

AUSTRALIA AT THE PARIS 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS #3

Summary: Our Open Team has won two matches but is still amongst the cellar dwellers. Rounds 9 and 11 will be the last "easy" matches for our Open Team. Our Women have lost badly to the two late entrants (France and Israel) but have performed well otherwise. They are 19 VPs from qualifying (top eight). Both our Open and Women's teams play the bottom team in Round 9, but the bottom Open team Hong Kong did beat the then-leaders USA2 in Round 8.

News: There's expected to be no online Vugraph until the Semi-Finals (see Note 3 below), when e-bridge should have Vugraph. My guess is that the problem's that Eric Kokish, who usually organises online Vugraph, is instead doing the on-site Vugraph. The venue - the Stade de France - is a National Monument with a fee of 10,000 francs for a picture of it, so there are no pictures of the venue in the Daily Bulletins. Argentina's leading pair - Pablo Ravenna who came 2nd in the 2000 Gold Coast Teams & his 14 year old partner Agustin Madala - apparently took 32 minutes to play the first two boards against Bocchi-Duboin of Italy, who won the 2001 NOT. The Director was called and play sped up.

RESULTS after Round 8

Australian Women's Team: E Havas - B Travis, J Cormack - D Moir, M Chadwick - A Clark, npc P Marston

	Round	vs	Result	VPs	Placing	Line-up
W	1	Austria	8-22	8	12/18	DM-EH, MC-BT
O	2	India	25-5	33	8/18	C-M, C-C
M	3	France	6-24	39	13/18	C-M, H-T
E	4	S Africa	14-16	53	13/18	C-M, C-C
N	5	USA2	15-15	68	11/18	C-M, H-T
	6	Israel	6-24	74	13/18	H-T, C-C
	7	Indones	18-12	92	12/18	C-M, H-T
	8	China	13-17	105	12/18	C-M, C-C
	9	Venez				C-M, C-C
	10	USA1				
	11	Neth'ds				
	12	Brazil				
	13	Germany				
	14	Italy				
	15	Canada				
	16	Japan				
	17	England				

Australian Open Team: B Noble G Bilski T Brown P Gue P Fordham M Prescott npc E Chadwick.

	Round	vs	Result	VPs	Placing	Line-up
O	1	Brazil	2-25	2	18/18	TB-PG, BN-PF
P	2	USA1	14-16	16	17/18	TB-G, F-P
E	3	NZ	11-19	27	18/18	TB-G, N-GB
N	4	Russia	10.9- 17.1	37.9	17/18	G-GB, F-P (slow play fines)
	5	Israel	9-21	46.9	18/18	TB-N, F-P
	6	India	16-14	62.9	16/18	TB-G, N-GB
	7	Norway	9-21	71.9	16/18	TB-G, F-P
	8	Egypt	19-11	90.9	15/18	N-GB, F-P
	9	Hong Kong				TB-GB, F-P
	10	France				
	11	Guadeloupe				

- 12 Indonesia
- 13 Poland
- 14 USA2
- 15 Argentina
- 16 Japan
- 17 Italy

NOTES:

1. Open leaders: Poland 157, USA2 155, Italy 148, Egypt 138.
2. Women leaders: France 160, England 155, China 153, USA1 141.
NZ Open: D Ackerley S Smith S Blackstock S Henry M Cornell M Mayer npc M Reid
After 8 matches, 17th on 85VPs.
3. General Info
www.greatbridgelinks.com/gblNEWS/ (RHS = info about Vugraph)
or join e-bridge (linked to www.abf.com.au) for a week for free (no Vugraph until Semi-Finals probably).
4. Team Schedule & Results Australian Open
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/ASP/Teamdetails.asp?qteamid=126>
Team Schedule & Results Australian Women:
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/ASP/Teamdetails.asp?qteamid=143>
(for the line-up, click on the opponents' name)
5. Bulletins (three so far: 1, 14 and 18 pages long respectively):
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Bulletins.htm>
General Results Page:
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Results.htm>
Information and Schedule:
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Information.htm>