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France wins Open gold medal again; Britain-Iceland team tops Mixed

Open Olympiad

Allons enfants de la patrie – les jours de gloire est arrivée.

The days of glory surely have arrived for France – for the second straight time France is the Olympiad Open Teams champion. France took the lead early against Indonesia, and although Indonesia made a couple of rallies, France pulled well ahead going into today's final 32 boards. The final tally was 358-269.

Only two members of today's team also were on the 1992 team in Salsomaggiore, Italy. Alain Levy and Herve Mouiel spearheaded the team then, and they performed extremely well again here.

The other four members of the team also were strong throughout – Christian Mari, Frank Multon, Henri Szwarc and Marc Bompis. It wasn't the first Olympiad victory for Mari and Szwarc – they were members of the victorious French team in the memorable final in Valkenburg, the Netherlands, in 1980.

Indonesia was one of the two Far East teams that reached the Olympiad finals – China finished second in the Women's Olympiad. It was an excellent showing by Far East teams.

Playing for Indonesia were Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Franky Karwur, Giovanni Watulingas and Sance Panelewen. Lasut, Sacul and Manoppo have been playing in world championships for more than two decades. This is the closest they have ever come to winning the gold medal.

As soon as the match was over, both teams appeared before the vugraph spectators and were introduced. They also were warmly congratulated by José Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation.

Mixed Teams

This report was contributed by Patrick Jourdain.

It is a fairy-tale story. The Icelandic team had just been eliminated from the quarterfinals of the Olympiad. Four of them – two players, the non-playing captain and the coach – were drowning their sorrows in the bar when their friend Hjordis Eythorsdottir offered to cheer them up by finding them teammates for the Mixed Teams. At 2:30 a.m. she accomplished this, finding Heather Dhondy and Elizabeth McGowan of the British team in the bar. Their team had been narrowly eliminated at the same stage.

In a field of 86 teams containing many of the world's best players, this makeshift team did not lose a match. They were exempt from the first four. Then they won 10 in a row, finally drawing the last match with the Rosenkranz team – a tie that eliminated Rosenkranz from the playoffs.

After winning the Swiss, they chose Faivre in the semifinals, winning 77-48. Then they won the final against the United States team captained by Mark Feldman, 66-55. Liz McGowan has won the silver medal as a member of the British Women's team at the last two Olympiads. Heather Dhondy represented Britain in Beijing, but the partnership is new.

The four Icelanders are Jon Baldursson, 41, Bermuda Bowl champion in Yokohama in 1991 and Generali world champion in 1994; Adalsteinn (Alli) Jorgensen, 36, who partnered Jon in Yokohama; Bjorn Eysteinson, the non-playing captain in Yokohama and in Rhodes, and Ragnar (Raggi) Hermansson, 34, the team coach who won the Icelandic championship this year with Bjorn.

Playing with Feldman for America were Sharon Osberg and Rozanne and Bill Pollack. Sharon has been a Venice Cup winner twice. Rozanne was on the silver medal team in the Venice Cup a year ago in China.

Message from UNESCO



Photograph courtesy of Kodak's new digital camera

Mr. Anders Arfwedson, UNESCO

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends,

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to bring you the greetings of Mr. Federico Mayor, Director General of UNESCO who has also asked me to assure you of our support and our sincere encouragement.

UNESCO is convinced that bridge, a truly universal language, favours not only the agility of the mind but also the inter-cultural exchange by encouraging the discovery and a better understanding of social, cultural and linguistic diversity thus permitting a better knowledge of one another.

Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the interest that the Director General holds in the development of the cooperation between UNESCO and your dynamic Federation which, in nearly forty years (created in 1958) counts 105 member countries, 50 million players throughout the world with one million registered players.

Mr. President, I would also like to assure you of the availability of Mr. Arthur Gillette, Director of the Division for youth and sporting activities not only for the world project of teaching bridge in school but also in the field of a wider cooperation which would include the Balkan project "The XXIst century - a young century" which is aimed at the initiation of different techniques of communication, the use of computer technology, editing and printing and in some regions reading.

So many actions which confirm, if it was necessary, the role of bridge as a link of solidarity, mutual enrichment and progress.

