in Shanghai (4th) and Portugal, and AS warming up in London's Lederer (6th). Meckstroth-Rodwell sat out for USA in our first match, which we lost 37-45 IMPs, after leading 27-0 after two boards on Vugraph at www.bridgebase.com. Daily Bulletin #3 (Wednesday's) has a full report on that match. Our team has started excellently, with a relatively hard draw so far, and prospects of qualifying for the Final Eight look reasonable. NZ is currently 10th out of 22.

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 fielded Wolpert Demuy from the 2003 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	India					
16	USA2					
17	NZ					
18	Ch Taipei					
19	Indonesia					
20	Bermuda					
21	Sweden					

VENICE CUP

Australia: Inez Glander - Marcia Scudder (GS), Berri Folkard - Rena Kaplan (FK), Lynn Kalmin - Elli Urbach (KU), NPC Pauline Evans.

Comments: Lindfield Bridge Club must be pleased to see that Kalmin - Urbach have the scalps of very strong teams from China, England and USA at their World Championship debut. Despite these good results, our team is unlikely to make the top eight who qualify for the Finals. China leads narrowly from Chinese Taipei at present.

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				
12	Brazil				
13	USA2				
14	Germany				
15	Egypt				
16	Pakistan				
17	Canada				

WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Commenary (by Peter Gill): This Championship is just a round robin, with no finals. Indonesia have a very strong team including Lasut, Manoppo and Sacul, and Brazil/Argentina includes Chagas. With such stars playing in the Seniors, those countries are not doing as well as usual in the Bermuda Bowl. Daily Bulletin #4 (Thursday's) has a report on Australia's win over Japan.

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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	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	Denmark	10-20	124.5	6	
8	Guadeloupe				
9	France				
10	Indonesia				
11	USA2				
12	Fr Polynesia				
13	Israel				
14	Bye	18			
15	Braz/Arg				