

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

Semi-finala are over, Transnational Teams is updated and real Datums are now shown for the Women's and Senior's. The Open Datums proved earlier seem to have been correct.

Online Vugraph is at [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com) and perhaps at [www.e-bridgemaster.com](http://www.e-bridgemaster.com).

### **TRANSNATIONAL TEAMS**

74 teams. Eight will make the Quarter-Finals, I believe. Results after 8 of about 15 matches:

VPs Place

131	16	ENG/AUS	H. Dhondy team including T. Antoff
127	26	NZ	T. Jacob - R. Jedrychowski, S. Burgess- A.Bach, M.Cornell - M. Mayer
108	55	AUS	M. Scudder, I. Glanger, B. Folkard - R. Kaplan, L. Kalmin - E. Urbach
102	62	ENG/AUS	C. Gregson team including Ishmael Del'monte and Rob Fruewirth
101	63	AUS	P.Crittler, P.Evans, J & E Quittner

Highly-rated teams include:

Brachman	1 <sup>st</sup>	163
Lasut	3 <sup>rd</sup>	146
Milner	8 <sup>th</sup>	138
Jacobs	11 <sup>th</sup>	136
Miroglio	18 <sup>th</sup>	130
Lavazza	37 <sup>th</sup>	120.

### **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.

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 (16<sup>th</sup>).

DATUMS (64 pairs) 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,

2<sup>nd</sup> A-S +0.83 Imps per board from 144 boards

11<sup>th</sup> D-F +0.52 from 224 boards

13<sup>th</sup> Bach-Burgess +0.50 240 bds for NZ

28<sup>th</sup> R-T +0.07 from 224 boards

(but they played a lot as Australia's worst results happened when they sat out)

40<sup>th</sup> Cornell-Mayer -0.13 224 boards for NZ

42<sup>nd</sup> Lauria-Versace -0.13 224 boards for Italy

43<sup>rd</sup> Helgemo-Helness -0.13 208 boards for Norway

61<sup>st</sup> 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 after 64 of 96 boards: USA1 221.5 vs USA2 134, Italy 223 vs Norway 187.7.

Norway made a big comeback and went into the last 16 boards behind by only 14 IMPs. Bocchi - Duboin then had 11 straight plus scores, while on Bridgebase's Vugraph Lauria - Versace played Helgemo - Helness. On one board, 4H was about to make 10 tricks (420) when Versace revoked. Lauria then erred by asking Versace "having none". The Director then erred by ruling a Major Penalty Card, but at WBF events you are not allowed to ask "having none" (you are allowed to ask in Australia) so Lauria's question had established the revoke. Play continued with the Major Penalty Card, heading towards 450 until play stopped while the Director corrected his ruling to a Revoke, leading to a two trick penalty and 480. Which only goes to show that even at the top, the bridge is not perfect. My guess is that the Director at first neglected to check whether Lauria had asked "having none".

GRAND FINAL: Italy vs USA1 - a clash between the top two teams in the world.

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 <sup>st</sup>	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 251.5 vs USA2 179, and China 279 vs Neth 202.

GRAND FINAL: China vs USA1.

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

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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. 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.

Round	vs	Score	Total	Place	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/Arg	14-16	237.5	7	Average 16 VPs per match