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## New Zealand challenges Great Britain !

### *Canada vaults into third place*

Great Britain, European Junior champions, continued their march through the field, blitzing Australia after scoring a strong victory over Argentina. The Britons have scored at least 20 Victory Points in each of the four matches to date and have piled up a total of 91 VPs out of a possible 100.

But the British have only a 4-VP lead on runner-up New Zealand. The Kiwis have won all four of their matches -- three of them by large margins. Yesterday they trounced Denmark, 22-8, and followed up with a 24-6 near-blitz against Argentina.

The climax will come tonight when the Brits and the Kiwis face off against each other on vugraph. Seats in the vugraph room will be at a premium. Japan will be the opponent for the British in the first match of the day.

Canada also had a great day yesterday, scoring 49 of a possible 50 Vps. First they stopped USA II impressively, 24-6, and then they blitzed Indonesia.

Canada is firmly in third place with 81 Vps. And it's going to quite a day for New Zealand -- in addition to facing Great Britain in the evening they must also oppose Canada in the morning match. The standings could change radically.

All other contestants except the host team are still very much in the running for a semifinal berth -- only 25 Vps, the equivalent of one match, separated fourth-place Italy from 11th-place Argentina.

The tournament is running very smoothly, according to Operations Chief Ton Kooijman and Chief Tournament Director Richard Grenside -- and according to the players as well.

**TODAY ON  
VUGRAPH**

*Today's first presentation on vugraph will be **Italy vs. USA II**. Both teams are very much in the battle for one of the semifinal qualifying spots.*

*In the evening it will be the battle of the leaders - first-place **Great Britain** against second-place **New Zealand**.*

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# ROUND MEMO !

## Round 5

**Tuesday, July 11**    **10.30 - 12.50**  
**14.10 - 16.30**

Argentina	-	Indonesia
Australia	-	Denmark
New Zealand	-	Canada
China	-	USA 1
Japan	-	Great Britain
Italy	-	USA 2

## Round 6

**Tuesday, July 11**    **17.00 - 19.20**  
**21.30 - 23.50**

Indonesia	-	China
Denmark	-	Italy
Great Britain	-	New Zealand
USA 2	-	Argentina
USA 1	-	Australia
Canada	-	Japan

## Round 7

**Wednesday, July 12**    **18.00 - 20.20**  
**21.30 - 23.50**

Indonesia	-	Great Britain
Italy	-	China
Australia	-	Japan
USA 1	-	Canada
Argentina	-	Denmark
New Zealand	-	USA 2

## Lineup changes

According to official list:

### Argentina

*Florencia Herrera*  
instead of  
*Marta Florencia.*

### Indonesia

*Ananta Indra Dapu & John*  
*Tumewu* replace  
*Nofry Koligis & Jemmy Angkow.*

### Italy

*Alfredo Versace*  
replaces  
*Gianmatteo Rona.*



## Departure information

Please submit your departure schedule to the Secretariat Office (Ext. 7291 or 7609) at your earliest convenience, but no later than Tuesday, July 11.

Include your departure date, flight details, etc., so that we can arrange your transfer to the airport.



Some day this quote will appear on the book sign on your bed and become even more famous:

***One of the greatest pleasures in life is doing what others say you can't do.***

In yesterday's vugraph match Indonesian Djems Polli had that pleasure against USA I:

*Board 24; Love All; Dealer West.*

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

In the Closed Room USA I had made 9 tricks in 2NT, and the commentators discussed the possibilities in 4♠.

"But the problem is how to bid 4♠," one of them stated. And for sure it looked impossible after this beginning:

West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass	1♥	Dbl
Pass	4♦	Pass	Dbl
		Pass	?

Do what they say you can't do . . . Polli bid 4♠ and everybody passed.

A trump lead kills the contract. It is good enough, if West finds the trump shift after the lead of ♥A, because South will be shortened in trumps when he tries to get a diamond trick.

But West (Eric Greco) didn't expect South to have only four spades, so he continued in hearts and Polli made 10 tricks after the right guess in diamonds.

Life is full of pleasures!

## Goodbye, Jimmy ...

*At about 16.30 Saturday afternoon, while I was wandering through the lobby, I saw 15 or 20 beautiful (there is no other kind) Balinese girls in various local costumes. As I came down the steps to our Daily Bulletin office I ran into musicians carting their instruments, many obviously quite heavy.*

*Why? They were preparing for the arrival of the President Emeritus of the World Bridge Federation, **Jaime Ortiz-Patiño**, who was about to arrive for the opening ceremonies of the Fifth World Junior Bridge Team Championships.*

*When I returned to the lobby the number of dancers had nearly doubled and there was a cadre of local bridge officials and WBF members. Jimmy arrived in a limousine precisely on time, and the Indonesian girls were lined up, flanking the new guest. Jimmy was greeted with an orchid lei as cameras flashed and news personnel clustered around him.*

