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IS IT IN THE CARDS?



A special exhibit of some of the Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Collection of Early Playing Cards was opened on Sunday at the Hotel Transamerica. The cards were brought to Sao Paulo from Christie's in London. On exhibit are playing cards that date back to the 15th Century. Posing during the exhibit are WBF President Jose Damiani, Brazilian Bridge Federation President Emeritus Ernesto d'Orsi, WBF President Emeritus Ortiz-Patiño and Yasha Beresiner, curator of the collection.

On a night when a special exhibit of playing cards was opened at the Hotel Transamerica, teams in the three major events went to bed wondering if victory - or at least a medal - could be foretold for them.

Standings in the round robin mean little at this point, but it's better to be on top than in the lower levels of the standings. Each of them is hoping to finish in the top eight of the round robin standings so as to earn a spot in the knockout phase of their respective events.

No team has much of a lead as play resumes today, but out front after three matches are Argentina (with 68 victory points) in the Bermuda Bowl, USA I (62.25 VPs, just ahead of France and Indonesia) in the Venice Cup and England (64) in the D'Orsi Seniors Bowl.

Norway, the defenders in the Bermuda Bowl, were just 4 VPs off the lead, right behind the Netherlands.

Tournament on TV

Guests at the Hotel Transamerica can keep up with all three events in the World Championships – Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and D'Orsi Seniors Bowl – on Channel 96 on their television sets. The daily broadcasts will include running scores and rankings.

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RESULTS Bermuda Bowl



ROUND I

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Т	Chinese Taipei	Japan	48 - 10	24 - 6
2	Morocco	Argentina	2 - 81	0 - 25
3	Chile	Egypt	34 - 26	17 - 13
4	China Long Zhu O	New Zealand	32 - 30	15 - 15
5	Netherlands	India	58 - 22	23 - 7
6	Russia	Germany	51-16	23 - 7
7	Usa 2	Mexico	36 - 24	18-12
8	Bulgaria	Pakistan	63 - 18	25 - 5
9	Guadeloupe	Italy	25 - 54	8 - 22
10	Norway	Brazil	46 - 20	21 - 9
11	Usa I	Australia	24 - 43	- 9

		ROUND 2		
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Ι	Germany	Mexico	101 - 4	25 - 0
2	Netherlands	Japan	68 - 10	25 - I
3	New Zealand	Italy	40 - 63	10 - 20
4	Egypt	Brazil	35 - 7	22 - 8
5	Argentina	Chinese Taipei	58 - 18	24 - 6
6	Australia	Norway	14 - 54	6 - 24
7	USA I	Guadeloupe	54 - 58	14-16
8	Morocco	Bulgaria	23 - 57	7 - 23
9	Chile	USA 2	42 - 31	17 - 13
10	China Long Zhu Op	Russia	56 - 12	25 - 5
П	India	Pakistan	17 - 30	12 - 18

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
	Mexico	Pakistan	12 - 44	7 - 23
I	Mexico	Pakistan	12 - 44	7 - 23
2	Germany	Italy	31 - 29	15 - 15
3	India	Brazil	46 - 41	16-14
4	China Long Zhu O	Japan	33 - 57	9-21
5	Egypt	Norway	38 - 55	- 9
6	Argentina	Guadeloupe	50 - 34	9-
7	Australia	Bulgaria	50 - 40	17 - 13
8	USA I	USA 2	18 - 56	6 - 24
9	Morocco	Russia	31-36	4- 6
10	Chile	Netherlands	34 - 42	13 - 17
П	New Zealand	Chinese Taipei	19 - 47	8 - 22

Ranking after 3 Rounds

I	Argentina	68
2	Netherlands	65
3	Norway	64
4	Bulgaria	61
5	Italy	57
6	USA 2	55
7	Chinese Taipei	52
8	China Long Zhu Open	49
9	Chile	47
	Germany	47
	Egypt	46
	Pakistan	46
13	Russia	44
14	Australia	42
15	Guadeloupe	35
	India	35
17	New Zealand	33
18	Brazil	31
	USA I	31
20	Japan	28
21	Morocco	21
22	Mexico	19

Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount.

Match Draws Online

Detailed match schedule, results and running scores for all three series of the World Team Championships can be found at the WBF web site. Simply, go to www.worldbridge.org/tourn/SaoPaulo.09/Results.htm and click on the round you want to see.

At the Daily Bulletins section, you can find all bulletins in printable resolution, color, pdf format. Click on the issue you want to see and it will pop up in a new window.

Also, feel free to navigate through the rest of the web site for more information.

Akis Kanaris, Daily Bulletin Layout Editor



RESULTS Venice Cup



ROUND I

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Morocco	France	20 - 15	16 - 14
22	Spain	Brazil	43 - 14	22 - 8
23	Germany	Sweden	39 - 26	18 - 12
24	Denmark	Indonesia	20 - 42	10 - 20
25	USA I	Egypt	54 - 27	21 - 9
26	China Long Zhu W	Venezuela	95 - 28	25 - I
27	Australia	Japan	14 - 25	13 - 17
28	USA 2	Pakistan	39 - 42	14 - 16
29	Argentina	Jordan	37 - 27	16 - 12
30	New Zealand	Italy	- 29	- 9
31	Canada MP Press	Barbados	52 - 24	22 - 8

ROUND 2				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Morocco	Denmark	48 - 57	13 - 17
22	USA I	Germany	54 - 12	24.25 -4.25
23	China Long Zhu W	Spain	38 - 15	20 - 10
24	Australia	France	34 - 66	7 - 23
25	USA 2	Brazil	66 - 35	22 - 8
26	Argentina	Sweden	7 - 7	3 - 25
27	New Zealand	Indonesia	22 - 33	13 - 17
28	Canada MP Press	Egypt	25 - 46	10 - 20
29	Barbados	Venezuela	43 - 21	20 - 10
30	Italy	Japan	38 - 20	19 - 11
31	Jordan	Pakistan	16 - 42	9 - 21

