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OFF AND RUNNING



From left: Herculano Ferreira, Rui Mourinha, Antonio d'Orey Capucho, José Damiani and Duarte Nobre Guedes

Champing at the bit to get started on their respective quests for gold medals, competitors in the three main events of the World Bridge Championships gathered on Saturday for the formal opening ceremonies for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl.

The round-robin phases of the three events begin today. The World Transnational Open Teams begins on Oct. 31.

The tournament was officially opened at 7:30 p.m. by World Bridge Federation President José Damiani, assisted by Cascais Mayor Antonio d'Orey Capucho, Herculano Ferreira, president of the Portuguese Bridge Federation, Rui Mourinha, vice-president of the Sport Institute of Portugal, and Duarte Nobre Guedes, chairman of the Estoril

VUGRAPH MATCHES

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND I – 10.00 USA I v Argentina

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 2 – 14.00 Portugal v Chinese Taipei

Bermuda Bowl – ROUND 3 – 17.30 Italy v Netherlands



All of them were presented with trophies to commemorate the ceremonies.

"I'm sure," said Damiani, "that these championships will give you a chance to discover this country and the hospitality of the people."

The 66 teams — plus, among others, non-playing captains and coaches — packed the auditorium at the Centro de Congressos, where all play will take place. The teams were introduced, in turn, by Zia Mahmood (Venice Cup), Lorenzo Lauria (Seniors) and Sabine Auken (Bermuda Bowl).

The host teams from Portugal all received warm applause (continued on page 3...)

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bermuda Bowl

	ROUN	DI 10.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
I	JAPAN	CANADA
2	RUSSIA	JORDAN
3	BRAZIL	SWEDEN
4	GUADELOUPE	ENGLAND
5	POLAND	NEW ZEALAND
6	EGYPT	U.S.A.2
7	SOUTH AFRICA	CHINA
8	ITALY	PORTUGAL
9	CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS
10	AUSTRALIA	INDIA
11	U.S.A.I	ARGENTINA

ROUND 2I 4.00Home TeamVisiting TeamIORDANBRA7II

	JORDAN	
2	SWEDEN	GUADELOUPE
3	CHINA	POLAND
4	NEW ZEALAND	EGYPT
5	U.S.A.2	SOUTH AFRICA
6	INDIA	ITALY
7	PORTUGAL	CHINESE TAIPEI
8	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA
9	CANADA	U.S.A.I
10	ARGENTINA	JAPAN
11	ENGLAND	RUSSIA

ROUND 3 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
I	GUADELOUPE	JORDAN
2	POLAND	U.S.A.2
3	EGYPT	CHINA
4	SOUTH AFRICA	NEW ZEALAND
5	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
6	CHINESE TAIPEI	INDIA
7	AUSTRALIA	PORTUGAL
8	U.S.A.I	JAPAN
9	CANADA	ARGENTINA
10	RUSSIA	SWEDEN
11	BRAZIL	ENGLAND

Venice Cup

	ROUN	D I I 0.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	MOROCCO	JAPAN
22	U.S.A.I	PORTUGAL
23	BRAZIL	U.S.A.2
24	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND
25	EGYPT	AUSTRIA
26	FRANCE	GERMANY
27	AUSTRALIA	ARGENTINA
28	PAKISTAN	NETHERLANDS
29	INDIA	CHINA
30	SINGAPORE	VENEZUELA
31	SWEDEN	CANADA

ROUND 2 14.00 Table Home Team Visiting Team PORTUGAL 21 BRAZIL 22 U.S.A.2 NEW ZEALAND 23 **AUSTRIA** AUSTRALIA 24 **GERMANY** EGYPT 25 ARGENTINA FRANCE 26 **NETHERLANDS** SINGAPORE INDIA 27 PAKISTAN CHINA VENEZUELA 28 29 **SWEDEN** MOROCCO 30 CANADA JAPAN **ENGLAND** 31 U.S.A.I

ROUND 3 17.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	FRANCE	AUSTRIA
22	AUSTRALIA	GERMANY
23	EGYPT	ARGENTINA
24	NETHERLANDS	CHINA
25	INDIA	SINGAPORE
26	VENEZUELA	PAKISTAN
27	JAPAN	SWEDEN
28	CANADA	MOROCCO
29	U.S.A.I	U.S.A.2
30	BRAZIL	ENGLAND
31	NEW ZEALAND	PORTUGAL



TODAY'S PROGRAM



Senior Bowl

	ROUN	D I I 0.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
51	CANADA	U.S.A. 2
52	PORTUGAL	PAKISTAN
53	ISRAEL	DENMARK
54	NETHERLANDS	BRAZIL
55	ITALY	NEW ZEALAND
56	MOROCCO	FRANCE
57	GERMANY	INDONESIA
58	POLAND	GUADELOUPE
59	EGYPT	SWEDEN
60	JAPAN	BANGLADESH
61	AUSTRALIA	U.S.A. I



(...continued from page 1) from the audience.