*After this colorful display he was escorted to his suite for a few minutes of quiet before the opening ceremonies.*

*Today we bid goodbye to Jimmy, a man who did so much for international bridge while he was president of the World Bridge Federation and who still devotes much of his attention to the improvement of world bridge. He is especially interested in Junior bridge and has been present at all five championships.*

# Positive Thinking

by Patrick Jourdain

Several pairs had difficulty with Board 4 from the third-round match. This was the layout:

Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

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

You might expect some North-South pair to reach 6♥ and on the lie come home, but no one managed this. In the vugraph match between USA II and Indonesia, USA II had a system uncertainty in the Closed Room to end in 3NT:

West	North	East	South
<i>Boyoh</i>	<i>Altus</i>	<i>Polij</i>	<i>Moss</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South's 3♣ showed four spades and five hearts, but North, unsure of which was the longer major, bid 3NT. This was safe for nine tricks on a diamond lead, but declarer actually made 12 when West was unable to hold up the ♥A, the ♠J came down and the club finesse succeeded. In the Open Room Indonesia, using Strong Club, had a sound auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Greco</i>	<i>Tumewu</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Dapu</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♥

All pass

Looking at the N-S cards you may think that any line by declarer works, but Eric Greco led a deceptive ♣10 and declarer faced a more difficult problem than it seemed at first sight. Certainly he did not wish to rely on a finesse in either minor when there was a possibility of setting up the clubs or falling back on a crossruff. If declarer believes the lead, one losing line is to draw trumps and rely on East having both king and jack of clubs. Dapu naturally rose with the ♣A, then ruffed a low club at trick two. He then unblocked

the top spades and led another club. East threw a diamond and declarer ruffed. South then cashed the ♠K, throwing dummy's ♦J. This was the ending with South on lead:

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

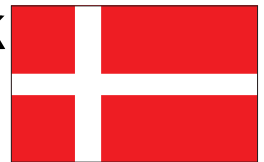
The winning line here is to play the good spade. West has to ruff low, and then a crossruff succeeds. But declarer went wrong by crossing to dummy first to unblock the diamond. He had to return to hand with a club ruff, and East should take a second chance to throw his spade. East actually threw another diamond. Declarer ruffed, but again did not lead his spade -- he ruffed another diamond. When he ruffed the next club, Greco overruffed with the ♥A and played his small trump. East, all trumps, came to the last trick to defeat the slam. One other table reached a slam, but this time the contract was 6♠ by North! The problem, as with USA I, was an auction which started 2NT-3♣-3♦. South showed both majors with slam interest, but revealed spades as the longer one. East led a diamond against 6♠. Declarer won with the jack, unblocked the top spades, led the ♥Q and correctly overtook with the king. If West ducks declarer can draw trumps, and lead a heart, unblocking the jack when the ace appears. So West correctly took the ace. Suppose West continues with a second diamond, sticking declarer in the North hand. Now some positive thinking is required. Clearly the jack of trumps needs to fall, but you have to reach the South hand to draw trumps without the defense obtaining a ruff. You have to run the hearts and take the club finesse. Some chance!

But the answer is there: finesse the ♥8, and then throw the blocking ♥J on the ♠K! Slam made.

The sad thing about the hand is that West, after winning the ♥A, returned a heart, doing the difficult part of declarer's job for him. Declarer won and played the ♠K, but, delighted by the sight of the jack, took his eye off the ball and omitted to ditch the offending ♥J on this or the next trump. And so the contract failed.



# Great Britain vs. Denmark



by Sally Brock

This second-round vugraph match between the gold and silver medalists in the European Championships was likely to be a needle affair, but it started off quietly enough. There were a couple of silly large swings - one where the Danes played in a cuebid and another where over-exuberant tactics from the Hackett twins resulted in their playing in their opponents' best fit at the two level and going for 1100 (best defense could have managed 1400). The score stood at 20-19 to Denmark when Board 8 appeared.

Now a trump went to South's ace and he had to avoid the trap of cashing his top diamonds. He had been watching his partner's cards - the two, three and four of clubs - and trusted him to hold the queen of diamonds. Thus he underled both his honors and the defense took three tricks in the suit. This was worth 4IMPs to GB.

On Board 10 the British East/West judged better than their Danish counterparts to play in 3NT rather than their 5-3 spade fit, so the score was 20-35 to GB when Board 11 arrived.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

Is that North hand a three-club opener at the vulnerability and position? The Danish North in the Closed Room thought so. This was passed round to West who re-opened with a double. East was content to defend this contract and kicked off with his top clubs. West signaled for spades and the doubled partscore was soon one down. Jason Hackett, North in the Open Room, passed (it just goes to show that he had not run out of pass cards!) and the auction proceeded:

West	North	East	South
<i>Ron</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Justin</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Rdbl	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Once again the Law of Total Tricks works well - it was wrong to bid on to the three level with only an eight-card fit. However, all was not over when North led the jack of spades. Declarer won in hand and played off his top clubs, hoping to discard two diamond losers. South ruffed the third with the ten of hearts and was overruffed by the jack.