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	Morocco	Venezuela	36 - 39	14 - 16
22	Egypt	Japan	52 - 26	21 - 9
23	Indonesia	Pakistan	74 - 13	25 - 2
24	Sweden	Jordan	42 - 24	9 -
25	Brazil	Italy	33 - 22	16.5 -12.5
26	France	Barbados	62 - 10	25 - 4
27	Spain	Canada MP Press	53 - 29	21 - 9
28	Germany	New Zealand	57 - 22	23 - 7
29	Denmark	Argentina	68 - 20	25 - 4
30	USA I	USA 2	20 - 11	17 - 13
31	China Long Zhu W	Australia	23 - 24	15 - 15

Ranking after 3 Rounds

1	USA I	62.25
2	France	62
	Indonesia	62
4	China Long Zhu Women	60
5	Sweden	56
6	Spain	53
7	Denmark	52
8	Italy	50.5
9	Egypt	50
10	USA 2	49
	Germany	45.25
12	Morocco	43
13	Canada Mp Press	41
14	Pakistan	39
15	Japan	37
16	Australia	35
17	Brazil	32.5
	Jordan	32.5
19	Barbados	32
20	New Zealand	31
21	Venezuela	27
22	Argentina	23.5

Press trip

A trip to Guaruja Beach is arranged for Thursday, Sept. 3.All members of the International Bridge Press Association are invited, although there is a limit of 40 persons for the trip. The trip will include lunch at the beach.

The coach will leave Hotel Transamerica at 10.30 and return at 16.30. Those wishing to go must register in the Press Room (next to the Vugraph Hall) with Jan Swaan, pressroom manager.

The trip is available only to current IBPA members. Those who are not current must pay before registering for the outing. Back issues of the IBPA Bulletin will be available for those who pay 2009 dues.

Those wishing to join IBPA may also do so in the press room. The annual subscription, which includes a monthly Bulletin edited by John Carruthers sent via the Internet, is \$42 US. There is an extra charge for those wishing to receive a printed copy of the Bulletin. New members must join for 1.5 years through to Dec.31, 2010.

Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President



RESULTS d'Orsi Senior Bowl



ROUND I

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Uruguay	Pakistan	15 - 43	8 - 22
42	Australia	Poland	7 - 45	6 - 24
43	Brazil	Turkey	59 - 14	25 - 5
44	USA 2	Venezuela	43 - 20	20 - 10
45	USA I	Belgium	35 - 27	17 - 13
46	South Africa	New Zealand	6 - 53	4 - 25
47	Japan	England	30 - 47	- 9
48	Egypt	Indonesia	40 - 8	23 - 7
49	India	Sweden	34 - 24	17 - 13
50	Barbados	Italy	60 - 7	25 - 3
51	Canada	Argentina	37 - 35	15 - 15

ROUND 2				
	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Argentina	Uruguay	40 - 37	16 - 14
42	Pakistan	Australia	32 - 19	18-12
43	Poland	Brazil	52 - I	25 - 4
44	Turkey	USA 2	27 - 39	12-18
45	Venezuela	USA I	19-44	9-21
46	Belgium	South Africa	48 - 24	21-9
47	New Zealand	Japan	21 - 47	9-21
48	England	Egypt	25 - I	21 - 9
49	Indonesia	India	69 - 7	25 - 2
50	Sweden	Barbados	40 - 17	20 - 10
51	Italy	Canada	30 - 18	18 - 12

ROUND 3

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
41	Australia	Uruguay	46 - 20	21-9
42	Brazil	Pakistan	27 - 50	10 - 20
43	USA 2	Poland	65 - 32	23 - 7
44	USA I	Turkey	50 - 40	7 - 3
45	South Africa	Venezuela	25 - 47	10 - 20
46	Japan	Belgium	22 - 37	2 - 8
47	Egypt	New Zealand	75 - 23	25 - 4
48	India	England	7 - 46	6 - 24
49	Barbados	Indonesia	23 - 57	7 - 23
50	Canada	Sweden	47 - 16	22 - 8
51	Italy	Argentina	10-24	12 - 18

Ranking after 3 Rounds

I	England	64
2	USA 2	61
3	Pakistan	60
4	Egypt	57
5	Poland	56
6	Indonesia	55
	USA I	55
8	Belgium	52
9	Argentina	49
	Canada	49
	Japan	44
12	Barbados	42
13	Sweden	41
14	Australia	39
	Brazil	39
	Venezuela	39
17	New Zealand	38
18	Italy	33
19	Uruguay	31
20	Turkey	30
21	India	25
22	South Africa	23

WBF cards for sale

Packs of used WBF playing cards – with 5-bar codes – are for sale. If you are interested in buying some, please contact Christine Francin in the WBF Secretariat situated on the basement floor of the Hotel - Brasilia 2 room.

The price is US\$0.60 per pack

Appeals

All captains are reminded that the tournament directors consult among themselves and solicit the opinions of expert players before giving a judgemental ruling. For this reason, the Appeals Committee, in accordance with the Code of Practice, presumes initially that the director's ruling is correct. The ruling will be overturned only if the evidence presented is strong enough to persuade the committee to the contrary.

VENICE CUP

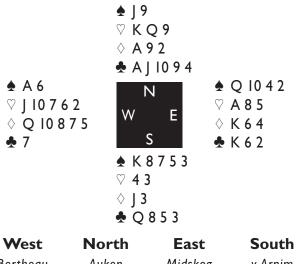
Germany



by Brian Senior

Two strong European teams met in the first round of the Venice Cup round robin. Germany features perhaps the leading pair in Women's bridge in Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim and has, of course, been world champion in the past. Sweden features a mix of experience and youthful promise and would be most people's tip to have a bright future in international bridge.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Bertheau	Auken I♣	Midskog Pass	v Arnim I♦
Pass	INT	Pass	2♡
Pass	2♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
West Della Monta	North S. Rimstedt	East Hackett	South Sjoberg

The tournament began well for Germany when they bought the contract at both tables on Board I, and both declarers brought home their partscore contracts.