Zia, Lauria and Auken are also competitors — Lauria is part of the Italian team hoping to avenge their finalboard defeat at the hands of USA1 in Monte Carlo two years ago; Zia is playing in the Seniors Bowl, and Auken, Venice Cup winner in Paris in 2001, will again play for Germany.

Damiani thanked the organizers of the tournament for doing "everything possible" to make the tournament a success from the standpoint of orderly competition and enjoyment for the players and those who accompanied them to Portugal.

Capucho, introduced by MC Ton Kooijman (also tournament operations director), told the crowd, "lt's a great honor for us to host this important competition."

	ROUN	D 2 14.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
51	BANGLADESH	EGYPT
52	SWEDEN	JAPAN
53	U.S.A. I	PORTUGAL
54	CANADA	AUSTRALIA
55	U.S.A. 2	PAKISTAN
56	DENMARK	ITALY
57	BRAZIL	ISRAEL
58	NEW ZEALAND	NETHERLANDS
59	FRANCE	POLAND
60	MOROCCO	GERMANY
61	GUADELOUPE	INDONESIA

	ROUN	D 3 17.30
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
51	PORTUGAL	CANADA
52	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
53	ITALY	BRAZIL
54	ISRAEL	NEW ZEALAND
55	INDONESIA	FRANCE
56	POLAND	GERMANY
57	GUADELOUPE	MOROCCO
58	EGYPT	JAPAN
59	BANGLADESH	SWEDEN
60	U.S.A. 2	U.S.A. I
61	PAKISTAN	AUSTRALIA



Bermuda Bowl defenders: npc Sidney Lazard, Bob Hamman, Nick Nickell, Eric Rodwell, Paul Soloway, Dick Freeman and coach Eric Kokish. Not pictured, Jeff Meckstroth.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING SPEECH

Estoril, Portugal — 22 October 2005



It is exactly 10 years since, here in Portugal, I gave up the Presidency of the European Bridge League following a championship that will remain engraved in the memories of all the participants as one of the most impressive that we have ever had.

It is, therefore, an anniversary that we are commemorating here, thanks to the collaboration of my great friend, José Manuel Soares de Oliveira, and the Portuguese Bridge Federation and its President, Herculano Ferreira, who have done everything possible to ensure that, once again, these World Championships will leave us with a lasting souvenir of the same calibre.

I am sure that these championships will give you the opportunity to discover and appreciate this beautiful country and the wonderful hospitality of the Portuguese people.

We are very grateful to the Portuguese authorities and, in particular, the Mayor of Cascais, Antonio d'Orey Capucho, and the Chairman of the Estoril Tourist Board, Duarte Nobre Guedes, for their invaluable support.

A big thank you also to Manuel d'Orey Capucho and all the organizing committee for your support, friendship and cooperation.

I would also like to thank, on behalf of the World Bridge Federation, the sponsors of this event: the Office of Tourism Estoril, the Municipality of Cascais, BPI, Europe Assistance, Companhia de Seguros Tranquilidade Vida, Banco Espirito Santo, the Instituto do Desporto de Portugal and not forgetting Generali, who have been a generous sponsor of bridge for many years. We would also like to thank our partners, the Estoril Congress Centre, Renault, Lavazza, the Casino Estoril, Navigator, Océ, Viuva Lamego and Barros Porto.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for coming here to play your best bridge in fair competition.

Enjoy your stay and good luck to you all.

Championship Diary

Friday was Trafalgar Day. Wreaths were laid on Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship, HMS Victory, in Portsmouth and at his tomb in St Paul's Cathedral to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

The wreaths were placed on the deck of the preserved battleship at the spot where Nelson was shot and where he died below deck during the epic sea battle that pitted the combined Franco-Spanish fleet of 33 warships against Britain's 27.

At noon a bell was rung on the Victory and on Royal Navy ships around the world to mark the start of the battle off the Spanish Coast on October 21, 1805.

The British victory at Trafalgar spelled the start of the end for Napoleon Bonaparte's French conquest of Europe and gave Britain command of the seas for a century.

Linked to that is the word Nelson — this means the number 111 — the three ones. The origin is one eye, one arm and one ambition. You may wonder what this has to do with the Championships, but Tacchi, having been allocated Room 111 in his hotel, pointed out he had two eyes, two arms — and no ambition.