Board 11. Love All. Dealer South.

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

In the Closed Room North/South had stopped in three spades after South had opened with a weak two bid. This was the penultimate board on vugraph and most of the results from other matches were known. As is often the case, most pairs who stopped in three spades made 11 tricks while those who bid game made only nine. This was the auction in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Ron</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Justin</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			4♠

The Hacketts managed to avoid playing in slam with fewer high-card points than their opponents! West chose the dynamic opening lead of the five of clubs which went to the jack and king. Declarer played a heart toward dummy and West rose with the ace to continue with the ace of clubs and then gave his partner a club ruff. East now laid down the king of

diamonds which was ruffed in the dummy.

Declarer was at the crossroads - assuming trumps were now 2-1, he could either play for a 3-3 heart break (ruff a heart, cross back to a top spade, ruff a heart, cross back to a top spade and claim) or take a ruffing heart finesse. It seemed unlikely that West would have underled an ace at trick one if he held an ace-king in a side suit, so Justin Hackett played the queen of hearts from dummy. When East covered with the king, it was all over and GB had gained 6 IMPs.

The last board was another small swing to GB, leaving the score at the half 45-20 to GB.

The second half started very well for GB and the score stood at 63-22 when Board 20 appeared.

Board 20. Game All. Dealer West.

♠ 8 6 4 ♥ 8 ♦ K 10 5 4 ♣ A K Q 6 4	<table style="border: none; margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">N</td> <td></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none; padding: 2px;">W</td> <td style="border: none; padding: 2px;">E</td> <td style="border: none; padding: 2px;">S</td> </tr> </table>	N		E	W	E	S	♠ A K 9 3 2 ♥ K 10 6 5 ♦ 7 6 ♣ 10 5	♠ Q ♥ 9 7 4 2 ♦ A Q 8 3 2 ♣ J 9 2
N		E							
W	E	S							

The Madsen brothers in the Closed Room did exceedingly well on this deal.

West	North	East	South
<i>Souter</i>	<i>Morten</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Lars</i>
	1♣	1♠	Dbl
2♣	Dbl	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Over West's unassuming cuebid, North was able to confirm his good club suit. This enabled South to raise further over two spades. Facing known spade shortage, North considered his hand worth a try for game despite minimal high-card values. When his partner raised he was happy to proceed to (the very slightly inferior) game. Earlier in the set there had been a number of occasions where the Danes had done more bidding than the British, but each time it worked out badly for Denmark. What would the Hackett brothers do with this deal?

West	North	East	South
<i>Ron</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>Brunn</i>	<i>Justin</i>
	1♣	1♠	Dbl
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Here West preferred to show his heart values and this made it more difficult for North to show any enthusiasm on the second round. When two spades was passed back to him, he reopened with 2NT to show both minors, but this had become a balancing auction and South had no thoughts of game. Well bid, Denmark. A well-deserved 10 IMPs. There were swings in both directions later on in the match, but GB had slightly the better of things and finally added a further 9 IMPs to their total, running out winners by 87-53 IMPs, 20-10 VPs.

## ACBL King of Bridge

**Tony Melucci, 18**, a senior at the University of San Diego High School in San Diego, California, has been named North American 1995 King of Bridge by the International Palace of Sports Foundation and the American Contract Bridge League. Since 1973 the crown has been bestowed annually on the graduating high school senior who has the best record in bridge in the entire ACBL.

Tony got into bridge by playing games on his home computer. "Bridge can't be so hard . . . I know spades and hearts and other games." On Sierra and later on



**ImagiNation** he got hooked on bridge, finding the game substantially more difficult and challenging. He joined the ACBL and began playing club and tournament bridge in 1992. He became a Life Master in 1994 at the age of 17.

While studying probabilities in math class, Melucci convinced the teacher to let him teach bridge to the group. Emphasizing logic and probabilities, he got their attention and had the students playing something resembling bridge at the end of the 45-minute session.



# CHINA vs. CANADA



## Lots of ACTION



The second half of the China vs. Canada match gave this reporter plenty to see. David Levy and Jeff Blond were not pleased with their performance, but Mike Roberts and Eric Sutherland were. Their scorecards accurately reflected those feelings. The Canadians went into the set up 26 and came out up 27, but there was a total of 85 IMPs scored on those 16 boards, 43 for Canada and 42 for China.

The first board was innocent enough. Both sides were in a heart game off A-K in both red suits. BUT the next was a 12-IMP swing for Canada in another heart game. The game was declared from the East hand in the Open Room but by West in the Closed Room.