I would like to repeat my best wishes for continued success and thank you for your attention.



JOSÉ DAMIANI

PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

President's Speech

The 10th Olympiad has just ended after fifteen days which were as exciting from the point of view of the competition as I hope they were satisfying on the organizational front.

I am particularly happy to remind you that the WBF is now in technical control of the world championships. We have the ability to bring together personnel from all continents with the wide-ranging knowledge needed to organize such a championship wherever it is held.

The host country is, of course, in charge of the hospitality and, in this present case, I believe that Greece has done justice to the centenary of the Olympic Games. On this point, I would like to remind you of the visit of Marc Hodler, Vice-President of the IOC, who brought a very constructive and positive message. The Hellenic Bridge Federation, under the leadership of the President, Evangelis Nartis, has shown considerable warmth and given you a wonderful welcome with the help of the Congress and Fairs Organisers under the direction of Lucas Kabanaris.

The time has now come to acknowledge and thank the people who have worked so hard for the success of this

tournament, with a special mention to the French Bridge Federation and the Federazione Italiana Gioco Bridge for their logistical support, as well as the Vice-Chairman of the Organising Committee, Jean Claude Beineix and the Operations Director, Ton Kooijman and his assistant, Dimitri Ballas. We would like to thank warmly the Rhodes Bridge Club and its president, George Poporos and his friends. Thank you and bravo to the tournament directors under the direction of Bill Schoder – Kojak – and Max Bavin; to the Daily News team with Henry and Dorothy Francis, Brian Senior and Stelios Hatzidakis for the very good lay-out and Mark Horton for the pictures; and to all the journalists who contributed from the Press Room, run by Ely Ducheyne, her brother Jan and Vassili Koussis. All the vugraph team also deserve your applause for successfully undertaking such a very tiring job, enhanced by the commentators, Ron Andersen, Edgar Kaplan and Barry Rigal who were joined by many of the journalists who were present. Behind the scenes the duplication team worked incredibly hard to produce more than 4000 boards a day – bravo and thank you to Natacha Herment and Simon Wiersema.

Finally, we have all been able to appreciate the rapidity and quality of the work of the line-up desk with my friends Jan and Corrie Louwerse, of the Systems desk with Anna Gudge and Chris Diment and the scoring and results by Claude Dadoun and Christiane Le Turdi who were able to transmit, via video, all the information which was then sent out on the Internet by Panos Pavlides, Aggelos Mallios and other people present here.

After the acknowledgements come our congratulations to you, the players, who fully deserve it for your excellent sporting spirit which is completely in line with the Olympic ideal.

Although not all of you can be winners, the essential thing was to participate and the Appeals Committee, who I would also like to congratulate for their wonderful work, did not have to intervene too often.

Of course, the medalists in all three competitions deserve a special mention, starting with the World Mixed Teams Championships which saw a very satisfying level of participation with 86 teams, while Zone 6 – the Far East – contested the supremacy of Europe and the United States in the Olympiad with outstanding success.

It is clear that the world is changing and evolving and that tomorrow new champions will appear. This is particularly the case following the course of action that we have undertaken with UNESCO for teaching bridge in school that Mr. Arfwedson has just described to you. I am delighted to report that this received the enthusiastic approval of an extremely lively Congress meeting held last week at which an unprecedented 65 countries participated. It was further proof of the reality of the contribution of Bridge for Peace.

This leaves us very hopeful of seeing many of you again next year in the wonderful site of Hammamet in Tunisia for the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and also for the new Transnational Open Teams event. Obviously, we also hope to see you in the very beautiful city of Lille, France in 1998, where the World Championships should take on a particular sparkle and where we hope to have 4000 players and offer what we believe will be perfect playing and excellent economic conditions for everyone.

This is our ultimate ambition because what is good for the players is good for bridge.

Rhodes, Island of Pearls

Five years ago I was driving in Athens in preparation for the European Community Championships. I suggested to Panos Gerontopoulos that the 1996 Olympiad be organized in Greece to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Olympic Games.