If we had a Portuguese vugraph commentator, would he be known as Vasco da Rama?

You will appreciate we have no time for mundane matters like having dinner, but we can recommend Xarope (www.xarope-restaurant.com), Travessa dos Navegantes 13, 2750 Cascais. Open for dinner Tuesday-Saturday 19.30-23.00. Tel: 21 484 0154. Mention you are with the bridge and you may get a discount — and more to the point we are on commission!

Seriously, the food is terrific, the Portuguese wine and port sensational and the prices more than friendly.

Some of you may be wondering how the English women come to be playing in Estoril — they did not occupy one of the six qualifying spots in Malmo — the simple answer is that Israel withdrew.

Program omissions

George Georgopoulos is the layout-editor and José Curado is part of the duplication team. Their names were inadvertently left out of the official program.

ALAN TRUSCOTT (1925 - 2005)



For the first time in decades, the World Bridge Championships will go on without Alan Truscott, who died of cancer on Sept. 4 at his summer home in the Adirondack Mountains in New York. He was 80 and lived in the Bronx. Truscott was the bridge editor of The New York Times for

41 years and was a regular at a variety of tournaments. His newspaper column was unique in the genre in that it focused on current events rather than instruction. At one time, Truscott estimated that his byline had appeared in the newspaper more than 12,000 times.

A native of Great Britain, Truscott learned bridge as a schoolboy in an air-raid shelter in London. during World War II. Truscott served in the Royal Navy before enrolling at Oxford University in 1947. Already an accomplished player, he represented the university in bridge and chess.

Eight years later, Truscott and Herman Filarski of the Netherlands edited the first daily bulletin for the European Bridge Championships. Truscott took up bridge full time in 1958.

In 1960, American Richard Frey recruited Truscott to ghost-write his newspaper bridge column and work on the Official Encylopedia of Bridge, the first of several editions to which Truscott made a major contribution. He moved to New York City in 1962.

Two years later, Truscott succeeded Albert Morehead as bridge editor of the Times.

At the world championships in Buenos Aires in 1965, Truscott and his future wife, Dorothy Hayden, became embroiled in a scandal involving Terence Reese and Boris Schapiro, British players who appeared to be relaying information to each other by the way in which they held their cards.

Truscott later wrote a book on the scandal. Dorothy Hayden became Dorothy Truscott in 1972.

Truscott wrote many books, including 'The Great Bridge Scandal,' about the 1965 Reese-Schapiro incident; 'On Bidding,' written with Phillip Alder; 'Contract Bridge for Beginners and Intermediate Players'; 'The Bidding Dictionary'; "Practical Bridge'; 'Bridge From First Principles'; 'Master Bridge by Question and Answer'; 'Basic Bridge in Three Weeks'; and, with his wife, Dorothy Truscott, 'Teach Yourself Basic Bidding' and 'The New York Times Bridge Book: An Anecdotal History of the Development, Personalities, and Strategies of the World's Most Popular Card Game.'

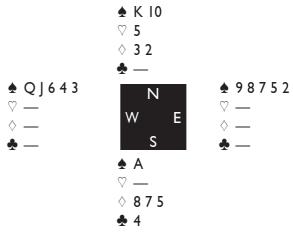
Truscott had a keen sense of humor, as indicated by the deal below, which occurred at a home game many years

ago. It was reported to the ACBL Bridge Bulletin shortly after Truscott's obituary appeared in that magazine. Truscott was South in the following layout.

	 ▲ K 10 ♡ A Q ◇ A 6 3 ◆ 9 6 5 	J 5 3 2 5	0 0 7 5 0	
♠ Q J 6 4 3 ♡ K 8 6	N		9 8 7 5 2 10 7 3	
◊ K 8 8 ◊ Q J	W		10 7 5	
♣ 10 8 2	S		K 7 3	
	♠ A			
	V 942	2		
📥 A Q J 4				
West	North	East	South	
	$ \diamond$	Pass	♠ (!)	
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠	
Pass	4♠	All Pass		

Obviously, Truscott had set up the deal — he commented to the bemused West player after play was completed that his $l \ge$ bid was accurate because he had one spade. North was obviously in on the joke, of course, based on the raise to $2 \ge$ on a doubleton.

West led the $\Diamond Q$, taken by South with the king, followed in rapid succession by a heart finesse, $\Diamond A$, club finesse, heart finesse, club finesse, $\clubsuit A$, heart to the ace, leaving this position:



Declarer, in dummy, ruffs the thirteenth heart with the A as the defenders helplessly underruff, and follows with the thirteenth club. If West splits his spade honors, declarer discards a diamond from dummy and inserts the A10 when West, perforce, leads another spade. If West does not play a spade honor, dummy's trump ten will take the eleventh trick.

