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Italy triumph in clash of the Titans

In a match that will go down in history as one of the most exciting ever, it was Italy, represented by **Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Dano de Falco, Guido Ferraro, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfredo Versace**, npc **Carlo Mosca** and coach **Maria Teresa Lavazza** who emerged as Champions in the Open series of the Olympiad. It was Italy's fourth win in all, and their first since 1972. They now share with France the distinction of having won four times.

It was only on the last few boards of the final session that they overcame the magnificent team from Poland, **Cezary Balicki, Krzysztof Jassem, Michal Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola, Piotr Tuszyński, Adam Zmudzinski**, npc **Jan Rogowski** and coach **Wojciech Siwiec**.



Transnational Mixed Teams

In a final that was no less exciting, it was the combination from **USA, Poland and Israel**, team **e-bridge**, npc Pinhas Romik, Jill Meyers, Irina Levitina, Migry Tzur-Campanile, Sam Lev, John Mohan, Piotr Gawrys that captured the World title. They survived a tremendous fight back by **Bassis**, Michel Bassis, Véronique Bassis, Catherine D'Ovidio, Paul Chemla, who took the silver medal for **France**.

WORLD TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Final

| | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 | Total |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| e-bridge | 40 | 6 | 20 | 66 |
| Bassis | 1 | 42 | 12 | 55 |



OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

FINAL

| Home Team | Visiting Team | Board 1-16 | Board 17-32 | Board 33-48 | Board 49-64 | Board 65-80 |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Italy | Poland | 35 - 8 | 9 - 22 | 37 - 31 | 64 - 23 | 26 - 60 |
| Home Team | Visiting Team | Board 81-96 | Board 97-112 | Board 113-128 | | Total |
| Italy | Poland | 26 - 13 | 36 - 57 | 36 - 35 | | 269 - 249 |

Farewell

by Laurens Hoedemaker, President of the Dutch Bridge Federation

Dear Bridge Friends,

At the end of the Olympiad I wish to thank you all for your presence in Maastricht. I am happy that we can look back at a very fine bridge event. We definitely did not lack excitement in the bridge competitions. We can be proud of the great teams that won this Olympiad.

Thanks to your co-operation and thanks to the hundreds of volunteers we were able to run the tournament smoothly. I would like to express my gratitude to the sponsors who co-operated with the Dutch Bridge Federation. We all must realise that their support was indispensable.

I owe a special word of thanks to José Damiani, who devoted so much time in working with the Organising Committee and who gave us plenty of room to implement new ideas.

The world Bridge Olympiad has come to a close. I wish you a safe trip back home and hope to meet you again in a future bridge event.

A mistake in the Bulletin, oh really?

Aida, the Opera that has been running alongside these Championships, contains a triumphal march. It would not be inappropriate for it to be played at the end of these Championships, which have been an outstanding success.

The first Olympiad I attended was in 1992. The equipment we use, and the appearance of the bulletin, have both changed beyond recognition. The latter is due, in no small measure, to the dedication of the team put together by the WBF under the control of our exceptional Co-ordinator Jean-Paul Meyer.

Brian Senior and Brent Manley are consummate professionals. To be so accurate when having to work at top speed for almost two weeks is remarkable.

Our layout editor Stelios Hatzidakis somehow manages to fit a quart into a pint pot, and both he and Takis Pournaras, who was our Internet guru, worked long hours while others slept, and of necessity slept short hours while others worked. Ron Tacchi, rapidly making a name for himself as a photographer and bon vivant, achieved much, even getting Brian to smile in front of the camera!

Although each department has its own responsibilities, the Daily Bulletin perhaps relies more heavily than most on the co-operation of others. I cannot mention them all.

Barry Rigal was one of our main links with the VuGraph, and supplied us with information about many deals. He also introduced us to the latest craze in the bulletin office, a game called Demolition. As a result we are proud to inform the World that Patrick Jourdain has absolutely no hand/eye co-ordination whatsoever - well at least not at 03.00 in the morning! Koen Gijsman helped in a hundred different ways, but especially by providing us with missing information. Without Peter Huisman and his production team, there would have been no point to our work - and no bulletin for you to read tonight.

Mark Horton
Editor



President's Farewell Message

José Damiani
President of the WBF

Madame La Ministre, Governor of the Province of Limburg,
Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends

Finally we reach the end of another World Championship. The World Teams Olympiad is always a special event for all of us and this time we have had the chance to embrace the whole of our bridge family by introducing the World Universities Cup and the World Seniors Cup as well, of course, as the World Transnational Mixed Teams. This combination of events has created a very special atmosphere here in Maastricht, one I am sure you will all remember for a very long time.

The venue here in Maastricht has provided the players with excellent facilities, the technical side of the Tournament has been superb, with four web sites covering the event, a fast results service, two Vu-Graph Theatres and an excellent Press Room. Such facilities only serve to promote our sport and I am sure they have been appreciated by the many visitors, both those here in Maastricht and also by people throughout the world as they watch the Championships through Internet.

This makes the World Bridge Federation very proud and happy, but none of this would have happened without the outstanding co-operation of the Netherlands Bridge Bond, its Organising Committee and its dynamic President, Laurence Hoedemaker, so ably assisted by Harry van de Peppel and Marijke Blanken, Koos Vrieze, Ruud Ruijg, Nico Tromp, Jan Louwerse, Ton Jooijman and Marc Stoffelen.

We are very honoured by the presence of Mrs Margo Vliegherst, the Minister of State for Public Health, Welfare and Sport, Mr Baron Van Voorst Tot Voorst, the Governor of Her Majesty the Queen in the Province of Limburg and Mr Philip Houben, the Mayor of the City of Maastricht. I would like to express our appreciation of your beautiful district and your lovely City of Maastricht. I know that everyone here will agree with me that this part of the Netherlands is as fascinating as it is enchanting and historical. But I also wish to thank you for your support of the Championship itself without which our task would have been far more difficult.

My friends, we must also show our very sincere appreciation to the companies who have sponsored us so generously -

To Xerox for their amazing photocopying facilities which printed the Bulletins daily.

To Nobel van Dijk & Partners for the provision of the computer systems that have been appreciated by so many of you

To ING Bank for their generosity.

And to the many others, including ArboNed, Lavazza, and Transfer Solutions, who gave of their time and facilities to assist the Netherlands Bridge Bond.

For the University Cup, we were fortunate to have the sponsorship of E-Bridge, Electrabel and World Bridge Productions.

So many people worked very hard behind the scenes and they all deserve our thanks for their efforts which ensured the smooth

running of the tournament.

The Netherlands Bridge Federation found some wonderful volunteers to assist them for the Championship. Working in the playing rooms, moving hundreds of boards were the caddies, under their supervisors, Gijs and Gea Westra. Paul Goessen and Wim vd Gruisen co-ordinated the workforce, ensuring that all areas had sufficient personnel to cover the multitude of tasks generated by such a large event. Jos Wijnmalen handled the transport to and from the airport with enormous efficiency. Your Hospitality team, of Josée de Groot, Monique Callon, Bernadette Dautzenberg, Desiré Hermans, Eugenie van den Hoogen, Ellie Jansen, Jacquie Korving, Anne-lies van de Peppel, Ina Tuin and Monique Voortveld, organised by the indefatigable Marijke Blanken, did a wonderful job of looking after everyone and ensuring their comfort. Arie van der Swan and Marina Witvliet were responsible for the Seniors and then took over the results service for the Swiss. Eric van Dijk and Pascale van Duyse worked tirelessly in the main office preparing and duplicating the many forms and hand records needed during the course of the Championship.

The Lavazza coffee machines and the water fountains were maintained throughout by Joke and Ben Lousberg.

In the background were the duplication team of Femmy Boelaars, Annie Checkroun, Frans Lejeune, Anna Maria Orlandi, Jenny Ruijg, Hélène Vivier and Simon Wieserma who dealt a staggering number of boards over the two weeks.

Ensuring the smooth running of the VuGraph were the Bridge Vision team, Elisabeth Antelme, Elisabeth Piganeau and Laurent Rigaud and Brigitte Bourdel together with the Zoomoscope Video team of Bernard Delange, Paul Binisti and Bernadette Pasquier under the supervision of Jean Claude Beineix and using the equipment and software provided by the French Bridge Federation.

The Systems Desk was run with great efficiency by Chris Diment and Jan and Corrie Louwerse, Annelie Kooijman, Martin and Ilse Sneepers kept all the team captains in order at the Line Up and Results Desk.

Jean-Paul Meyer once again co-ordinated a very distinguished panel of Commentators for the VuGraph - Lucky Dana, Eric Kokish, Barry Rigal and Bobby Wolff, analysing the hands and providing entertaining and informative commentary for your enjoyment. There was also a Dutch VuGraph, which I know was appreciated by many people from the surrounding area, with commentators Willem Willemse, Els Wittevenn, Lucas Boutens, Kees Wulffelé, Cees Sint, Toine van Hoof and Jan van Cleeff.