Sabine Auken opened a strong club and Daniela von Arnim made a negative response then transferred to spades. Catarina Midskog led a low club. Auken rose with dummy's queen, dropping the nine from hand, and led a low spade to the jack and queen. Midskog misread the club position and continued with the club king, one which Kathrine Bertheau ditched a diamond. Auken led the $\bigstar 9$ to the king and ace and back came the jack of hearts to the king and ace. Midskog returned a heart to declarer's nine and Auken now cashed a club winner, threw a diamond on the queen of hearts and played ace then ruffed a diamond. The $\bigstar 8$ lost to the ten and a diamond back ensured a fourth defensive trump trick; +110.

Sweden



Round

Sandra Rimstedt opened 1 \diamond , Precision style but not promising any diamonds. Emma Sjoberg's 1 \heartsuit response was a transfer to spades and Annaig Della Monta bid a natural 2 \heartsuit , ending the auction. Rimstedt led the jack of spades, covered all around, and Della Monta led the jack of hearts to the queen and ace and a heart back, ducked to the nine. Rimstedt cashed the heart king then exited with the nine of spades to dummy's ten. Della Monta led a diamond to the ten and ace and had just to lose to the club ace; nine tricks for +140 and 6 IMPs to Germany.

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♠ J ♡ A J 7 4 ◇ A 9 8 4 ♣ 9 6 5 4	 N W S € 9 2 ♥ Q ♥ Q ♥ Q ♥ 10 	E	A K 8 6 2 K J A K Q J 8 7
West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Auken	Midskog	v Arnim
			Pass
Pass	4♠	Dble	Pass
4NT	Pass	5 📥	Pass
Pass	5♠	6 🛧	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Della Monta	S. Rimstedt	Hackett	Sjoberg
			Pass
Pass	4♠	5 秦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Both Norths opened 4. Barbara Hackett made a simple 5. overcall and, looking at excellent controls and four-card club support, Della Monta raised her to six. Six Spades would have been cheap, at -800, but Rimstedt did the normal thing, passing and hoping that her opponents had misguessed. Not this time – 13 tricks are possible as South can be squeezed in the red suits. Hackett actually made 12, winning the spade lead, drawing trumps and playing heart king and a heart to the jack then a diamond to the jack and queen; +1370.

Midskog chose to double the opening bid and Bertheau responded 4NT, two or more places to play. Midskog bid

5⁺ and Bertheau passed so that the slam had been missed. But Auken saw that she had extra spade length and, thinking that 5⁺ would be pretty cheap, broke discipline by bidding again. Midskog promptly bid a sixth club and the chance for a major swing had gone. Midskog won the spade lead, drew trumps and played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, then a heart to the ace; twelve tricks for +1370 and a flat board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.				
West	North	East	South	
Bertheau	Auken	Midskog	v Arnim	
Pass	2 桊	2♠	3 📥	
4♠	5♣	Dble	Pass	
Pass	5◇	Dble	6 🙅	
Dble	All Pass			
West	North	East	South	
Della Monta	S. Rimstedt	Hackett	Sjoberg	
Pass	2 📤	2♠	2NT	
3♠	5♣	All Pass		

The Swedish North/South pair bid to 5^{A} and made a painless +620 after a spade lead. There was rather more action in the other room.

Auken opened $2\clubsuit$. Precision style, and von Arnim's $3\clubsuit$ should have been a transfer to diamonds. Auken chose to play the club game because of her extra club length plus diamond fit but, when Midskog made a somewhat odd looking double, Auken assumed that clubs were breaking badly and ran to 5 \diamond . When Midskog doubled that as well, von Arnim corrected to $6\clubsuit$ and this time Bertheau doubled. If the Swedes were expecting a handy penalty, as this auction surely merited, they were to be sadly disappointed. Midskog led the king of spades. Auken won and cashed the top clubs then led a third club to dummy's seven to lead a diamond to her eight. Midskog won and returned a heart but Auken ran the clubs and had 12 tricks for +1540 and 14 IMPs to Germany.

That was very lucky for the Germans. At first glance, a heart lead would have defeated the slam but that is not actually the case. Declarer can concede a heart and then run the clubs. Dummy's $\bigstar 9$ is a menace against East, who is squeezed into submission.

 ▲ K 9 3 ♡ A Q 8 ◊ 9 8 7 4 ◆ 9 8 4 	 ▲ 10 ♡ 9 ◇ A ▲ A W ▲ A 	J 10 6 2 7 3 2 ► E S J 8 6 4 7 5 4 2 3	Vul. Q 5 K 10 6 3 K 5 K Q J 6 5
West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Auken	Midskog	v Arnim
	Pass	♣	I ♠
INT	3♢	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Pass	40
Pass	4 ♡	Pass	5◇
All Pass			
West	North	East	South
Della Monta	S. Rimstedt	Hackett	Sjoberg
	Pass	♣	
INT	2 🙅	Pass	2♠
All Pass			
A I / A			

Auken/von Arnim had another bidding mix up and this time justice was done. The problem came with Auken's jump to $3\Diamond$. By a non-passed hand this would have just been strong and natural, and von Arnim did not notice that her partner had already passed, which made $3\Diamond$ into a fit-jump, showing diamonds plus a spade fit. Five Diamonds drifted three off for -300.



Catarina Midskog, Sweden

After the same start to the auction, Rimstedt contented herself with a $2\clubsuit$ cuebid to show a good spade raise and Sjoberg signed off in $2\bigstar$. Sjoberg won the club lead and gave up a heart. Della Monta won that and switched to a low spade for the queen and ace. Now Sjoberg ran the queen of diamonds to the king, ruffed the heart return and ruffed a club then a second heart before playing winning diamonds. Hackett could ruff the second of these but Sjoberg could over-ruff and exit with a heart. Della Monta had to get rid of her diamond loser on this trick or would be obliged to give the last trick to dummy, but now she was unable to over-ruff Hackett's club lead so Sjoberg had her ninth trick anyway for +140 and 10 IMPs to Sweden.

