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# Directors to decide close Bermuda-Netherlands match



*Play starts in the Open Room*

Bermuda's Venice Cup team battled the heavily favored Netherlands squad to the wire Saturday, only to lose by 1 IMP. The locals will have a second chance today when Chief Tournament Director Bill Schoder reviews the facts of a disputed board that could turn defeat into victory for Bermuda.

Here is what happened. In the third match of the round-robin, Audrey Smith, playing with Diana Diel against Bep Vriend and Marijke van der Pas, opened 2♥ as North and was allowed to play there. She took eight tricks, but turned one wrong in the process. The official scorer had her doing down one for minus 50.

In the other room, East-West (Judy Bussell and Stephanie Kyme) bid to 3♦ and were defeated one trick for minus 100.

That resulted in a 4-IMP swing to the Netherlands, enough for a 44-43 win (15-15 in Victory Points). If the board is a push, as Bermuda claims it should be, Bermuda will win, 43-39.

After the match but within the correction period, Smith realized she did not go down in 2♥ and should have been credited with plus 110. They spoke to a tournament director and officially filed a protest, but the mat-

ter could not be handled because the Dutch team had left the playing area and could not be found.

Schoder said he will speak to the players involved in the match to determine the facts and make a decision about the scoring of the board before play begins today.

He said there was nothing else he could do in the absence of the Dutch team. 'It's like trying to put feathers back into a pillow when they get away,' he said.

Meanwhile, the Bermuda squad, most of whose members are playing in international competition for the first time, were on tenterhooks awaiting the decision. 'It's important to us,' said Smith, 'to win any match.'

Here is what happened according to declarer.

Dealer West. N/S Vul

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Smith, playing 2♥ as North, recalls getting the opening lead of a low diamond. She won the ♦A in dummy and played a heart: jack, king, 2. She then played the ♠A and another spade, taken by East with the king. East played the ♣K and continued with a club when Smith ducked.

Smith won the ♣A and played dummy's other heart, taken by West with the ace. Smith says she doesn't remember what West did at that point, but there doesn't seem to be any way for the defenders to take more than two black tricks from that point, since there is no way for West to promote the ♥10 in her partner's hand.

## Team Captains Please Note

We have pens and special Olympic pins available for all team members.

Captains may collect them from the Hospitality Desk on Sunday or Monday, one half hour prior to the 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. sessions.

## Attention!

Every table gets a full set of twenty boards at the start of each match. If your boards arrive out of order, for example, Board 4 being followed by Board 6, please call a Director.

**ORBIS BERMUDA BOWL - RESULTS****Round - 1**

Country		Imps	Vps
1 Bulgaria	Pakistan	64 63	15 15
2 Chinese Taipei	New Zealand	49 73	10 20
3 Bermuda	Italy	45 58	12 18
4 Norway	Brazil	48 52	14 16
5 Argentina	Poland	38 42	14 16
6 China	South Africa	30 76	6 24
7 Australia	Sweden	45 39	16 14
8 USA 2	USA 1	46 37	17 13
9 Canada	France	8 51	6 24
10 Guadeloupe	Indonesia	46 34	17 13

**Round - 2**

Country		Imps	Vps
1 New Zealand	Bulgaria	45 47	15 15
2 Italy	Chinese Taipei	44 28	18 12
3 Brazil	Bermuda	61 29	22 8
4 Poland	Norway	55 29	20 10
5 South Africa	Argentina	70 55	18 12
6 Sweden	China	61 53	16 14
7 USA 1	Australia	42 28	18 12
8 France	USA 2	34 35	15 15
9 Indonesia	Canada	36 13	20 10
10 Pakistan	Guadeloupe	33 54	11 19

**Round - 3**

Country		Imps	Vps
1 Bulgaria	Chinese Taipei	55 17	23 7
2 Bermuda	New Zealand	35 52	11 19
3 Norway	Italy	37 45	14 16
4 Argentina	Brazil	41 41	15 15
5 China	Poland	28 71	6 24
6 Australia	South Africa	50 28	20 10
7 USA 2	Sweden	24 89	3 25
8 Canada	USA 1	15 68	5 25
9 Guadeloupe	France	30 46	12 18
10 Indonesia	Pakistan	74 41	22 8

