

AUSTRALIA AT THE PARIS 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS #5 (after 15 matches)

 Summary: With only two matches until the Quarter-Finals, our Open Team is 13th, 17.1 VPs from qualifying. Our Women are no longer in contention.

News: The Press Conference in Bulletin 5 mentions that Salt Lake City's Olympic bridge event will comprise 8 Open, 8 Women's and 4 Junior teams, with details to be provided at the end of this tournament.

There is no online Vugraph until the Semi-Finals (see Note 4 below).

For journalists seeking good hands featuring Australians, page 9 (pdf) of Bulletin 6 has a hand with good preemption by George Bilski and Terry Brown. The bad decisions by the English Women and by the world's top-ranked female Shawn Quinn of USA on the same hand are quite striking too. Bulletin 4 has a hand where Barbara Travis drops a stiff DK offside to land 5D, in the match against Israel. It's not Australian but there is a neat deceptive play to land 3NT by Norberto Bocchi of Italy on Page 16 (pdf) of Bulletin 6.

RESULTS after Round 15

Australian Open Team: B Noble G Bilski T Brown P Gue P Fordham M Prescott npc E Chadwick.
 (Brown-Bilski-Gue-Noble all play the same bidding system).

	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	10-20	180.9	12/18	TB-G, F-P
	14	USA2	11-19	191.9	14/18	G-GB, F-P
	15	Argntna	18-12	209.9	13/18	TB-GB, F-P
	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	9-21	158	15/18	H-T, C-C
14	Italy	14-16	172	14/18	C-M, C-C
15	Canada	7-23	179	15/18	C-M, H-T
16	Japan				
17	England				

NOTES:

- Datums after Round 14: Aussie Open: Bilski-Brown 1st/58 on +1.362 imps/bd, Brown-Gue 27th/57 on -0.037 imps/bd, Fordham-Prescott 39th/58 on -0.223 imps/bd, Bilski - Noble 44th on -0.323 imps/bd, Bilski-Gue 49th on -0.495 imps/bd. Aussie Women: Chadwick-Clark 38th/55 on -0.163 imps/bd, Cormack-Moir 40th/55 on -0.200 imps/bd, Havas-Travis 51st/55 on -0.747 imps/bd. Michael Courtney's wife Margaret, playing for England, is 3rd in the Women's datums on +0.830 imps/bd. She learnt bridge four years ago.
 - Open leaders: USA1 276, Poland 275, USA1 271, Norway 262, Italy 261, Indonesia 234, India 230, France 227.
 - Women's leaders: France 314, England 279, USA1 278, China 271, Austria 252, Germany 251, Sth Africa 244, Nethlds 234 (USA2 231).
- NZ Open: D Ackerley S Smith S Blackstock S Henry M Cornell M Mayer npc M Reid
After 15 matches, 16th on 182VPs.
- For General Information:
 - www.greatbridgelinks.com/gblNEWS/
 - e-bridge (linked to www.abf.com.au)
 - www.ffbridge.asso.fr will vugraph the Final Nov 1-3 online with live video.
 - 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)
 - Bulletins (six so far incl Saturday's - one preliminary & 5 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>