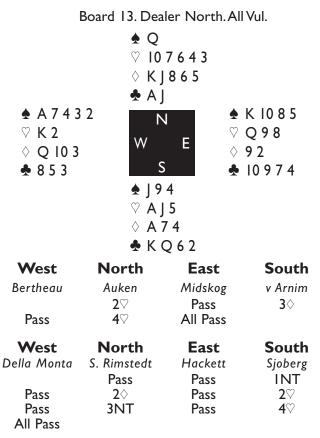
Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.

 ▲ 7 2 ♡ K J 4 2 ◇ K 8 ▲ A 9 6 5 	 ♀ Q ♦ 6 5 ♣ K ₩ 4 ▲ Q ♡ A 	5 8 7 3 N E ☆ S J 8 4 I 0 6 J I 0 4	10 3 9 8 7 5 A 9 7 3 2 2
West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Auken	Midskog	v Arnim INT
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Della Monta	S. Rimstedt	Hackett	Sjoberg INT
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Sjoberg opened INT, 9-12, and Rimstedt simply bid $2\clubsuit$, to play. Hackett led the jack of clubs to the queen and ace and Rimstedt soon had ten tricks for +170. Of course, it is possible to hold a spade contract to nine tricks, and that would be rather more important at the other table.

Von Arnim opened INT, 10-12 and Auken transferred. When von Arnim liked her maximum enough to break the transfer despite the soft values, Auken went on to game.

To defeat $4 \pm$, East has to win the first round of diamonds to push a heart through before a discard has been established for the heart loser. Alas for Sweden, Bertheau did not like any of her possible leads so decided to attack with the king of diamonds. After that it didn't matter what she did. In practice, Bertheau switched to ace and another club but von Arnim could set up the diamonds and had ten tricks for +420 and 6 IMPs to Germany.



Rimstedt did not have a weak two-suited opening in her bag so passed. Sjoberg opened INT, 14-16, so Rimstedt transferred then jumped to 3NT, not wishing to offer diamonds as an alternative contract. Sjoberg went back to 4^{\heartsuit} , against which Della Monta led the three of diamonds to the nine and ace. Sjoberg cashed three rounds of clubs for a spade switch then played ace and jack of hearts to the king. Della Monta returned the $\diamond 10$ so Sjoberg finessed and had 11 tricks for +650.

Auken could open 2 \bigstar to show a weak two-suiter and 3 \diamond was invitational in hearts. With a complete maximum, Auken had an easy acceptance of the invitation. Midskog led the king of spades to retain the lead and switched to the ten of clubs. Auken won the king to lead a low heart off the dummy and Bertheau rose with the ace and played back a club. Auken won the ace and led a heart to the jack then cashed the \heartsuit A and \clubsuit Q, throwing a diamond. She led the jack of spades to the ace and ruff then a diamond to the ace and followed with the six of clubs, pitching a diamond from hand. Midskog won the club and played the ten of spades. Auken was forced to ruff and lead diamonds from hand so was one down, the \diamondsuit Q being the setting trick; -100 and 13 IMPs to Sweden.

Why did Auken play this way? Once West turned up with the ace of spades, she expected East to have only a doubleton king. That placed Midskog with 2-3-4-4 shape and now to play on diamonds would lead to two diamond losers and defeat, while exiting with the club would force a lead into the $\Diamond KJ$ and make the contract. The imaginative opening lead had succeeded for an unexpected reason.

Germany won the match by 39-26 IMPs, 18-12 VPs, but could consider themselves a trifle fortunate and would need to find better form in the matches to come.

Round

BERMUDA BOWL



USA 1

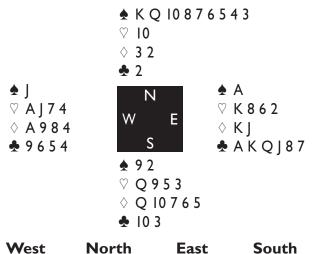
Big swings

by Brent Manley

In the opening round of the Bermuda Bowl, the USAI - Australia match produced 67 IMPs, and 60 of them came from just five deals.

The final score was 43-24 in favor of Australia, who earned the first of their double-digit swings early on.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



VVCSL	North	Lasi	Journ
I. Robinson	S. Robinson	de Livera	Boyd
			Pass
Pass	4♠	5 🙅	Pass
6 🛧	All Pass		



A view from the VuGraph

Australia



Steve Robinson obviously thought he had told his story with the 4 \pm bid and, for all he knew, bidding 6 \pm might push the opponents into a cold grand slam. Indeed, on the lie of the cards, East-West can make 13 tricks in clubs, hearts or notrump. Arjuna de Livera won the opening spade lead, played two high trumps, then the $\Diamond K$ and $\Diamond J$, covered by South.

Declarer won the $\Diamond A$ and played the $\Diamond 9$, ruffing with the queen when North showed out. A third round of trumps to dummy allowed declarer to ruff dummy's last diamond. At that point, de Livera could claim, planning to play a heart from hand and cover any card played by South.

As you can see, seven can be made by guessing the heart layout or by squeezing South in the red suits. In any case, it was plus 1370 for the Aussies.

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Thomson	Stewart	Brightling
			Pass
Pass	4♠	5 🛧	Pass
6 🜩	6♠	Dble	All Pass

With a nine-card suit and with favourable vulnerability, lan Thomson didn't mind taking one more bid – and it was profitable. He had to lose five tricks for minus 800, but it was 11 IMPs to Australia.

Two boards later, Australia struck again.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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	 ▲ 10 ♡ 9 ◇ A ▲ A 	10 6 2	
 ▲ K 9 3 ♡ A Q 8 ◊ 9 8 7 4 ◆ 9 8 4 	₩ • A	E ↔ S ↓ 8 6 4 5 4 2 3	Q 5 K 10 6 3 K 5 K Q J 6 5
West	North	East	South
Robinson	S. Robinson	de Livera	Boyd
	Pass	/ 📥	2 뢒
Pass	3♢	Pass	3♠

All Pass

Ι.