**ORBIS VENICE CUP - RESULTS****Round - 1**

Country		Imps	Vps
11 Australia	New Zealand	52 37	18 12
12 Great Britain	China	52 20	22 8
13 Hong Kong	Canada	23 45	10 20
14 France	Netherlands	34 26	19 11
15 Bermuda	Argentina	53 60	14 16
16 USA 2	USA 1	46 59	12 18
17 Egypt	Indonesia	42 46	14 16
18 Colombia	Austria	41 45	14 16
19 India	Brazil	48 41	16 14
20 Germany	Denmark	13 65	5 25

**Round - 2**

Country		Imps	Vps
11 China	Australia	40 16	20 10
12 Canada	Great Britain	37 15	20 10
13 The Netherlands	Hong Kong	92 25	25 2
14 Argentina	France	49 50	15 15
15 USA 1	Bermuda	64 14	25 5
16 Indonesia	USA 2	24 65	7 23
17 Austria	Egypt	83 30	25 5
18 Brazil	Colombia	50 38	17 13
19 Denmark	India	72 25	24 6
20 New Zealand	Germany	21 69	5 25

**Round - 3**

Country		Imps	Vps
11 Australia	Great Britain	59 40	19 11
12 Hong Kong	China	24 60	8 22
13 France	Canada	49 28	19 11
14 Bermuda	Netherlands	43 44	15 15
15 USA 2	Argentina	86 22	25 3
16 Egypt	USA 1	11 57	6 24
17 Colombia	Indonesia	45 46	15 15
18 India	Austria	22 62	7 23
19 Germany	Brazil	72 25	24 6
20 Denmark	New Zealand	90 13	25 1

**ORBIS BERMUDA BOWL - PROGRAMME****ROUND - 4 (10.00)**

1 Brazil	Bulgaria
2 Poland	Chinese Taipei
3 South Africa	Bermuda
4 Sweden	Norway
5 USA 1	Argentina
6 France	China
7 Indonesia	Australia
8 Guadeloupe	USA 2
9 Pakistan	Canada
10 New Zealand	Italy

**ROUND - 5 (14.00)**

1 Bulgaria	Poland
2 Chinese Taipei	South Africa
3 Bermuda	Sweden
4 Norway	USA 1
5 Argentina	France
6 China	Indonesia
7 Australia	Guadeloupe
8 USA 2	Canada
9 Brazil	New Zealand
10 Italy	Pakistan

**ROUND - 6 (17.20)**

1 South Africa	Bulgaria
2 Sweden	Chinese Taipei
3 USA 1	Bermuda
4 France	Norway
5 Indonesia	Argentina
6 Guadeloupe	China
7 Canada	Australia
8 Pakistan	USA 2
9 New Zealand	Poland
10 Italy	Brazil

**ORBIS VENICE CUP - PROGRAMME****ROUND - 4 (10.00)**

11 The Netherlands	Australia
12 Argentina	Great Britain
13 USA 1	Hong Kong
14 Indonesia	France
15 Austria	Bermuda
16 Brazil	USA 2
17 Denmark	Egypt
18 Germany	Colombia
19 New Zealand	India
20 China	Canada

**ROUND - 5 (14.00)**

11 Australia	Argentina
12 Great Britain	USA 1
13 Hong Kong	Indonesia
14 France	Austria
15 Bermuda	Brazil
16 USA 2	Denmark
17 Egypt	Germany
18 Colombia	India
19 The Netherlands	China
20 Canada	New Zealand

**ROUND - 6 (17.20)**

11 USA 1	Australia
12 Indonesia	Great Britain
13 Austria	Hong Kong
14 Brazil	France
15 Denmark	Bermuda
16 Germany	USA 2
17 India	Egypt
18 New Zealand	Colombia
19 China	Argentina
20 Canada	The Netherlands

