

Let the Games Begin



The opening ceremony of the fourth IOC Grand Prix was graced by a number of distinguished guests. They included **Marc Hodler & Tony Khoury**, members of the Executive Board of the IOC, **Mario Pescante**, the President of the European Olympic Committee, and Polish IOC member **Irena Szewinska**, the Gold Medal winner in the Olympic 400 metres in Montreal 1976 where she was the first woman to run below 50 seconds.

All the leading figures in the world of bridge administration were also present. **José Damiani**, the President of the World Bridge Federation, pictured here with **Tony Khoury**, **Gianarrigo Rona**, the President of the European Bridge League and **George Retek**, the President of the American Contract Bridge League.

Following speeches by Messers Retek, Damiani and Hodler, *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copland preceded the introduction of the players. The competing teams include the reigning Venice Cup, Olympiad and World Junior Champions.

Early Leaders

After two matches, **Canada** are the early leaders in the men's series. They made an impressive start on VuGraph, outscoring USA by 34-5 IMPs for a 23-7 VP win and then gained the same number of Victory Points against India. **The Netherlands** lead the Women's event, having routed the powerful French team 25-4VP in the opening round and then outscoring South Africa 18-12VP.

France, one of the favourites, also lost their second match to China, 11-19VP to find themselves at the wrong end of the table.

In the Junior event the first round matches have reached the two-thirds mark with **North America** and **Europe South** enjoying a slight advantage

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VuGraph Matches:

- Match 3: Norway v Italy (Men)
- Match 4: Poland v Brazil (Men)
- Match 5: North America v Americas (Juniors)
- Match 6: Germany v Netherlands (Women)

Results

Match 1

Home Team	Visitng Team	IMPs	IMPs	VPs	VPs
Mens Teams					
Australia	Egypt	47	4	25	4
USA	Canada	5	34	7	23
India	Brazil	16	24	13	17
Indonesia	Italy	14	44	7	23
Norway	Poland	36	48	12	18

Women's Teams

The Netherlands	France	46	4	25	4
China	Japan	26	18	17	13
Great Britain	Canada	28	17	18	12
USA	Austria	42	35	17	13
South Africa	Germany	14	62	3	25

Match 2

Home Team	Visitng Team	IMPs	IMPs	VPs	VPs
Mens Teams					
Norway	Australia	25	24	15	15
Egypt	USA	16	37	9	21
Canada	India	56	25	23	7
Brazil	Indonesia	23	43	10	20
Italy	Poland	33	24	17	13

Women's Teams

South Africa	The Netherlands	29	41	12	18
France	China	15	31	11	19
Japan	Great Britain	11	46	6	24
Canada	USA	29	22	17	13
Austria	Germany	46	37	17	13

Junior Teams	1-12	12-24	25-36	Total
Americas	52	13		65
North America	35	42		77
Europe - South	28	49		77
Europe - North	47	26		73

Ranking Lists

Mens Teams:

1	Canada	46
2	Australia	40
2	Italy	40
4	Poland	31
5	USA	28
6	Norway	27
6	Indonesia	27
6	Brazil	27
9	India	20
10	Egypt	13

Women's Teams

1	The Netherlands	43
2	Great Britain	42
3	Germany	38
4	China	36
5	Austria	30
5	USA	30
7	Canada	29
8	Japan	19
9	South Africa	15
9	France	15

Counting at Bridge

No, this is not a commercial for the brilliant software program written by Mike Lawrence, but rather a chance for you to test your powers of addition. How many World Champions are taking part in this edition of the IOC Grand Prix?

Bring your answers to the Daily News – there will be a small prize for the first person to come up with the correct number. The Daily News and Press Room can be found in the Granite Conference Centre on the ground floor at the Hilton.