Steve Robinson's 3 \Diamond apparently was a game try in spades, which Peter Boyd declined. He had the shape but nothing in reserve.

lan Robinson led the $\clubsuit9$, taken in dummy with the ace. Boyd played dummy's heart at trick two, ducked around to West's queen. A second club was ruffed by South, who then ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and ruffed a heart. Boyd then ruffed dummy's last club with the $\bigstar8$, but was overruffed by West, who exited with a diamond, ducked to East's king. Boyd won the diamond continuation in hand, ruffed a fourth heart with dummy's 10, but when he tried to cash the $\Diamond A$, de Livera ruffed with the queen. Boyd finished one down for minus 100.

There was more action at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Thomson	Stewart	Brightling
	Pass	◊*	♠
INT	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT	Dble	3 🛧	Pass
Pass	3 ◇	Pass	3♠
Dble	All Pass		

*Precision: possible doubleton.

Kit Woolsey started with the $\clubsuit9$, taken by the ace. When declarer, Richard Brightling, called for dummy's heart, Fred Stewart went up with the king to switch to a spade. Declarer ducked to Woolsey's king, winning the spade continuation in hand. South then rode the $\Diamond Q$ to Stewart's king, which was the last trick for the defense. Brightling ruffed the club return, ruffed a heart, ruffed another club to hand and played the \bigstar J, picking up Woolsey's trump. Dummy was now all diamond winners. The overtrick meant plus 930 and 14 IMPs to Australia.

When board 9 rolled around, Australia was ahead 28-1 – and the situation was about to get a lot worse for the Americans.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 5 ♡ A F ◇ K J ♣ A F	< 10 6 3 6	
♠ K J 6 4	N	N	10972
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West	North	East	South
I. Robinson	S. Robinson	de Livera	Boyd
	2 📥	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	2NT	Pass	3⊘*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4 \diamond
Pass	4 ♡	Pass	4 ♠*
Pass	5 🙅	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

The North hand is powerful, but one of the hands needed a source of tricks other than trumps. Declarer, Steve Robinson, had no chance on the lead of a low club by de Livera. The \clubsuit J was taken with the ace, and two high trumps were cashed, followed by the \clubsuit K for a diamond pitch. Robinson ruffed his last club in dummy and played a diamond. West won the ace and exited with a diamond. Robinson won the king, ruffed the \Diamond J in dummy and played a spade to the ace, his only hope being a singleton \pounds K. That didn't happen, so he was one down for minus 50.

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Thomson	Stewart	Brightling
	2NT	Pass	3◊*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4 🙅
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

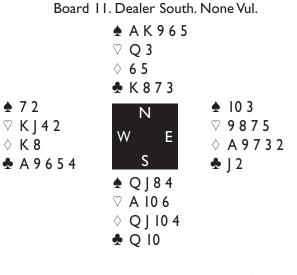
lan Thomson would have had no chance had Stewart found the club lead, but he started with a low diamond. Woolsey won the $\Diamond A$ and returned the suit. Thomson desperately put in the jack, which held, and he continued with the $\heartsuit A$, $\heartsuit K$ and $\heartsuit 10$ from hand, Stewart discarding a club, his last diamond and another club on the three hearts.

On a fourth round of hearts to dummy, Stewart discarded a third club, and when declarer played a diamond to the queen and his king, Stewart fatally discarded a fourth club. Now Woolsey was subjected to a black-suit squeeze, and declarer did not err in the play. He cashed the \triangleq A (Vienna Coup) and played his last heart to dummy. Woolsey could not stand the pressure, and declarer took his slam-fulfilling trick with the \clubsuit 7. Plus 980 was another 14-IMP swing to Australia.

The Americans finally recorded their own double-digit swing two boards later.



lan Robinson, Australia



West	North	East	South
I. Robinson	S. Robinson	de Livera	Boyd
			$ \diamond$
Pass		Pass	2♠
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

De Livera started with a low heart, ducked by Robinson to West's king. The defenders now had three more tricks to cash – but would they get them all? Not on this deal. West cashed the ♣A and continued the suit, allowing declarer to win in dummy and return to hand with the ♡Q. Now a trump to dummy allowed declarer to cash the ♡A for a diamond pitch, enough for 10 tricks and plus 420. There was no slip-up on defense at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Thomson	Stewart	Brightling
			$ \diamond$
Pass	I ♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	2NT	3♡	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Stewart also led a heart, ducked to Woolsey's king. Woolsey cashed the \clubsuit A, then switched to the \diamond 8. Stewart won the ace and returned the suit – one down and 10 IMPs to USA1.

It was 43-13 Australia with one deal to play

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	 ▲ A K Q 10 5 ♡ A 5 2 ◊ K J 8 ♣ 7 6 	
 ♠ 9 7 2 ♡ Q J 9 8 3 ◊ Q 9 6 5 ♣ A 	N W E S ▲ 6 3 ♡ K 10 4 ◇ 10 2 ▲ J 9 8 5 3 2	 ▲ J 8 4 ♡ 7 6 ◇ A 7 4 3 ♣ K Q 10 4

West	North	East	South
I. Robinson	S. Robinson	DeLivera	Boyd
Pass	♠	Pass	Pass
20	All Pass		

Steve Robinson cashed three high spades, Boyd discarding the $\diamond 10$ on the third. North got out with a club to declarer's ace. With only one entry to dummy, declarer played the $\heartsuit Q$ from hand. Boyd won the $\heartsuit K$ and played the $\diamond 2$ to the five, eight and ace. The $\heartsuit 7$ went to North's ace, and he cashed the $\diamond K$ and gave South a diamond ruff for plus 200.

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Thomson	Stewart	Brightling
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3 🙅	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

With his strong club holding, Stewart was happy to convert his partner's balancing double to penalty. Stewart started with the $\heartsuit7$, taken in dummy with the king. Declarer cashed his top spades, pitching a heart from dummy, then played the $\clubsuit6$ from hand. Stewart eyed that suspiciously but finally played low. Woolsey won the \clubsuitA and played a low diamond. Declarer missguessed, putting up the king, so he could not avoid two down for minus 300. The net was good for an 11-IMP gain and a final score of 43-24 for Australia.



Steve Robinson, USA I

BERMUDA BOWL

Brazil



by Phillip Alder

The premier match of the Bermuda Bowl's first round was between the host country, Brazil, and the defending champions, Norway.