Elly Ducheyne managed the very high-tech Press and Public Internet Room with her able assistants Gloria Dismot and Andrea Willemse. Nearby, the Daily Bulletin Editors, co-ordinated by Jean-Paul Meyer, produced an excellent Daily News and our thanks go to the Editor, Mark Horton, with his Assistant Editors Brent Manley and Brian Senior. Ron Tacchi took the excellent photographs, and Stelios Hatzidakis undertook the layout.

Our thanks also go to the many volunteers who manned the enormous Xerox photocopiers through the night to ensure that your Daily Bulletin was ready and waiting for you in the morning.

As you all know, there were no less than four Internet sites covering the Championships - Takis Pournaras undertook the work for the WBF site, Koen Gijsman and Onno Eskes handled the fast and efficient results service, putting this together with the VuGraph onto the Olympiad site. There was also comprehensive coverage by e-bridge and Canal Web, so that the outside world was able to obtain not only results and VuGraph coverage, but also the bulletins and informed comments about the event every day.

The MSN Gaming Zone World Computer Bridge Championship was staged and co-ordinated by Al Levy.

The IT Systems Manager, who set up all the computers, was Bart Bosman and Marc Nobel had the enormous task of keeping them running throughout the event.

On the "floor" the team of Tournament Directors under the leadership of Bill Schoder, assisted by Max Bavin, did their usual sterling job as I am sure all the players will agree. Thanks go to them and to the rest of the team: Jean Audebert, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Rob Bosman, Anthony Ching, Bertrand Gignoux, Richard Grenside, Rui Marques, Jeanne Van Den Meiracker, Maurizio DiSacco, Jean-Louis Pennec, Guillermo Poplawski, Antonio Riccardi, Jack Rhind, Herman de Schrijver, Matt Smith and Sol Weinstein.

Of course, there are always times when the Tournament Directors have their decisions appealed, although, as in Bermuda, there were fewer than usual because of our new policy. Here we had a distinguished Appeals Committee chaired by Bobby Wolff. Thanks go to Joan Gerard, John Wignall, Richard Colker, Ernesto d'Orsi, Grattan Endicott, Jean-Paul Meyer, Dan Morse, Jeffrey Polisner, Nissan Rand, David Stevenson and Herman De Wael.

Every department was watched over by the Operations Director, Ton Kooijman, who in his own inimitable way kept an eye on everything to make sure that this World Teams Olympiad takes its rightful place in the history of this great event.

I would like also to acknowledge the work undertaken by my colleagues, the Members of the Executive Council and our assistants, Christine Francin, Anna Gudge and Carol von Linstow.

No Championship would exist, however, without you, the players - these are your events, and of course we are here to congratulate the winners, but we must remember always that you are all winners because your participation in this great Olympiad makes you so.

So, my dear friends, we have come to the end, but believe me we only end one Championship in order to start working towards the next. We are, I am sure, all looking back over this Championship as we say goodbye to our many friends that we have made here, but also looking forward to the next time. Towards Bali in October 2001, the Bermuda Bowl, the Venice Cup and, of course, the World Transnational Open Teams. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you all. Thank you very much.

I declare the 11th World Bridge Teams Olympiad closed.

PLAYER PROFILES

Italian Open Team

Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Dano de Falco, Guido Ferraro, Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace. The npc is Carlo Mosca and the coach is Maria Teresa Lavazza.

Lorenzo Lauria: born 1946 in Rome. World and European Grand Master. Insurance broker and currently best-ranked Italian player. Won the European teams championship in 1979 and silver medal in Bermuda Bowl the same year. In 10 years with his current partner Alfredo Versace, he has had great success, winning two consecutive European teams championships in 1995 and 1997, the Rosenblum Cup in 1998, the IOC Grand Prix in 1999, the Cavendish teams 1996 and 1997, the Macallan 1998, and the Vanderbilt 1999. Has also won many Italian titles, Italian cups, EEC championships and numerous international contests.

Alfredo Versace: born 1969, originally of Turin but now living in Rome. World Life Master and European Grand Master. Professional player, he started playing bridge early, around age 12. Learned from his grandfather and quickly became a promising young player, winning the Junior European teams championship 1990. Won several Italian titles, as well as national and international competitions. Started his partnership with Lorenzo Lauria in 1993, achieving an impressive series of successes. The Versace-Luria partnership is considered one of the best in the world.

Norberto Bocchi: born 1961, originally from Parma, but now living in Milan. World Master and European Grand Master. Professional player. Comes from a family of champions. His sister Mabel was a basketball champion. He won several Italian and EEC championships, national and international competitions. Has the record of achieving first place in the Italian annual ranking 9 times. With partner Duboin, won the gold medal in the last two European teams championships 1997 and 1999, and the silver medal in 1999 in the European Open pairs.

Giorgio Duboin: born 1959, from Turin. World Master and European Grand Master. He's a professional player. Started Bridge at age 13, and soon became one of Europe's top juniors. With Guido Ferraro, won the European Junior pairs championship and two EEC pairs championships. Has won several Ital-

ian championships, national and international competitions. In the '90s, started his partnership with Norberto Bocchi, which is considered one of the strongest in the world, and won the gold medal in the European teams 1997 and 1999, and the silver medal in the European Open pairs 1999.

Dano De Falco: born 1943 of Padua. World and European Grand Master. Owns a computer company, but finds time to play bridge professionally. Was a member of the mythical Blue Team, which led world bridge for more than a decade, and won his first European Championship in Ostend in 1973 the day his first son, Matteo, was born. Won in the Bermuda Bowl in Venice 1974 and won another European title in Lausanne 1979. In addition, was among Italy's runners-up in both the 1979 Bermuda Bowl in Rio de Janeiro and 1983 in Stockholm. With Giorgio Belladonna, holds the record number of victories in the Italian Cup. Won the 1st World Transnational teams championship 1997 and European teams championship 1999 with Guido Ferraro.

Guido Ferraro: born 1959 of Turin. Was one of the best junior players in the 80's. Partnered with Giorgio Duboin before deciding to give up this promising career to start another on the sidelines of the Bridge Rama as a humorous and witty commentator. Finally and luckily, the 'wise old man' De Falco pulled him out of the darkness back into the limelight of the bridge table. The victory in 1999 European teams championship is Ferraro's first big international victory.

Carlo Mosca, npc: born 1946 of Rome but lives in Milan. World and European Life Master. Bridge teacher. A graduate in Economics and Business Studies. Also a well known player worldwide. He's another former member of the Blue Team. Won gold in the European teams 1973, silver in the European teams 1983, and the Bermuda Bowl 1976 and 1983. In the 90's started teaching bridge, and since 1994 he has been the Club Azzurro Chief Coach and open team non-playing captain.

OPEN**Italy v Poland****FINAL
Set Five****The comeback trail**

Down 61 IMPs going into the fifth set of the Olympiad Open series final, Poland put a serious dent in Italy's lead, starting off with 38 unanswered IMPs and ending the 16-board segment down only 27 at 171-144. Poland hit Italy with a slam swing right off the bat.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| Duboin | Balicki | Bocchi | Zmudzinski |
| | INT | Pass | 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2♠ | 3♥ | 3♠ | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ Transfer

East-West collected a spade trick, but with clubs splitting 3-3, it was simple for declarer to ruff that suit good and claim for plus 980. The key to the auction by Cezary Balicki and Adam Zmudzinski was Balicki's acceptance of the heart transfer, confirming the fit and allowing for cuebids thereafter.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|-----------|-------------------|
| Jassem | Lauria | Tuszynski | Versace |
| | INT | Pass | 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ |
| 2♠ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♥ | All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ Transfer

Although Lorenzo Lauria jumped to game over Alfredo Versace's double, there was concern about the trump queen, as 4NT asked only about aces. Versace took the conservative view, the result of which was an 11-IMP loss.

The Italians went awry in the auction on the next deal as well, both pairs landing in hopeless contracts.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|
| Duboin | Balicki | Bocchi | Zmudzinski |
| | INT | INT ⁽¹⁾ | Pass |
| 2NT ⁽²⁾ | Pass | 3♣ ⁽³⁾ | Pass |
| 3♦ | All Pass | | |

⁽¹⁾ 9-12⁽²⁾ Transfer to diamonds⁽³⁾ Indicating a diamond fit

Balicki led the ♠10 to the queen, king and ace. Giorgio Duboin played the ♦2 and put in the queen when Balicki ducked. Declarer played a heart off dummy to Zmudzinski's king. South cashed the ♣J and the ♣8. Zmudzinski then cashed the ♥A and got out with the ♣4. Duboin ruffed with the ♦7 and was overruffed by the 10. North played a club, and declarer went up with the ace. He still had a diamond to lose, finishing down two for minus 100.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|-----------|---------|
| Jassem | Lauria | Tuszynski | Versace |
| | INT | Pass | 1♣ |
| 1♦ | Dble | Redbl | 1♠ |
| 2♦ | Pass | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♣ | All Pass | |

Even though South lost no heart tricks (Krzysztof Jassem led the ♥Q and continued with the jack on getting in with the ♦A), he still finished two down for minus 200, losing two spades. After winning the second heart trick and cashing his third, Alfredo Versace played a club to the 4, jack and queen. On the return of a low spade, Versace went up with the king, losing to the ace and then the queen when a spade was returned. He still had two more club tricks to lose for minus 200. That was 7 IMPs to Poland, now building momentum.