### Board 18. Game N-S. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>J.Y. You</i>	<i>Blond</i>	<i>Q.Z. Xie</i>
		1NT	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♥	3♦	3♥	4♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Xie was correct about the number of tricks his side had coming. Unfortunately, he was not on lead, but his counterpart was in the Open Room. (The auction was not available for the other room.) The contract was the same except for the double. With South on lead, his side could not lose their tricks, even with the ♦K right for declarer.

But look what happened with the ♠5 lead in the Closed Room. South played the queen, Levy won his

ace and knocked out the ♥A. Xie won the second round and got out of his hand with the 9. Levy took the spade hook, cashed the king, shedding a club, ruffed a spade and took the diamond finesse for another club pitch. Plus 590.

The next board, however, gave back those 12 IMPs, plus two more. During a conversation about this set, eyesight, lost glasses and the like came up. Levy confessed he should have had glasses on when he bid this hand.

### Board 19. Game E-W. Dealer South.

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

The auction was simple enough. North opened a spade, and it proceeded, Pass, 1NT, 2♣, Dbl, All Pass.

It was not a pretty sight. The defense started with two hearts then two diamonds, putting South on play. The card he chose was the ♠10. It didn't look right to put up the king, so it never took a trick. Xie followed with the ♠A, then another diamond, You overruffed declarer and gave his partner a spade ruff. When the smoke cleared Levy had three tricks in for -1400 against a non-vulnerable game bid and made in the other room.

A bidding misunderstanding on Board 20 for the Closed Room Canadians resulted in down five vulnerable tricks. N/S have a minor suit game but it was not bid in the other room. The E/W Chinese pair were off 300 in a spade partial, so China team gained only 5 IMPs for their efforts.

Board 21 gave the Chinese another 6 IMPs. On an undisclosed auction they got to 1♠ and made two in the Open Room.

Board 21. Game N-S. Dealer North

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

Blond and Levy were in 3NT on three passes to Levy's ♠, Dbl, 1NT, Pass, 3NT, All Pass. When Xie led a diamond, Blond needed something good to happen in clubs. He played a club to the 9, pushing the queen. He got back in with a diamond and played another club. When the 10 came up he needed the king to be with it to make his contract. It seemed reasonable to hope North had club shortness for his second-round takeout double. Blond put in the jack with a shrug -- but things weren't going well for the Canadians in this room so the ♣K won.

The Open Room Chinese bid a slam that had plenty of high-card strength but could take only 11 tricks.

Board 22. E-W Game. Dealer East.

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

West <i>Levy</i>	North <i>You</i>	East <i>Blond</i>	South <i>Xie</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead - ♠2

The ♠A was right for declarer but the ♥J didn't cooperate. The ♦Q might have fallen or as most bridge players believe -- where there are 11 tricks there are 12. If North had held the ♦Q instead of one of his small ones, declarer would have had a Vienna Coup situation. He wins the second spade, cashes the ♦AK, and plays clubs. By forcing North to keep the

♦Q, he would have to unprotect one of his majors. North's first discard would tell declarer how to proceed with the play of the hand and which red card to discard.

None of this happened, so it was a 13-IMP swing to Canada. But again all that went back plus one when Canada went down four vulnerable on the next board.

Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

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

Both rooms played 3NT from the East. The game just made in the Open Room. In the other room Blond won the opening heart lead and decided to start on clubs before he tested the spade suit. You can make several overtricks on this hand on the normal heart lead and with the right club plays. Declarer should test the spades then lead the ♣Q, and if North covers the first or second time you must duck. Now to hold declarer to five North has to cash his ♦A. Blond started with the ♣10 and lost to the jack, won the heart back and played the ♣Q. When it was not covered he went up with the ace. When the king didn't come down he banked on spades breaking and led toward his ♦K, hoping for a ninth trick. That didn't happen and he was in the soup.

The Canadians were the winners on the next hand. The Chinese were minus in both rooms but gave up only 3 IMPs. Then on Board 26, You and Xie were set to pick up a game swing in their room, but it was their turn to be the recipient of bad luck.

Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.

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



West	North	East	South
		1♠	2♦
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The Open Room N/S played in 3♦ for plus 110. They were a bit more optimistic in the Closed Room. The good heart break was a bit of luck for You but when the diamonds didn't behave for him he could no longer make the game.

Oh well, I guess "you" can't have everything. It was a 5-IMP loss instead of an 11-IMP gain.

The next two boards were routine notrump games with overtricks in each room. They each made five and three but on different boards. The two IMPs canceled each other out.

Levy and Blond gained 7 IMPs on board 29 when Levy made a frisky double of 1NT.

*Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.*

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

You opened 1♣, Blond doubled, Xie passed, Levy bid 1♥. That was passed round to Xie who bid 1NT and Levy doubled and led a heart. The race was on to see who could get seven tricks going first.

