

AUSTRALIA AT THE PARIS 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS #4 (after 12 matches)

Summary: A change of line-up has seen our Open Team's fortunes improve dramatically and we are now only 9.1 VPs from qualifying (top eight) and only 14.1 VPs from 6th place. George Bilski and Terry Brown top the datums (see Note 1 below) after having their first match together in Round 9. A stunning maximum win over Indonesia (ranked 4th in the world) in Round 12 will be followed by matches against two of the leaders in Rounds 13 and 14. However, our Women's chances have vanished; they are 41 VPs from qualifying.

News: There is no online Vugraph until the Semi-Finals (see Note 5 below). Thursday's Bulletin #4 includes the hands from the Australian Women's loss to Israel - alas all the swings were to Israel.
Datums - see Notes 1 and 2 below.

RESULTS after Round 12

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-G, F-P (correction)
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	H Kong	25-2	115.9	15/18	TB-GB F-P
	10	France	15-15	130.9	15/18	TB-GB,F-P
	11	Guad'pe	15-15	145.9	14/18	TB-GB,F-P
	12	Indones	25-5	170.9	12/18	G-GB, F-P
	13	Poland				
	14	USA2				
	15	Argentina				
	16	Japan				
	17	Italy				

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	C-M, H-T (correction)
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	14-16	106	12/18	C-M, C-C
	9	Venez	15-15	121	12/18	C-M, C-C
	10	USA1	7-23	128	14/18	C-M, H-T
	11	Neth'ds	6-24	134	14/18	H-T, C-C
	12	Brazil	15-15	149	14/18	C-M, C-C
	13	Germany				
	14	Italy				

- 15 Canada
- 16 Japan
- 17 England

NOTES:

1. Datums after Round 11: Aussie Open: Bilski-Brown 1st/57 on +1.362 imps/bd, Brown-Gue 32nd/57 on -0.120 imps/bd, Fordham-Prescott 41st/57 on -0.265 imps/bd, Bilski - Noble 45th on -0.323 imps/bd. Aussie Women: Cormack-Moir 37th/59 on -0.178 imps/bd, Chadwick-Clark 43rd/59 on -0.234 imps/bd, Havas-Travis 53rd/59 on -0.700 imps/bd. Meckstroth-Rodwell had moved up to 23rd after 11 rounds. Michael Courtney's wife Margaret, playing for England, is 4th in the Women's datums. She learnt bridge four years ago.
2. Datums after Round 8: Aussie Open: Brown-Gue 34rd/56 on -0.12 imps/bd, Bilski - Noble 44th on -0.323 imps/bd, Fordham-Prescott 45th/56 on -0.362 imps/bd. Aussie Women: Cormack-Moir 30th/57 on +0.005 imps/bd, Chadwick-Clark 32nd on -0.015 imps/bd, Havas-Travis 50th on -0.802 imps/bd. Meckstroth-Rodwell were 41st/56 in the Open datums.
3. Open leaders: USA1 221, USA2 220, Poland 218, Italy 214, Norway 206.
4. Women's leaders: France 253, England 236, China 213, Austria 213.
NZ Open: D Ackerley S Smith S Blackstock S Henry M Cornell M Mayer npc M Reid
After 12 matches, 16th on 139VPs.
5. General Information:
 - (a) www.greatbridgelinks.com/gblNEWS/ (RHS = info about online Vugraph)
 - (b) e-bridge (linked to www.abf.com.au). I don't know whether joining for a week for free includes Vugraph coverage, which doesn't start until the Semi-Finals or maybe the Quarter-Finals.
 - (c) www.ffbridge.asso.fr will vugraph the Final (Nov 1-3) online with live video. This "mainly in French" site also allows you to send a message of support to your Team ('envoyer une message') or to email an expert a question. For example, someone asked the French npc's how they determine which pair sits out - their Women's npc replied that he had predetermined to rotate his pairs (each plays 2 matches a day; they're doing well) & their Open captain says it depends on form.
6. 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)
7. Bulletins (four so far - one preliminary and 3 real Bulletins):
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Bulletins.htm>
General Results Page (But8 = the Butler scores after Round 8):
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Results.htm>
Information and Schedule:
<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Information.htm>