I dare say that this suggestion now appears to be one of my better ideas. The quality of our Olympiad, thanks to the Greeks, easily ranks with the quality of the Summer Games. Of course we had great support from the World Bridge Federation and the French Bridge Federation, who form a strong couple.

All departments performed splendidly, but I would like to highlight some performances in particular – the Greek student-caddies who did the marathons of running; Claude Dadoun, who started preparing all data-related material months ago and maintained his high standard in Rhodes; the duplication staff that had a hard time dealing 30,000 boards computer-wise, and the hospitality department that kept smiling, supporting us in many ways.

Rhodes gave us its best pearls, brightly radiating our bridge.

TON KOOIJMAN
Operations Director

Thank you from the Czech Republic

The Czech Bridge Union and the Czech team thank Imp Leas for its sponsorship and support. Imp Leas is the largest pure Czech lease company. The Czech Bridge Union also thanks the insurance company Koooperativa and chemical factory Synthesia for their support.

Cap Gemini Invitational World Top Pairs

The 11th Cap Gemini Invitational World Top Pairs Tournament will be held January 16-19, 1997, in The Hague, the Netherlands. Sixteen of the world's strongest pairs have been invited. Among them are:

Helness/Helgamo, Norway, winners of the 1996 event

Lasut/Manoppo, Indonesia

Mahmood/Levin, United States

Meckstroth/Rodwell, United States

Leufkens/Westra, the Netherlands

De Boer/Muller, the Netherlands

Buratti/Lanzarotti, Italy

Forrester/Robson, Great Britain

Sun/Wang, China

Martens/Szymanowski, Poland

Kokish/Silver, Canada

Huang/Kuo, Chinese Taipei

Two pairs from the Olympiad Teams winner here in Rhodes.

Final Results

OPEN

Country	1st Sess.	2nd Sess.	3rd Sess.	4th Sess.	5th Sess.	6th Sess.	7th Sess.	8th Sess.	Total
FRANCE	59	37	26	51	22	44	77	42	358
INDONESIA	10	35	43	24	30	41	24	62	269

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Country	1st Sess.	2nd Sess.	3rd Sess.	4th Sess.	5th Sess.	6th Sess.	Total
CHINA	56	35	22	9	16	60	198
UNITED STATES	20	51	88	55	18	36	268

Mixed Final

Name	1st Session	2nd Session	Total
HEATHER	42	24	66
FELDMAN	10	45	55

France v Indonesia

Open Final – Set Six

By Tony Gordon

After five sessions France led Indonesia by 53 IMPs (195-142).

If Indonesia were going to make a move, they needed a good start. However, on Board 82 they played 3NT from what turned out to be the wrong hand and went two down. France played the same contract from the other hand and made four overtricks. 12 IMPs to France.

Board 85. North/South Game. Dealer North.

<p>♠ A J 8 5 2 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ K 7 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K 10 ♥ A J 10 6 5 4 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ 8 5</p> <p>♠ 9 7 ♥ 8 ♦ A K J 6 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 4</p> <p>♠ Q 6 4 3 ♥ K Q 7 3 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ J 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
	2♥	3♣	3♥
3♣	Pass	4♣	All Pass

In the Closed Room, France had bid and made 5♣, but Indonesia fell short of duplicating that result in the Open Room. Henky Lasut clearly expected a better spade suit from Eddy Manoppo for the latter's 3♣ bid and, as a result, Indonesia languished in 4♣. This contract went two down for 11 IMPs to France.

Board 87. Game All. Dealer South.

<p>♠ 10 ♥ 8 7 6 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ A Q J 9 7 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ J 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ A Q 10 4 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ –</p> <p>♠ Q 9 4 2 ♥ J ♦ K 9 6 5 ♣ K 10 5 3</p> <p>♠ A K ♥ K 9 5 ♦ Q J 10 8 3 ♣ 8 6 4</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
	2♣	4♣	1♦
2♣	2♣	All Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Sacul	Multon	Karwur
	2♣	3♣	1♦
2♣	2♣	4♣	Pass
Pass	3♥		4♥
All Pass			

Both East/West pairs sold out to 4♥ when 5♣ was making their way. France's compensation in the Closed Room was that Danny Sacul went three down in 4♥. Could Hervé Mouiel do better in the Open Room?