Blond won his ♥K and continued with the ♥2. Xie thought for a long time but finally went right by playing the 10. Levy took his ace and cleared the suit. Xie led a club up for a diamond play.

His king held and he ran three more clubs and led another diamond, but Blond knew what to do. He won his ace, let Levy take his hearts, and they still had the ♠AK for down one for +200 and 7 IMPs.

The last three boards of a very exciting set were pushes. Blond came into the press room to give me the score and to compliment his teammates.

## Two psychs, that paid off ...

*by Maureen Dennison*

After a storming first half, New Zealand led 47-8. Denmark came back at them, helped in part by an injudicious raise of a red overcall which went for 500 against a partscore. By Board 25 Denmark had closed the score to 68-51 and had a chance to overtake the Kiwis. This was board 26:

*Board 26. Game All. Dealer East.*

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bach</i>	<i>M. Madsen</i>	<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>L. Madsen</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	2♣ (!)	Dbl	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

South led a diamond and that was 12 tricks!

In the Closed Room it was the New Zealand South who chose the right time to psych.

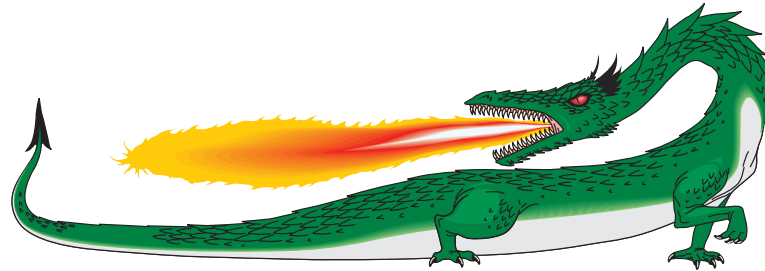
West	North	East	South
		1♥	1NT (1)
4♥	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

(1) *Comic!! (very)*

There was no problem in the play. The double game swing earned New Zealand a hefty 16 IMPs.

On the next board Denmark stayed out of a pretty awful game (bid by most of the field including New Zealand!) and the margin was back to 39. The final score was 109-63, 22-8 in VPs.

# Asia in FLAMES!...



Your reporter arrived at the Open Room table of the China-Japan match as Board 7 of Round 3 was placed on the table. An unusual auction led to M. Mizuta of Japan declaring diamonds with his three-card suit.

Board 7. Game All. Dealer South.

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

West <i>Mizuta</i>	North <i>Huang</i>	East <i>Teramoto</i>	South <i>Wang</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dbl	1NT
Pass	Pass	Dbl	2♣
2♦	All Pass		Pass

The most common contract here was 1NT by West, usually making three but sometimes going down or making one, two or four. N-S played the hand once in 1NT -- a disaster -- it went for 500 after being doubled.

The Chinese E-W at the other table played in 1NT. When declarer got a heart lead and then guessed everything wrong, he was beaten one trick -- but that was still a 3-IMP gain.

At 2♦ Mizuta ducked the opening heart lead and won the second heart. Surprisingly he finessed diamonds into the opening bidder by leading and passing the ♦9 and lost to the queen. The defense cashed their second heart and quickly cashed two clubs. Declarer played the queen on the third club -- ruffed and overruffed. He came to his hand with the jack. When he then led a spade, again surprisingly he went up

with the ace. The spade continuation went to North's king, and North of course quickly gave his partner a spade ruff for down two.

Japan was conservative on Board 8, stopping in 3NT with 22 HCP opposite 10. Most declarers managed only 11 tricks whether or not they were in slam, but Xie Zi Qzu of China bid and made the notrump slam in the Closed Room for an 11-IMP gain.

Half the teams got to the club slam on Board 9, and two others went on to 6NT -- always making. Both Japan and China found the club slam.

Board 10 provided the biggest swing of the first half.

Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

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

West <i>Mizuta</i>	North <i>Huang</i>	East <i>Teramoto</i>	South <i>Wang</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♥ (1)	Pass	4♦ (2)	Pass
4♥ (3)	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- (1) Four spades, five hearts, minimum opening bid.
- (2) Transfer to spades.
- (3) Apparently misunderstood partner's bid.

Wang led her singleton club and Huang immediately gave her a ruff. A diamond to the ace enabled Huang to give his partner a second ruff for down one.

The Japanese pair in the Closed Room also had a bidding problem here. The Chinese mistake in the

Open Room probably did not cost, even though South would not have been able to lead her singleton club if West had accepted the transfer. But the Japanese error cost heavily. They wound up in 3♣ doubled played by North, and this was set four vulnerable tricks -- minus 1100 for a loss of 15 IMPs.

Board 14 was a push, both teams reaching the fine heart slam. Strangely enough, only four teams found the slam -- seven were in 4♥ and one was in a strange 4♠ contract.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East,

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

Mizuta and Teramoto had a neat auction to reach the slam.