## ORBIS BERMUDA BOWL RANKING AFTER 3 ROUNDS

1	POLAND	60
2	FRANCE	57
3	USA I	56
4	SWEDEN	55
5	INDONESIA	55
6	NEW ZEALAND	54
7	BRAZIL	53
8	BULGARIA	52.5
9	SOUTH AFRICA	52
10	ITALY	51.5
11	AUSTRALIA	48
12	GUADELOUPE	48
13	ARGENTINA	41
14	NORWAY	38
15	USA 2	35
16	PAKISTAN	34
17	BERMUDA	31
18	CHINESE TAIPEI	28
19	CHINA	26
20	CANADA	21

## ORBIS VENICE CUP RANKING AFTER 3 ROUNDS

1	DENMARK	74
2	USA I	67
3	AUSTRIA	64
4	USA 2	60
5	GERMANY	54
6	FRANCE	53
7	CANADA	51
8	NETHERLANDS	51
9	CHINA	50
10	AUSTRALIA	47
11	GREAT BRITAIN	43
12	COLOMBIA	42
13	INDONESIA	38
14	BRAZIL	37
15	BERMUDA	34
16	ARGENTINA	34
17	INDIA	29
18	EGYPT	25
19	HONG KONG	20
20	NEW ZEALAND	18

## ORBIS SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

### Round - 1

Country		Imps	Vps
21 China	France	25	36
22 Australia	Poland	41	51
23 North America	World Champ.	55	38

## ORBIS SENIORS TEAMS - PROGRAMME

### ROUND - 2 (10.00)

21 China	France
22 Australia	Poland
23 North America	World Champ.

### ROUND - 3 (14.00)

21 France	World Champ.
22 Australia	North America
23 Poland	China

## Island Embroidery

The souvenir stall will be open twice a day between 12.00 & 14.30 and 17.00 and 19.00.

It carries the following lines:

Polo Shirts	\$38.00
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Canvas Tote Bags	\$38.00
Beach Bags	\$20.00
Small Duffle Bags	\$17.00
Mugs	\$16.00
Hats	\$20.00

This is also the place to pick up a copy of Bermuda Bowl (\$25.00). Please note that book purchases must be paid for in cash!

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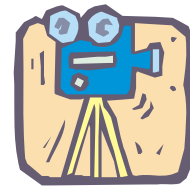
The end of the Holy month of Ramadhan – a month of fasting (and non-stop bridge) – was celebrated in North America yesterday. In the Sub-Continent and South East Asia the end is expected to be declared today.

## Results & On line VuGraph

If you want to follow the results on the internet or see the online VuGraph simply go to:

[www.bermudabowl.com](http://www.bermudabowl.com)

## VuGraph Matches Sunday 9 January 2000



### Orbis Bermuda Bowl

10.00 Indonesia v Australia

14.00 Brazil v New Zealand

17.20 France v Norway

## Sunday Opening Times

Smiths – in the Hotel – will be open between 9.30 and 14.00 today.



## Attention IBPA Members

The President of the International Bridge Press Association, Henry Francis, will be available each day from 12.30 to 14.00 to handle IBPA business. He will accept forms, and payment for renewals, and from new members. He is also available to answer questions and listen to ideas concerning the IBPA.





Eric Rodwell, USA 1

won the ♣K perforce and played a spade to dummy's jack. When this held, he tried the ♠8 from dummy, playing low from his hand. Rosenberg considered his play for some time before ducking, and Soloway's contract was dead. He could not reach his hand for another diamond play and then return to cash the suit. When the ♠A did not bring down the king, Soloway conceded another spade - and down one.

USA 1 recovered 4 IMPs on the next board and earned a 9-IMP swing when Hamman and Soloway bid to 3NT on Board 13 (making for plus 600) while Stansby and Martel stopped in 2♥, making five.

There was more bad news for USA 1 on Board 15, however, when Zia and Rosenberg played 4♠ from the "right" side and scored up their vulnerable game.

Dealer South. N/S Vul

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Soloway	Rosenberg	Hamman	Zia
			1♠
Dble	3♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Spade raise.