Lasut led a club and Mouiel ruffed and surprised the Vugraph commentators by playing a diamond. Manoppo won and continued clubs and Mouiel ruffed and continued diamonds. Lasut won this and led another club for Mouiel to ruff. Mouiel now cashed the ♥A and crossed to dummy with the ♠K. It was about then that it dawned on the commentators and audience alike that Mouiel had found a way to make the contract. All he had to do was lead good diamonds from dummy and Manoppo would be helpless. If he ruffed, Mouiel would overruff and play a spade and Manoppo would only be able to make one trump trick. However, as plaudits were being heaped on his head, Mouiel, to the audible groans of the French supporters, fell from grace by playing the ♥K, and ended up suffering the same fate as Sacul in the Closed Room.

On Board 90, competitive auctions led to North/South playing 4♥ in both rooms. The missing trumps were K8 with the singleton king offside. In the Closed Room, Indonesia played for the drop and went only one down. In the Open Room, France were doubled by the hand with the singleton eight and when the losing finesse was taken, Indonesia had +500 and 9 IMPs.

Board 92. North/South Vul. Dealer West.

<p>♠ Q 9 3 2 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ Q 9 7 3 ♣ Q 10</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 8 4 ♥ Q 10 7 6 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ 9 8 5</p> <p>♠ J 10 6 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ A J 6 3 2</p> <p>♠ K 7 5 ♥ A K ♦ J 10 8 5 2 ♣ K 7 4</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
	Pass	1♦!	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, Franky Karwur had upgraded the South hand to a strong NT and Indonesia had reached 3NT. Thanks to the fortunate heart position, the contract had made.

In the Open Room, Lasut chose a good moment to psych 1♦ third in hand. Alain Levy naturally protected with INT after Lasut had passed Manoppo's 1♠ response, but these are murky waters, and it wasn't clear to Mouiel to bid on. After a diamond to the king and a spade switch, Levy played on diamonds and emerged with eight tricks. 10 IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 93. Game All. Dealer North.

<p>♠ Q 10 8 4 ♥ A 5 4 ♦ 9 7 ♣ K 9 5 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ J 9 7 6 3 2 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 4 2</p> <p>♠ A 6 5 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ A J 10 5 3 ♣ 10 8</p> <p>♠ K J 9 3 ♥ 10 ♦ K Q 8 4 2 ♣ Q 7 6</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Sacul	Multon	Karwur
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

In the Open Room, Indonesia bid to a pushy 3NT and although Lasut got a fortunate start when the ♦7 held the first trick, he had too much work to do and eventually went two down.

In the Closed Room, France were less aggressive and Sacul was enticed into protecting with 2♥. Henri Szwarc naturally doubled this and it went two down for +500 and 12 IMPs to France.

Board 94. Love All. Dealer East.

<p>♠ A Q 10 9 ♥ 9 7 ♦ A 8 6 5 2 ♣ 8 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K J 5 4 3 2 ♥ Q 8 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ 9 3</p> <p>♠ 7 6 ♥ J 10 6 4 2 ♦ K J ♣ 7 6 5 4</p> <p>♠ 8 ♥ A K 5 3 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ A K Q J 10</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manoppo	Mouiel	Lasut	Levy
	1♦	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szwarc	Sacul	Multon	Karwur
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble	Redbl	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The diamond layout means that 3NT is cold and in the Closed Room the Indonesian Strong Club auction duly reached 3NT for +400 to Indonesia.

In the Open Room, France were clearly worried about diamonds and the auction petered out in 3♣. Two diamonds, a diamond ruff and three trump losers later, Mouiel was two down and the last major swing of the set had gone to Indonesia.

At the end of a swifty set, France had triumphed 44-41 to increase their lead to 56 IMPs. Time was running out for Indonesia.

The AXA French team

By Pierre Schemeil

I have been asked to present the members of the French Open team in this Olympiad. Well, it isn't too easy for me. I know them all, of course, better than their own mothers do, but at this minute I still don't know if they are going to win the supreme title. So I shall spare you most of my (more or less stupid) usual jokes.

