

AUSTRALIA AT THE PARIS 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS #6 (after all 17 matches)

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 Summary: Our Open Team came 12<sup>th</sup> of 18, 20 VPs from qualifying, averaging 14.1 VPs per match. Our Women came 15<sup>th</sup>, 53 VPs from qualifying. This is the last Report, although another might appear if any Aussies do well in the Transnational Teams. Qualifiers were:

Open: Norway 311, Poland 311, USA2 310, USA1 306, Italy 300, France 269, India 263, Indonesia 259. Australia 12<sup>th</sup> on 238.9, NZ 13<sup>th</sup> on 228.  
 Women's: France 342, USA1 309, China 307, England 307, Germany 287, Austria 280, Sth Africa 275, USA2 268. Netherlands missed out. Australia 15<sup>th</sup> on 215.

News: At the bottom of this Report is a hand from Bulletin 4, in case Any journalists want a hand on which Australia did OK.  
 There is no online Vugraph until the Semi-Finals (see Note 1 below).

QUALIFYING STAGE - COMPLETED RESULTS

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   | 22-8       | 231.9 | 12/18   | TB-GB, F-P                  |
|   | 17    | Italy   | 7-23       | 238.9 | 12/18   | TB-GB, F-P                  |

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 17-13 196 15/18 C-M, H-T  
 17 England 19-11 215 15/18 C-M, H-T

NOTES:

1. For more information:

- (a) [www.greatbridgelinks.com/gblNEWS/](http://www.greatbridgelinks.com/gblNEWS/) - general info.
- (b) e-bridge (linked to [www.abf.com.au](http://www.abf.com.au)) - join up for Semis & Final on Vugraph.
- (c) [www.ffbridge.asso.fr](http://www.ffbridge.asso.fr) will vugraph the Final Nov 1-3 online with live video.

2. 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 our Aussie line-up, click on the opponents' team name)

3. Bulletins (six so far - one preliminary & 5 real Bulletins)

<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Bulletins.htm>

General Results Page (But14 = the Butler scores after Round 14):

<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Results.htm>

Information and Schedule:

<http://www.bridge.gr/tourn/Paris.01/Information.htm>

17. Dealer North. None Vul.

|                |              |           |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| ♠ Q J 10       | ♠ 8 6 3      | ♠ A 9 7 2 |
| ♥ A 8          | ♥ K 10 9 6 5 | ♥ 4 3     |
| ♦ A Q 10 9 7 6 | ♦ K          | ♦ 8 4 3 2 |
| ♣ A 5          | ♣ K 8 7 2    | ♣ Q 9 4   |
|                | ♠ K 5 4      |           |
|                | ♥ Q J 7 2    |           |
|                | ♦ J 5        |           |
|                | ♣ J 10 6 3   |           |

| West          | North        | East         | South         |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Travis</i> | <i>Naveh</i> | <i>Havas</i> | <i>Melech</i> |
|               | Pass         | Pass         | Pass          |
| 1♦            | 1♥           | Pass         | 2♥            |
| 3♦            | Pass         | 5♦           | All Pass      |

| West            | North        | East             | South           |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Poplilov</i> | <i>Clark</i> | <i>Campanile</i> | <i>Chadwick</i> |
|                 | Pass         | Pass             | Pass            |
| 1♦              | Pass         | 1♠               | Pass            |
| 2NT             | All Pass     |                  |                 |

Given a free run, West has a decision to make whether to rebid 3♦ or 2NT, and Poplilov chose the latter, where she played. By dropping the king of diamonds after a heart lead, she came to nine tricks for +150.

The heart interference made it natural for Travis to rebid 3♦ at the other table and now Havas caught up for her failure to bid on the previous round (she was still thinking about the previous deal) by raising to game. Travis won Nurit

Naveh's ten of hearts lead and took the losing spade finesse. Back came the ♥J followed by a low club. Travis rose with the ace of clubs, crossed to the ace of spades and led a diamond up. If Naveh was expecting declarer to finesse - after all, she had taken the trouble to cross to dummy - she was to be sadly disappointed. Travis went up with the ace and scored up her game; +400 and 6 IMPs to Australia.

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