West	North	East	South
Mizuta	Huang	Teramoto	Wang
		1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠ (1)	Pass
5♦ (2)	Pass	6♥	All Pass

(1) Roman Key Card Blackwood.

(2) Two or five key cards without the queen of trumps.

With the red suits breaking reasonably, Teramoto had no trouble making the slam.

At halftime, China led Japan by 36 IMPs.

## Pinpoint defence

Mike Roberts and Eric Sutherland created a 9-IMP swing on Board 13 of their match against United States II in Round 3.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Wooldridge	Roberts	Carmichael	Sutherland
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦ (1)	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	3♥	All Pass

(1) Transfer to hearts.

Sutherland led the ♠Q to Roberts' ace, dropping the king, and Roberts switched to a low trump. Declarer ducked to the king, and Sutherland led a second heart to the jack and ace. Declarer cashed the ♣A and ♣K, and Roberts discarded an encouraging ♦2. When Sutherland won the third club, he led a diamond to Roberts' ace. Roberts drew declarer's last trump in hand, then put Sutherland in to cash two more spades. All in all, the Canadians collected three spades, two trumps, one club and one diamond to put the contract down three. At the other table US II went down one in 4♠, so the gain was 400 points which translates to 9 IMPs.

## Stanford wins college title

After finishing second two years ago, Stanford University won the 1995 North American College Bridge Championship in Memphis in May.

One of the members of the winning team was Steve Altus, who will be playing on the U.S. I team here in Bali. His teammates were Scott Benson, Bert Hackney and Joel Singer.



Some might think the British team are here as favorites -- after all they are the European Champions and Europe has won all but one of previous events. That is not the real reason that they are favorites -- the reason is that they are the only team with NINE members - six players, one captain, one coach and one nursemaid (the most important team member). Here are brief introductions:

**JEFFREY ALLERTON**, 25, is training to be an accountant. His regular partner is **TOM TOWNSEND** who is 24. He has spent the last five years or so studying at Cambridge University. All that studying left him with a degree in Law & Classics which qualified him to score at Barbu! This pair are the newcomers on the team, the Arnhem event being their first European Championship. They are regarded as the steadying influence on the team. They are currently writing a book entitled *14 Counts That Should Not Be Opened*.

**PHIL SOUTER**, 25, is a research chemist at Oxford University. He is the steadying influence in his partnership with **DANNY DAVIES**. Danny's main claim to fame is that

there was an article about him in a national British newspaper -- all about how he came to find himself driving his car along a railway line in the middle of the night -- he showed great presence of mind by stopping at a signal box to telephone to stop the train coming along! Danny's bridge is a bit like a monkey playing with a typewriter - every now and then he has to do something right! By a strange coincidence, these two are also writing a book called *Leading Aces Against Grand Slams*.

The **HACKETT** twins, **JASON** (10 minutes older) and **JUSTIN**, really need no introduction. They have been playing in partnership for the past 24 years. Both are bridge professionals. They are the *great white hope of British bridge* -- maybe if they can get into the British Open team it will finish 13th instead of 14th in the next European Championship. Their latest book is entitled *What To Lead Against Four Notrumps Redoubled*.