Today's Programme

Mens Teams Match 3 - 14.00 hours

Table No

1	Australia	v	Canada
2	USA	v	Brazil
3	India	v	Indonesia
4	Egypt	v	Poland
5	Norway	v	Italy

Mens Teams Match 4 - 16.10 hours

Table No

1	Indonesia	v	Australia
2	India	v	USA
3	Poland	v	Brazil
4	Italy	v	Egypt
5	Canada	v	Norway

Mens Teams Match 5 - 18.20 hours

Table No

1	Australia	v	USA
2	India	v	Poland
3	Indonesia	v	Norway
4	Brazil	v	Egypt
5	Canada	v	Italy

Mens Teams Match 6 - 21.30 hours

Table No

1	Poland	v	Australia
2	Norway	v	USA
3	Egypt	v	India
4	Canada	v	Indonesia
5	Italy	v	Brazil



*Germany cut an elegant figure
at the Opening Ceremony*

Women's Teams Match 3 - 14.00 hours

Table No

6	Netherlands	v	Japan
7	China	v	Canada
8	Great Britain	v	USA
9	France	v	Germany
10	South Africa	v	Austria

Women's Teams Match 4 - 16.10 hours

Table No

6	USA	v	Netherlands
7	Great Britain	v	China
8	Germany	v	Canada
9	Austria	v	France
10	Japan	v	South Africa

Women's Teams Match 5 - 18.20 hours

Table No

6	Netherlands	v	China
7	Germany	v	Great Britain
8	USA	v	South Africa
9	Canada	v	France
10	Japan	v	Austria

Women's Teams Match 6 - 21.30 hours

Table No

6	Germany	v	Netherlands
7	South Africa	v	China
8	France	v	Great Britain
9	Japan	v	USA
10	Austria	v	Canada

Junior Teams Match

Round 3 - 14.00

Table No

11	North America	v	Americas
12	Europe North	v	Europe South

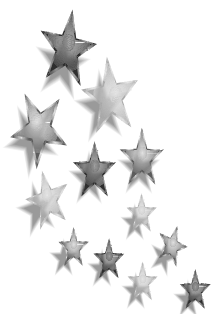
Junior Teams Matches

Rounds 4, 5 & 6

16.0; 18.20; 21.30

Table No

11	Americas	v	Europe South
12	Europe North	v	North America



Meet the Stars !

*We plan to present as many of the great Champions here in Salt Lake City as possible over the next five days. We start with the fantastic French Women, sponsored by **Louis Vuitton**, runners up in the most recent Venice Cup.*

“We send love from our hearts, and spades, diamonds and clubs too”

Thomas and Olivier were very young when they sent this message to their mother **Veronique Bessis**, five-times European Champion. The children are now grown, and today are members of the French Junior team. Bridge is a family affair with the team Bessis. Michel, the father, captain of the ladies team at the last European Championships, is a well-known champion and he is a regular commentator on bridge vision.

The Genius

She is considered by the experts as being the most gifted player of her generation. **Catherine d'Ovidio** has already participated in four European championships, and has won three gold medals and one silver. Married, she has one daughter, Elodie, 22. Catherine works as a credit controller for a gas company.

She started playing bridge at the Le Raincy club in Villemomble, which is also where another gifted player, Michel Perron, began his bridge-playing career.

The Tom-Boy

Bénédicte Cronier has been playing for some years in the Open, the highest level of the French elite: few women to date have succeeded in gaining a place.

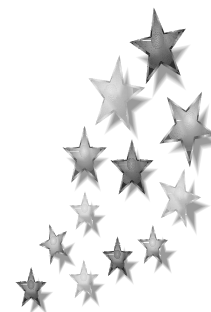
Bénédicte has three European titles and is a world silver medallist. She also won the Women's Generali Masters. Parisian, mother of two children, she is married to Philippe Cronier, European champion, journalist and teaching director of the bridge university of the FFB.

Hereditary, my dear Watson

Sylvie Willard is one eight daughters of Irénée de Heredia, a well-known international director, who forbade his children from playing bridge until they had passed their baccalauréat. Mission accomplished, Sylvie became one of France's greatest players: five-times European champion and world silver medallist. She is married to François, international bridge director and a keen bowls player, just like their son, Fabrice, who was European Junior Bowls champion.



Meet The Stars!



The reigning Women's World Champions come from Germany.

Andrea Rauscheid

Born: 10.12.1963

Current home: Heidelberg

Profession: Medical Lab Assistant

Significant Bridge Partnerships: Beate (Pony) Nehmert
World Grandmaster since 2001.