Soloway led a low club, eliminating Zia's loser in that suit. Zia won in dummy, played a club to his ace, a diamond to the king and another diamond, ducked to West's 9. Zia eventually lost a heart and a trump trick, but he made his contract.

At the other table:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Martel	Meckstroth	Stansby	Rodwell
			1♣ <sup>(1)</sup>
Dble <sup>(2)</sup>	1♦ <sup>(3)</sup>	1♠ <sup>(4)</sup>	Dble <sup>(5)</sup>
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> Strong, artificial and forcing.

<sup>(2)</sup> Two-suited hand.

<sup>(3)</sup> Artificial, showing values.

<sup>(4)</sup> Support for clubs.

<sup>(5)</sup> Strength in spades.

The unusual auction - Meckstroth and Rodwell specialize in highly artificial bidding sequences - made Meckstroth declarer, and on a club lead he could not avoid a loser in each suit. Plus 50 for Martel-Stansby was good for another 10 IMPs to USA 2.

The loss would have been worse but for the final board of the set.

Dealer West. Both Vul

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Soloway	Rosenberg	Hamman	Zia
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Hamman and Soloway play Flannery, so Hamman chose INT instead of the more normal looking 1♠ response.

Zia led a low spade, taken by Rosenberg with the ace. Rosenberg returned the ♠J to the 4, 3 and ace. Next came the ♦Q, which held, followed by the ♦9, which also held. A third diamond to the king and ace put Hamman in his hand, and he played a low heart



Jeff Meckstroth, USA 1

to dummy's queen. When that held, Hamman followed with the ♥A and another heart. He finished with 11 tricks for plus 660.

At the other table:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Martel	Meckstroth	Stansby	Rodwell
			1♠
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	3NT	All Pass

<sup>(1)</sup> Showing a strong INT opener.

Meckstroth got off to the lead of the ♣J (Rusinow), taken by Martel with the ace. The ♦Q followed, covered by the king and ace. Martel then played dummy's heart to the 9 in his hand, losing to Meckstroth's 10. With accurate count in the club suit from Rodwell, Meckstroth continued with the ♣Q, which Martel took in dummy. Martel played a diamond to his hand and cashed the ♥A, but when the king didn't fall he had too many losers. Plus 100 for Meckstroth and Rodwell was good for 13 IMPs, narrowing the margin of USA 2's victory to 9 IMPs.

## Australian Open Team



**Bagchi & Browne, Rothfield & Rothfield, Del' Monte & Richman**

**Wally Scott**, a retired actuary from Melbourne is the NPC. He won the Far East Championship back in 1969.

**Khokan Bagchi** of Sydney is currently living in Tonga, where he is an environmental scientist specialising in risk management. He qualified for the semifinals of the World Pairs Championship in Miami in 1986, and played in the Bermuda Bowl in 1997 and in Lille in 1998.

**Seamus Browne**, a bridge teacher and journalist in Sydney appeared in the Olympiad in 1980 and in the Bermuda Bowl in 1997.

**Ishmael Del'Monte**, is a Sydney based bridge professional, who represented New Zealand as a junior, winning a silver medal at the World Junior Championships in Bali in 1995. His first appearance for Australia was in 1999.

**Bobby Richman**, is a Melbourne based professional, and made the first of his Bermuda Bowl appearance as a junior in 1979, the event where Australia finished third in the Round Robin. He won the Maccabiah Teams in 1997.

**Carole Rothfield**, based in Melbourne is a company secretary. Major wins include the Maccabiah Teams in 1985, and the ACBL Mixed Teams in 1997.