Another slam swing went Poland's way when Duboin and Bocchi got all the way to 4NT with 34 high-card points between them while Jassem and Tuszynski sailed into the cold 6NT in only two rounds of bidding. Three boards had been played and Poland had recovered 30 IMPs - and they were not finished.

On Board 4, Jassem and Tuszynski played 3♣ making for plus 140 while their teammates clipped INT for two tricks and plus

200. Another 8 IMPs to Poland.

Italy stemmed the tide with a 5-IMP gain on this deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----------|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| ♠ Q 5 | N | ♠ A K 9 2 | West | North | East | South |
| ♥ 9 7 4 | W E | ♥ K J | Duboin | Balicki | Bocchi | Zmudzinski |
| ♦ K 10 8 2 | S | ♦ Q J 7 3 | | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| ♣ A 10 8 5 | | ♣ 9 7 3 | | Pass | Redbl | Pass |
| | | | | 1♠ | Dble | All Pass |

(⁽¹⁾) Polish club

Balicki led the ♥2 (low from doubletons) to the king, ducked by Zmudzinski. The ♥8 was next, taken by the jack. Zmudzinski played the ♠Q and ♠K, indicating doubleton, and followed with the ♥A, ruffed by West and overruffed by North. The ♠7 was led and South ruffed in with the 9 to play another heart, allowing North to score his second trump trick with the ace still to come. Plus 200 to Poland.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|--------|-----------|----------------------|
| Jassem | Lauria | Tuszynski | Versace |
| | 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2♣(⁽¹⁾) |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ | 3♦ |
| | | 3NT | All Pass |

(⁽¹⁾) Checkback

Lauria had no chance in this forlorn contract, finishing down three for minus 150 and another 8 IMPs to Poland. Lauria might have been luckier, and on some days wretched contracts like this one are brought in, but this deal is certainly no advertisement for light openers.

Italy got 10 IMPs back on this deal when Lauria made a neat defensive play.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|---------|----------------------|------------|
| Duboin | Balicki | Bocchi | Zmudzinski |
| | | Pass | Pass |
| 1♣ | Pass | 1♥(⁽¹⁾) | Pass |
| INT ⁽²⁾ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

(⁽¹⁾) Spades

(⁽²⁾) Strong INT

Balicki led a low heart to the 4, 10 and king. Duboin played a club to dummy's ace and played a diamond to his queen. Balicki won the ♦K and played the ♥Q. When Duboin ducked, Balicki gave up on his suit because of the lack of entries, switching to the ♠J. That was ducked to the king and South cleared the heart suit with a third round. Duboin played the ♠Q and then a low club to dummy's king. When diamonds behaved, Duboin had his nine tricks for plus 400.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Jassem | Lauria | Tuszynski | Versace |
| | | | Pass |
| INT | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

All the bidding was apparently a quest to assure that the two hands did not have low doubletons in hearts facing each other. Lauria led a heart to the 10 and king. Jassem played a club to dummy's ace and a diamond to his queen. When this held the trick, Lauria had succeeded in creating the illusion that the contract could be made without the club finesse. Just because the diamond finesse worked, however, does that mean the suit is breaking? It seems better to stick with the 50% club finesse.

At any rate, Jassem went back to dummy with the ♠K to take a second finesse in diamonds. Lauria won the king this time and cleared the heart suit, waiting with his club entry to cash the setting trick. That was 10 IMPs for Italy, feeling better about the set.

Italy suffered another swing involving a grand slam on this deal near the end.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------|--|
| ♠ A | | | |
| ♥ A K 10 5 | | | |
| ♦ Q J 4 3 | | | |
| ♣ A K J 8 | | | |
| ♠ 2 | N | ♠ Q 8 6 | |
| ♥ J 3 | | ♥ Q 9 8 7 6 4 2 | |
| ♦ 10 8 7 6 5 2 | W E | ♦ — | |
| ♣ Q 7 4 3 | S | ♣ 9 5 2 | |
| ♠ K J 10 9 7 5 4 3 | | | |
| ♥ — | | | |
| ♦ A K 9 | | | |
| ♣ 10 6 | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Duboin | Balicki | Bocchi | Zmudzinski |
| | | 3♦ | 4♠ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♥ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

Zmudzinski had no trouble coming to 12 tricks, losing only to the trump queen. No trump coup can be achieved for 13 tricks because of the lack of entries to dummy.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Jassem | Lauria | Tuszynski | Versace |
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♣ | 2♦ | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 5♦ |
| Pass | 7NT | All Pass | |

It's hard to blame North for driving to the grand slam. On the bidding he no doubt envisioned a more robust, if slightly shorter, spade suit. After the club opening lead went to the 6, queen and king, Lauria had 12 tricks, but his only hope for a 13th was some luck in spades. Down one meant a loss of 14 IMPs to Poland, now solidly back in the match with 48 boards to go.

Looking forward to Bali 2001

and the Lippo Bank World Bridge Championships



The 35th Bermuda Bowl The 13th Venice Cup The 3rd World Transnational Open Teams

Dates:

Bermuda Bowl & Venice Cup

Saturday 20 October - 2 November 2001

Please note that the date of the opening ceremony will now be Saturday 20 October, and play will start on Sunday 21 October. The date for the Victory Banquet (02 November) remains unchanged.

World Transnational Open Teams

Sunday 28 October - 2 November 2001

Venue: The Bali International Convention Centre, Nusa Dua.

Hotels & Rates:

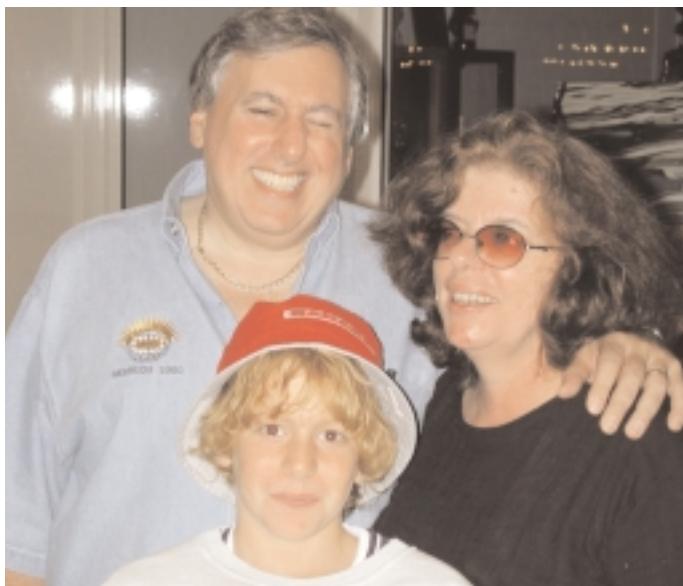
| Room Rates | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | Single US \$ | Double US \$ |
| Nusa Dua Beach Hotel (*****) | 124 | 140 |
| Melia Bali Hotel (*****) | 124 | 140 |
| Hotel Putri Bali Nusa Dua (****) | 100 | 120 |
| Novotel Benoa (In Benoa) (***) | 85 | 100 |

All the above room rates are inclusive of breakfast, taxes and levy

Visas: Please contact your local Travel Agent or Embassy to arrange visas well in advance.

More Information: A new website is being constructed for the event and can be found at www.bridgeindonesia.com and you will find some initial information there. Details will also be available on the WBF Web Site at www.bridge.gr

The perfect opportunity you to enjoy all the atmosphere and excitement of a great World Championship and to participate in the World Open Transnational Teams.

WOMEN**Canada v USA**
FINAL
Set Three


Beverly Kraft's family, Canada

Canada went into the third session with a three IMP lead, but the match took what proved to be a decisive turn in favour of the USA, as they outscored their neighbours 49-8 to lead 96-58 IMPs.

The American team were generally more aggressive in the bidding, particularly in part score situations. It earned them a number of points during the match, this being a typical example.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cimon | Jackson | Lacroix | Klar |
| | | | 1♥ |
| 1♠ Pass | Dble Pass | Redbl 2♠ | 2♦ 3♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

There was no way for the defenders to threaten declarer. That was a slightly soft result, as nine tricks in spades were available for East-West.