Her international success started in 1995 as runner-up at both the European Pairs and Teams Championships. In the same year she won Venice Cup in Beijing, China (with Nehmert, Auken, von Arnim, Caesar & Moegel).

In China again, she was second at the Marlboro China Cup 1997.

In 2000 she finished third at the Ladies Teams Olympiad at Maastricht, The Netherlands (with Nehmert, Auken, von Arnim, Farwig & Stawowy) and won the Women's IOC Grand Prix.

At the European Ladies Teams Championships 2001 she won the Bronze Medal (with Nehmert, Auken, von Arnim, Farwig & Hackett) and with the same team she won the Venice-Cup 2001 at Paris.

Beate (Pony) Nehmert

Current home: Wiesbaden

Profession: Bridge Teacher

Significant Bridge Partnerships: Andrea Rauscheid

Her first international success was in 1991 winning the silver medal at the European Pairs and Teams Championships.

Won 1993 Silver Medal in Venice Cup at Santiago, Chile (with Vogt, Zenkel – von Arnim, Caesar – Moegel)

1995 with Andrea Rauscheid she won Silver Medal at the European Teams and Pairs Championships. In the same year she won Venice Cup in Beijing, China (with Rauscheid, Auken, - von Arnim, Caesar - Moegel).

Runner-up at the Marlboro China Cup in 1997.

2000 she came out third at the Ladies Teams Olympiade at Maastricht, The Netherlands (with Rauscheid, Auken, - von Arnim, Farwig – Stawowy) and won the IOC Grand Prix.

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Arnim, Farwig – Hackett) and with the same team she won Venice-Cup 2001 at Paris.

Sabine Auken (nee Zenkel)

Born: January 4, 1965 in Bamberg, Germany.

Current Home: Charlottenlund, Denmark

Profession: Marketing Financial Products

Significant Partnerships: Daniela von Arnim & Jens Auken

Sabine may be only 36 years old, but she has already accumulated an impressive array of championship medals. A WBF World Master, she has appeared in seven Venice Cup competitions, winning twice and losing in the final once. Along the way she has collected two gold and three silver medals in European Championship Teams events, and has won four European Pairs Championships (three Ladies and one Mixed). Add to that, wins in all of the major German national championship events and a handful of US National titles and you can see why Auken and Daniela von Arnim are today widely regarded as Europe's, and perhaps the World's, leading female partnership.

Many American readers will remember Sabine's whirlwind visit in 1989. She broke the late Jeremy Flint's record of achieving Life Master status in 11 weeks by a full three weeks (although this record has since been beaten by an Icelandic international). She stayed in the US for a number of years and during that time was a regular on the US tournament circuit.

Her bridge and life partnership with Danish lawyer Jens Auken, an international star in his own right, has led to Sabine's proudest moments so far - the birth of Jens Christian in April 1995 and Maximilian in June 1999.

Elke Weber

Current home: Bruehl near Heidelberg (where Steffi Graf comes from)

Profession: EDV Teacher

Significant Bridge Partnerships: Her husband

Elke is new to the team. She started playing Bridge at the age of 15, stopped for 11 years and started again in 1996. Her only international success to date was reaching the final in the Women's Pairs in Lille. In Germany she is a former Junior Champion and finished second in the last Women's Championship.



Canada Outshoot USA!



Smooth skating

The Canadian team featured in the first VuGraph match of the 4th IOC Grand Prix might have suffered in the partnership experience phase of the game, but they still managed two huge swings for an impressive opening-round victory over a USA squad fielding two veteran partnerships.

Canada managed only two swings in the 12-board match, but they made the most of them for the win. Playing for Canada were Fred Gitelman-Joe Silver and Nick Gartaganis-Peter Jones (the two with little if any time at the table together). Their opponents were David Berkowitz-Larry Cohen and Nick Nickell-Richard Freeman, both long-standing and highly successful partnerships.

The match started with a bang that ended up being just another loud push, although it did represent a missed opportunity for Canada.