West can prevent the overtrick by leading a trump to start with, but the game still makes.





Tennis

Madrid Masters Semi-finals R. Nadal beat R.Ginepri 7-5, 7-6; I. Ljubicic beat D. Nalbandian 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Zurich Swisscom Challenge Semi-finals P. Schnyder beat A. Ivanovic 6-2, 6-1; L. Davenport beat A. Myskina 6-0, 6-4.

Soccer

English Premiership Blackburn 2-0 Birmingham; Arsenal I-0 Manchester C; Manchester U I-I Tottenham; Aston Villa 0-2 Wigan; Fulham 2-0 Liverpool; Portsmouth I-2 Charlton.





Rugby Union

Heineken Cup

Cardiff Blues 40-13 Leeds; Calvisano 6-25 Perpignan; Leicester 57-23 Clermont, Toulouse 50-28 Llanelli; Castres 29-24 Dragons; Leinster 19-22 Bath.

Golf

Tiger Woods missed the cut at the Funai Classic in Orlando on Saturday for the second time this season but only the fourth time in his professional career. Vijay Singh also missed the cut. Leader after 36 holes is C. Pettersson of Sweden on 17-under.



Motor Sport



World champion Sebastien Loeb continued his dominance in the Tour of Corsica by taking all four of Saturday's stages. The Citroen driver was also victorious in Fri-

day's four stages and is certain of victory if he can avoid trouble in Sunday's final four stages. He holds a 90.5-second lead over Ford's Toni Gardemeister in second place. Gardemeister leapfrogged Loeb's team-mate Francois Duval for second place as the Belgian suffered brake problems early in the day.



A tribute to Alan Truscott

By Henry Francis

Alan Truscott was special. There are so many things that my wife Dorthy and I remember about him.

Like when we went on vacations with Alan and his wife Dorothy. Alan was the drill sergeant -- he planned everything on a tight schedule. And he made a hit with service folks everywhere -- he left big tips.

Like when I severely injured my hand at the world championships in Brazil in 1979, Alan immediately stepped in and made sure the Daily Bulletin would be ready on time as usual.

Like when we played his cutlery game while waiting for dinner at a restaurant. Each person would tell of something he or she had never done. Anyone who had done that thing had to pass over a piece of cutlery. Alan always won -- he never smoked a cigarette, never had a cup of coffee, never even sipped tea. And that was only the beginning of his "nevers."

Like when he chanted his humorous limericks in the Press Room at NABCs. We all looked forward to the show he put on after the last card was played.

Like when he decided in his 50s to build himself up physically. He ran and ran and ran and ran. The high point came when he ran -- and finished -- the New York Marathon when he was 61.

Like when someone stole his briefcase and he raced after the thief. No, he didn't catch him.

Like when he gave us puzzles and riddles that we could almost never solve. Sometimes he wouldn't give us the answers until the next big tournament.

Like when he gave up a promising international bridge career to come from Britain to America to serve as executive editor of the first Encyclopedia of Bridge.

Like when he took his summer guests in Underwood N.Y., for long hikes in the woods, whether they liked it or not. Most liked it. Oh, and he had some boats for them to row, too.

Alan Truscott was truly a great friend and companion. Alan Truscott was special.

Henry Francis is the former editor of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin and World Championship Daily Bulletins.



PORTUGAL'S AGE OF DISCOVERY

History may not be your strong point, but we are sure you will be interested in this brief description of two of Portugal's most famous sons.

Prince Henry the Navigator (1394-1460), the son of King João of Portugal, seldom left Portugal himself, but did make it possible for the first Europeans to explore Africa. Henry wanted to find a water route to India. The passage to India over land was long, slow and dangerous. A ship could carry more goods to and from India than the largest caravan, but Europeans could only guess that sailors could circumnavigate Africa. Prince Henry helped unlock the secrets of Africa by setting up a school for sailors to learn the secrets of the ocean and by paying out of the Portuguese treasury for many sailing expeditions. Henry also employed cartographers who created the most sophisticated maps of their time.

Henry's first success was the discovery of the small island of Porto Santo in 1420 or thereabouts. Soon after, he went on to discover Madeira.

When Henry died in Sagres in 1460 his sailors had only reached as far as the Canary Islands in West Africa. Twenty-eight years after Henry's death, Bartholomeu Dias proved that Africa could be circumnavigated when he reached the southern tip of the continent, known now as the "Cape of Good Hope." In 1499, Vasco da Gama (c.1460-1524) was the first sailor to travel from Portugal to India. He was born into a noble, soldiering family. Little is known of his early life, but in 1492 King John II of Portugal sent him to the port of Setúbal to seize French ships in retaliation for French peacetime raids against Portuguese shipping.