The Norwegian team is not the same as in Shanghai two years ago. Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness prefer to play in the Transnational Teams, but the other four players are back. Glenn Groetheim and UlfTundal are still partners, but Boye Brogeland is now paired with Espen Lindqvist and Erik Saelensminde is playing with Per Erik Austberg.

In the Open Room, Groetheim and Tundal took their homegrown strong-club system to play against Joao Paulo Campos and Miguel Villas Boas, who use a natural base.

In the Closed Room, Marcelo Branco and the mercurial Gabriel Chagas were back together, taking on Austberg and Saelensminde.

First, a quiz of some of the interesting problems faced by the players.

I. In fourth chair at unfavorable vulnerability, you hold:

▲ A
 ♡ K 8 6 2
 ◊ K J
 ♣ A K O | 8 7

The bidding starts (Pass)-Pass- $(4\clubsuit)$ to you. What would you do?

2. In fourth chair with everybody vulnerable, you pick up

	A 9 4
\heartsuit	A 3 2
\diamond	K 9 6 3
*	976

The bidding begins (Pass)-1 - (1 - 1). What would you respond?

Now back to the first question. Suppose you overcall five clubs. It goes (Pass)-6. (6 \pm). What would you do now?

In the second question, suppose you settled for one notrump. The auction continues $(2 \pm)$ -3 \oplus -(Pass). What would you do now, if anything?



Norway



Round

You get to six diamonds by West, South having doubled a four-heart control-bid (cue-bid). North leads the heart three. How would you plan the play?

4. With both sides vulnerable, you deal and pick up:

	K J 2
\heartsuit	A Q 10 8 4
\diamond	2
•	A K J 2

You open one heart and partner responds one spade. What would you rebid?

5. In fourth position at favorable vulnerability, you have:

▲ 10 8 4
♡ 10
◊ A Q 10 6 2
▲ A J 7 4

It goes (Pass)-1♣-(1♡) to you. What would you do? Now assume that you are employing flip-flop responses, when your two-club response shows diamonds. Your lefthand opponent makes a card-showing double, partner passes, and righty rebids two hearts. What would you do now?

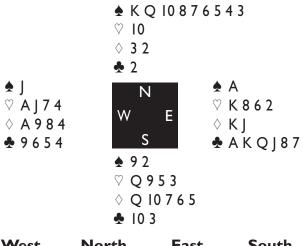
The first two deals were unexciting, yielding 2 IMPs to Brazil. This was the next deal:



Ulf Haakon Tundal, Norway

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west	North	East	South	
Campos	Tundal	Villas Boas	Groetheim	
			Pass	
Pass	4♠	5 🛧	Pass	
6♣	6♠	Pass	Pass	
Dble	All Pass			
West	North	East	South	
Austberg	Chagas	Saelensminde	Branco	
			Pass	
Pass	4♠	5♣	Pass Pass	

The auctions were almost identical, Villas Boas passing over six spades to invite seven and Saelensminde doubling. A flat board at plus 800 to East-West.

Notice that seven clubs can be made if declarer guesses the play, catching South in a red-suit squeeze. Given the auction, this looks like the indicated line.

Then came:



Two heads are better than one

Board 4. Dealer West. Both vul.			
	▲ 2 ♡ 98 ◇ A85 ♣ AK3	5 8 5 4 3 2	
 ▲ 8 6 5 3 ♡ K J 10 7 0 ◊ 7 4 2 ▲ J 	6 N W S ▲ A 9 4 ♡ A 3 2 ◊ K 9 6		K Q J I0 7 Q 5 4 Q J I0 Q I0
	♣ 976		
West	North	East	South

Campos	Tundal	Villas Boas	Groetheim
Pass	2 🕭 (a)	Dble	Redble (b)
20	3♡	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

(a) 11-15 points with 6-plus clubs unless 4=4=0=5

(b) 10-plus points

West	North	East	South
Austberg	Chagas	Saelensminde	Branco
Pass	♣	♠	INT
2♠	3 🛧	All Pass	

In the Open Room, with a seventh club and a side ace, Tundal rebid three hearts, asking his partner for a heart stopper for notrump.

Three notrump had 11 top tricks.

In the Closed Room, Branco had the values to respond two notrump. But given that he had bid only one notrump, surely, with 11 points, two aces and three clubs, he should have moved over three clubs.

After the spade-king lead, Chagas had no trouble taking 12 tricks.

Note in passing that on a heart lead, 12 tricks can still be made. Don't overlook South's two pointed-suit nines. Plus 660 and minus 170 gave Norway 10 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. North-South vul.

	 ▲ 10 7 2 ♡ 9 ◇ A J 10 6 2 ▲ A 7 3 2 	
 ▲ K 9 3 ♡ A Q 8 ◊ 9 8 7 4 ◆ 9 8 4 	N W E S ▲ A J 8 6 4 ♡ J 7 5 4 2 ◊ Q 3 ♣ 10	 ▲ Q 5 ♡ K 10 6 3 ◊ K 5 ♣ K Q J 6 5

West	North	East	South
Campos	Tundal	Villas Boas	Groetheim
	Pass	🐣	♠
INT	2 🐣	Dble	2♡
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Austberg	Chagas	Saelensminde	Branco
3NT	Pass All Pass	INT (a)	Pass

(a) 14+-17 points

Real estate agents always say that location is everything. That can apply to bridge too.

Three notrump by East was cast iron after a low-spade lead. Declarer won with his queen and played the club king. North won with his ace and shifted to the diamond six, but East put up his king and ran the clubs, South discarding a couple of hearts to let through the overtrick.

Three notrump by West, though, was another story. North led a low spade, South taking dummy's queen with his ace and returning the suit. Tundal won the trick with his ten and defended perfectly, shifting to the diamond jack. Declarer won with dummy's king and played on clubs, but when North took his ace, he cashed two diamond tricks for down one.

Plus 430 and plus 50 gave Norway another 10 IMPs and the lead by 18.

Brazil recouped some points on the next deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. East-West vul.