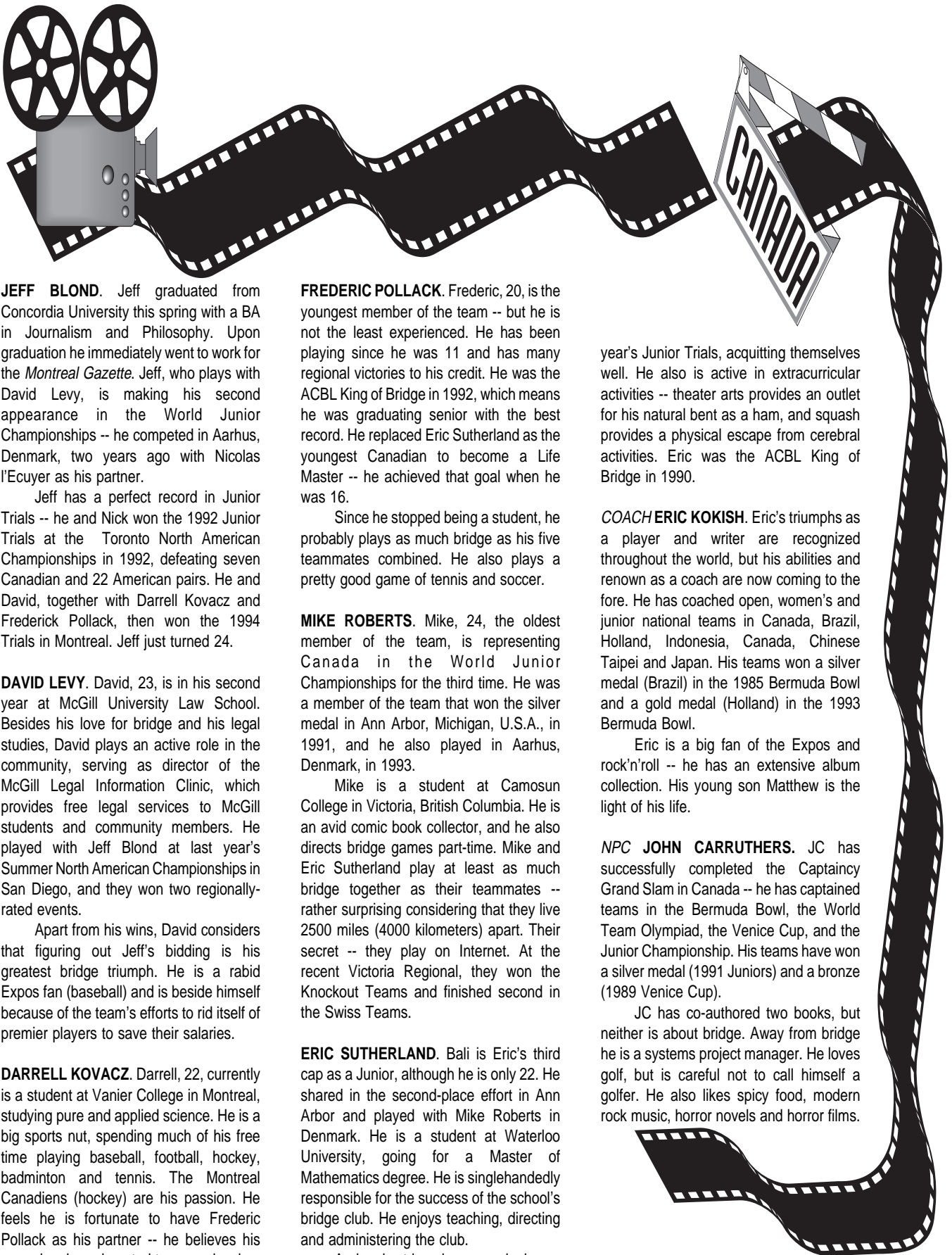
**PHIL KING** is the team coach. The reason he is so good at his job is that he is only just out of the Junior category himself. He is 29 years old and is a bridge professional and writer. His latest book is called *The King's Tales*.

**RAYMOND BROCK**'s age is a

closely guarded secret -- even I have never been allowed to see his passport. Perhaps he is eligible for his old-age pension but is too proud to collect it! Still, he is not quite "past it" - or at least he wasn't seven months ago (I am expecting his child in two months' time). He has captained the British Juniors for the past ten years or so, his greatest success being the win in Nottingham in 1989. However, in that event the team was present only because they were the host nation -- this time they have had to earn their place. His latest book is *How To Always Be Right When You Know All Four Hands*.

**SU BURN** is the most important team member by quite some way. Without her the players would never go to bed, would never get up in the morning and would have no medication to relieve their hang-overs. They would not have any money nor courtesy bags -- they would not even know the whereabouts of the playing room. In addition, she has helped make up the numbers when the players wanted to practice. Her book, destined to be a best seller, is called *How To Play Five-Card Trump Fits*.

**Special quiz for Bulletin readers** (no prize I am afraid): *Which of the above-mentioned books is actually in print?* All the others are figments of my imagination.



**JEFF BLOND.** Jeff graduated from Concordia University this spring with a BA in Journalism and Philosophy. Upon graduation he immediately went to work for the *Montreal Gazette*. Jeff, who plays with David Levy, is making his second appearance in the World Junior Championships -- he competed in Aarhus, Denmark, two years ago with Nicolas l'Ecuyer as his partner.

Jeff has a perfect record in Junior Trials -- he and Nick won the 1992 Junior Trials at the Toronto North American Championships in 1992, defeating seven Canadian and 22 American pairs. He and David, together with Darrell Kovacz and Frederic Pollack, then won the 1994 Trials in Montreal. Jeff just turned 24.

**DAVID LEVY.** David, 23, is in his second year at McGill University Law School. Besides his love for bridge and his legal studies, David plays an active role in the community, serving as director of the McGill Legal Information Clinic, which provides free legal services to McGill students and community members. He played with Jeff Blond at last year's Summer North American Championships in San Diego, and they won two regionally-rated events.

Apart from his wins, David considers that figuring out Jeff's bidding is his greatest bridge triumph. He is a rabid Expos fan (baseball) and is beside himself because of the team's efforts to rid itself of premier players to save their salaries.

**DARRELL KOVACZ.** Darrell, 22, currently is a student at Vanier College in Montreal, studying pure and applied science. He is a big sports nut, spending much of his free time playing baseball, football, hockey, badminton and tennis. The Montreal Canadiens (hockey) are his passion. He feels he is fortunate to have Frederic Pollack as his partner -- he believes his game has been boosted to a new level as the result of this partnership.