Open room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Breed | Habert | Quinn | Kraft |
| | | | 1♥ |
| Pass | INT | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♠ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♣ | All Pass | | |

Once South had passed over Two Clubs, it was almost a certainty that East-West would get to play the hand. South led the queen of diamonds, and declarer took the ace, ruffed a diamond, and played a small spade. South had to win, and she switched to a trump. Declarer won with dummy's ace, crossed to hand with a heart, and ruffed a diamond. She exited with a spade, and was in control. The USA were +110 in both rooms, 6 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cimon | Jackson | Lacroix | Klar |
| | Pass | 1♣ | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | 2♥ | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 4♦ | All Pass |

North led the queen of hearts, and continued the suit when declarer ducked. Cimon made the sound play of crossing to a club in order to play a spade to the king. North won with the ace, and switched to the two of diamonds. South took the ace and played back the three. Declarer took the queen and finessed in spades for a slightly unlucky one down.

Open room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Breed | Habert | Quinn | Kraft |
| | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 4♦ | All Pass |

North made the slightly strange lead of the two of diamonds, resolving one of declarer's problems. South took the ace, and switched to a heart. Declarer put up the ace, had to consider the situation. South was marked with the ace of diamonds and some values in hearts. That made North a favourite to hold the ace of

spades, and the gentle raise and the lead suggested a balanced hand. Where was the jack of spades? Declarer played a spade to the queen. When that held, she played the ten of spades, and the hand was over. Was this line of play as sound as Cimon's? Whatever, it meant 12 IMPs to the USA.

The USA comprehensively outbid the Canadians on the final deal of the set.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|---------|-------|
| Cimon | Jackson | Lacroix | Klar |
| Pass | INT | Pass | 2♦* |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

The perfect fit and the 2-2 trump break combined to make ten tricks straightforward.

Open room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| Breed | Habert | Quinn | Kraft |
| Pass | 1♦ | 1♠ | Dble |
| Pass | 2♥ | All Pass | |

Does Two Hearts really do justice to that North hand? The same ten tricks, but only +170, and 6 IMPs away.

It was beginning to look as if the title would be going South of the Canadian border.

Limericks - The Final Selection

Thanks to everyone who submitted a limerick. This was the first time we have solicited them from the Internet as well as old-fashioned pencil and paper. And our final limerick is from Jon Robinson of Canada, who gave us one of the original limericks we published.

There was a young lady from Maastricht
Whose system was very gymnasticht
Her fit showing jumps
Could give you goose bumps
And her leaping Michaels? Fantasticht!!

Once again thanks to every contributor, especially for those whose limericks we were not allowed to publish but made us laugh. We will meet again in Bali, where rhyming may be difficult, although we thought of using Jakarta but immediately changed our minds for obvious reasons.

2000: a world-wide bridge pearl

The year 2000 will be remembered as a magnificent year for bridge. After Bermuda where a splendid World Championship took place this Olympiad in Maastricht demands its right to be honored as a superb event, both in respect of the venue and conditions we had available and regarding the organization as prepared and executed by the Dutch. I am proud to be a member of a Federation with the possibilities and ambition to host an Olympiad of the highest quality.

As in Valkenburg 1980, most of the supporting staff was recruited from the region. More than 250 people showed their interest in taking part in the organization and from this group more than 60 were here daily to undertake all the necessary tasks. And day after day they showed their eagerness to make this championship a fantastic event.

I would like to mention some names: Gijs and Gea Westra the Room Chiefs, who organised a group of caddies, runners and board-movers in an ever energetic and enthusiastic mood. This brought them the admiration of the TD-staff and probably many players as well. Paul Goessens and Wim vd Gruisen daily moved more than 60 workers to their respective jobs and always found the extra manpower we needed instantly. Arie van der Zwan and Marina Witvliet started looking after the Seniors and thereafter were in charge of results in the Swiss, doing a very competent and efficient job. Let us not forget Eric van Dijk and Pascale van Duyse reigning in the main office and preparing all forms and hand records spread out this fortnight. Frans Lejeune in charge of all data to be provided for duplication, and of the duplication itself, VuGraphs, Internet, e-bridge and so on. Martin and Ilse Sneepers with Onno Eskes, who made the results software programs and Koen Gijssman, our Internet guru, did an excellent job too. Mark Nobel looked after all technical Compaq equipment and dealt with whatever destroying activities you explored on the computers and printers in a super quality network. Xerox needs to be named also. Never in my experience as operations director did the photocopiers do such a smooth job, producing an estimated 1,000,000 A4 sized copies. After the first week I forgot their emergency telephone number, but I remember the two guys who took a day course to handle the giant 8 meter copiers and worked long hours nightly during these two weeks.

I had some relaxing minutes every day in the Dutch VuGraph, listening to Cees Sint, Jan van Cleeff and Toine van Hoof with their interesting and humorous comment. Both VuGraph staffs performed beautiful shows, and the charming hospitality ladies headed by Josée de Groot answered every question and solved all problems. Relating to hospitality, Jos Wijnmalen organised all transport and appeared to be a logistic genius.

The more international oriented departments will undoubtedly be honored by José Damiani, which leaves me to concentrate on the Dutch organizing committee. It was a real pleasure to work with them during the last couple of years, all dedicated to make this event the best ever. I would like to emphasize the role of the technical man: Ruud Ruijg. During these years he worked more hours than any of us and selected many members of the technical staff, so he knew his job as well as his people.

Having all these people here meant for me that I had a relatively easy job, though the demands we put to ourselves left enough to be looked after. They knew what to do and more than that: they did it.

May I suggest the following: If you agree with my feeling that Maastricht has become an unforgettable success lay down this daily bulletin and let your table this evening applaud for a while. The Dutch organizers will hear you.

Ton Kooijman, Operations Director (and Dutch)

PLAYER PROFILES

Polish Open Team

CEZARY BALICKI

Cezary Balicki, 42 years old, lives in Wroclaw. He is a former chess instructor, but now a bridge professional. He represents AZS Politechnika Wroclaw bridge club. He is the holder of numerous Polish championship titles, and has many times represented Poland in the national team. His biggest international achievements (all of them with Adam Zmudzinski) include: first place in European Open Teams Championship in Turku 1989, third place in the Bermuda Bowl in Perth 1989, third place in World Open Pairs Championship, Geneva 1990, third place in European Teams Championship in Killarney 1991, second place in Bermuda Bowl, Yokohama 1991, first place in European Team Championship, Menton 1993, second place in Rosenblum Cup, Albuquerque 1994, second place in the European Teams Championship, Montecatini 1997, first place in the World Transnational Teams Bermuda 2000. Also: first place in TOP 16 MACALLAN PAIRS, London 1994, first place in SPINGOLD TEAMS, Albuquerque 1997, second place in REISINGER TEAMS, St. Louis 1997, second place in SPINGOLD TEAMS, Chicago 1998, fourth place in the Par Contest (Jean Besse Trophy) at Lille 1998. Winner of many big pairs and team tournaments in Europe, North America and Australia.

KRZYSZTOF JASSEM

Krzysztof Jassem lives in Poznan. He is a 35 year old doctor of mathematics and computer science and a specialist in the field of artificial intelligence(!). He is a research worker at the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan. Krzysztof has collected numerous Polish Championship titles, which he has won for the following bridge clubs: Budowlani Poznan, Czarni Slupsk, Silesia Gliwice and Unia Winkhaus Leszno, which he currently represents together with his partner Piotr Tuszynski and the partnership of Jacek Pszczola with Michal Kwiecien. His biggest international achievement was coming second in World Transnational Open Teams Hammamet 1997. He made his debut in Polish national team in European Open Teams Championship Malta 1999. With his partner Piotr Tuszynski he was the best Polish pair in Butler scoring. Poland came sixth which granted them the last qualifying place for Bermuda Bowl 2000 (where Poland lost by 4 IMPs to USA 2 in the quarter-final). This year Jassem and Tuszynski came third in CAP GEMINI tournament at The Hague. Krzysztof for the past few years is also a successful bridge journalist.

MICHAL KWIECIEN

Michal Kwiecien is a 43 year old car engineer from Lublin and a businessman. His bridge club is Unia Winkhaus Leszno. Biggest wins: first place in World Open Pairs Championship, Lille 1998, second place in European Open Teams Championship, Montecatini 1997, third place in World Transnational Open Teams, Hammamet 1997 (all of them with Jacek Pszczola). He also won gold in European Junior Teams Championship Salsomaggiore 1982 (with his former partner Marek Wojcicki). Numerous titles of Polish Champion (also in Juniors), winner of Polish and international tournaments. He has played together with Jacek Pszczola

for eight years now. Kwiecien and Pszczola were the best Polish pair during Bermuda Bowl 2000 (third place in Butler scoring).

JACEK PSZCZOLA

Jacek Pszczola is the youngest player in the Polish, he is a 33 year old mining engineer from Lublin and a businessman. His bridge club is Unia Winkhaus Leszno. He is a former Polish Junior Champion and is now trying for his first titles in the Open category. Best achievements: World Open Pairs Championship, Lille 1998, second place in European Open Teams Championship, Montecatini 1997, third place in World Transnational Open Teams, Hammamet 1997. He also won the prestigious Polish bridge event - Festiwal Solidarnosci in Slupsk 1995. One year ago, during Fall North American Bridge Championships in Boston, he made a successful debut in America. Jacek and Michal Kwiecien have now played together for eight years.