The team which won our National Trials, after weeks and weeks of continuous and strenuous struggle, had, in the opinion of many, a fair chance of qualifying in their group. Nobody could predict what might happen later, but personally I had some hopes. Anyway, let's proceed with a few details about our seven guys!



CHRISTIAN MARI, 52, a mathematician, has been one of the brightest stars of French and international bridge since the beginning of the Seventies. He won the European Championship at Herzlia, Israel, in 1974. He accumulated many successes after that, including the famous French Olympiad victory in

Valkenburg (1980). Last year, in Villamoura, Christian, partnered by Michel Lebel (another of our best known players) took an active part in gaining the silver medal for the French. Unfortunately he (who forgets nothing) had forgotten a very important long-time appointment which finally prevented him from going to China for the Bermuda Bowl competition last year. You can't do everything at the same time.



MARC BOMPIS, father of four children and a bridge professional, has been a known expert for some years, but this is the first time he has represented France at such a high level. He has had the heavy task of partnering Mari throughout this infernal Olympiad. Of course, he looks a little bit exhausted, but the result of all that isn't too bad, is it? We shall see Marc again on many more French teams.



HENRI SZWARC, born in the (very) late Twenties, played in his first European Championship in 1954. He has participated in no fewer than 11 other European Championships (winning five of them) along with participating in five Team Olympiads. He won in Valkenburg and was second in Seattle in 1984. For

the rest, we shall know soon . . .

In spite of all that, Henri seems to be, by far, the

youngest member of the team. You meet him absolutely everywhere – here in Rhodes (even when he is supposed to be playing) – and he just doesn't stop running, apparently after a new title? Why not!

Szwarc has developed a last-minute partnership with the (really) youngest member of the team –



FRANK MULTON, 32, a bridge teacher living on the Cote d'Azur with his charming wife (here they all have charming wives!) and his six-year-old daughter.

An extremely talented player, Frank won the European Junior Championship in 1988. He has already participated in another Olympiad – in Venice in 1988 – together with his three European Junior Champion teammates and, in particular, his usual partner in Junior competition, Jean-Christophe Quantin (the kids missed their qualification for the knockout round exactly five minutes before the end of the round-robin – they have not recovered yet!).



ALAIN LEVY, 49, and **HERVE MOUIEL**, 47, do



not need much presentation. Everyone knows they were on the French team that won the previous edition of the Olympiad four years ago in Salsomaggiore, Italy, under the captaincy of José Damiani himself. The pair played every board of the knockout round, along with Paul Chemla and Michel Perron.

Both Alain and Herve studied medicine, the only difference being that Levy completed these studies while Mouiel stopped two years before the end. Anyway, I always thought that some medical knowledge is needed for any future bridge star (otherwise how could he understand the strange behavior of his partners and teammates?)

It took quite a long time for the Levy-Mouiel partnership to be well established. In the meantime they have shone separately in many events. Herve won the 1983 European Championships and reached the final of

the 1984 Olympiad in Seattle (both times partnered by, guess who? . . . that's right, the ever-present Henri Szwarc).

Levy, who lives in Paris, is now a bridge teacher at the highest level. What I mean is that he likes to instruct people in reputed mountain resorts where he can occasionally breathe while his pupils don't have much time to do so.

Mouiel, who got married after his triumph in Salsomaggiore, has now settled in Cannes (he could have chosen a worse place) where he shares his activities between bridge, his wife and his 18-month-old son Jeremie. Jeremie has phoned him every day since the start of the tournament . . . at least that's what the father says.



A few words, now, about the captain.

JEAN-LOUIS STOPPA 64, who is a great player in his own right. He won the European Championship in 1970 and finished second in the World Championship a few months later in partnership with Jean-Marc Roudinesco (who explains that they have not won since that time because their captain kept them on the

sidelines too long – no, no! It was not me!)

Stoppa is a retired physician. I have been trying for years to lead him toward the captaincy. He finally accepted, and he has been as good as I thought he would be.

Congratulations to all of them, whatever the final result may be. And many thanks to the AXA Insurance Company, who have done so many good things in support of this team.