His career as an explorer began after his father was chosen to lead an expedition to open the sea route to Asia and to outflank the Muslims, who enjoyed a monopoly of trade with India and other eastern states. Da Gama took command when his father died, and he sailed from Lisbon in July 1497. He arrived at Calicut the following year, via Natal, Mozambique and Mombasa. Initially welcomed by the Zamorin (Hindu ruler) of Calicut, tension gradually mounted and da Gama left at the end of August. He arrived back in Lisbon in September, where he received titles, estates and an annual pension.

Following a massacre of Portuguese expatriates in Calicut by local Hindus, a new fleet was sent to establish Portuguese control. Command was given to da Gama, who set sail in February 1502. On arriving at Calicut, he seized an Arab ship carrying merchandise and hundreds of passengers, including women and children. After taking the cargo, da Gama locked the passengers into the captured ship and set it alight, killing them all.

He then formed an alliance with the ruler of Cannanore, an enemy of the Zamorin, before sailing to Calicut, where he demanded that the Muslims be banished from the port. To underline his demands, he bombarded the port and killed 38 Hindu fishermen who had sailed out to trade with his ships. Da Gama then sailed to the port of Cochin and formed an alliance with the local ruler. A brief but victorious battle against Arab ships preceded the fleet's departure home, in February 1503.

On his return home, da Gama was eventually granted further privileges and revenues, and he continued to advise the King on Indian matters. In 1519, he was created Count of Vidigueira and, in 1524, was nominated as Portuguese viceroy in India. Arriving in Goa, he fell ill and died in December 1524.

Just a few years earlier (1494), Queen Isabella of Spain hired a sailor from Genoa called Christopher Columbus to reach India by sailing west. It wasn't until 1498 that people understood that the "Indians" he encountered weren't from India after all.

Line-up changes

Please note the following changes in line-ups for the World Bridge Championships.

Egypt Open Team — Mohamed Heshmat and Tarek Nadeem replace Omar Elgeddawy and Bernard Pascal.

Jordan Open Team — Mrs Sana Husseini will be NPC for Jordan

India Women's team — Aparna Sain replaces Shailaja Mahajan

Brazil Seniors — Amilcar Botelho Magalhães replaces A. Marchioni

Portugal's Seniors — the NPC is Acácio Figueiredo

Egypt Seniors — Dr. Ahmed Hussein will be the Playing Captain of the Egyptian Senior team. Mr. Mohamed Serour will be the team coach.

Pakistan Seniors — Masood Mazhar will not be playing. The team will consist of only five players.

France Seniors — Gerard Salliere replaces Maurice Aujaleu.

Teams with changes in their line-ups are asked to notify the WBF office immediately.

Swan Games Internet broadcast



Seniors Bowl Denmark v. Italy 14.00

Sweden v. Canada

Bermuda Bowl Russia v. Sweden 17.30

10.00

Rough guide and info!

Cascais

It takes just 4 mins by train to Cascais (2 stops). Cost 1.00 Euro. You buy the ticket in the machine at the station. Trains leave at least every 20 min until 1 at night.

Trains towards Cascais leave from the ocean side track.



(a) Internet Café

On the left of Cascais train station next to McDonalds Opening hours 9.30 to 20.00 Cool little café with 14 computers and flat screens. You can also hook up your own laptop. Wireless is available. You can purchase as little as 20 min access. 1 hour costs 4 Euro and longer durations get cheaper.

Jeronimos Monastery in Belem

Entry fee 4.50 Euro Take the train from Estoril to Belem. Cost 1.40 Euro (The express trains don't stop at Belem)





Ocenarium Entry fee 10.00 Euro

Going from Belem to the Ocenarium:

In the big crossing outside the monastery take bus 28 to Oriente. Cost 1.20 Euro. The bus goes all the way along the coastline of Lisbon. At Oriente station the Ocenarium is on the right along the water.

Nearby lunch

Pinto's Pizzeria Restaurant (across from the train station towards the casino) English menu, nice selection of food and cakes. If the waiter puts something for you on the table for you to taste that you didn't order, you can be sure it will show on your final bill if you don't refuse it right away.

Palmeira (on the corner next to hotel Sana Estoril)

A taste of the local cuisine. Very clean and cheap lunch restaurant and snack bar. New menu every day all in Portuguese. A café con leite is just 0.85 cent. Lunch menu from 4 to 7 euro.