PIOTR TUSZYNSKI

Piotr Tuszynski is a 45 year old railway transport engineer from Warsaw. He is the winner of multiple Polish championships and has represented his country in numerous international events. He has also won many national and international tournaments. His biggest achievements are: winning the Bridge Olympiad Seattle 1984 (with Jacek Romanski), silver medals in the World Transnational Open Teams Hammamet 1997 (with Krzysztof Jassem) and in European Junior Pairs Championship Monte Carlo 1980 (with Piotr Gawrys). Currently he forms a partnership with Krzysztof Jassem. They came third in the CAP GEMINI 2000 tournament at The Hague.

ADAM ZMUDZINSKI

Adam Zmudzinski is 44 years old and he lives in Katowice where he is an engineer of electronics and currently a bridge professional and instructor. Sport club - AZS Politechnika Wroclaw. Adam is a winner of numerous Polish championship titles as well as of many pair and team tournaments in Poland and abroad. He has also represented Poland in numerous international events. Biggest international achievements – see Cezary Balicki's profile. Adam and Cezary form a successful and a long-lasting (over fifteen years) partnership.

JAN ROGOWSKI

Jan Rogowski is the non-playing captain of the Polish team. He is a 51 year old doctor of agricultural science and a research worker at the Warmińsko-Mazurski University in Olsztyn. He is also a vice-chairman of the Polish Bridge Federation.

WOJCIECH SIWIEC

Team's coach - Wojciech Siwiec is a 47 year old chemistry engineer from Warsaw. He is a bridge expert and a professional bridge journalist, the editor of *Przeglad Brydzowy*, the official Polish Bridge Union magazine.

PLAYER PROFILES

USA Women's Team

Texans earn for Olympiad gold

It's unusual for each member of an American squad to come from the same place, but the USA entry in the Olympiad Women's series all live in the great state of Texas, where men are men and women sometimes let them play on their teams.

That was not permitted in this event, but they did allow **Bob Hamman** to be their non-playing captain, a role he has enjoyed as much as possible considering that he would rather have played.

Mildred Breed, who lives in Bryan, a college town west of Houston. She learned bridge at the age of 15 and now the former purchasing agent for a steel fabricator teaches bridge on the Internet. Mildred has two daughters, 13-year-old Rhiannon, who just started playing bridge two months ago (but will not play with her mom), and 29-year-old Monica, who is about to earn a doctorate in cognitive neuropsychology. Mildred has won six major North American championships. She won her second world title in Maastricht.

When **Petra Hamman** came into the world, it was as Petra Voigt of Halle in what at the time was East Germany. Nine years later, the family moved to Hamburg, in West Germany. East German residents were allowed to leave at the time, but only if they took nothing with them. After two years in Hamburg, the family moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Petra has two daughters, both self-employed in the horse industry (riding and training) in the Detroit area. Petra teaches bridge in Dallas and, on a daily basis, indulges her other passion - tennis. She and Bob have been married 15 years.

Joan Jackson, also a Dallas resident, is in financial management. She and partner Robin Klar have been playing together for only about a year and a half but were key members of the team which won the women's trials earlier this year. Joan has two children and three grandchildren, 9-year-old Rachael, who lives in Seattle, and 4-year-old Cameron and 2-year-old Janessa, who live in Denver. Joan has won two major championships in North America. For all but Breed and Quinn, the victory in Maastricht was their first world title.

Robin Klar who lives in Spring, north of Houston, was only 18 when she won the national Women's Pairs in 1970 playing with Tina Rockaway. Robin was the youngest woman to win a North American championship. Seven years later, she retired from bridge to take care of her family, and she returned to the game only three years ago and already has added another major title to her trophy case with a win in the Women's Swiss Teams last year. Nowadays, Robin says, she "teaches teachers how to teach the Holocaust." She has a son, James Lent, who is a concert pianist living in New York, and a daughter, June Lent, who is a college student in Austin.

Shawn Quinn lives in Katy, a suburb of Houston, with husband Joe, one of her favorite partners. She started playing bridge in 1981 "to do something with my mother" and really took to the game. She broke through into the national scene in the early Nineties and since has added 10 major North American titles and two world championships, including the Women's Olympiad in 1996. She won the world Women's Pairs in 1998.

The former systems analyst just started a new job as site manager of a new online bridge site called Winbridge.

When **Peggy Sutherlin** went for her job interview as a flight attendant with American Airlines many years ago, she told them she wanted the job so that she would have a cheap way to fly to bridge tournaments. She must have said some other things that made a good impression because she spent 34 years at the job, much of the time in San Francisco. Now retired, Peggy and husband John (newly crowned world champion as a member of the winning Senior International Cup) now live in Dallas. She and Petra have been playing together seven years. Besides bridge, Peggy's hobby is genealogy. She is about to complete a book tracing her father's history.

PLAYER PROFILES

German Women's Team

Christoph Kemmer, non-playing captain, teaches mathematics and lives in a small village near Stuttgart. He plays bridge in the German Premier League for Augsburg. His hobbies besides bridge are reading, cycling, traveling and skiing. He would have enjoyed playing in Maastricht "but I finished fourth in the qualification." His one International appearance was in Salsomaggiore.

Katrin Farwig was born in San Salvador. She and her brother Klaus Reps learned to play bridge in 1985. She studied pharmaceutical science in Berlin from 1988 to 1993, abandoning bridge during that time, but took it up again in 1997 when her boyfriend (now her husband, Christian) needed a partner for the National Mixed tournaments. Since last year she has been working in the pharmaceutical industry as coordinator of product launches. Her current problem is how to get enough vacation to participate in International Bridge tournaments and have a holiday once a year.

Barbara Stawowy has been playing bridge since 1987. Her hobbies are volleyball, football (she has recently taken to supporting Manchester United - you will have to ask her why!), travel and dining. Together with Katrin, she was a runner up in the McConnell Cup in Lille in 1998.

Daniela von Arnim was born in Munich and has been playing

bridge since 1980. She is a software designer by profession. Her hobbies are reading, fitness, diving and dicing - that's with dice, not death! She is married to Klaus Reps, who has captained the team on many occasions, most notably in Beijing, where they won the Venice Cup. Here in Maastricht he is playing for the German Open team.

Sabine Auken was born in Bamberg. She and her husband Jens Auken live in Copenhagen with their two children, Jens Christian, 5, and Maximilian, 15 months. She spends her free time as a fund-raiser for Save the Children Denmark, and will soon become marketing coordinator for Denmark's first ethical investment fund.

Andrea Rauscheid is a native of Aachen and took up bridge in 1984. She works in a medical lab and relates that she has been "trying for years to get some physical fitness (aerobics, inline skating) instead of reading or dicing in my favourite pub."

Beate - 'Pony' - Nehmert lives in Wiesbaden, and like Sabine and Daniela, she now has World Championship medals of all three colours - Gold in Beijing, China, Silver in Santiago, Chile and Bronze here in Maastricht. She teaches bridge, and enjoys reading books, especially the ones lent to her by her partner Andrea, which she never returns! A retired shopper, she now prefers travelling, and playing computer games.

The Maastricht Seniors Championship Revisited

Nissan Rand, Chairman WBF Seniors Committee

It certainly can be stated that the first Senior International Cup event was a great success. Twenty-four teams competed in a Round Robin at the Maastricht MECC. Seventeen teams came from Zone No.1 - Europe - while the remaining seven came from the other zones of the WBF. The Senior teams competing were: Aruba, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, Poland, San Marino, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA, Venezuela and Wales. It was heartening to see great players competing among the Seniors. We counted more than two dozen World and European Champions. The famous movie star Omar Sharif representing Egypt attracted a huge gallery of spectators to the table, and helped to create a special atmosphere for the event.

The medal winning teams representing USA, France and Sweden, demonstrated wonderful skills, and they could undoubtedly compete with distinction in the Open Series. Some journalists remarked that the top Senior teams were as strong as their respective teams contesting the Open Series.

The 2000 Senior Champions from the USA were undoubtedly the best team in Maastricht. They fielded three excellent pairs, who finished first, fourth and fifth in the Butler Ranking list. They came with great records:

Bobby Wolff, is one of the great stars of all time, a former President of the WBF, a member of the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame, and a firm believer in bridge ethics and justice, who was winning his eleventh World title. He writes a syndicated bridge column published in 160 newspapers.

Dan Morse has captained five different Open and Women's World Championship teams, earning a bronze medal in the 1990 Rosenblum in Geneva, following a World Championship gold in New Orleans. The winner of six American National events, he operates a pharmacy business in Houston Texas.

John Mohan was the ACBL player of the year in 1999, when he won three US National titles. In total he has won 17 American Championships, and three South African titles. He operates a bridge touring organisation in the Virgin Islands.

John Sutherlin won a bronze medal in the 1990 Rosenblum, and silver with his wife in the World Mixed Pairs in Biarritz in 1982. He is a retired vice president of the Crocker National Bank.