Pierre Schemeil has been a major factor in France's successes over the years. He was non-playing captain of the Olympiad champions in 1980 in Valkenburg and of the French Rosenblum team in 1982 in Biarritz. He captained French international teams for 11 years. He was an adviser to the champions this year.

Canada wins bronze medal

The Canadian Women's team played strongly in the fight for third place and the bronze medal in the Women's Olympiad. The Canadians defeated Austria, 133-67. Playing for Canada were Sharyn Reus, Dianna Gordon, Barbara Saltzman, Beverly Kraft, Rhoda Habert and Francine Cimon, with George Holland as non-playing captain.

France v Indonesia

Open Final – Set Seven

France led by 56 IMPs overnight and Indonesia had only 32 boards left in which to try to turn the match around. The set began with three flat boards then came a huge swing – to France.

Board 100. Game All. Dealer West.

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

North	South
Mari	Bompis
1♥	2♠
2NT	3♦
3♥	4♣
4♦	5♣
5♥	6♠
Pass	

North	South
Lasut	Manoppo
1♥	1♠
2♣	2♦
3♣	4NT
5♦	5NT
6♣	Pass

Marc Bompis made a strong jump shift then bid his diamonds. When he started cuebidding, Christian Mari cooperated and eventually Bompis jumped to the cold 6♠. He was allowed to make the overtrick for +1460.

In the other room, Indonesia had a disaster. Eddy Manoppo responded only 1♠ then used fourth suit forcing. When Henky Lasut repeated his clubs, Manoppo launched into RKCB for clubs then followed up with 5NT. Whatever that was asking for (trumps?), Lasut decided he didn't have it and signed-off in 6♣. Manoppo passed! It seems strange to play in clubs and it proved to be an expensive decision.

Herve Mouiel led his singleton diamond and Lasut won in hand and led a low club. When Mouiel followed with the ♣5, Lasut went into the tank. After considerable thought, he put in the eight! He was one down now, though 6♣ was always going to be difficult as the 6-1 diamond break makes declarer's communications awkward to pick up the clubs; -100 and 17 IMPs to France.

Board 103. Game All. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Mari	Sacul	Bompis
2♣	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♣	3♠	2♦
Pass	4♦	All Pass	Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Lasut	Mouiel	Manoppo
Pass	Pass	1♠	1♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	2♦

In the Closed Room, Franky Karwur overcalled 2♣ and, after two passes, Bompis reopened with 2♦. Now Karwur bid his spades and Mari cuebid 3♣ to show a good diamond raise. Denny Sacul competed with 3♠ and Mari in turn competed with 4♦, ending the auction.

The lead of the ♣K established four defensive winners and the 4-1 trump break proved to be awkward to handle so Bompis ended up two down; -200.

In the other room, Alain Levy did not overcall and Lasut also passed the non-strong club 1♥ opening. Mouiel balanced with 1♠ and Manoppo bid his diamonds. When Levy jumped to 4♠, Lasut doubled. Had Manoppo put his fingers on a red card, that would surely have gone down and Indonesia would have gained 9 valuable IMPs, but he led a club. Now Mouiel was in control, his second heart loser going on the clubs; +790 and 11 IMPs to France.

Board 107. Love All. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Mari	Sacul	Bompis
Pass	1♦	Dble	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Lasut	Mouiel	Manoppo
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♦	Dble	2♦
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Both auctions look a little mysterious. Assuming Bompis' 3♦ raise to be the standard pre-emptive type, Mari was probably as much trying to sound strong to keep East/West quiet as he was hoping to actually make 3NT. However, his long suit offered some hope. But if that was his idea, it didn't work. Karwur bid 4♣ and

Sacul took a shot at 4♠. The auction didn't sound confident enough for anyone to save over 4♠ but it proved to be unbeatable; +420.

Manoppo could not raise quite so aggressively in the other room as 1♦ was Precision. He bid 2♦ and Lasut confirmed real diamonds by raising to 3♦. Mouiel doubled again and Manoppo might have raised again to make life more difficult but he went quietly. That allowed Levy to cuebid 4♦ and Mouiel responded 4♠, of course. Again, Manoppo might have saved but he liked his well placed heart holding so he passed. Now Lasut did very well for his side when he bid 5♦. Mouiel doubled, but played by North the game is unbeatable. Left to himself, declarer creates a second heart trick for a club pitch while on a club lead he can establish a second club and has no heart loser; +550 and 14 badly needed IMPs to Indonesia.