**Jessel Rothfield** is a Melbourne property developer who, by a strange coincidence, has the same wins as Carole!

## Orbis Venice Cup - Round 1

## China v Great Britain

European champions, Great Britain, met the runners-up in the last Venice Cup, China, in the first round of the round-robin on Saturday morning. China knocked Great Britain out at the quarter-final stage in Hammamet, so the Brits were looking for a little revenge. They could not have asked for a better start than that which they achieved on the first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 3	
	♥ K 6 5	
	♦ Q 8 3	
	♣ Q 10 9 7 4 3	
♠ K Q J 10 6	<b>N</b>	♠ A 8 5 4 2
♥ A 9 8 7 4 2	<b>W</b>	♥ Q 3
♦ 4	<b>E</b>	♦ J 9 6 2
♣ K	<b>S</b>	♣ A 5
	♠ 9 7	
	♥ J 10	
	♦ A K 10 7 5	
	♣ J 8 6 2	

West	East
Dhondy	McGowan
	1♠
2♥	2♠
4♦	4♠
Pass	

4♦ was a splinter bid but it was not enough to get Liz McGowan excited, looking at a minimum hand with poor trumps. When she signed-off, Heather Dhondy made a disciplined pass. Ling Gu led a top diamond and switched to a club; +450.

West	East
Wang	Sun
	1♠
2♥	2♠
3♠	4♠
4NT	5♥
6♠	Pass



Pat Davies - Nicola Smith, Great Britain

Here 3♠ was forcing. Ming Sun signed-off in 4♠ but Hongli Wang took control with 4NT and bid the hopeless slam on discovering two key cards; -50 and 11 IMPs to GB.

A series of minor swings had moved the score on to 15-2 when the next major swing board came along.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 6 5	
	♥ 8 6 5 2	
	♦ K Q 3	
	♣ A 8 5	
♠ Q 3	<b>N</b>	♠ 10 9 8 7 4
♥ K J 10 9 4 3	<b>W</b>	♥ A Q
♦ 4	<b>E</b>	♦ A J 8 6 5
♣ K J 10 9	<b>S</b>	♣ 2
	♠ K J 2	
	♥ 7	
	♦ 10 9 7 2	
	♣ Q 7 6 4 3	

West	East
Wang	Sun
	1♠
2♥	2♠
3♥	4♥
Pass	

Nicola Smith led the king of diamonds to dummy's ace. Wang led a club to the jack and ace and Smith switched to a trump. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a diamond, then ruffed a club. After ruffing another diamond back to hand, she drew the remaining trumps and cashed the king of clubs. There were two spades and a club to lose now for -100.

West	East
Dhondy	McGowan
	1♠
2♥	3♥
4♥	Pass



Hongli Wang, China

McGowan could not bring herself to rebid that spade suit so pretended that she had a third heart instead. Dhondy, of course, went on to game. The play followed exactly the same lines as in the other room except that Dhondy did not cash the king of clubs after drawing trumps. She was down to ♣K10 and ♠Q3 and South had been squeezed out of a spade. South actually bared the ♠K to keep three clubs, but it didn't matter. Dhondy exited with a spade and South had to win and lead a club into the tenace (had she kept two spades, the club lead would merely have been delayed by one trick). That was +620 and a further 12 IMPs to the British total.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 3	
	♥ K Q 10 4	
	♦ K 9 7 2	
	♣ K 9 5	
♠ A J 4	<b>N</b>	♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ A 8 5	<b>W</b>	♥ J 9 3
♦ J 10 5	<b>E</b>	♦ Q 8 6 4
♣ Q J 4 3	<b>S</b>	♣ A 7
	♠ K 10 8 6	
	♥ 7 6 2	
	♦ A 3	
	♣ 10 8 6 2	

China's first significant gain came as they played a superior partscore. In the Closed Room, Dhondy opened the West cards with 1♦ and raised the 1♠ response to two. Perhaps that is just partnership style, but it looks wrong with such a balanced hand and scattered values. The defense was not taxed in taking 2♠ off two tricks; -100.

