

World Championships - Report #9

Bermuda Bowl Grand Final:

After 96 of 128 boards: Norway 195 are tied with USA2 195. Poland took Bronze.

After 64 boards. France had led by 79 IMPs. Then Stansby-Martel (vs H-H) and Larsen-Meltzer (vs B-S) regained 41 IMPs, then Stansby-Martel (vs A-G) and Weichsel-Sontag (vs B-S) regained 38 IMPs. The sponsor Rose Metzger has played 48 boards and has to play one of the last two sets to become the first female to win the Bermuda Bowl officially. The previous female finalists were Helen Sobel (1957) and Dorothy Hayden-Truscott (1965) who both ran 2nd to Italy's Blue Team.

Kiran Nadar added to the female presence by making the Quarter-Finals of the Bermuda Bowl here in Paris, the first time India has done so. As a result India has been invited to be one of the teams at the Olympics in Salt Lake City, where the Hilton Hotel has been booked from Feb 2-6, the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics being on Feb 8. The other 7 Open, 8 Women's and 4 Junior teams at the Olympics are expected to be announced soon.

Venice Cup Grand Final:

Germany 218 beat France 215.5. USA2 took the Bronze Medal.

Daily Bulletin 13 enthuses about the match. The hands for the last set will hopefully be in Bulletin 14. France led by 36.5 IMPS going into the last set, which Germany won 51-2, aided by a couple of brilliant plays by the pregnant Daniela von Arnim. Both France and Germany used only four players in the final. All the German women are pretty and happily married. The husbands of two of their pairs - Klaus Repp, Jens Auken, Christian Farwig and Justin Hackett - would make a formidable team.

Vugraph

For online Vugraph, try the French site www.ffbridge.asso.fr, with live video.

Also, e-bridge have Vugraph but it may be in the form of Recorded Deals.

www.greatbridgelinks.com provides an index to various sites, plus news.

Transnational Final:

Brachman [E Wold, M Passell, M Seamon (USA), G Hampson (USA/Canada), D Brenner G Chagas (Brazil)] lead Bureau [D Gaviard P Sussel P Selz V Reess] of France 33-24 after 16 of 48 boards..

Bulletin 13 has an article by Michael Courtney on page 13.

The von Arnim brilliancies hopefully should be in Bulletin 14.

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