 ▲ J 9 2 ♡ 7 5 2 ◇ J 10 4 ◆ 9 8 6 4 	 ◇ 7 ◆ 3 ₩ ▲ A 	9863 653 NE S Q 1043 J 10	7 6 Q 4 K Q 8 A K J 7 5 2
	♣ Ç		
West	North	East	South
Campos	Tundal	Villas Boas	Groetheim
_	•	♣	
Pass Pass	2♠ 3♡	3 ♣ All Pass	Pass
rass	3	All Fass	
West	North	East	South
Austberg	Chagas	Saelensminde	Branco
		INT (a)	Dble (b)
Pass (c)	Pass	2 🕭 (d)	Dble (e)
Pass All Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡

- (a) 14+-17 points
- (b) Penalty
- (c) Asking partner to redouble
- (d) Clubs
- (e) Takeout

Chagas and Branco did well to get to four hearts after East opened with an off-center strong notrump. And North had no trouble taking 11 tricks, ruffing the second club, playing a heart to dummy's ten, drawing trumps and running the spades.

In the Open Room, South might have raised three hearts to four.

East led the club ace and shifted to the diamond king. Declarer ducked this trick, won the diamond-queen continuation, and ran the heart jack. Now the defense had four tricks: one heart, two diamonds and one club.

Minus 140 and plus 450 gave Brazil 7 IMPs.

Neither East-West pair shone on the next deal:

 	 ♣ 9 ♀ Q ♦ 4 ♣ Q ₩ 7 5 7 5 ♠ K 	7 3 3 2 4 3 2 ► S J 8 7 10 8 5 8	A Q 10 4 3 A J 9 4 Q J 6
West	North	East	South
Campos	Tundal	Villas Boas	Groetheim
			I
2 ◇	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 🙅	Pass	4♠	All Pass
) One plus diamonds 11 15(16) points			

(a) One-plus diamonds, 11-15(16) points

West	North	East	South
Austberg	Chagas	Saelensminde	Branco
			Pass
$ \diamond $	Pass	♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡ (a)	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♣	Pass	40	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT (b)	Pass
5♡ (c)	Pass	6 \diamond	All Pass

(a) Fourth-suit forcing

(b) Roman Key Card Blackwood

(c) Two key cards but no diamond queen

In the Open Room, West's two diamonds should have been a Michaels cuebid, showing at least 5-5 in the majors.

And the play was not best either, declarer going down three.

Austberg thought long and hard in six diamonds. There were roads home, by assuming that South had king-doubleton of diamonds. But rather than rely on that, declarer won with dummy's heart ace, played a club to his ace, and led a spade to dummy's queen. South won with his king, cashed the heart king, and played another heart. Declarer ruffed and should have immediately trumped a club in the dummy. Instead, he cashed the club king first and now could not avoid losing another trick for down two.

Plus 300 and minus 200 gave Norway 3 IMPs.

On Board 8 East-West would always make six clubs if they were in it. Both our pairs stopped in five, but Branco risked a sporting double. However, he could not stop the overtrick, giving Norway 6 IMPs.

Board 9 was flat in a heart game (although Groetheim and Tundal did get to five hearts).

On Board 10, Saelensminde held:

▲ K J 2
♡ A Q 10 8 4
◊ 2
♣ A K J 2

and had to rebid after an uncontested $1\heartsuit -1\bigstar$.

Probably wishing they were using a strong-club system, he settled for two clubs and played there opposite:

▲ Q 8 7 5
 ♡ K
 ◇ K 10 9 6 5
 ▲ 8 7 5

Saelensminde took nine tricks despite a 5-1 trump break, but at the other table, East-West had a conventional sequence to three notrump, which could not be defeated.

Plus 600 and minus 110 gave Brazil 10 IMPs.

On the next four boards, three were flat and Branco gained an overtrick imp for Brazil. But then Branco produced another sporting double:

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South vul.

	 ▲ 6 3 2 ♡ K Q 8 7 5 4 ◊ J 4 ♣ K 9 	
 ▲ K J 9 ♡ A 9 6 2 ◊ K 5 ▲ Q 10 6 3 	N W E S ▲ A Q 7 5 ♡ J 3 ◊ 9 8 7 3 ♣ 8 5 2	 ▲ 10 8 4 ♡ 10 ◇ A Q 10 6 2 ▲ A J 7 4

West	North	East	South
Campos	Tundal	Villas Boas	Groetheim
			Pass
📥	\heartsuit	2 🛧 (a)	Dble (b)
Pass	2♡	3 📥	All Pass
(a) Diamonds (b) Cards			
West	North	East	South
Austberg	Chagas	Saelensminde	Branco
			Pass
♣	\square	2♡ (a)	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

(a) High-card club raise

Villas Boas had something to spare for his three-club rebid. Maybe he should have made a takeout double, but presumably he did not want to hide his club support.

Three clubs cruised home with 12 tricks, given the lucky lie.

In the other room, Chagas guessed to lead a spade against three notrump doubled, selecting the two, not the six. So South won with his ace and promptly returned a spade. After a lot of thought, declarer put in his jack and shortly thereafter took 12 tricks: two spades, one heart, five diamonds and four clubs.

Minus 170 and plus 850 gave Norway 12 IMPs. Note that if Campos-Villas Boas had bid and made three notrump with two overtricks after a heart start, Norway would still have gained 9 IMPs.

On the final board, the Norths, in second position at favorable vulnerability, held:

▲ A K Q 10 5
 ♡ A 5 2
 ◊ K J 8
 ♣ 7 6

After a pass by West, Tundal opened a strong club, of course. His partner responded one diamond, showing 0-8 points, and righty overcalled one heart. Now Tundal rebid one non-forcing spade. Then Groetheim, who had:

	63
\heartsuit	K 104
\diamond	102
*	J 9 8 5 3

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continued with one notrump, hoping his club suit might produce the necessary for three notrump. But he was left there and played nicely to win nine tricks.

At the other table, Chagas opened one notrump, 15-17 points, despite 17 and an excellent five-card suit. Branco transferred into three clubs. This contract had to fail by a trick when there were four trump losers.