Kit Woolsey won the Rosenblum in Miami in 1986, and silver in the 1989 Bermuda Bowl, and the 1982 Rosenblum. He has won the Cavendish twice, which may explain why he is a retired options trader.

Steve Robinson won the Rosenblum in Miami in 1986, the World Mixed Teams event in Las Palmas in 1974. He is a retired government employee.

Betty Ann Kennedy, the npc, was recruited after the team won the American Senior Trials in Las Vegas. She has won four World titles, two Venice Cups, one Olympiad and one World Pairs.

This deal from Round 10 demonstrates the effectiveness of the two Johns.

Dealer East. E/W Vul

♠ Q 9 8 7 5 2

♥ 4

♦ A K J 8 5 4

♣ -

♠ 4 3
♥ Q 9 8 6 5
♦ 10 6
♣ 9 4 3 2

N
W E
S

♠ J 10

♥ 7 3 2

♦ Q 9 2

♣ A K 8 6 5

♠ A K 6
♥ A K J 10
♦ 7 3
♣ Q J 10 7

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-----------|
| | Mohan | | Sutherlin |
| Pass | 1♠ | INT | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Dble | Pass |
| Pass | Redbl | All Pass | |

Sutherlin expressed typical confidence by supporting his partner with only ♠J10.

Scoring +880 was worth 13 IMPs as their opponents played in a diamond part-score, scoring +130.

This result helped Mohan & Sutherlin to the top of the Butler.

This deal shows Bobby Wolff in action:

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| Wolff | | Morse | |
| | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |
| 5♦ | Pass | 5♣ | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

This excellent natural sequence saw the American pair reach the good slam. North led the king of diamonds and declarer won and ruffed a diamond. He played the king of clubs, and when South covered there was no need to ruff another diamond. That was worth 13 IMPs, as the slam was not reached at the other table.

France, the silver medalists in the Seniors are the reigning European Seniors Champions. They fielded a powerful team of six World and European Champions.

Christian Mari, Claude Delmouly (Europe's highest ranking Senior), Jean-Marc Roudinesco, Pierre Adad, Maurice Aujaleu, and Francois Leenhardt.

The Seniors Congress in Maastricht exhibited the wonderful enthusiasm of the participating Senior players and officials. They were especially pleased to enjoy a wonderful WBF event, which produced a top-level competition, and generated a great deal of respect for the ability of the Senior players, that is highly valued by us all.

WOMEN**Canada v USA****FINAL
Set Six****The Final Countdown**

The final of the Women's Teams ended not with a bang but with a whimper last night. Trailing by 49 IMPs going into the last 16 deals, the Canadian team needed to strike early to get some momentum going and to play on the nerves of their American opponents. It was not to be. There were few opportunities for swings and after ten boards the set score was only 5-3 to Canada. The remaining deals were a little more lively, but it came too late for Canada.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|------|-------|
| Jackson | Lacroix | Klar | Cimon |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | All Pass | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|--------|----------|
| Kraft | Breed | Habert | Quinn |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| Rdbl | Pass | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | Pass | 2♥ | All Pass |

In the Closed Room, Martine Lacroix led the ten of diamonds and that made Joan Jackson's task very easy. She could win in hand and lead a club up, holding her side suit losers to just two, and a successful trump play meant ten tricks for +170.

In the Open Room, Mildred Breed found the considerably more threatening start of a low spade. Beverly Kraft ducked to Shawn Quinn's king but won the second spade. The main danger to the contract is that declarer plays a heart to the queen and ace and the 13th spade promotes a trick for the jack of hearts. A heart to the king at trick two would avoid all of that, but Kraft chose to run the queen of diamonds instead. That lost to the king and back came a spade to the jack. Quinn did the right thing now, switching to a club, however, her choice of the seven appeared to be hard for Breed to read. She won her ace and returned a second club. That put Kraft in the right hand to naturally get the hearts right and she duly did so to chalk up +110, holding the



Shawn Quinn, USA

Canadian loss on the deal to 2 IMPs. If, however, Breed had read the position and played back a diamond after winning the club, declarer might well have gone wrong, playing a heart to the queen and conceding the trump promotion for down one.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|------|----------|
| Jackson | Lacroix | Klar | Cimon |
| | 1♣ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Rdbl | 1♥ | 2♣ |
| Pass | Pass | 2♥ | All Pass |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Kraft | Breed | Habert | Quinn |
| | 2NT | All Pass | |

Jackson's take-out double in the closed room is ugly, and it convinced Robin Klar to compete to 2♥ in her five-card suit. Dummy must have been a bit of a disappointment to Klar but she got on with the job and did well enough in coming to six tricks to hold her loss to just -100.

In the Open Room, Breed's 2NT was within her agreed range. Of course it ended the auction, and Rhoda Habert led a low heart for the jack and ace. At trick two, Breed led the ♣Q from hand and Habert played low smoothly. When Breed followed up with the ♣A at the next trick, Habert looked foolish, but that is a little unfortunate. Her idea was that if Kraft held the ♣A and a second heart, it was important that Kraft win the first club so as to preserve the entry to the established hearts. It may have worked out badly, but that seems a reasonable plan of campaign. Breed eventually made eight tricks for +120 and 1 IMP to USA.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|------|-------|
| Jackson | Lacroix | Klar | Cimon |
| Pass | 1♣ | 2♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | 3♦ |
| 3♥ | All Pass | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Kraft | Breed | Habert | Quinn |
| Pass | 1♣ | 1♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Rdbl | 2♦ |
| 2♥ | Pass | Pass | 3♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

In the Closed Room, 3♦ went down after a club lead when declarer misguessed the diamonds, hardly unreasonably given which opponent was doing all the bidding; -100.

In the Open Room, it was mildly surprising when Habert chose not to compete to 3♥ over 3♦. Kraft led a heart to the ace, Habert dropping the king. The winning line is to play clubs from the top, eventually creating an entry to hand to lead up to the queen of diamonds. Quinn chose a different route, returning dummy's remaining heart at trick two and hoping that the defence would do something to help her out. But Habert's defence was spot on. She won the heart and cashed the ace then king of spades, showing a doubleton, then switched to the eight of dia-

monds. There was no way for declarer to avoid the loss of two trump tricks in one way or another. Quinn actually chose to run the diamond to Kraft's king. She gave her partner a ruff and that was down one; -100 and 5 IMPs to Canada.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|------|-------|
| Jackson | Lacroix | Klar | Cimon |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | Dble |
| 3♣ | 3♦ | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 5♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Kraft | Breed | Habert | Quinn |
| Pass | Pass | INT | Dble |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

With 4♦ cold on the North/South cards, Quinn/Breed must have been a little concerned when they stopped off in 3♦. Some imaginative defence in the heart suit allowed 3♦ to make 11 tricks for +150.

When Habert's weak no trump got doubled, Kraft's pass was forcing to redouble, either to play 1 INT redoubled or to run with a single-suiter. Breed's immediate run-out showed weakness. If it was completely clear that Quinn's diamond raise was constructive, then in the context of her previous bid, Breed's hand was not too bad. She might have gone on with a descriptive 3♥, but of course this is one of those situations where South wants to raise simply on the strength of a fit, without necessarily having serious game ambitions, just to get in her opponents' way.

In the Closed Room, Lacroix's 3♦ looks overly aggressive to me. When it attracted a cuebid from Francine Cimon, there was a chance for Lacroix to show her hearts but, rightly as it turned out, she feared that her partner was looking for a slam rather than an alternative trump suit, and 4♥ would have sounded too encouraging. Five Diamonds was one down for -100 and 6 IMPs to USA.

The American lead stood at 56 IMPs and, with only four deals to play, the match was out of reach of the Canadians. They finished strongly, however, showing a glimpse of what might have been if only they could have had more opportunities earlier in the set.



Catherine Thorpe, Canada

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A K 6 3 2
 ♥ A 10 6
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 10 8 4 3

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

♠ 9 7 4
 ♥ J 7
 ♦ 10 9 3 2
 ♣ K 7 6 5

♠ Q J 10
 ♥ K Q 3
 ♦ A K 5 4
 ♣ Q J 2

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| Jackson | Lacroix | Klar | Cimon |
| | 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♦ | All Pass | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Kraft | Breed | Habert | Quinn |
| | 1♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 5♦ |
| Pass | 5♣ | All Pass | |

When Cimon set spades as trumps, Lacroix refused to cuebid. She had three key cards, but that was the sum total of her assets and she did not want to encourage partner over much, particularly holding a singleton in the partnership's only known side suit. Four Spades made 11 on a heart lead; +650.