In the Open Room, Wang opened a weak no trump and played there. Smith led the queen of hearts to declarer's ace. Wang led the ♦10 to South's (Pat Davies) ace. From here Wang was comfortably placed to establish two diamonds and a second heart trick. The club finesse meant that she had seven in all; +90 and 5 IMPs to China.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10 6 4		♠ Q J 9 7 5
♥ A Q J 8		♥ 7
♦ 6 2		♦ A Q J 5 3
♣ Q 9 8 5		♣ 7 3
♠ K 2	<b>N</b>	
♥ 10 9 2	<b>W</b>	<b>E</b>
♦ K 10 9 8 7		
♣ J 6 2	<b>S</b>	
♠ A 8 3		
♥ K 6 5 4 3		
♦ 4		
♣ A K 10 4		

West	North	East	South
Wang	Smith	Sun	Davies
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Zhang	McGowan	Gu
Dble	3♥	4♦	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Is the West hand worth a negative double of 2♥? Perhaps the answer depends on how limited the 1♠ opening is? Wang, whose partner had opened a Precision 1♠, did not think she was worth a double. Smith just jumped to 4♥ and lost the obvious three tricks; +420.

McGowan's 1♠ opening had a wider range and Dhondy did find a double. Now, how far should the North hand raise? I would have thought that 4♥ was normal, particularly as partner will have a six-card suit far more often than not when North is looking at three of the top four honours herself. Yalan Zhang chose to bid only 3♥ and McGowan scraped up a 4♦ bid on her shapely minimum. That allowed Dhondy to go on to 5♦ over 4♥. Ling Gu doubled, but there was only 300 available to the defense; -300 but 3 IMPs to GB.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Zhang	McGowan	Gu
Pass	1♦	2♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Knowing that they had the values for game but were off the heart suit, the Chinese pair



Yalan Zhang, China

tried the solid 4-3 spade fit. Even had trumps been 3-3, declarer would have needed some good fortune to find a tenth trick. When they did not divide evenly, she could only take her nine tricks for down one; -50.

West	North	East	South
Wang	Smith	Sun	Davies
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
2♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

I confess that I would have chosen 3♥ on the East cards, but far from bidding more than in the other room, Sun started with a simple overcall. When she caught a raise, however, she was willing to go to game. Davies doubled to show her extras and that ended the auction.

Davies cashed a top diamond and switched to spades. Sun ruffed the third spade and embarked on a cross-ruff. When the fourth diamond was over-ruffed, she was one down; -200 and 6 IMPs to GB.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 7 6 5		♠ A 9 8 2
♥ K 10 5		♥ A 9 3
♦ K		♦ A Q J 9 8
♣ 10 7 3		♣ J
♠ Q 4	<b>N</b>	
♥ Q J 7 6	<b>W</b>	<b>E</b>
♦ 10 6		
♣ A 9 5 4 2	<b>S</b>	
♠ 3		
♥ 8 4 2		
♦ 7 5 4 3 2		
♣ K Q 8 6		

What would be your choice with the East cards after a third-in-hand weak 2♠ is opened on your right? My money would be on 2NT, but both McGowan and Sun preferred 3♦.

Dhondy left McGowan to play 3♦ and as that contract went one down I have been promised a beer if I keep the details of the play to myself; -100.

There was more action in the other room:

West	North	East	South
Wang	Smith	Sun	Davies
Pass	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♠	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Wang looked for a spade stopper with a 3♠ bid and bid 3NT herself when Sun was able to redouble to show the ♠A. After a spade lead, the favourable positions in the red suits enabled Wang to make no less than 11 tricks for +660 and 13 badly needed IMPs to China. But GB negated most of that gain on the final board of the match.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 10		♠ K 9 5 4
♥ 10 8 5 3		♥ 2
♦ K 8 2		♦ A 10 6 5
♣ Q J 9 8		♣ K 5 4 2
♠ J 7	<b>N</b>	
♥ A Q J 9 7	<b>W</b>	<b>E</b>
♦ Q J 9 4		
♣ A 10	<b>S</b>	
♠ Q 8 6 3 2		
♥ K 6 4		
♦ 7 3		
♣ 7 6 3		

West	East
Wang	Sun
1♥	1♠
2♦	3♦
3♥	4♦
Pass	

Wang had a maximum for her non-strong club opening, so made a try for game over the diamond raise. Her choice of 3♥ did not inspire Sun, who signed-off in 4♦. That was a comfortable enough make for +130, but would that be sufficient?