Board 109. Game All. Dealer North.

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

Both sequences began Pass – 1♠ – Dble – Rdbl. Mari bid 1NT, presumably intended as a minor suit take-out. Whether or not that is correct, Bompis passed and Karwur doubled. Mari ran to 2♦ and Sacul made a rather dubious penalty double. Mari played accurately to make nine tricks; +380.

In the other room, Lasut bid 2♦ immediately. That ran round to Levy who bid his hearts. Mouiel bid 2♠ and Manoppo competed with 3♦, ending the auction. That was always going to be an Indonesian loss, of course, but it became a little bigger when Lasut went down in 3♦. The ♥10 was won by the jack and Levy switched to a low club. Lasut thought for a while then put in the jack. The queen forced the ace and Lasut was a trick short, having three black losers to ruff with only two trumps remaining in dummy. Had he not 'wasted' the ♠J, he would have had nine tricks. One down meant another 100 to France and 10 IMPs.

Board 112. East/West Game. Dealer West.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karwur	Mari	Sacul	Bompis
2♣	Pass	2♦	2♥
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

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World Transnational Open Teams

The World Transnational Open Teams, a new world championship tournament event, will be played during the second week of the next World Championships (Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup) to be played next year in Hammamet, Tunisia, from October 19 to November 2. The tournament will take place in the Hotel Royal Azur complex.

This new event will be played using a Swiss format identical to the one that has been used here for the Mixed Teams this week.

If there are at least 20 teams made up of Senior players, a separate event for Seniors will be organized. Otherwise there will be a separate classification for the Seniors within the field. There will be separate classifications for mixed pairs and women's pairs as well.

The qualifying stages will be held Monday to Thursday of the second week with the top four qualifying for a semifinal and final to be played on Friday and Saturday.

There will be alternating starting times: one day 11.00 hrs, the next 14.00 hrs, and so on, with four matches per day. This will give all players some mornings and some evenings for other activities.

No complicated systems will be permitted in the new competi-

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The resort of Hammamet features three hotels, ranging from budget to luxury, to cater for all requirements.

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Add beautiful weather and sensible prices and Hammamet offers a superb setting for our Championships and something for everyone. We hope to see you there.



The 1997 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Trophy will be held in Tunisia, in the exclusive coastal resort of Hammamet. WBF President, **José Damiani** and the Tunisian ambassador to Greece **Ben Haha** are shown signing the contract for the tournament here a week ago Wednesday. The dates for the Championships are October 19th to November 2nd 1997.

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The coloring book of my mind

We will all carry home some interesting experiences from this wonderful island of Rhodes.

First of all, I want to thank Evangelos Nartis and his friendly group of volunteers who made us feel at home.

How about the players who attended the World Championship and were visiting Greece for the first time in their lives? There will be great memories for Eva and Tom Deri of Canada, who started to play just a few years ago. They decided to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary here, and they achieved some very creditable results in the Mixed Teams. Together with many other newcomers they plan to attend future championships.

How about the heartbreaking story of the Danish team who already had started celebrating their semifinal victory, only to discover that their match was tied due to an adverse score correction?

How about the smiling faces, the great food and the lovely music flowing all around us?

Is it really true that bridge players sit with their backs to the windows wherever we go?

How about the shift of bridge power? Zone 6 (the Far East) has our admiration for winning three medals at this Olympiad.

How about José Damiani, who is always there to organize and take care? It must be very difficult for a bridge player of his class not to play a single card during the tournament in order to insure that the players enjoy themselves.

How about the record-breaking attendance?

How about the exciting matches and the many interesting deals?

This list could go on and on, but I believe every participant here can fill in the rest of the story with his or her own memorable moments.

GEORGE RETEK
WBF Treasurer

Editor's Note – We just happen to know that there is another couple here who are celebrating their silver wedding anniversary. You guessed it – they are George and Mari Retek. It's especially poignant for this couple – 25 years ago this is where they spent their honeymoon!