**FREDERIC POLLACK.** Frederic, 20, is the youngest member of the team -- but he is not the least experienced. He has been playing since he was 11 and has many regional victories to his credit. He was the ACBL King of Bridge in 1992, which means he was graduating senior with the best record. He replaced Eric Sutherland as the youngest Canadian to become a Life Master -- he achieved that goal when he was 16.

Since he stopped being a student, he probably plays as much bridge as his five teammates combined. He also plays a pretty good game of tennis and soccer.

**MIKE ROBERTS.** Mike, 24, the oldest member of the team, is representing Canada in the World Junior Championships for the third time. He was a member of the team that won the silver medal in Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A., in 1991, and he also played in Aarhus, Denmark, in 1993.

Mike is a student at Camosun College in Victoria, British Columbia. He is an avid comic book collector, and he also directs bridge games part-time. Mike and Eric Sutherland play at least as much bridge together as their teammates -- rather surprising considering that they live 2500 miles (4000 kilometers) apart. Their secret -- they play on Internet. At the recent Victoria Regional, they won the Knockout Teams and finished second in the Swiss Teams.

**ERIC SUTHERLAND.** Bali is Eric's third cap as a Junior, although he is only 22. He shared in the second-place effort in Ann Arbor and played with Mike Roberts in Denmark. He is a student at Waterloo University, going for a Master of Mathematics degree. He is singlehandedly responsible for the success of the school's bridge club. He enjoys teaching, directing and administering the club.

A singular triumph occurred when a team of his students competed in last


year's Junior Trials, acquitting themselves well. He also is active in extracurricular activities -- theater arts provides an outlet for his natural bent as a ham, and squash provides a physical escape from cerebral activities. Eric was the ACBL King of Bridge in 1990.

**COACH ERIC KOKISH.** Eric's triumphs as a player and writer are recognized throughout the world, but his abilities and renown as a coach are now coming to the fore. He has coached open, women's and junior national teams in Canada, Brazil, Holland, Indonesia, Canada, Chinese Taipei and Japan. His teams won a silver medal (Brazil) in the 1985 Bermuda Bowl and a gold medal (Holland) in the 1993 Bermuda Bowl.

Eric is a big fan of the Expos and rock'n'roll -- he has an extensive album collection. His young son Matthew is the light of his life.

**NPC JOHN CARRUTHERS.** JC has successfully completed the Captaincy Grand Slam in Canada -- he has captained teams in the Bermuda Bowl, the World Team Olympiad, the Venice Cup, and the Junior Championship. His teams have won a silver medal (1991 Juniors) and a bronze (1989 Venice Cup).

JC has co-authored two books, but neither is about bridge. Away from bridge he is a systems project manager. He loves golf, but is careful not to call himself a golfer. He also likes spicy food, modern rock music, horror novels and horror films.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	FINES	TOTAL	RANK
	1. CANADA	♠			24	19		13		25					81
2. JAPAN		♥		9	8		8	25						50	9
3. DENMARK			♦		22				25	10	8			65	5
4. USA 2	6	21		♣				23		6				56	6
5. CHINA	11	22	8		♠						14			55	7
6. AUSTRALIA						♥	3		25	2		15		45	10
7. ITALY	17	22				25	♦				5			69	4
8. USA 1		4		7				♣	25			15		51	8
9. INDONESIA	2		1			0		5	♠					8	12
10. GT. BRITAIN			20	24		25				♥		22		91	1
11. N. ZEALAND			22		16		25				♦	24		87	2
12. ARGENTINA						15		15		8	6	♣		44	11

**RESULTS  
ROUND 3**

USA I	25	(14)	Indonesia	5	(52)
Great Britain	22	(87)	Argentina	8	(46)
China	22	(99)	Japan	8	(57)
New Zealand	22	(109)	Denmark	8	(63)
Canada	24	(132)	USA II	6	(78)
Italy 2	5	(133)	Australia	3	(56)

**STANDINGS**

1	Great Britain	66
2	New Zealand	63
3	Canada	56
4/5	Italy	47
4/5	China	47
6	USA I	44
7/8	Australia	43
7/8	Denmark	43
9	Japan	42
10	Argentina	38
11	USA II	33
12	Indonesia	6

**RESULTS  
ROUND 4**

Canada	25	(128)	Indonesia	2	(43)
Great Britain	25	(133)	Australia	2	(44)
USA II	23	(103)	USA I	7	(53)
Italy	22	(99)	Japan	8	(53)
New Zealand	24	(117)	Argentina	6	(62)
Denmark	22	(104)	China	8	(61)

**STANDINGS**

1	Great Britain	91
2	New Zealand	87
3	Canada	81
4	Italy	69
5	Denmark	65
6	USA II	56
7	China	55
8	USA I	51
9	Japan	50
10	Australia	45
11	Argentina	44
12	Indonesia	8