West	East
Dhondy	McGowan
1♥	1♠
2♦	3♦
3NT	Pass

Dhondy's 2♦ rebid had a wider range so McGowan was under more pressure to keep the bidding open. Her 3♦ bid, then, might not have delivered quite as much as the same bid in the other room, but Dhondy bid game herself anyway.

Zhang led the queen of clubs and Dhondy won in hand and played the ♦Q to the king and ace. Next she finessed the ♥Q. After a little thought, she cashed the diamonds, ending in hand, then exited with king and another club. Zhang could take two clubs but then had to either lead into the heart tenace or open up the spades. Gu had bared the ♥K so Zhang tried ace then ten of spades. Dhondy ducked and had two winners in whichever suit Gu decided to play; +600 and 10 IMPs to GB.

There is a very long way to go in the qualifying stage but Great Britain can be well pleased with the start they have made.

## Australian Women's Team

The Australian women's team line up like this:

**Beech & Bourke, Lusk & Tully, Beale & Smart.** Their NPC is **Julia Hoffman**, a pharmacologist from Canberra. She is no stranger to the job, having been in charge of the winning team in the 1995 Far East Championships, the 1995 Venice Cup and the 1996 Olympiad.

**Felicity Beale**, from Melbourne, is a WBF World Master. She has represented Australia in three Venice Cups, three Olympiads and, maintaining the symmetry, has won three Far East Championships, in 1984, 1990 and 1995.

**Lidia Beech** is another resident of Melbourne, where she practices as a Doctor. She first represented Australia in 1988, and has done so every year since 1993.

**Diana Smart**, a research psychologist, completes the triumvirate from Melbourne, her achievements echoing those of her partner, Felicity Beale.

**Margaret Bourke** is a finance manager for a government department in Canberra. Her first representative match was in 1979. After numerous appearances, she has played with Lidia every year since 1993. Her Far Eastern wins came in 1985 and 1995, so don't bet against her in 2005!

**Sue Lusk** is a computer systems developer from Adelaide, who has been playing in National teams since 1982. She has recorded three wins in the Pacific Asia Championships, in 1985, 1990 and 1995, so Australia must be odds on for the event this year!

**Therese Tully** is a trade spend manager in Brisbane. She has five appearances in the Pacific Asia Women's Championships and made her World Championship debut in 1997.

## Australian Seniors Team

**Ashworth-Brockwell, Mottram-Moses, Evans-Westwood.**

**John Ashworth**, is a retired public servant based in Perth who came second in the Great wall Cup in Beijing in 1984.

**John Brockwell**, an agricultural scientist from Canberra.

**Bobby Evans** is a retired Sydney businessman, who has won the far East Pairs and the Australian Mixed Pairs.

**Neville Moses**, a lawyer practising in Sydney, has won the Australian Life Master Pairs, and the inaugural Senior's Pairs.

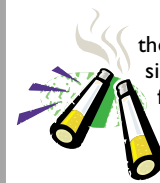
**John Mottram**, a transport consultant from Sydney has represented two English Counties, Worcestershire and Hertfordshire.

**Bill Westwood**, a retired actuary, completes the Sydney foursome. He has won the City of Sydney Teams twice, and represented Australia in tournaments in Hong Kong & Japan.

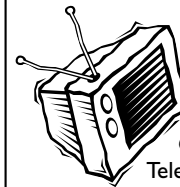
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### No Smoking Area



It has been agreed that the area immediately outside the playing rooms, in front of Hospitality, should be designated a "No Smoking" area. Players wishing to smoke are requested to go to the main Lobby bar or Reception area.



### Televised Results Service

Please note that Channel 5 on the Hotel Televisions in the rooms will carry results of the matches in the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup.

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We hope that your matches have started well. This is the first of a series of on various aspects of investment management that will appear here at the end of the *Daily News*.

These articles will explain some basic principles of investing as we see them. Hopefully you will find them light reading and informative. If you have questions about them or would like copies please call us in the Churchill Suite - Room 556. We hope to see you at one of our luncheons.

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