Quinn responded 2NT, a forcing spade raise, and Breed

showed her shortage. At her next turn, she was willing to cuebid 4♦ because she had a serious 3NT available, making 4♦ a mere courtesy cuebid. Perhaps the two players have slightly different ideas as to how much is required for the serious 3NT bid. Quinn thought she was worth another slam try - facing diamond shortage, she appears to require four of the missing aces and kings in the other three suits to be sure that slam will be good. Could the 4♦ bid conceal four important cards? Breed quickly signed-off in 5♣ but it was already too late. The auction had made the defence marked. Habert led ace and another club and, despite Breed's best efforts to false card, Kraft won and led a third round for the ruff; down one for -100 and 13 IMPs to Canada.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| Jackson | Lacroix | Klar | Cimon |
| | 1♣ | 1♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 4♦ | All Pass | 3♦ |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Kraft | Breed | Habert | Quinn |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 4♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

The opening lead was all-important on this final deal. In the Closed Room, Jackson had bid a suit, albeit possibly on only three cards, and Klar had an attractive holding to lead from in that suit. On the king of clubs lead, Lacroix won and just cross-ruffed the whole hand to make all her trumps separately; ten tricks for +420.

On vugraph, Habert led a trump and the defence only needed to be careful to defeat the game. There were insufficient entries to establish and cash the diamonds, so Breed played on clubs. She won the spade in dummy and led the queen of clubs, running it when Kraft followed with a reverse-count eight. There was some possibility that West had failed to cover when holding the ♣K, but also perhaps West's holding was something like J108. When the club lost and a second trump came back, Breed could ruff a club in dummy and lead a heart up, eventually establishing a heart trick, but nine tricks was the limit. One down meant -50 and 10 IMPs to Canada.

The final match score was 176-144 to USA. Congratulations to Shawn Quinn and Mildred Breed, previous world champions, and first-time champions, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson, Robin Klar and Peggy Sutherlin. Also, of course, npc Bob Hamman, who has won a world championship or two himself in his time.

OPEN**Italy v Poland****FINAL
Set Seven****Too close for comfort**

As if scripted for the vugraph audiences, Poland and Italy completed the penultimate set in the Olympiad Open series only 19 IMPs apart, meaning the title was still up for grabs. Italy led by 40 IMPs going into set seven, but Poland won by 21 to pull to 233-214 with 16 deals to play.

It was a swinging set, with 93 IMPs changing hands, starting with a major swing to Poland on the second board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Zmudzinski | Bocchi | Balicki | Duboin |
| | | 1♣ | INT ⁽¹⁾ |
| Dble | 2♣ ⁽¹⁾ | Dble | 2♠ |
| Pass | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All pass |

⁽¹⁾ Natural and strong or a weak jump shift.

⁽²⁾ Which is it?

North led the ♠2 and it was over quickly, as West lost two tricks for plus 450.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Versace | Tuszynski | Lauria | Jassem |
| | | 1♣ | 1♣ |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♠ | Dble |
| Pass | Pass | Redbl | Pass |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♥ | Pass |
| 6♥ | All Pass | | |

On the opening spade lead, Alfredo Versace had no choice but to duck, hoping against hope that North had the ♠K. It was not to be, so Italy lost 11 IMPs. Versace's 4♣ cuebid seems unduly ambitious, but if East had the ♥A instead of the ♣A, slam would have been a near certainty.

Poland earned another 5 IMPs when Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin doubled Adam Zmudzinski in 4♠ and could not beat it, while Piotr Tuszyński and Krzysztof Jassem did not disturb the vulnerable game.

There was another 5-IMP swing for Poland when Tuszyński and Jassem stopped in INT with 25 high-card points, making nine tricks,

while Bocchi and Duboin bid the normal game and went down.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

| | |
|------------|-------------------|
| ♠ A K J 10 | ♠ 8 6 |
| ♥ K 7 5 | ♥ A Q 3 |
| ♦ K J 8 | ♦ A 9 3 2 |
| ♣ A Q 4 | ♣ K 10 3 2 |
| N | |
| W E | |
| S | |
| ♠ 5 4 3 2 | ♠ Q 9 7 |
| ♥ 9 6 4 | ♥ J 10 8 2 |
| ♦ Q 10 5 4 | ♦ 7 6 |
| ♣ 8 7 | ♣ J 9 6 5 |
| West | North |
| Versace | Tuszynski |
| | 1♣ ⁽¹⁾ |
| Pass | INT |
| East | South |
| Lauria | Jassem |
| Pass | 1♦ ⁽²⁾ |
| All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ Polish club

⁽²⁾ Negative

The INT rebid must have a broad range indeed (or Tuszyński took an exceedingly dim view of his 21 HCPs), but it worked out very well on this deal. Lorenzo Lauria led a low diamond to the queen and king and Tuszyński played a spade to the queen, followed by a club to the queen. Lauria won the ♣K and exited with a low heart, no doubt underestimating the strength of the North hand. The ♥J held in dummy and declarer played a club to the ace and a club to the jack. He then ran spades, putting unbearable pressure on Lauria, who eventually discarded the ♥Q, making it easy for Tuszyński to exit with the ♥K. Lauria could cash the ♠10, but had to give declarer another trick in diamonds. Bocchi and Duboin had a more reasonable auction but they were disappointed in the result.

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Zmudzinski | Bocchi | Balicki | Duboin |
| | | 2♦ ⁽¹⁾ | 2♠ |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | |
| Pass | | All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ Strong balanced hand

Cezary Balicki led a low diamond to the queen and king, and Bocchi played the ♣A and ♣Q. Balicki won the ♠K and played a club right back. Bocchi misguessed by putting up the jack. He then played the ♥J to Balicki's queen and Balicki wasted no time cashing his two red aces and the ♣10 for down one. Poland earned 6 more IMPs when both East-West pairs got to 3♦, made by Balicki but not by Lauria.

Poland shaved the margin to 12 IMPs with an 8-IMP gain on this deal, but it could have been more.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| Zmudzinski | Bocchi | Balicki | Duboin |
| 2NT | 3♣ ⁽¹⁾ | Dble | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Heart raise

Zmudzinski led the ♠3 to his partner's ace, took his spade ruff and cashed his two minor-suit aces for down one and plus 50.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Versace | Tuszynski | Lauria | Jassem |
| 2NT ⁽¹⁾ | 3♣ | Dble | 4♥ |
| 5♣ | Dble | All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ Heart raise

Tuszynski led a heart to the queen, followed by the ace, which was ruffed. Versace, prompted to bid 5♣ by his partner's double of 3♣, thought he had a chance to make the contract, so he played a low diamond from hand to South's 8. Versace ruffed the heart continuation and played the ♦9 from hand, letting it ride to South's queen. Jassem shifted to the ♠K, taken with the ace, and Versace played a diamond to the ace and a diamond from hand. Tuszynski followed with the king and Versace erred by ruffing with dummy's ♣5. Jassem overruffed with the 6 and, losing focus, continued with the ♠Q, letting Versace off with down two and minus 300. It should not have been difficult to work out that no spade loser was going away from Versace's hand, but he might have another diamond loser to ruff in dummy gained 12 IMPs on the next deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Zmudzinski | Bocchi | Balicki | Duboin |
| | I♥ | Pass | 2♥ |
| | 4♥ | 4♠ | Pass |
| | Pass | 4NT | 5♣ |
| | Dble | All Pass | |

Duboin easily scored up plus 950.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Versace | Tuszynski | Lauria | Jassem |
| | I♥ | Pass | 3♥ |
| | 4♦ | 4♥ | 4♠ |
| | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| | 5NT | 6♣ | Dble |
| | All Pass | | |

North-South can make 7♣ if East chooses the wrong opening lead, but it didn't come to that. Versace's bid of 4♦ was of enormous value when the auction heated up, as East was able to judge the strong offensive potential and lack of defense of the two hands. Tuszynski led the ♠K and switched accurately to a heart after Jassem played the discouraging ♠8. The ♠A was the last trick for the defense, and Italy had a well-earned 12-IMP gain.

An aggressive preempt by Tuszynski paved the way for another gain by Poland on the last deal of the set.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|------------------|--|
| ♠ Q 6 2 | | ♠ K 5 | |
| ♥ 6 | | ♥ 10 9 8 5 4 3 2 | |
| ♦ J 8 3 | | ♦ A K Q | |
| ♣ A K 8 6 4 2 | N | ♣ J | |
| ♠ J 7 4 3 | W E | | |
| ♥ A K J | S | | |
| ♦ I 0 7 6 4 2 | | | |
| ♣ 9 | | | |
| ♠ A 10 9 8 | | | |
| ♥ Q 7 | | | |
| ♦ 9 5 | | | |
| ♣ Q 10 7 5 3 | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Zmudzinski | Bocchi | Balicki | Duboin |
| Pass | Pass | I♥ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Dble | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

It seems Bocchi would have been happier had he bid 3♣ instead of doubling 2♣. It no doubt was difficult for Duboin to envision six clubs in the North hand. At any rate, the defense took only one trick after the lead of a diamond by South. Plus 680.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Versace | Tuszynski | Lauria | Jassem |
| | 3♣ | 3♥ | 5♣ |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

Versace, looking at three honors in the suit that his partner had bid at the three level, thought about bidding on, but he finally doubled. The contract was down two tricks for plus 300, but it was a 9-IMP gain for Poland.