Dealer North. None vul

♠ A 9 6 4 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A K 8 6 4	♠ K J 7 2 ♥ K 9 7 3 ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣ 10	♠ Q 10 8 ♥ A ♦ 10 9 7 3 ♣ Q 9 5 3 2	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Gartaganis</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Jones</i>
	1♣	Dble	3♣
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

After Nickell's initial takeout double, it was not difficult for Gartaganis to deduce the location of the ♠K when it came time for that. Declarer easily scored up 11 tricks for plus 550.

On vugraph, the auction was quite different.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
	2♦ (1)	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Redbl
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

(1) Three-suited hand, short in diamonds, 11-15 HCP.

Silver could have assured a nice gain by passing 3♣. The question in the play, after Silver's initial pass, was whether Cohen would get the spade suit right.

Gitelman started with a trump, a good start considering how revealing the lead of the ♦K would have been. Cohen won in dummy and played a diamond to his 10 and Gitelman's ace, a falsecard that was likely to succeed only if Cohen was asleep — would Silver have played low holding ♦KQJ? Anyway, Gitelman exited with a low heart to the 10, king and ace. Cohen followed with a diamond ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff, heart ruff, diamond ruff with the king and a club to the queen. Cohen had seen what he needed to see in the red suits, so he played a spade to the ace and a low spade and was soon claiming his doubled contract.

Another push followed, then Canada displayed some gold-medal bidding judgment to land their first big swing of the night.

Dealer South. E/W vul

♠ Q 9 4 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ K 6 3 ♣ A 9 4 3	♠ 10 5 ♥ 6 ♦ J 10 9 5 4 2 ♣ J 8 7 5	♠ A J ♥ A J 9 8 7 4 3 ♦ — ♣ K Q 10 2	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Gartaganis</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Jones</i>
			1♦
1♠	3♦	Dble	Pass
4♣	4♦	6♣	All Pass

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The bad breaks in clubs and hearts doomed the contract. Freeman could manage no more than 11 tricks and finished down one.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
Pass	3♦ (2)	3♥	1♦ (1)
4♥	5♦	5♥	3♠
All Pass			Dble

- (1) Precision – could be short, limited.
 (2) Weak.

Gitelman did well to raise his partner on a singleton honor, but he must have had some trepidation when Cohen applied the axe. Cohen no doubt was pleased to hear the opponents reach the five level in his second-best suit. The lead of the ♦A seemed to give up a trick, but the contract was cold on any lead because Cohen was going to be endplayed at some point to lead a spade or a diamond no matter what. Silver ruffed the ♦A and played a low heart from hand, winning the queen in dummy when Cohen played low. Silver discarded the ♠J on the ♦K and played a spade to the ace, followed by the ♥A. Silver was soon claiming his contract for plus 850 and a 14-IMP gain for Canada.

Three more pushes followed, including this well-played deal by Cohen on board 6.

Dealer East. E/W vul

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

The contract at both tables was 2♥ by South after a 1NT opening and a transfer by North.

The play record from the closed room was not available, but Jones managed eight tricks after the lead of the ♣10, the same one Gitelman made.

Cohen thought it over for a bit and ducked Silver's ♣Q. Silver switched to the ♠8, ducked by Cohen to Gitelman's jack. Gitelman got out with a heart, ducked to Silver's king, and a diamond was returned. Gitelman won the ♦K but Cohen was in control. If Gitelman

cached his ♠A, Cohen would have two discards for diamonds on the ♠K and ♣A (after the more or less marked finesse). Gitelman exited with a heart, but Cohen read the situation accurately, rising with dummy's ace, pulling the rest of the trumps with the queen and finessing in clubs to discard a spade. All he had to do then was cash the ♦A and play the 9.

That push left the score at 14-0 for Canada with six boards left to play. It was still anyone's match. Until the next deal, that is.