Plus 150 and plus 50 was worth another 5 IMPs to Norway, who won by 46 IMPs to 20, or 21-9 in victory points.

Una Puesta en Mano Inevitable

Por Fernando Lema y Ana Roth

Finalmente llegó el día, hoy a las 11hs dio comienzo el Campeonato Mundial de Bridge en Sao Paulo, Brasil. Los equipos sudamericanos debutaron con suertes varias. En el primer match Chile; actual Campeón Sudamericano se enfrentó a Egipto y logró imponerse por 8 IMPs, que traducido a puntos victoria dio 17 a 13.

El desarrollo del match fue muy movido hasta la última mano: en el cuarto cerrado Este/Oeste jugo 2° y dio dos multas...+ 200 puntos para Egipto.

En la sala abierta la pareja Marcelo Caracci – Jose Manuel Robles (Padre) de Chile tenía las siguientes cartas:

 ♦ 972 ♡ Q J 983 ◇ Q 965 ♣ A 	 ▲ A K 0 ♡ A 5 2 ◊ K J 8 ♣ 7 6 N O S ♣ 6 3 ♡ K T 4 ◊ I0 2 	E	 ▲ J 8 4 ♡ 7 6 ◇ A 7 4 3 ◆ K Q 10 4
	뢒 J 9 8	532	
Oeste Paso Paso	Norte I≜ 3NT	Este Paso Fin	Sur INT

Robles (Padre) abrió de I♠ y Marcelo decidió responder con la voz de INT, Norte rápidamente cerró en 3NT. Salida: ♡O

Marcelo tomó la salida en su mano con el $\heartsuit K$ y jugó el $\diamond 10$ en la baza dos, Oeste cubrió con la $\diamond Q$ el muerto jugó el $\diamond K$ y Este ganó la baza con el $\diamond A$.

Este que esta viendo cinco bazas de espadas, tenía dos opciones, una era volver corazón y la otra era probar el trébol.

Este decidió volver el \$4, Oeste tomó con el \$A y devolvió espadas, pero la suerte estaba de parte de Chile, como estaban las cartas la mano era imbatible. Marcelo tomó en el muerto y jugó todas sus Espadas llegando a un final de cinco cartas.

Oeste tuvo que decidir que conservar y se quedó con \heartsuit J 9 y \diamond 9 6 5. El final fue fácil, Marcelo cobró el \diamond J y siguió con \diamond 8. Oeste quedó puesto en mano y tuvo que entregar las dos últimas bazas de corazón. Sur hizo cinco espadas, tres corazones y un diamante.

¿Que hubiera pasado si Este hubiera vuelto corazón en la baza tres?

Prácticamente lo mismo, Marcelo hubiera tomado con el \heartsuit A, cobrado sus cinco espadas y hubiera llegado a un final parecido, poniendo en mano a Oeste por corazón, y aprovechando la tenencia de \diamond J 8 Oeste hubiese quedado puesto en mano inevitablemente y luego de cobrar su bazas firmes, el hubiera tenido que entregar dos bazas diamantes.

El resultado final fue 400 puntos para Chile y 5 IMPs lo que le permitió vencer por un punto de victoria mas.

Efemerides

Sabias que un 30 de Agosto...

Sabias que un 30 de Agosto...30 años antes de Cristo Cleopatra, reina de Egipto se suicido...

Sabias que un 30 de Agosto...de 1963 comenzó a operar un teléfono rojo entre el Kremlin y la Casa Blanca para reducir las chances de un accidente nuclear.

Sabias que un 30 de Agosto...de 1968 los Beatles grabaron sus primeras canciones para su propio sello musical Apple que incluyo: "Revolution" y "Hey Jude".

La música preferida el 30 de agosto de... 1949 You're Breaking My Heart - Vic Damone, 1957 Love Letters in the Sand - Pat Boone, 1965 I Got You Babe - Sonny & Cher y Help - The Beatles, 1981

Endless Love - Diana Ross & Lionel Richie...

Un Poco de Humor

La Sra. Marta Methol integrante del equipo Senior de Uruguay nos contó que en el desayuno le pidió a un mozo:

- Por Favor puede ser un jugo de naranja

A lo que el mozo contestó:

- No hablo ingles...

Escuchado en el pasillo:

- Me contaron que esta Jugando Bobby Wolf... pero todavía no lo pude ver.

- Fijate con cuidado que puede estar disfrazado de oveja.

Que tal...esto?

-Solo hay una cosa peor que jugar al bridge - y es no jugar al bridge

La Fiesta de Inauguración



El día 29 de Agosto a las 19 hs mas de 1500 personas participaron de la Ceremonia de Inauguración que se llevo a cabo en un anfiteatro parte de la infraestructura del Hotel Transamerica, en cuyos salones se esta jugando este mundial.

La Ceremonia fue inaugurada con discursos del Sr. Ernesto d'Orsi Presidente del Comité Organizador, el Alcalde de la ciudad de San Pablo el Sr. Gilberto Kassab y el Sr. Jose Damiani Presidente de la WBF.

Después de unas cortas pero muy emotivas palabras de cada uno de ellos se realizo la presentación de las delegaciones de los países partic-

ipantes, seguida de un show que comenzó con la performance del reconocido pianista brasilero Arthur Moreira Lima que deleito a la audiencia con diversas y maravillosas interpretaciones del Himno Nacional de Brasil.

Luego de la actuación de dos conjuntos que deleitaron a la audiencia con canciones locales, el estrado fue ocupado por mas de una decena de bailarines que extasiaron al publico





con danzas típicas de fines del siglo 19 de la zona de Recife. La calidad y la expresión visual llegaron a su clímax cuando algunos de los bailarines realizaron interpretaciones individuales que hicieron estallar varias veces los aplausos de la audiencia.

El espectáculo finalizó con la presentación de la Escola de Samba Vai-Vai que dejo en todo el mundo algo del sabor del famoso carnaval de Brasil...

Terminado el Show la gente se traslado a un salón donde se ofreció un lunch acompañado de Campagne Frances y vino Chileno...aunque al día siguiente había que jugar la noche termino tarde...