Bridge Magazine IMP presents Herman's Bridge Team Ratings

Herman's bridge team ratings were presented in Bulletin nr.2, and have been recalculated during these championships.

Herman invites all interested parties to visit his website (www.gallery.uunet.be/hermandw) and/or e-mail (hermandw@village.uunet.be) him for further details.

Herman also asks interested visitors to international tournaments (including friendlies) to mail him the results of the matches, especially the imp-balances in round robins.

After the Olympiad, the ratings have become:

| Open Series | | Women's series | |
|---------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| 1 Italy | 21.12 | 45 Switzerland | 13.54 |
| 2 United States | 21.01 | 46 Slovenia | 13.52 |
| 3 Poland | 20.20 | 47 Chile | 13.44 |
| 4 Norway | 19.58 | 48 Belarus | 13.13 |
| 5 Indonesia | 19.44 | 49 Egypt | 13.11 |
| 6 France | 19.11 | 50 Yugoslavia | 13.01 |
| 7 Sweden | 19.10 | 51 Guadeloupe | 12.94 |
| 8 Netherlands | 18.98 | 52 Pakistan | 12.88 |
| 9 Brazil | 18.88 | 53 Monaco | 12.78 |
| 10 China | 18.15 | 54 Far Oer | 12.67 |
| 11 Russia | 18.15 | 55 Hong Kong | 12.39 |
| 12 England | 18.00 | 56 Liechtenstein | 12.10 |
| 13 Great Britain | 17.97 | 57 Lithuania | 11.51 |
| 14 Belgium | 17.73 | 58 Ukraine | 11.38 |
| 15 Argentina | 17.72 | 59 Luxembourg | 11.21 |
| 16 Austria | 17.48 | 60 Zimbabwe | 11.02 |
| 17 Israel | 17.47 | 61 Reunion | 10.99 |
| 18 Spain | 17.44 | 62 Thailand | 10.84 |
| 19 Australia | 17.31 | 63 Venezuela | 10.80 |
| 20 Iceland | 17.15 | 64 Malaysia | 10.58 |
| 21 Denmark | 17.03 | 65 Bangladesh | 10.50 |
| 22 Chinese Taipei | 16.93 | 66 Mexico | 10.49 |
| 23 Ireland | 16.71 | 67 San Marino | 10.09 |
| 24 Hungary | 16.48 | 68 Colombia | 9.98 |
| 25 India | 16.44 | 69 Bermuda | 9.57 |
| 26 South Africa | 16.37 | 70 Latvia | 9.47 |
| 27 Greece | 16.36 | 71 Tunisia | 9.46 |
| 28 Germany | 16.28 | 72 French Polynesia | 9.14 |
| 29 Bulgaria | 16.07 | 73 Sri Lanka | 8.99 |
| 30 Scotland | 15.72 | 74 Trinidad and Tobago | 8.95 |
| 31 Japan | 15.68 | 75 Philippines | 8.75 |
| 32 New Zealand | 15.47 | 76 Mauritius | 8.59 |
| 33 Wales | 15.38 | 77 Uruguay | 8.27 |
| 34 Croatia | 15.25 | 78 Martinique | 8.25 |
| 35 Portugal | 15.17 | 79 Singapore | 7.91 |
| 36 Lebanon | 15.13 | 80 Jordan | 7.88 |
| 37 Finland | 15.11 | 81 Cyprus | 7.86 |
| 38 Turkey | 14.52 | 82 Kenya | 7.72 |
| 39 Morocco | 14.42 | 83 Macao | 7.69 |
| 40 Romania | 14.37 | 84 Malta | 5.00 |
| 41 Canada | 14.12 | 85 Jamaica | 3.55 |
| 42 Northern Ireland | 14.03 | 86 Tanzania | 3.03 |
| 43 Estonia | 13.63 | 87 Barbados | 1.88 |
| 44 Czech Republic | 13.60 | 88 Botswana | 1.41 |
| | | 89 Palestine | -1.62 |
| | | | |
| | | 33 Russia | 12.83 |
| | | 34 Turkey | 12.76 |
| | | 35 India | 12.55 |
| | | 36 Japan | 12.48 |
| | | 37 Greece | 12.34 |
| | | 38 Iceland | 12.26 |
| | | 39 Morocco | 12.14 |
| | | 40 Colombia | 12.05 |
| | | 41 Croatia | 11.97 |
| | | 42 Hungary | 11.97 |
| | | 43 Monaco | 11.89 |
| | | 44 Portugal | 11.77 |
| | | 45 San Marino | 11.62 |
| | | 46 Ireland | 11.12 |
| | | 47 Hong Kong | 10.86 |
| | | 48 Venezuela | 10.82 |
| | | 49 Singapore | 10.65 |
| | | 50 Pakistan | 10.55 |
| | | 51 Sri Lanka | 10.37 |
| | | 52 Bermuda | 10.13 |
| | | 53 Jordan | 9.99 |
| | | 54 Zimbabwe | 9.34 |
| | | 55 Tunisia | 9.16 |
| | | 56 Malaysia | 8.82 |
| | | 57 Trinidad and Tobago | 8.66 |
| | | 58 Reunion | 8.47 |
| | | 59 Far Oer | 7.70 |
| | | 60 Thailand | 7.68 |
| | | 61 Philippines | 5.84 |
| | | 62 Jamaica | 5.13 |
| | | 63 South Korea | 3.92 |
| | | 64 Mauritius | 3.59 |
| | | 65 Guadeloupe | 2.43 |
| | | 66 Martinique | -1.39 |

The Lippo Bank World Transnational Open Teams In Bali

The Lippo Bank World Transnational Open Teams will take place during the second week of the Championships, starting on Sunday 28 October 2001.

The schedule of play will be as follows:

Sunday 28 October: 3 matches, starting in the afternoon

Monday 29 October: 4 matches

Tuesday 30 October: 4 matches

Wednesday 31 October: 4 matches

Thursday 01 November: Semi Final and first session of the Final

On Thursday 01 November, there will also be an IMP Pairs for participants who wish to continue to play bridge

Friday 02 November: Final and Victory Banquet

It is intended that, in the Semi Final and Final, participants in the World Transnational Teams will play the same boards as those played in the Bermuda Bowl.

ONLINE VUGRAPH

Bidding and play records of all matches featured in both vugraph theatres are available on internet at:

www.bridgeolympiad.nl/vugraph.html

Here you will find online vugraph of more than a hundred matches of the 2000 Maastricht Bridge Olympiad. Within a week after the tournament, printable sheets will be added to all of the matches. You will also find detailed score sheets, hand distributions and player profiles. The pages were produced by www.bridgeplaza.com, the same crew who did online vugraph in Bermuda, Lille, Hammamet and Rhodes. Hit counts have been excellent throughout these championships, with semi-final Thursday reaching a record 32,000 unique visitors on one day. Be sure not to miss out on these goodies, you will not e-gret!

Koen Gijsman & Onno Eskes



Dr. Nissan Rand is identified mostly to us as the energetic Chairman of the WBF Seniors Committee, and a staunch supporter of Senior Bridge. He believes that the future of bridge largely depends on the promotion of the huge market potential of Senior Bridge.

Nissan has served since 1995 as a member of the EBL Executive, and its Seniors Chairman. He served three terms as President of the Israel Bridge Federation and was npc of the Israeli Junior team in the 1970's.

Nissan has played on eight Open and four Senior teams in the European and World Championships. He has won the World Senior title twice, in 1994 and in 1998. He is an International Expert in poultry nutrition, and in August was awarded the distinction of being inducted into the International Poultry Hall of Fame.



The Final Problem

We know that many of you will only take a look at this final edition of the Daily Bulletin tomorrow as you make your journey home. To keep you amused, here is a tough defensive problem that came up on this deal from Round 13 of the Transnational Mixed Teams Championship.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♦ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

One Club was Precision, and the response was a standard negative.

Your partner leads the six of clubs, and your queen holds the trick. When you continue with the king that also wins the trick. You play a third club, and declarer wins and reels off six rounds of diamonds, discarding all dummy's spades. How do you defend? Well, actually, it doesn't matter!

The full deal looks like this:

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

Declarer can endplay you in either major suit. There are many variations, but nothing helps, because as long as declarer reads the position you will be thrown in, or your blanked king of spades will be dropped.

I hate to tell you, but you missed your chance at trick three! If you cash the ace of hearts then go back to clubs, you must come to five tricks.

Of course, declarer also missed her way. She should win the second club, and run her diamonds. That will finish you off, whatever you discard.

Thank You – Dank Je Wel

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Pub Drive III

The third and last Olympiad pub drive was played Thursday.

After ending second last time **Mrs Savolainen** managed to win this one together with her Swedish partner **Andersson**. They reached a very high score of 65.28%.

Everybody was fighting for the points, but in a very relaxed and sporting way.

The results:

1. Savolainen - Andersson (Fin-Swe)
2. Cuthberton - Quaker (Scot)
3. McGeorge - Steel (UK)