Dealer South. Both vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Freeman</i>	<i>Gartaganis</i>	<i>Nickell</i>	<i>Jones</i>
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Gartaganis led the ♠3 and Freeman went up with the ace. The lead deprived him of a safe way back to dummy after leading a low club to the queen to guard against a bad split in trumps. He could have succeeded even on the damaging opening lead if he guessed which red suit to play after a club to the queen. Obviously diamonds would work, but Freeman couldn't know that, and rather than guess, he made the reasonable but fatal play of cashing the ♣A at trick two. The trump loser was unavoidable and Freeman was down one. The auction and result were vastly different in the open room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Berkowitz</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Cohen</i>
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	7NT	All Pass

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Gitelman also got a spade lead. He went up with the ace and earned high marks from the bridge judges by displaying flawless technique. Instead of relying on clubs to break, Gitelman played a heart at trick two, cashing the top three cards in the suit and turning to diamonds when hearts did not divide 3-3. When diamonds did break favorably, Gitelman was able to claim the grand slam and earn 20 IMPs for his team. The grand would

still have been makeable if Gitelman had started on clubs at trick two, but only if he guessed which red suit to discard from his hand, since he would have been forced to cash all of his club winners.

USA was down 34-0 before earning their first IMP, an overtrick IMP on board 8. The Americans had two more swings, but they scarcely made a dent in the huge Canadian lead. The final score was 34-5 for Canada.



Team Rosters

Men's

Australia – Terry Brown, Ishmael Del'Monte, Phil Gue, Paul Marston.

Brazil – Ernesto D'Orsi (npc), Diego Brenner, Joao-Paulo Campos, Mauricio Figueiredo, Marcelo Branco, Gabriel Chagas, Miguel Villas-Boas.

Canada – Keith Balcombe, Gordon Campbell, Nick Gartaganis, Fred Gitelman, Peter Jones, Joe Silver.

Egypt – Ashraf Sadek (npc), Mohsen Kamel, Waleed El Ahmady, Adel El Kourdi, Sherif Naguib, Tarek Sadek, Samir Salib, Abd El Aziz.

India – C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, Ashok Ruia, J.M. Shah, Debasish Roy, Pritish Kushari.

Indonesia – Franky Karwur, Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo, Denny Sacul, Munawar Sawiruddin.

Italy – Dano De Falco, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Lorenzo Lauria, Alfred Versace.

Norway – Terje Aa, Per Erik Austberg, Jon-Egil Furunes, Glenn Grotheim, Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness.

Poland – Alicja Kornasiewicz (npc), Cezary Balicki, Michal Kwiecen, Jacek Poletylo, Jacek Pszczola, Marek Wojciki, Adam Zmudzinski.

USA – David Berkowitz, Larry Cohen, Richard Freeman, Bob Hamman, Nick Nickell, Ron Smith.

Women's

Austria – Sascha Wernle (npc), Maria Erhart, Doris Fischer, Terry Weigkricht, Sylvia Terraneo.

Canada – Linda Lee (npc) Francine Cimon, Judy Gartaganis, Dianna Gordon, Beverly Kraft, Gloria Silverman, Katie Thorpe.

China – Sun Ming (npc), Sun Yanhui, Wang Jian, Wang Yanhong, Zheng Yili, Zhi Zhen, Zhou Yongmei.

France – Veronique Bessis, Benedicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Sylvie Willard.

Germany – Sabine Auken, Beate Nehmert, Andrea Rauscheid, Elke Weber.

Great Britain – David Harris (npc), Michelle Brunner, Heather Dhondy, Rhona Goldenfield, Nicola Smith.

Japan – Tadayoshi Nakatani (npc), Makiko Hayashi, Setsuko Moriyama, Natsuko Nishida, Midori Sakamoto, Megumi Takasaki, Yuko Yamada.

The Netherlands – Ed Franken (npc) Chris Niemeijer (coach), Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Marijke van der Pas, Bep Vriend.

South Africa – Bella Axelrod (npc), Di Adrain, Joan Fuhrer, Margie Hulett, Petra Mansell, Merle Modlin, Cherrie Swartz.

USA – Mildred Breed, Amalya Kearse, Jill Meyers, Sharon Osberg, Shawn Quinn, Kerri Sanborn, Rose Meltzer (pc), Peter Weichsel (coach).

Juniors

Europe North – Andreas Marquardsen, Martin Schaltz, Bas Drijver, Sjoert Brink.

Europe South – Jerome Grenthe, Guillaume Grenthe, Fabio Lo Presti, Francesco Mazzadi.

North America – Brad Campbell, Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Kent Mignocchi.

The Americas – Agustin Madala, Carlos Pellegrini, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd.